

## PhD Confirmation Seminar: Joanne Luke

### Colonising epidemiology and the construction of Aboriginal health

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**Venue:** Room 410, Level 4, 207 Bouverie St Carlton

As a discipline, epidemiology has provided an ongoing focus on colonising research that has perpetuated and legitimised the individual perspectives and reasoning of the masculine, privileged, and white worldview. Despite Aboriginal people having identities that centre around our strong connections to our communities and environments, epidemiology has historically transformed these culturally-based identities into outsider constructions. This presentation will explore how epidemiology has been used to produce outsider constructions about Aboriginal people, including those that attempted to portray us as 'savage', 'primitive', 'dying', by our 'parts' and by our need to be 'protected'.



Joanne Luke is an Aboriginal PhD Candidate with the Centre for Health Equity at the University of Melbourne. Joanne is an epidemiologist and health researcher who has previously worked across the areas of cardiovascular disease, public health and program evaluation.

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