



25 Years of Mabo: Aboriginal Land Rights in Literature

Syllabus:

Session	Date	Topics & Texts	Tasks
1	21.04.2017	Organizational Information	
2	28.04.2017	Introduction - The Mabo Decision 1 – Colin Bourke & Helen Cox, “Two Laws: One Land” 2 – High Court of Australia, excerpt from <i>Mabo v Queensland No. 2</i>	- read and keep in mind text 1 - study text 2
3	05.05.2017	Terra Nullius in Philosophy & International Law 3 – Privy Council Memorandum, <i>Case No. 15 – Anonymous</i> 4 – William Blackstone, excerpt from <i>Commentaries on the Laws of England</i> 5 – Francisco de Vitoria, excerpt from <i>De Indis</i> 6 – Hugo Grotius, excerpt from <i>Mare Liberum</i> 7 – John Locke, excerpt from <i>Two Treatises of Government</i> 8 – Emerich de Vattel, excerpt from <i>The Law of Nations</i>	- read texts 3 & 4 - bring texts 5-8
4	12.05.2017	Terra Nullius in Literature 9 – Watkin Tench, excerpt from <i>A Complete Account of the Settlement at Port Jackson</i> 10 – Kate Grenville, excerpt from <i>The Secret River</i>	- read texts 9 & 10
5	19.05.2017	Land from Indigenous Perspectives 11 – Krim Benterrak & Stephen Muecke, excerpt from <i>Reading the Country</i> 12 – Bruce Chatwin, excerpt from <i>The Songlines</i> 13 – Kim Scott, excerpt from <i>Benang</i>	- study text 11 - read texts 12 & 13
6	26.05.2017	Aboriginal Cosmology 14 – Rolf de Heer, dir., <i>Ten Canoes</i>	- watch movie 14
7	02.06.2017	National Reconciliation Week 15 – current events, texts t.b.a.	- t.b.a.

8	09.06.2017	Aboriginal Jurisprudence 16 – C.F. Black, excerpt from <i>The Land is the Source of the Law</i> 17 – Bronwyn Lay, excerpt from <i>Juris Materiarum</i>	- study texts 16 & 17
9	16.06.2017	Court Cases 18 – Werner Herzog, dir., <i>Where the Green Ants Dream</i>	- watch movie 18
10	23.06.2017	Mabo in Poetry (Guest Lecture Lioba Schreyer, Ruhr-Universität Bochum) 19 – Selection of poems	- read text 19
11	30.06.2017	Native Title after Mabo 20 – High Court of Australia, excerpt from <i>Wik Peoples vs Queensland</i> 20a – High Court of Australia, excerpt from <i>Yorta Yorta Aboriginal Community vs Victoria</i>	- study texts 20 & 20a
12	07.07.2017	Native Title from White Perspectives 21 – Sigmund Freud, “The Uncanny” 22 – Andrew McGahan, excerpt from <i>The White Earth</i>	- study text 21 - read text 22
13	14.07.2017	Native Title from Indigenous Perspectives 23 – Katrin Althans, excerpt from <i>Darkness Subverted</i> 24 – Nicole Watson, excerpt from <i>The Boundary</i>	- study text 23 - read text 24
14	21.07.2017	Wrapping Up	

Course Requirements:

- Regular attendance + active participation or a one-page essay (500 words, deadline: the session afterwards) per session missed on the topic of that session (**note: 2 sessions are free to miss!**)
- Active participation – those who do not take part actively have to see me for a little chit-chat on the seminar’s topics at the end of the term
- Final exam according to the relevant PO/Modulhandbuch