

Contributors

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Richard Evans is a journalist and an academic. He has worked on newspapers and legal magazines, and was a lecturer in journalism at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). His work has appeared in *HQ*, *Quadrant*, the *Age*, *Overland* and *The Republican*, and been broadcast on ABC Radio National. His book, *Constructing Australia*, published by Melbourne University Press in 2007, tells the dramatic story of political turmoil, private tragedy and conflict that lie at the heart of three epic engineering events in Australia's history: the building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Perth-Kalgoorlie Pipeline and the Overland Telegraph.

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Ian Marsh holds the ANZSOG Chair of Public Management at the University of Sydney. Professor Marsh, a former Senior Fellow of the Research School of Social Sciences, The Australian National University, took up his chair at Sydney in early 2005. A graduate of the Kennedy School of Government, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Professor Marsh was formerly an Associate Professor of the Australian Graduate School of Management, Research Director of the Liberal Party of Australia, and Associate of McKinsey & Co, and Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence. Professor Marsh is author of several books, including *Beyond the Two Party System: Political Representation, Economic Competitiveness and Australian Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 1995), *Into the Future: The Neglect of the Long Term in Australian Politics* (with David Yencken, Black Inc. 2005) and three edited collections: *Australian Political Parties in Transition?* (Federation Press, 2006), *Democracy Governance and Regionalism in East and Southeast Asia* (Routledge, 2006) and *Globalisation and the People* (with Jean Blondel, Takashi Inoguchi and Richard Sinnott, Routledge, 2006).

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Michael is a Professor of Sociology at UNSW and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. Michael left school at 15 and worked in Tasmania as a photographer, a farm labourer and a shop assistant before studying at the Sorbonne and later at the University of Melbourne. He was a school teacher in Tasmania before moving to The United States where he completed his doctoral studies in sociology at Harvard University. Over the last 20 years at the University of New South Wales Michael has taught on social theory, the media and the public sphere, economic ideas, and, most recently, on quality of life in Australia. He was listed in 2005 by the *Sydney Morning Herald* as one of Australia's top 100 public intellectuals. His theoretical and research interests have focussed on quality of life, on the experience of time, on trust and civil society, and the changing nature of political and economic culture in Australia. In the early 1990s Michael Pusey's book *Economic Rationalism in Canberra: A Nation-Building State Changes its Mind*, started a national debate on economic rationalism and brought the term into public usage. It showed how Canberra had been taken over by 'economic rationalists' and warned of the economic and social costs of free market economic reform. Since then he has been studying how Australians experience markets and economic structures. His most recent book, *The Experience of Middle Australia*, examines the impact of economic restructuring on incomes, jobs, families, communities, politics and Australian culture.

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