

World War II

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WEBINAR:

Wednesday 16 Feb 2022

7 PM - 8:30 PM

JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA, KIRSTY SWORD,
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On Wednesday February 16th, UNSW's Diplomacy Training Program is hosting a webinar featuring Dr José Ramos-Horta, Dr Kirsty Sword AO, Professor Peter Stanley, Paul Cleary author, Edward Willis, 2/2 Commando Association, Major (Ret.) Michael Stone, Gregório Rosa, Ana Maria Ferreira, Sister Susan Connelly PhD, Professor David Dixon.

Date: 16th February 2022. Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The conversations will recall the Japanese invasion of Portuguese Timor on 19th/20th February 1942 and the appalling toll on the Timorese people.

As well as honouring the friendship of the Timorese towards our soldiers in Timor at that time and the dreadful results of that friendship, the webinar will provide a different perspective concerning another event of 19th February 1942 - the bombing of Darwin.

This is a chance to engage with sometimes contentious history e.g. that the Japanese did not intend to invade Australia. Australia breached Portuguese neutrality by inserting soldiers into the territory on 17 December 1941, thus emboldening the Japanese to do the same, with catastrophic results for the Timorese people.

The complexities of these relationships continue today with strong Timorese support for persecuted Australian lawyer Bernard Collaery regarding the Timor Sea espionage. The Webinar will continue the peoples' diplomacy between Australians and Timorese that José Ramos Horta so successfully championed, including through founding the Diplomacy Training Program at UNSW.

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