



# Henryk Grossman on Australia: insights and errors in historical sociology

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## Speaker

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## Location

**Larry Saha Room**

Haydon-Allen Building #22, Room 2175,  
University Avenue, ANU

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In his principal work, published in 1929, Henryk Grossman identified both the fundamental mechanism involved in capitalism's tendency to break down, at the heart of capital accumulation, and the weaknesses in other Marxist explanations of economic crises.

He used evidence from Australia, amongst other places, to justify his arguments about the motives behind imperialism.

How does that evidence stack up against more recent studies?

Do flaws in his sources' analyses about the white Australia policy undermine his own conclusions?



**Rick Kuhn** is an Honorary Associate Professor in the School of Sociology, ANU. His *Henryk Grossman and the Recovery of Marxism* won the 2007 international Deutscher Prize. He edited *Class and Struggle in Australia* (2010) and has published widely on political economy and Australian society. He is currently editing and introducing four volumes of Grossman's works, many never previously translated into English.

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