

The Friday Forum

To be held by Teams Meeting

25th September 2020

3.30pm - 5.00pm

75 Years On: Legacies and Aftermaths of World War II

This year marks the 75th commemoration of the end of World War II. One of the defining events of the twentieth century, its repercussions and aftermaths have continued well after the official end of the war with the deployment by the US of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima and the surrender by Japan. The war led to the displacement of over 60 million people in Europe profoundly impacting the lives of millions and of future generations. The United Nations was established to work towards world peace and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights heralded a new era in rights discourse and decrees. Nations in the post-war era showed little resemblance to how they were previously constituted. Post-war reconstruction transformed Australia economically, politically and socially and culturally, while nations like Germany were divided into East and West and Japan remained under US occupation during the immediate post-war era. The world was reconfigured in the 1940s and 1950s by US and Soviet alignments which led to the Cold War. How do we assess the legacy and aftermath of this cataclysmic event?

Chair: Prof. Joy Damousi - IHSS, ACU

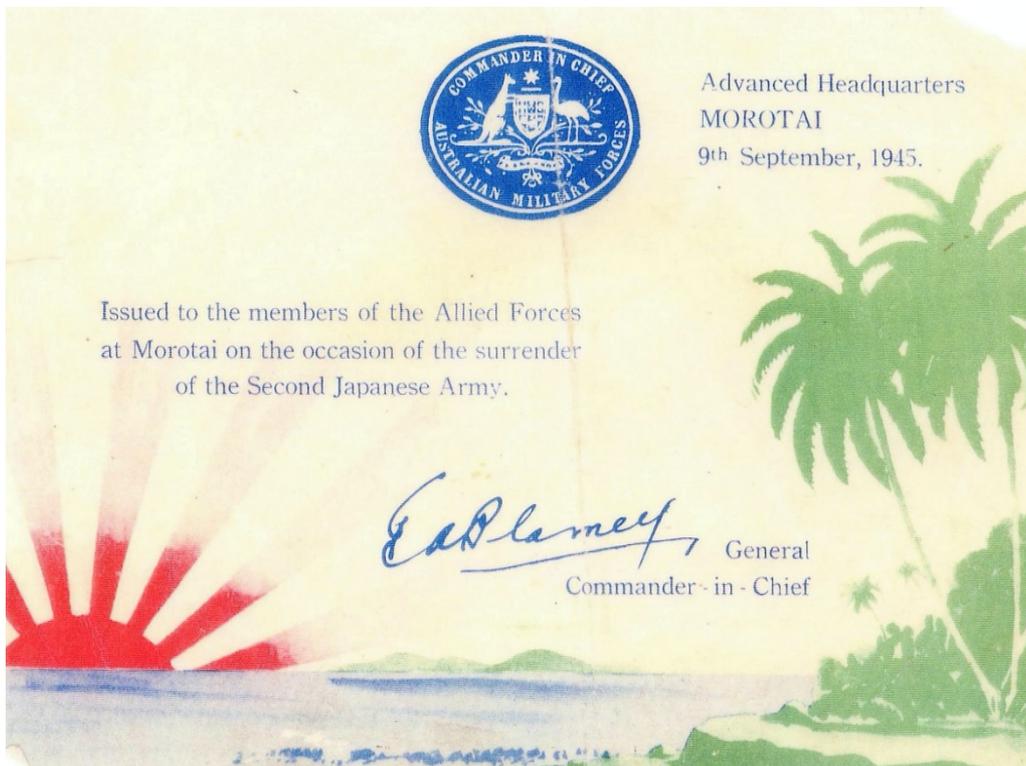
Speakers:

Prof. Sheila Fitzpatrick - IHSS, ACU

Dr. Jon Piccini - School of Arts, ACU

Dr. Reto Hofmann – UWA

Assoc. Prof. Andrew Bonnell - UQ



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