

Preface and acknowledgements

This volume has its origins in a conference held at The Australian National University on 18 and 19 June 2015 titled ‘The German Anthropological Tradition in Australia’, in connection with an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage grant (LP110200803), ‘Rescuing Carl Strehlow’s Indigenous cultural heritage legacy: The neglected German tradition of Arandic ethnography’. This grant was a collaborative project between the Central Land Council and the Strehlow Research Centre, both in Alice Springs, the University of Western Australia and The Australian National University. The project had several aims. First, to make better known the seven-volume ethnography on the Aranda by Carl Strehlow that has not been published in English. This has been achieved by the publication of *The Aranda’s Pepa: An introduction to Carl Strehlow’s masterpiece Die Aranda- und Loritja-Stämme in Zentral-Australien (1907–1920)*, by Dr Anna Kenny, the postdoctoral fellow on the project, which discusses the distinctive and interesting findings. Second, to translate the 7,600-word Aranda and Luritja dictionary compiled by Carl Strehlow between 1905 and 1909. This has been achieved, with publication of the dictionary and accompanying essays by Dr Kenny, Dr John Henderson of the University of Western Australia and David Moore scheduled for early 2018. Third, to bring together scholars to explore the significance of German-language ethnography in Australia, particularly, but not only, in relation to native title claims. This volume is the result of the third aim. We could not have realised these outcomes without the unfailing support of both the Central Land Council and the Strehlow Research Centre.

It would not have been possible to realise the conference had we not received a A\$10,000 grant from The Australian National University’s College of Arts and Social Sciences Internal Grants Scheme. This grant made it possible to bring Professor André Gingrich and Professor Erich Kolig to the conference, for which we are most grateful.

In holding the conference and preparing this volume for publication, we have received valuable help from the following people, whom we would like to thank: Adam Macfie and Shaun Angelis at the Strehlow Research Centre and Lea Gardam at the South Australian Museum for assisting with sourcing and providing images, Karina Pelling for the cartography, Jan Borrie for the copyediting and Lyn North for organising our conference food and dinner. Finally, we are greatly indebted to Emily Hazlewood and the team at ANU Press for the enormous care and attention to detail they provided in guiding the book through the publication process.

This text is taken from *German Ethnography in Australia*, edited by
Nicolas Peterson and Anna Kenny, published 2017 by ANU Press,
The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.