

# “Australia in the World, History Lecture and Seminar Series”

## Child Refugees & Australian Internationalism: Past, Present, Future

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Australia has played a major role internationally in offering humanitarian assistance to child refugees over several decades. This lecture will consider Australia's relationship to the world through an analysis of the history of assisting, accepting or rejecting child refugees and the institutions and organisations that have played a role in these processes. This knowledge is pertinent as it enables an exploration of the veracity of the general perception that Australians today are more enlightened with respect to humanitarian issues regarding child refugees than those of the past. An analysis of past histories can contextualise and inform current policies and practices and allow us to examine Australia's current international role on refugee and migration issues more broadly.

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'Australia in the World' is a lecture and seminar series that presents international and transnational perspectives on the past. The series highlights the interconnectedness of past worlds and future challenges with speakers from around the country and across the globe.

Tuesday, 24 March 2015  
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Theatre A  
Elisabeth Murdoch Building  
The University of Melbourne  
PARKVILLE VIC 3010

**Admission is free.**  
**Bookings are required.**  
**Seating is limited.**

To register visit: <http://alumni.online.unimelb.edu.au/childrefugees>

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In November 1941, 1300 Greeks – women, children and the elderly – escaped from their homeland under Nazi rule to Turkey and moved by train to a camp in Tripoli, Syria, established with the generosity of Australian military authorities and the Australia War Fund. Image courtesy Australian War Memorial 021417.

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