

# SUMMER SCHOOL JANUARY 2021

- The U3A Hawthorn Summer School 2021 runs over 11 days from Friday 8 January to Friday 22 January. All sessions, except for Summer Mahjong will be held on zoom.
- The Summer School is free, but is available only to members of U3A Hawthorn who have paid their 2021 membership fee.
- Please enrol for the sessions of your choice on the U3A Hawthorn website [u3ahawthorn.org.au/members](http://u3ahawthorn.org.au/members) The sessions are listed under the code SUMMER (Summer School). Enrolling is vital so that we can send you the zoom link. It also enables us to contact you if a session has to be cancelled due to an unforeseen event, such as illness of the speaker.
- U3A Hawthorn Reception will be open for a very limited time for assisted enrolments and membership payments. However we encourage people to enrol and pay membership subscriptions online where possible. No phone or email bookings will be accepted.
- The Zoom link will be emailed to you, for each session you are enrolled in, at 1pm the day prior to the session.
- Please open your Zoom link 10 minutes before the session's start time. This will enable us to admit all participants in order to start punctually.
- No enrolments for the session will be accepted after this time.
- The link is for you only and may not be forwarded to anyone else.

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## **The November 2020 Presidential Election –What Happened and Why. Friday 8 January 10.30am**

**Graham Pratt  
21SUM001**

We will examine the results nationally and in key states. How close was the final outcome? Was there a clear cut winner? How accurate were the polls? What factors influenced the outcome of the election? Does the whole process seem to be fair and democratic.? What can we expect from the winner? Going forward to 2021 will the US be less partisan or more divided?

## **Islam in Australia Monday 11 January 10.30am**

**Prof Greg Barton  
21SUM002**

By many indicators, today Australia leads the world in the growth of social diversity driven by migration: half (49%) of all Australians were either born overseas or have at least one parent born overseas. Within Australia's diversity, a variegated Muslim community has emerged, making up 2.6% of the population, or more than 660,000 people. Australia society has continued to maintain a robust commitment to multiculturalism and religious diversity. Nevertheless, there are worrying signs that, in the face of anxiety about terrorism and violent extremism, undercurrents of intolerance and prejudice are growing and surfacing in political discourse and social activism.

## **Introduction to the Russian Alphabet Monday 11, 18 & 25 January, 2 - 4pm**

**Jill Scurfield  
21SUM003**

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## **Are you StrokeSafe? Tuesday 12 January 10.30am**

**Toni Arfaras  
21SUM004**

The Stroke Foundation is a national charity that partners with the community to prevent, treat and beat stroke. In this session a speaker from the Foundation will address what a stroke is, how to recognise the signs, what to do if someone is having a stroke and how to prevent stroke. You will have the opportunity to ask her questions and find out how you can become StrokeSafe and potentially save someone's life!

## **China: Yesterday, Today, and (possibly) Tomorrow. Wednesday 13 January 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Wolfe Sharp  
21SUM005**

China has been the subject of much criticism in recent years, primarily emanating from the U.S. To understand any society it is important to look at its history, culture and the influences which guide its policies. This lecture will briefly cover the ancient past of China, touch on its enduring philosophies, discuss its more recent development as an emergent Great Power, and look at some future possibilities.

## **Summer Mahjong Wednesday 13 January, 10am – 12noon**

**Janina Noga  
21SUM006**

This session is for experienced players of Western or Eastern Mahjong. If possible tables will be set outside. Eastern mahjong players will need to organise a group of 3 or 4 to play together. You will be contacted by email if this course is unable to proceed because of COVID issues.

## **India's Tropical South – Kerala and Tamil Nadhu Wednesday 13 January, 2pm**

**Frank Devlin  
21SUM007**

Enjoy Kerala's lush tropical forests, seemingly endless "Backwaters" and the Western Ghats mountains. Visit the

ancient port city of Cochin, once the centre of the spice trade, and then hike in tea plantations at Munnar in the mountains. Cross into Tamil Nadu and visit the vibrant temple city of Madurai. Return to Kerala via the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary before enjoying days on the Backwaters stretching 75km south of Cochin. Finally, visit Kovalam, an attractive small resort and fishing port on the Malabar coast.

**Did non-Roman Lives Matter? What Roman slavery was all about.**

**Saul Bastomsky**

**Thursday 14 January, 10.30am**

**21SUM008**

Only five societies in world history were truly dependent on slave labour. Ancient Rome was one of them. The talk will deal with where these slaves originated and were used, how much they cost, how they were treated and regarded and what the effects of slavery were.

**Greeting cards, Postcards: A Colourful History**

**Laura Debernardi**

**Thursday 14 January, 2pm**

**21SUM009**

Enjoy an afternoon reminiscing over your favourite cards. Learn about the history of cards, which date to ancient China where messages of goodwill were exchanged to celebrate New Year, and to early Egyptians who used papyrus scrolls to send greetings.

**Dragging Australia into C21st—Manufacturing, Technology and Innovation**

**Assoc Prof Peter Moar**

**Friday 15 January, 10.30am**

**21SUM010**

After 20 years collaborating on global projects including space engineering, Peter Moar asks why Australia is at the bottom of the table in innovation and research, and what should be done to remedy this.

**Surveillance - Friend or Foe?**

**Ian McKenzie**

**Monday 18 January, 10.30am**

**21SUM011**

Western societies are increasingly worried about surveillance becoming too intrusive. This talk will cover how surveillance works in Australia, the way it has changed over recent years, and whether, in the age of the internet, we should be concerned about the state, or the private sector, or both.

**Landscape and Identity in Australian Art**

**David Henderson**

**Tuesday 19 January, 10.30am**

**21SUM012**

This lecture will take the form of a chronological survey of some of the leading figures in Australian landscape painting from colonial times to the present. It will discuss the relationship between Australian painting and broader currents of Western and Modernist art within the context of the emergence of an authentic national identity.

**COVID-19 - putting a good crisis to use**

**Prof Rob Watts**

**Wednesday 20 January, 10.30am**

**21SUM013**

COVID-19 has exposed the scale of long term, fundamental economic, institutional and ideological changes underway in Australia since the 1980s. In this presentation Professor Rob Watts Describes the current crisis, explores the evidence and outlines some new policy ideas for dealing with the current crisis.

**Summer Mahjong**

**Janina Noga**

**Wednesday 20 January, 10am – 12noon**

**21SUM015**

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**Australia as a Dependent Middle Power: Prospects for the Future**

**Dr Alan Patience**

**Thursday 21 January, 10.30am**

**21SUM014**

Australia's mainstream politicians, foreign affairs and defence bureaucrats, as well as outspoken members of the commentariat, routinely assert that Australia is a middle power. This presents serious problems for the country's foreign policy in the event of conflict in the Asia-Pacific, especially conflict between China and the USA. The presentation will contend that it is time for Australia to transcend its dependent middle power status, to become an internationally respected "global citizen". It will focus particularly on the recommendation of the late Malcolm Fraser that Australia should abandon the ANZUS alliance with the United States.

**Yoga - Wisdoms, Theory and Practice**

**Mahes Karuppiah**

**Thursday 21 January, 2pm**

**21SUM016**

The ancient gem of yoga practice moves sensationally and adapts seamlessly into the 21st Century. Yoga is a time tested, holistic, essential preventive health practice, a synthesised system of sequential postures which helps balance the body programmers, flexes and tones up the nervous system, switches on the brain and allows for the blooming of the self into healthy, happy, fulfilled beings. Drop in for an hour to understand the essence of yoga for you and gain physical, emotional and spiritual insights which can make your life positive, fulfilled and productive.

**Securing Australia's interests in a decade of disruption**

**Prof Rory Medcalf**

**Friday 22 January, 10.30 am**

**21SUM017**

A crisis-prone 2020 has ushered in a decade of disruption. Australia must protect and advance its interests, values and identity against a widening horizon of risk, from the impacts of COVID-19 to strategic rivalry between China and the United States. In this presentation, noted policy commentator Rory Medcalf will offer an assessment of Australia's options for national security in a world where our interests outweigh our capabilities. His remarks will draw upon his recent book Contest for the Indo-Pacific.