

The Henry Chan Lecture series

Who was [Henry Chan](#)?

Born in China in 1937, raised in New Zealand and living and working in Australia, Henry Chan was a passionate advocate of the need to learn more about Chinese Australian and New Zealand history with a particular focus on its China roots and ongoing connections. In 2000 Henry along with colleagues and friends in the Chinese Australian community, founded the Australian Chinese Historical Society. Until his death in 2008, Henry devoted almost all his time to encouraging projects, seminars and talks about Chinese contributions to Australian society.



The aim of the Henry Chan Lectures

Established in 2017 the purpose of the Henry Chan lectures is to present an annual public lecture by a Chinese scholar researching an aspect of Australia history or society. In doing so the Chinese Australian Historical Society aims to continue one aspect of Henry's vision by highlighting the Australia China connection in historical and social research, just as it carries on other aspects of his vision in its many other endeavours.

The series so far:

Lecture 2017: The inaugural lecture was presented by **Dr Selia Tan** of Wuyi University, Guangdong who gave a history of the world heritage listed Kaiping diaolou (guntowers) and their connection with Australia.

Lecture 2018: **Dr Chen Bing** of Peking University, a translator of the works of George Earnest Morrison gave an account of this famous Australian from a Chinese perspective.

Lecture 2019: **Li Juanjun** of Beijing Foreign Studies University presented on the works and impact of many Australian writers who were published in China during the 1950s and 1960s.

Lecture 2020: **Dr Stephen Fitzgerald** and **Professor Wanning Sun** will hold a conversation on *Multicultural Citizenship Re-imagined: Engaging Migrants from China*.