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# Arts After Dark

## WE HAVE NEVER BEEN SAFER AND YET MORE AFRAID

Step into an evening hosted by Peter Greste, award-winning foreign correspondent for the BBC, Al Jazeera, and Reuters, in conversation with esteemed scholars in law, history and security studies. Presented by the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University, this event will explore the delicate interplay of safety and concern in our modern world.

The statistics don't lie. We are living in the safest, most prosperous and stable period of human history, yet collectively we seem to be terrified of global instability, climate change and a world run by AI bots. Join us for an evening of lively discussion with a panel of experts who will discuss housing, climate change, cyber security and the role of the media in our interconnected world, and look to history for examples of how humans have coped with calamities of the past. Is there a way out that gives us reason for optimism?

### PROFESSOR PETER GRESTE

International journalist with decades of experience reporting in some of the world's most volatile places. Peter is a strong advocate for media freedom following his imprisonment in Cairo while working for Al Jazeera.

### PROFESSOR CATHY SHERRY

Leading international expert in land law and high-density development, and executive member of **Smart Green Cities**. Cathy advises governments worldwide on sustainable urban planning, and as the former leader of UNSW Urban Growers, she pioneered campus food-growing spaces, enhancing student environmental literacy.

### PROFESSOR KATIE BARCLAY

Renowned for her expertise in the history of emotions, Professor and Future Fellow Katie is currently exploring how early modern European families created conditions to feel safe at 'the end of the world'.

### ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JEFFREY FOSTER

Associate Professor Jeffrey Foster specialist in Cyber Security Studies, bridges the gap between human behaviour and cyber security. Jeffrey has a PhD in Cognitive science and researches areas such as the Human Aspects of Information Security, Applied Cognition, Human Factors, Usability and Cyber Warfare.



Thursday  
9 May



6pm – 8.30pm



Mason Theatre  
14 Sir Christopher Ondaatje Avenue  
Macquarie University



Refreshments will be  
served at this event.

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