

## **Settler Colonial Pasts, Settler Colonial Presents**

Three-part screening of “The Australian Wars” at The University of East Anglia (UEA)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April; 2<sup>nd</sup> May; 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024, (see programme below)

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### **Brief**

[Alliances of Understanding](#) at UEA invites you to a three-week exploration of settler colonialism and its enduring impacts across the globe in **Settler Colonial Pasts, Settler Colonial Presents**. This event consists of a screening of Rachel Perkin’s three-part documentary, “The Australian Wars”, followed by reflections and a response by an invited guest who will offer audiences ways to think about the complexities and reverberations of settler colonialism in various regions in and beyond Australia.

Each week we will trace the trajectory of settler colonialism in Australia, from its origins through to its present-day affects. Through captivating storytelling and expert analysis, the documentary episodes will shed light on the dynamics of cultural encounter, conflict, and exploitation that characterised the settler colonial project in Australia.

The specific historical narratives depicted in the film will act as a discomfiting preface to wider truths about the violence, dispossession, and displacement inflicted upon indigenous peoples worldwide. We will, however, also explore the diverse forms of resistance and resilience that indigenous communities have demonstrated in the face of settler expansion and domination.

The series will invite participants to critically reflect on the contemporary implications of settler colonialism in today's geopolitical landscape. From ongoing struggles for indigenous land rights and sovereignty to the enduring legacies of socio-economic inequality and cultural marginalization; we will examine how settler colonial histories continue to shape power dynamics, conflicts, and movements for justice and decolonization today.

By broadening our awareness of these histories and their contemporary resonances, we aim to foster solidarity and collective action in the pursuit of a more just and equitable future for all affected communities.

### **Programme:**

-25<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm-6pm ([screening](#)) [In-person, JSC 2.02]; 6.15pm-7pm ([reflections](#)) [Online]

**Episode 1:** The modern-day city of Sydney was the birthplace of contemporary Australia and the first battleground in The Australian Wars

**Respondent:** Dr Sarah Keenan (Birkbeck)

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**Episode 2:** European immigration doubled in Tasmania and so to the death count as colonists encroached on the best land and Tasmanian Aboriginal people resisted their occupation.

**Respondent:** Dr Nadia Nasar-Najjab (Exeter)

-9<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm-6pm ([screening](#)) [In-person, JSC 2.02]; 6.15pm-7.15pm ([reflections](#)) [Online]

**Episode 3:** Northern Australia was the final frontier of conquest and though The Australian Wars began with the British Government it was concluded by the founding fathers of modern Australia

**Respondent:** Dr Ran Greenstein (Wits)

