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# WEEK 2025

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## Live Streaming Schedule

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|  | 3:45pm  | <b>When the Tech Bros Come to Town</b> Kara Swisher                                   |
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# Mon 3 Mar

## Righting Wrongs

Stephanie Palmer, Geoffrey Robertson and Kenneth Roth (live stream)

**9:30AM / EAST STAGE**

Is shaming an effective weapon in the fight to protect human rights from the whims and scheming of autocrats and inhumane governments? Geoffrey Robertson and Stephanie Palmer debate the issue with Gareth Evans.

## On Grief

Geraldine Brooks

**10:45AM / EAST STAGE**

In conversation with Bob Carr, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks talks about the sudden death of her husband, Tony Horwitz, and her attempt to make sense of the void in her new memoir, *Memorial Days*.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Espionage, Seduction and Intrigue

Rachel Kushner

**12PM / EAST STAGE**

Rachel Kushner, a Booker Prize-shortlisted author whose partner describes her as "Spinoza with lipstick", talks to Claire Nichols about her latest novel, *Creation Lake* – variously acclaimed by critics as *Slow Horses* meets *Killing Eve*, a Le Carréan *Kill Bill* and a dazzling reinvention of the spy novel.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## The Forever War: America's Unending Conflict with Itself

Nick Bryant

**1:15PM / EAST STAGE**

Nick Bryant, author of *The Forever War*, discusses with Richard Fidler the history of contemporary America's polarisation and whether the nation's political future will be dictated by its violent political past.

## The State of the World

John Crace and Wesley Lowery

**2:30PM / EAST STAGE**

Has the rise of leaders like Orbán, Trump and Netanyahu finally put paid to the liberal fantasy that fascism, ultra-nationalism and xenophobia were symptoms of a political malaise consigned to the 19th century? Masha Gessen, Wesley Lowery and John Crace join *Late Night Live's* David Marr to discuss the state of the world.

## When the Tech Bros Come to Town

Kara Swisher

**3:45PM / EAST STAGE**

We have arrived at a disturbing global inflection point where a handful of companies might rewrite the truth. Marc Fennell of Radio National's *Download This Show* interrogates Silicon Valley interrogator Kara Swisher.

## Foreign Bodies: Pandemics, Vaccines and the Health of Nations

Sir Simon Schama

**5PM / EAST STAGE**

Sir Simon Schama talks to Norman Swan about his latest cultural history, *Foreign Bodies*, an investigation of disease and vulnerable human societies caught between the fear of contagion and scientific innovation.

*Presented in partnership with The University of Sydney.*

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

# Tue 4 Mar

## Final Verdict: A 21st-Century Holocaust Trial

Tobias Buck

**9:30M / EAST STAGE**

Tobias Buck talks to fellow journalist Debbie Whitmont about reporting on the trial of a former SS camp guard, the problem of collective guilt and 'memory culture' in modern-day Germany.

## How the Glow of Radium Lit a Path for Women in Science

Dava Sobel

**10:45AM / EAST STAGE**

Bestselling writer Dava Sobel reflects on about the genius, politics and passions of the most famous woman in the history of science, as captured in her new book, *The Elements of Marie Curie*. Join her in conversation with Sarah Kanowski.

## The Art of Misremembering

Geraldine Brooks and Peter Godwin

**12PM / EAST STAGE**

Memoirs are an opportunity to rewrite history. Geraldine Brooks and Peter Godwin explore with Richard Buckham what can be forgotten in the act of writing a memoir.

## Race and Racism

Wesley Lowery and Amy McQuire

**1:15PM / EAST STAGE**

Not so long ago, some imagined we had arrived at a post-racial world. It turned out to be fantasy as Australians voted against recognising First Nations people, Trump declared that Haitian immigrants were eating the pets of America and then Israeli defense minister Yoav Gallant decided Gazans were 'human animals'. Wesley Lowery and Amy McQuire discuss with Larissa Behrendt how the fear of the 'other' is all too easily stoked.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## A Tech Love Story

Kara Swisher

**2:30PM / EAST STAGE**

Award-winning journalist Kara Swisher takes us inside Silicon Valley and the legacy of its tech bros who promised to "move fast and break things". She speaks with Eliza Harvey, the Executive Producer of the ABC's Q&A.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Hazzard and Harrower: The Letters

Brigitta Olubas and Susan Wyndham

**3:45PM / EAST STAGE**

Brigitta Olubas and Susan Wyndham talk to Richard Buckham about the genius of Shirley Hazzard, one of the greatest writers in the English language, and the treasure trove of letters she left the reading public.

## Narcissistic Villains and Asphyxiating Families

Charlotte Mendelson

**5PM / EAST STAGE**

Marriages are fascinating to the nosy, according to the writer Charlotte Mendelson. Her latest novel, *Wife*, is a searing account of relationship breakdowns and family collapse, as she explains to Sarah L'Estrange.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**



# Wed 5 Mar

## "Paki, Writer, Cripple: Who Am I Now?"

Hanif Kureishi and  
Dr Michelle Johnston

**9:30AM / EAST STAGE**

In a two-part conversation, Hanif Kureishi first will join Julia Baird to discuss his memoir *Shattered* and the catastrophic accident that changed his life. Julia Baird and Dr Michelle Johnston, emergency physician and author, will then share their reflections on the task of writing about broken bodies, despair and hope.

## The Men Who Killed the News

Eric Beecher

**10:45AM / EAST STAGE**

*Crikey* owner and former News Corp and Fairfax editor Eric Beecher talks to fellow journalist and author John Lyons about the narcissistic and megalomaniacal media moguls who have undermined journalism, democracy and truth.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## History Lessons

Orlando Figes,  
Bettany Hughes,  
Matthew Longo and  
Dava Sobel

**12PM / EAST STAGE**

Judging by the death and destruction we are witnessing in the 21st century, it seems humanity has learnt nothing from the past century, be it the horrors of the world wars or the seemingly endless conflagrations in the Middle East. Orlando Figes, Bettany Hughes, Matthew Longo and Dava Sobel talk to Annabelle Quince about whether they despair as they document the past, or see their task as exhorting our generation to make the world a more humane place.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Working for the Brand: How Corporations are Destroying Free Speech

Josh Bornstein

**1:15PM / EAST STAGE**

Josh Bornstein and Joe Aston consider the subject of Bornstein's book *Working for the Brand* – how major corporations have become the most powerful institutions in the world and the implications for democracy, freedom of speech and the future of politics.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Chameleon: A Memoir of Art, Travel, Ideas and Love

Robert Dessaix

**2:30PM / EAST STAGE**

Writer, translator and broadcaster Robert Dessaix talks to Susan Wyndham about his book of memories, *Chameleon*, a personal history of what really matters in life – art, sex and death.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Balcony Over Jerusalem: Israel, Iran and the new Middle East

John Lyons

**3:45PM / EAST STAGE**

As Global Affairs Editor of the ABC, John Lyons travels widely around the Middle East, including to Iran, Israel and Lebanon. In conversation with Bob Carr, the former foreign affairs minister, Lyons explains the dramatic changes to the region – including the future of Iran, the fall of the Assad regime the new incarnations of Hezbollah and Hamas.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## The Circus Returns

Nick Harkaway (live stream)

**5PM / EAST STAGE**

Nick Harkaway, the son of John le Carré, is the author of eight novels. His latest book, *Karla's Choice*, continues George Smiley's story. In conversation with Michael Robotham, Harkaway explores the challenge of writing in the shadow and light of his father's literary legacy.

**LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE**

# Thu 6 Mar

## The Chairman's Lounge: The Inside Story of How Qantas Sold Us Out

Joe Aston

**9:30AM / EAST STAGE**

Joe Aston, award-winning journalist and author of *The Chairman's Lounge*, joins David Penberthy to discuss the delusion, greed and shameless profiteering that brought to ground one of the nation's most iconic brands.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## American Whitelash: A Changing Nation and the Cost of Progress

Wesley Lowery

**12PM / EAST STAGE**

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery and Rachel Perkins discuss the violent backlash that has ensued after every period of racial progress in the United States.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Guns, Drugs and a Young Woman Dead on the Money

Ronni Salt (live stream)

**2:30PM / EAST STAGE**

Ronni Salt talks to Wendy Harmer about her new book, *Gunnawah*, a crime thriller set deep in the heart of outback Australia during the era of Gough Whitlam, pub brawls and flared jeans.

## The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

Bettany Hughes

**3:45PM / EAST STAGE**

Award-winning historian, author and broadcaster Bettany Hughes talks to Kate Evans about her journey by land and sea in search of the ancient "test cases of the human imagination."

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Europe and the Challenge of Russia

Orlando Figes

**10:45AM / EAST STAGE**

Award-winning author Orlando Figes hopes to remind us of "the unifying force of European civilisation, which Europe's nations will ignore at their peril". He discusses the making of modern Europe with Robert Dossaix.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Diva: Reimagining Maria Callas and Aristotle Onassis' Scandalous Affair

Daisy Goodwin

**1:15PM / EAST STAGE**

Bestselling author Daisy Goodwin talks to Pip Williams about her epic novel *Diva*, on the love affair between the most celebrated opera singer of all time and one of the world's richest men.

**DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

## Writing a Childhood

Tom Lamont and Téa Obreht (live stream)

**5PM / EAST STAGE**

Is there something special or distinctive about the child narrator? As readers, we can assume these characters are innocent and that their perspective is flawed or at least unreliable. What do their authors think? Join Tom Lamont and Téa Obreht in conversation with Jonathan Green.

**LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE**

