



# Deep time in settler-colonial presents

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Over the course of the twentieth century, scholars have found different ways of reading 'Aboriginal Dreaming' stories as historical accounts of events in Australia's 'deep time'. I suggest that, when analysed alongside developments in Australian settler-Indigenous relations, the various readings of Aboriginal stories map onto changing views of Indigenous difference as well as value of Indigenous culture as a 'deep history' or heritage for the settler nation. This analysis reveals that merely engaging with Indigenous stories is not inherently decolonising. Rather, the interpretation of Aboriginal story is best done with great care and in partnership with Indigenous owners of this knowledge.

## Details

Friday 21 February

3.30-4.40pm

AD Hope Conference Room

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