



# “Indigenous Reconciliation”: a conversation between Mexico and Australia

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm – 7.30pm



## Speakers

### Dr Alicia Mayer

Director, UNAM headquarters

### Prof. Francesca Merlan

School Archaeology  
& Anthropology, ANU

### Angus Trumble

Former Director,  
National Portrait Gallery

## Location

Sir Roland Wilson Building  
120 McCoy Cct, Acton ANU  
Canberra ACT

## More information

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This year, Mexico will memorialize the 500 year anniversary of the arrival of Hernán Cortés to the coasts of what is now the territory of Mexico. Next year marks 250 years since the arrival of Captain James Cook aboard *H.M. Bark Endeavour* to Australia. Both anniversaries offer an opportunity to revisit and reframe our respective historical encounters and to discuss many issues related to indigenous peoples. This conversation between Mexico and Australia is an effort to develop an open and critical acceptance of the past that opens the door to a collective understanding of the present and facilitates new political engagements.

The panel will be mediated by Dr Caroline Schuster, Director of ANCLAS and includes:

**Dr Alicia Mayer** - Senior Researcher and Director at the Historical Research Institute at the prestigious Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). She completed her Bachelor's, Master's and PhD in History at the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters at UNAM. Dr Mayer went on to complete postdoctoral research at University of Oxford. She was Director of the Historical Research Institute at UNAM from 2005 to 2013 and Director of the Center for Mexican Studies of UNAM in Spain from 2013 to 2017.

**Professor Francesca Merlan** - Prof. Merlan completed her doctorate in anthropology at the University of New Mexico in 1975, researching Native American and settler communities. In 1976, she was awarded a research grant which allowed her to spend most of 1976-9 in northern Australia. Since joining the ANU, Prof. Merlan's has studied changes in the lives of Aboriginal people in northern Australia who have moved into regional towns, including involvement in Native Title claims.

**Angus Tremble** - Angus studied Fine Arts and History at the University of Melbourne, graduating in 1986. He was then an intern at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice, studied for a year at the Bibliotheca Hertziana in Rome, and in 1994 won a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University. After a wide-ranging curatorial career, Angus was Director of the National Portrait Gallery of Australia from 2014-2018. He is a widely published author and a regular contributor to *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Burlington Magazine*, the *Paris Review*, *Esopus Magazine*, and the *Australian Book Review*.

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