



ICS SEMINAR SERIES 2026

SEMESTER 1 PROGRAM

5 MARCH

Cross-Class Friendship, Social Mobility and the Promise of Symbolic Exchange

Presenter: Sam Freidman
Discussant: Alex Coleman

12 MARCH

“Arctic Muslims”: Globalizing Islam in the Far North

Presenter: Deitrich Jung
Discussant: Milad Milani

19 MARCH

Archaeological Excavations at the Trader’s Cave

Presenter: Darren Curnoe
Discussant: Brett Bennett

26 MARCH

The social properties of concrete

Panel: Eli Elinoff , Malini Sur, Denis Byrne

2 APRIL

Micrologistics: explorations of small-scale consumption in Global South cities.

Presenter: Anna Pertiera & Tingting Liu
Discussant: David Goodman

9 APRIL

First Nations at the Australian Museum

Presenter: Laura McBride
Discussant: Mariko Smith

16 APRIL

Testing-in-the-wild: innovation nationalism and the colonial dynamics of new technology testbeds

Presenter: Thao Phan
Discussant: Ned Rossiter

23 APRIL

Adolescence, Masculinity, and Football Clubs - What could go wrong?

Presenter: Ben Joseph and Brogan Mulhall
Discussant: TBC

30 APRIL

US–China Tech War and China’s State-Directed Digital Capitalism

Presenter: Jack Qui
Discussant: Gerard Goggin

7 MAY

Reconceptualising Ethical Healthcare

Presenter: Joe Latham
Discussant: TBC

14 MAY

Coal's Final Void: Everyday ethics in Australia's climate crisis

Presenter: Kari Dahlgren
Discussant: Declan Kuch

21 MAY

Synthetic Media Goes To War

Presenter: Michael Richardson
Discussant: Norma Lam-Saw

28 MAY

When Empires Fall: Afro-Indigenous Epistemologies of Survival in the Blak Pasifik

Presenter: Kaiya Aboagye
Discussant: Maeve Powell

4 JUNE

New methodologies

Presenter: Sarah Pink
Discussant: Cali Prince

11 JUNE

Geographies of climate-related loss and repair: extreme floods, elusive recovery and emerging

Presenter: Fiona Miller
Discussant: TBC

18 JUNE

Social Factors & High Performance Sport. Conducting Research with Olympic and Paralympic Athletes and Staff

Presenter: Helene Joncheray
Discussant: TBC

25 JUNE

Planetary Experiments: Notes to a theory and history of Technospheric Governance

Presenter: Orit Halpern
Discussant: Brett Neilson

*Note: This seminar will be held at 10:30 not 11:30

To get the details of each seminar weekly, please contact Saugat Adhikari (S.Adhikari@westernsydney.edu.au). The standard seminar time for the series is 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.