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## Trauma and Healing, Memory and Forgetting: A conversation with Arnold Zable

The Humanities Research Centre is delighted to invite you to a conversation between Professor Kim Rubenstein and acclaimed Australian writer, novelist, storyteller and human rights advocate Arnold Zable.

12-1pm  
Thurs 11  
April

Harry Hartog  
at ANU  
University Ave

Join us to hear **Professor Kim Rubenstein** and **Arnold Zable** discuss his life, and the influences on his writing, his work on refugees and human rights, and how these concerns are portrayed and conveyed through the craft of writing, and the art of story.

Arnold's books include the memoir *Jewels and Ashes*, three novels: *Café Scheherazade*, *Scraps of Heaven*, and *Sea of Many Returns*, two collections of stories: *The Fig Tree* and *Violin Lessons*, and *The Fighter*, a work of narrative nonfiction.

In 2020, Professor Rubenstein was due to interview Arnold at ANU about his then new book *The Watermill*, but COVID lockdowns put an end to that.

With all that has happened since, this newly arranged discussion will explore questions about trauma and healing, memory and forgetting, and their relationship with the craft of story.

**Arnold Zable** is an acclaimed Australian writer, novelist, storyteller, and the recipient of the 2021 Australia Council Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature. His most recently book is *The Watermill*. Widely travelled, he is also the author of numerous stories, essays, columns, features, poetry and works for theatre. He has a doctorate from the School of Creative Arts, Melbourne University and has been a lecturer and writer-in-residence, both internationally and in a range of Australian Universities. He has conducted numerous writing workshops throughout Australia and overseas and is acclaimed as an innovative teacher of creative writing.

**Kim Rubenstein** is an Australian legal scholar, legal practitioner, and Professor in the Faculty of Business Government and Law at the University of Canberra. A graduate of Melbourne University and Harvard Law School she is Australia's leading expert on citizenship and has been a public policy contributor through running cases in the High Court of Australia, advising on legislation, a member of the Independent Committee that reviewed the Australian Citizenship Test, and through writing books and articles about citizenship law and policy. She was an HRC Visitor in 2009, working on the biography *The Vetting of Wisdom: Joan Montgomery and the Fight for PLC* (2021).



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