Ocean to Outback
Cosmopolitanism in Contemporary Australia
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Issues that have plagued Australian society in recent years, such as immigration, the treatment of refugees, national identity and the meaning of terrorism, are better understood through the lens of cosmopolitanism as we think about our relation to, and place in, the wider world.

Many debates that continue to ignite and divide the nation stem from notions of nationality and citizenship, ethnicity and multiculturalism, community and place. Ocean to Outback provides the reader with a route to navigate through such critical challenges.

In an increasingly fractious and unstable world, the need for such an investigation is paramount if we are to finds ways of negotiating and working through the conflicts and tensions that arise.

In this collection of essays, eleven authors writing from specific locations address real concerns for groups and communities, rather than restricting discussion to only abstract and ideological concerns.

The various settings in which these topics are explored include: the London Underground bombings; Indochinese culture in Australia; the Cronulla riots; John Howard’s former electorate of Bennelong; and Greek and Portuguese football fever on the streets of Sydney.

Viewed as an ongoing political project, cosmopolitanism has important implications for Australia's sense of connection to the rest of the globe, and this book offers a positive approach to contemporary politics and society.

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