

The Friday Forum

Accords, now and then

Chaired by Dr Jon Piccini (National School of Arts)

Co-convened with Dr Ebony Nilsson (IHSS)

Friday 24 May 2024, 3.30pm–5.00pm AEST

To be held via Teams and in person at ACU Melbourne campus.

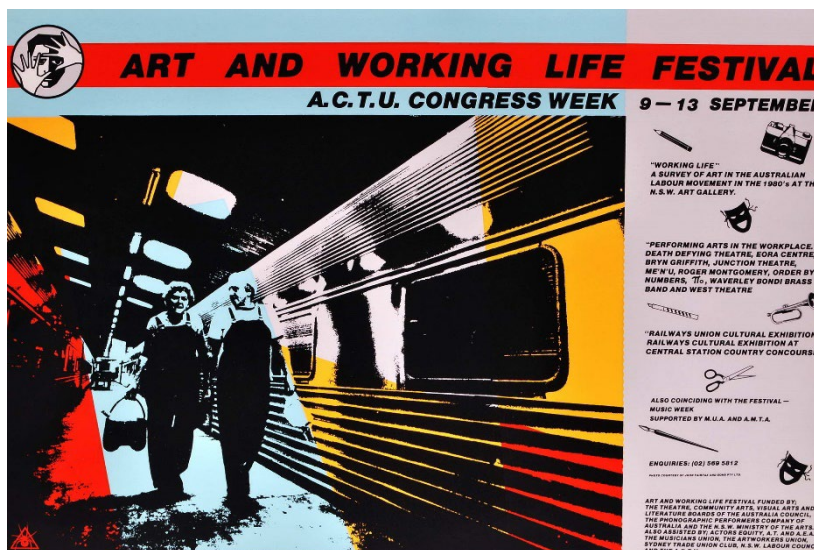
Room 11, level 7, St Teresa of Kolkata building (421.7.11), 115b Victoria Parade, Fitzroy VIC 3065

ABOUT THIS FRIDAY FORUM

The Prices and Income Accords of the 1980s-1990s are a world away from the Australian Universities Accord, released in February of this year. Yet, that they both bear the Accord branding is worthy of reflection. This forum has been organised to consider the history and impact of the Hawke-Keating era Accords, as well as to consider their legacy and lessons for today, and offer a chance to think about what a better university system might look like.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Prof Frank Bongiorno AM FASSA FAHA (ANU School of History) is professor of history at the Australian National University, having been head of the School of History from 2018 to 2020. Bongiorno is the President of the Australian Historical Association and author of *The Eighties: The Decade that Transformed Australia* by Black Inc. in 2015.



Source: Redback Graphix, 1985. Art And Working Life Festival. ACTU Congress Week.

Dr Elizabeth Humphrys (UTS), is a political economist and the Head of Discipline, Social and Political Sciences at UTS. She is interested in the impact of economic crisis and climate change on workers, and how workplaces can be made safer and more equitable. She takes a multidisciplinary approach, also drawing on sociology and history, to develop policy and strategies for social change. Her book *How Labour Built Neoliberalism* was published in 2019 by Brill.

Dr Alison Barnes is National President of the NTEU she previously served as Assistant Secretary in the NTEU NSW Division and Branch President at Macquarie University. While at Macquarie University, Alison was a Senior Lecturer in the School of Management. Her research interests include union strategy, the development of workplace resistance and industrial relations. Alison has had a strong commitment to unions since her university days as an Australian Services Union member while working in a call centre. She first joined the NTEU as a casual tutor at UNSW, and has been actively involved in the Union throughout her academic career. Outside of work, she runs but this is mainly so she can keep up with her family.

ABOUT THE CHAIR

Dr Jon Piccini is a historian of twentieth-century Australia and its global entanglements. In particular, he has published two monographs exploring the engagement of Australian activists, politicians and ordinary people with global ideas, firstly the 'global 1960s' and secondly Human Rights. Jon's current projects include a history of American 'Rest & Recreation' leave in Sydney during the Vietnam War, and an intellectual and cultural history of Australian engagement with decolonisation after the Second World War.

HOW TO JOIN

You can attend in person, or via Teams. If you did not receive a Teams link with your invitation, you can [register to receive one here](#).