

The Defeat of Conscription: A Centennial Retrospective

Australian Society for the Study of Labour History in partnership with the School of History, The Australian National University

Date: Saturday, 29 October, 1.00pm-5.40pm

Place: Hedley Bull Centre (Building 130), Room 1, The Australian National University

1.00-1.10:

Frank Bongiorno **Welcome: Why does the centenary of the conscription crisis matter?**

1.10-3.00:

Chair: Anthony McLaughlin

Humphrey McQueen **Conscription - Class and Nation**

Robin Archer **Why Was There a Conscription Referendum?**

Scott Stephenson **Opposition through Oligarchy: The AWU and the 1916 Conscription Plebiscite**

Maggie Shapley **Conscription: Where are the Archives?**

3.00-3.30: Afternoon tea and Professor Joan Beaumont to launch: *The Conscription Conflict and the Great War*, edited by Robin Archer, Joy Damousi, Murray Goot and Sean Scalmer

3.30-5.40:

Frank Cain

Chair: Chris Monnox

Saucing-up the Anti-Conscription Protests by the Industrial Workers of the World and the Official Reactions

Melanie Nolan

Fighting Militarism and Conscription in New Zealand 1908-1918: So Very Different From Australia?

Michael Pearson

Depictions of Gender in the Conscription Campaigns

Bill Thompson

The Sequel

David Stephens

Honest History and Conscription: Lateral Thinking in a Linear Commemorative World

Free event and no RSVP required

The event will be followed by a dinner (6.15pm) at Spicy Ginger Café, 25 Childers Street, Canberra. BYO wine only. If you wish to attend the dinner, please email:

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