

**“The Future of Decline”:
A Seminar with Professor Jed Esty
(University of Pennsylvania)**

Hosted by Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences ([IHSS](#)), Australian Catholic University

Tuesday 21 May 2024

Arrival / coffee: 9.30am AEST

Seminar: 10.00am

Lunch (provided): 1.00pm

To be held in person at ACU's Melbourne campus:
Greg Craven Centre, level 7, St Teresa of Kolkata building (421)
115b Victoria Parade, Fitzroy VIC 3065

Jed Esty's study of the fading of US hegemony was named one of *The Chronicle of Higher Education's Best Scholarly Books* of 2023. In this seminar, Professor Esty will survey reactions to his book, and participants will have the opportunity to consider any implications its arguments may have for how Australia manages its own place in the world. The seminar will include a response to the book by Kate Fullagar.

A digital copy of *The Future of Decline* is available for purchase [here](#).

[Jed Esty](#) is the Vartan Gregorian Professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of *A Shrinking Island* (Princeton UP, 2004), *Unseasonable Youth* (Oxford UP, 2012), and *The Future of Decline* (Stanford UP, 2022). He is currently working on a new project entitled, “Cold War Victorians: The Genre System of the Angloworld”.

[Kate Fullagar](#) is Professor of History in the Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences at ACU. Her publications include *Bennelong & Phillip* (Simon & Schuster, 2023); *The Warrior, The Voyager, and the Artist* (Yale UP, 2020); and *The Savage Visit* (University of California Press, 2012). She co-edited, with Michael A. McDonnell, *Facing Empire: Indigenous Experiences in a Revolutionary Age, 1760-1840* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018).

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