

2024 Brian Johns Lecture

Speaker Bio



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During a distinguished career with the BBC, much of which was spent covering US presidential politics, Nick Bryant came to be regarded as one of its finest foreign correspondents. He is the author of a number of books including *The Rise and Fall of Australia: How a Great Nation Lost its Way* and, more recently, *When America Stopped Being Great: A History of the Present*, which Joe Biden keeps in the Oval Office.

He has written for *The Economist*, *The Washington Post* and *The Atlantic*, and is now a regular columnist for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*. He is also a regular contributor on the ABC and to Channel Ten's *The Project*. He is a history graduate from Cambridge University, who holds a doctorate in US politics from Oxford University. His new book, *The Forever War: America's Unending Conflict with Itself* will be published in June.

Lecture Topic

"Donald Trump, American authoritarianism and how journalists should cover it".

The lecture will describe how Donald Trump taps into an authoritarian tradition in American politics that includes unexpected characters in the American story and asks the question how journalists should cover such a norm-busting and rule-breaking political figure.