

Minutes of May 17, 2023 Committee of Convocation meeting

Joint Committee of Convocation and Graduate Union of the University speaker and lunch meeting was held on May 17, 2023 at 12.15 PM.

This lunch with no formal agenda was advertised in the Graduate House Newsletter and via the Committee of Convocation mailing list. Members of the Graduate Union of the University of Melbourne were invited to join this event. Our guest speaker was Prof. Claire Roberts, Professor of Art History, the University of Melbourne.

She spoke to a small group at the table about the life of Huang Binhong. Huang Binhong was a contemporary landscape brush painter. He was the subject of Prof Roberts PhD thesis. Her presentation gave those present an insight of how politics can impact on art. The small group of 5 Committee of Convocation members and one Graduate House resident, present in person, had no fewer than 3 who had visited China since the ending of the Cultural Revolution. One member joined via the Zoom account. With our guest speaker staying for lunch, the interesting discussion continued.

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