



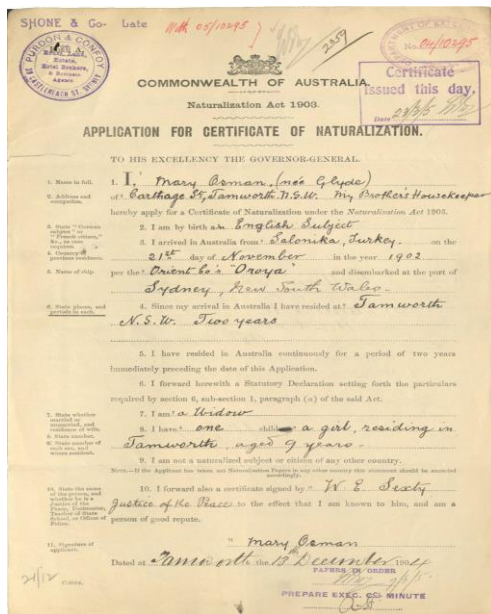
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# The Good Migrant: Gender, Race, and Naturalisation in Early Twentieth-Century South Africa and Australia

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School of History Seminar Series  
Speaker: Rachel Bright, Keele University

McDonald Room, Menzies Library, ANU



[NAA: A1, 1905/1488](#), Mary Osman Naturalisation Application, 1905, p. 9.

What does a good migrant look like? How do migration officials identify ‘good’ migrants and how do potential migrants navigate this process? This paper will explore the development of early twentieth century migration laws and bureaucracies in South Africa and Australia in order to address these questions. It will particularly focus on Jewish and female migrants, drawing on a range of official migratory documentation and private diaries of those who sought to regulate and control the migratory process: as migrants, interested charities, and bureaucrats.



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