



The French Australian Review

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The Australian Historical Association's 2020 annual conference will be held from 29 June – 3 July at Deakin University Waterfront Campus, Geelong. ISFAR will participate again this year by convening a French Australian Relations stream. The theme of this year's conference is *Urgent Histories*. Abstracts are due by 29th February, and full information is available at the [AHA 2020 conference website](#).

The ISFAR Stream

The relationship between France and Australia has had enduring political, cultural and social impacts on both countries, their respective regions and the world. The complex geo-political shifts currently taking place in the Pacific and the recent strategic rapprochement between the two middle powers are rooted in a long history of engagement at local, regional and global levels. We invite participants to reconsider established historical narratives in light of these contemporary challenges and transformations.

Papers may consider but are not limited to:

- Pre-colonial, indigenous French Australian relations – first encounters and how they can inform understandings today.
- War and commemoration
- Environmental history – in the context of current dialogue between France and Australia, and potential cooperation (or not) over climate change action
- Entangled colonial histories
- Current regional geopolitical cooperation – the Indo-Pacific – and joint regional policies
- Cultural links and their historical origins

Abstracts should be submitted via the AHA conference website

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/aha2020>

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