

“The Truth in Anti-Realism”

Barry Taylor Memorial Lecture

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hosted by the Philosophy
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Philosophy, Anthropology
& Social Inquiry**

This lecture is dedicated to the memory of Associate Professor Barry Taylor, who died suddenly on January 15th of this year. Barry had a long and distinguished career in the philosophy department at the University of Melbourne. He started out as a brilliant undergraduate at Melbourne, taking a first in both his BA and MA. After completing a DPhil at Oxford, he returned to join the department as a lecturer in 1974. His contribution in all areas was exceptional: he was an outstanding researcher and teacher, a popular and respected colleague, and a very amusing man. After 33 years of service he retired at the end of 2007. Barry's philosophical research

focused on philosophy of language and metaphysics. One of his abiding concerns, and the topic of his most recent book, was the viability of realism: 'whether an ideal theory constructed on the basis of all past, present and future human observation, using the best epistemology, might fail to be objectively true'. Barry's considered view was that realism is untenable.



Tuesday, 3 August, 6.00pm
Followed by a reception in
foyer of theatre

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