

Sheila Fitzpatrick is *ABR*'s new Laureate

Australian Book Review is delighted to announce internationally renowned historian Professor Sheila Fitzpatrick FAHA FAAAS (USA) as *Australian Book Review*'s new Laureate.

Sheila Fitzpatrick becomes *ABR*'s third Laureate. She follows David Malouf in 2014 and Robyn Archer in 2016.

ABR's aim here is to honour writers and artists of distinction, ones with long connections with the magazine.

The Laureateship is also an opportunity to highlight and advance the work of a young writer closely connected with the Laureate. Accordingly, we look forward to introducing Sheila Fitzpatrick's chosen *ABR* Laureate's Fellow, Dr Ebony Nilsson, who will contribute a series of articles to *ABR* over the coming year, funded by the *ABR* Patrons.

Sheila Fitzpatrick comments

'I am tremendously pleased and touched by this honour. *Australian Book Review* has meant a great deal to me ever since I returned to Australia in 2012 after decades overseas. The magazine's warm welcome to me as a writer then meant that I immediately felt part of a lively and inclusive intellectual community. It's not often that historians get to be laureates, but *ABR* is reminding us that in Greek mythology Clio was one of the muses, and writing should be part of our job description. I'll do my best to live up to that, and am excited to join *ABR* in this new role.'

About Sheila Fitzpatrick

Professor Fitzpatrick is a distinguished historian of modern Russia and migration. Her many books include *White Russians*, *Red Peril: A Cold War history of migration to Australia* (2021) and *The Shortest History of the Soviet Union* (2022). Her many awards include the Prime Minister's Literary Award for *On Stalin's Team* (2015). She was based in the United States for many years, latterly as Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago, before her return to Australia in 2012. Since 2013, when she began writing for *ABR*, she has contributed 26 articles. She brings immense scholarship and brio to everything she writes, and she is among *ABR*'s most popular writers.

Event

Please join us in the Isabella Fraser Room at the State Library of Victoria on Wednesday 24 May (6 pm for 6.30 pm) as we, in partnership with Monash University's Faculty of Arts, celebrate *ABR*'s new Laureate, Sheila Fitzpatrick. Official proceedings will run from 6.30 pm and the event will conclude at 8 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Professor Katie Stevenson, Dean of Arts at Monash University and *ABR* Board Member, will compere the event. Professor Fitzpatrick will be in conversation about her work and career with Peter Rose, Editor and CEO of *ABR*. Please register your attendance by emailing rsvp@australianbookreview.com.au by 15 May.

Interviews

Sheila Fitzpatrick is available for interview.

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