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My name's Dan Tout.

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00:00:01,770 --> 00:00:03,360
I'm a lecturer in history

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00:00:03,360 --> 00:00:06,570
and sociology at Federation University,

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which is out in Barrick,
where I've been working now

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00:00:10,020 --> 00:00:13,710
for eight years,
teaching and researching

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00:00:13,710 --> 00:00:17,070
in Indigenous history and politics

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00:00:17,070 --> 00:00:20,460
as a non-Indigenous historian.

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My research interests

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and expertise really all
revolve around the history

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00:00:26,520 --> 00:00:30,420
of relations between settlers

and Indigenous peoples here

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in this place we call Australia,

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00:00:32,400 --> 00:00:37,400
and specifically looking
at the role of nationalism

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and the construction

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00:00:38,790 --> 00:00:42,180
of the so-called Australian
national community

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00:00:42,180 --> 00:00:45,810
and what that has meant
for the ongoing invasion

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00:00:45,810 --> 00:00:48,510
and dispossession of Indigenous peoples.

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00:00:48,510 --> 00:00:50,520
And so settler colonial studies,

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00:00:50,520 --> 00:00:53,370
and research around
settler colonial history

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00:00:53,370 --> 00:00:55,090
and politics, has been really

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00:00:56,100 --> 00:00:59,430
where my work has been situated.

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00:00:59,430 --> 00:01:00,990
The Australian Centre's mission

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00:01:00,990 --> 00:01:03,750
of advancing critical understanding,

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00:01:03,750 --> 00:01:06,810
and I'm paraphrasing here,
I'm not gonna get it correct,

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00:01:06,810 --> 00:01:09,390
Advancing critical understanding
of how Australia's founding

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00:01:09,390 --> 00:01:12,780
as a settler colony kind
of shapes and limits

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00:01:12,780 --> 00:01:17,697
and constraints our ability,
Australia's ability

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00:01:17,697 --> 00:01:19,710
to respond to a whole set

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00:01:19,710 --> 00:01:21,990
of really significant global challenges,

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00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:24,180
not just settler-Indigenous relations,

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00:01:24,180 --> 00:01:26,940
although that's where my focus has been,

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but also questions around refugee justice

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and the climate, emerging relations

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00:01:34,080 --> 00:01:36,540
between lands and peoples in this place.

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00:01:36,540 --> 00:01:39,300
So the fellowship was really
an opportunity for me to,

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00:01:39,300 --> 00:01:42,249
I guess, consolidate some of my thinking

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00:01:42,249 --> 00:01:45,660
around settler nationalism as a cultural

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00:01:45,660 --> 00:01:49,080
and political constraint in terms

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00:01:49,080 --> 00:01:52,650
of settler-colonial politics here.

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And having that opportunity

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to work in a more intensive way,

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but also as part of, you know,
an intellectual community

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where I've been able to
bounce ideas off other people

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00:02:05,910 --> 00:02:07,710
who, you know, are familiar

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00:02:07,710 --> 00:02:11,100
with the same kinds of areas of concern.

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00:02:11,100 --> 00:02:15,480
And, you know, that's been
really very fruitful for me,

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not only in terms of, you know,

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00:02:17,280 --> 00:02:21,140
developing and I guess solidifying

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00:02:22,770 --> 00:02:26,370
some of my existing theoretical work

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00:02:26,370 --> 00:02:29,640
that had often sat in the
background of other research

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00:02:29,640 --> 00:02:32,160
and other work that I was doing.

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So that intensive period
of thinking and research

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has been really valuable
from that perspective.

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But in those conversations

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and collaborations with other people in

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00:02:41,460 --> 00:02:45,450
and around the centre, there is this,

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it feels like there's some
energy around a developing agenda

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and hopefully a broader

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kind of collaborative research
project in the future.

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The other thing I guess to note

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and to make mention of
was just the opportunity

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00:02:59,188 --> 00:03:03,480
at the end of the fellowship
to participate in a seminar

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00:03:03,480 --> 00:03:08,480
with Dr. Amanda Botana as
well, my co-visiting fellow

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00:03:09,600 --> 00:03:13,560
in semester one, at start of 2023.

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00:03:13,560 --> 00:03:16,290
And that was a really
great opportunity, again,

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00:03:16,290 --> 00:03:18,540
facilitated by the Australian Centre,

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00:03:18,540 --> 00:03:22,890
to present some preliminary findings

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00:03:22,890 --> 00:03:27,890
from the fellowship research
to an audience where, you know,

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00:03:28,230 --> 00:03:32,640
that to engage an audience
with some of my research

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00:03:32,640 --> 00:03:35,310
and thinking around these issues.

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00:03:35,310 --> 00:03:37,680
There were some really
productive questions

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00:03:37,680 --> 00:03:39,960
during the discussion period

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00:03:39,960 --> 00:03:42,300
at the end of the presentation,

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00:03:42,300 --> 00:03:45,360

and also some really great
conversations afterwards

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00:03:45,360 --> 00:03:47,250
that again, was an opportunity

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00:03:47,250 --> 00:03:49,500
to extend those collaborations

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and to engage with others

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who are interested in a
whole set of kind of parallel,

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00:03:55,260 --> 00:04:00,260
sometimes aligned, set of
areas of research and thinking

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in ways that, again, I hope
will lead to opportunities

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00:04:05,340 --> 00:04:09,319
to keep that kind of momentum
and collaboration going.

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(gentle music)