

Tea: East, West, Past, Future



Join us for a special seminar, where we will hear from anthropologists and cultural experts as they explore the history, power and potential of tea, from both Australian and cross-cultural perspectives. Speakers: Dr Jinghong Zhang, Mr David Lyons. Chair: Dr Trang X. Ta

Tea tastings will kindly be provided by David Lyons at the HRC 50th Birthday Morning Tea following this seminar.



Dr Jinghong Zhang, Assoc.Professor at the Centre for Social Sciences, Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), Shenzhen, China, and a 2024 Visiting Fellow at the ANU Humanities Research Centre. She holds a PhD in Anthropology from the ANU. Her research has followed the flow of goods and people across regions and nations to explore cross-cultural understandings and practices of cultural authenticity, heritage, taste, multiple senses and sensations.



Mr David Lyons, Founding Director, Australia Tea Cultural Society. With over 26 years in the Australian tea industry, David Lyons processes a unique and deep understanding of tea in Australia. His passion for and knowledge of tea history and culture, finds him accepted and befriended by academic circles associated with tea in several different counties. Lyons was the first Australian to be invited to become a member of the acclaimed China International Tea Cultural Institute in Hangzhou, China.

HRC 2024 Annual Theme - Time, Place, Everywhen

2024 marks the 50th year of the ANU Humanities Research Centre (HRC). To celebrate, the HRC is supporting research into different ideas of time and place and paying respect to Indigenous people through the theme of 'everywhen'.