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In association with Australian Catholic University, Deakin University, La Trobe University and Monash University.

**Australian Historical Association Biennial Conference  
Melbourne 7-10 July 2008**

**LOCATING HISTORY**

**Call for Papers**

**\*\*\* EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY \*\*\***

The past has spatial as well as temporal dimensions, and spatial metaphors shape the construction of history, whether through notions of frontier, homeland, territory, neighbourhood, land or country. The 2008 conference committee invites participants to make sense of place in history; to look for historical meaning and insight in unusual places; to situate the parameters of historical thought and practice; to critique the establishment and location of historical orthodoxies; to reflect on the context and purpose of the discipline; and to think geographically about the past. We invite proposals of papers from all members of the AHA that explore the various resonances suggested by the theme of history and locality – to connect the lineages of place and time. Papers are invited on Australian as well as non-Australian subjects. We invite proposals for papers, panels, interviews, staged debates, and workshops of thematically linked presentations. Contributions from postgraduates are particularly invited. Contributions might be related to the following indicative list of possible topics.

- *home and residence*
- *gender and place*
- *scaling history: local, regional, national, global*
- *contested spaces*
- *finding history in archives*
- *placelessness, alienation and dislocation*
- *forgotten places*
- *worlds between nations*
- *landscape and cultural traditions*
- *founding places*
- *suburbs and neighbourhoods*
- *the place of history in the national school curriculum*
- *history and new media*
- *mapping the past*
- *expatriates and homeland*
- *exploration and spatial history*
- *cultural landscapes*
- *territory and sovereignty*
- *heritage and place*
- *memorialisation*
- *naming places*
- *places of pain, shame and disaster*
- *history and environment*

Melbourne 2008 will also continue and expand the “Thousand words on a Picture” stream inaugurated at the 2006 Canberra conference. Short papers (strictly limited to 1000 words) are invited on a visual image of some kind, an object, or a locality, and interpret that image/artefact/place as an historical document.

We require:

- your name & contact details
- title of your paper
- brief bio
- abstract of maximum 200 words.

Please address your proposal to [aha-info@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:aha-info@unimelb.edu.au) or submit your abstract online, at <http://www.history.unimelb.edu.au/locatinghistory/index.html> by FRIDAY 8 February 2008.