

# SÉMINAIRE Géohistoires

(Axe Relations à l'Autre, Mémoire Identité - LERMA)

ESTATE 4.1:

**assessing the impact of media and social media  
on democracy in Australia.**

**Vendredi 3  
octobre 2025**

de 10h à 12h

**Salle de colloque 1**

Faculté ALLSH - Aix Marseille Université



CONFÉRENCIER INVITÉ  
**Professor John Potts**  
(Macquarie University)

*This talk will cover the impact of media and social media on democracy in Australia. Starting with the controversial Dismissal of prime minister Gough Whitlam and his Labor government in 1975, fast approaching its 50th anniversary (11th November), John Potts will examine the state of the Fourth Estate in Australia today, against the background of the Albanese government's recent fight with Facebook and Google about the news content on their news feeds, the rebuking of an ABC journalist by President Trump in Washington as a 'Fake News loser', and the exclusion of an ABC correspondent from the US President's press conference for asking awkward questions in the course of his second state visit to the UK.*

*The subsequent round table discussion led by Prof. Matthew Gaves will seek to place the challenges facing Australian media and democracy today in the context of the destabilisation of democratic alliances in the Indo-Pacific in the era of transnational populist politics.*