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NOVEMBER 15
FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

Voyage into myth

CAPTAIN COOK AS NAVIGATOR, POSSESSOR AND THE DEVIL UNDER THE EXPRESSWAY

In the myths of Indigenous Australians Captain Cook is more than one person. There is the “good” Cook who respected Indigenous law and died on Garden Island; Satan who disappeared into the earth at Sydney Cove where the Cahill Expressway now stands; and the too many Cooks who still come and fail to keep Indigenous law.

As Australian leaders debate the teaching of “accurate” Australian history in schools, this free public lecture takes a Cooks’ tour of the different imaginings of what Australia is and how it should be known. One of these is the modern nation of immigrants that began when a British sea captain landed on Possession Island.

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When

Thursday 15 November 2007
6pm drinks for 6.30pm start

Where

Guthrie Theatre, Level 3 Peter
Johnson Building, 702-730 Harris
St, Ultimo

Free Parking

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