

The Friday Forum

To be held by Teams Meeting

27th November 2020

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Black Lives Matter: Monuments and Memories of the Racial Past

Black Lives Matter protests following the death of George Floyd have sparked fresh debate about monuments to historical figures and their place in liberal democratic societies still wrestling with big questions around racism and its legacies. From statues of Confederate generals in the United States to Winston Churchill in Britain to Captain Cook in Australia, many have advocated for the removal of these monuments, arguing that they trivialise the racism of the past, and 'do not move us closer to justice' in the present. Others have angrily resisted such arguments, charging those who have made them with attempting to rewrite history to serve contemporary political agendas. In this era of intense 'culture war', how do we reconcile our history with the present? What would a genuinely shared history of race look like in our times? How do we get there?

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Nick Carter - School of Arts, ACU

Speakers:

Assoc. Prof. Shino Konishi – UWA

Prof. Kate Fullagar – IHSS, ACU

Prof. Amanda Nettelbeck – IHSS, ACU

Prof. Barry Judd – University of Melbourne



Black Lives Matter London Protest, 6th June 2020. (photo James Eades)