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Holocaust as an Australian Story:

Family networks between Australia and Europe during the Holocaust

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5pm, Wed 14 September



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Focusing on family connections between Australia and Europe, this lecture offers a novel perspective on Australians' responses to the Holocaust.

Around 9,000 Jewish refugees arrived in Australia before the war, but almost all of them left behind in Europe close relatives. After their arrival they managed to establish networks that facilitated the spreading of information about the progressing persecution in Nazi Europe.

Furthermore, these refugees attempted to use family connections to bring their relatives to Australia, or support them in other ways when the immigration routes closed, for example, by sending

remittances or relief food parcels to the Nazi ghettos in occupied Poland and elsewhere.

This lecture will demonstrate that Australia was deeply involved in the Holocaust, and was part of what we now call the Holocaust geography.

Details

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5-6pm, Hedley Bull Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Building, Garran Road, ACTON 2601

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