



24th Accounting History Symposium

Wednesday 5 November 2025
 7:00 pm AEDT-Australia
 (9:00 pm NZDT, 9:00 am Rome, 8:00 am London)
 Online Event

7:00 - 7:10 pm: Delegate arrival and welcome addresses

Time	Keynote Speech Chair: Maryam Safari
7:10 – 8:00 pm	Of power, knowledge and method: The influence of Michel Foucault in accounting history 2024 Gibson Award-winning paper Michele Bigoni, Laura Maran, and Zeila Occhipinti  Michele Bigoni is a Reader in Accounting at Kent Business School, University of Kent. His research focuses on critical accounting and accounting history, exploring how accounting shapes power and society. Influenced by thinkers such as Foucault, Gramsci, and Arendt, his work appears in top journals including Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal, Accounting History, and Critical Perspectives on Accounting. Michele serves as Associate Editor of Critical Perspectives on Accounting and sits on several editorial boards. He has received multiple awards for his research excellence, including the Robert W. Gibson Award (2024).  Laura Maran is an Associate Professor in Management Accounting at the University of Trento, Italy. A former Deputy Head of Research and Innovation at RMIT University, her research bridges accounting history and public sector management, offering historical insights into New Public Management and its socio-political impacts. She is Joint Editor of Accounting History, serves on the editorial board of Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal, and publishes in leading journals such as AAAJ, FAM, BAR, and CPA. Laura has received several research awards, including the Robert W. Gibson Award (2024).  Zeila Occhipinti, PhD, CPA, is a Lecturer in Accounting at the University of Pisa. Her research explores sustainability through environmental, social, and institutional lenses, evolving from quantitative analysis to a critical-historical perspective on accounting's role in shaping power and governance. She has published in leading journals such as AAAJ, European Accounting Review, Accounting History, and Business Strategy and the Environment. Zeila's work has earned several awards, including the Robert W. Gibson and Alberto Bisaschi Awards in 2024.
8:00 – 8:10 pm	Virtual coffee break
8:10 – 9:30 pm	Proposals Presentation Chair: Lina Xu
8:10– 8:35 pm	Thematic and Theoretical Shifts in Accounting's Most-Cited Articles Adam Arian; Rob Vosslander Discussant: TBA
8:35 – 9:00 pm	Financial Fraud and Accountability in Ancient Sri Lanka: A Forensic Accounting Perspective on the Kings' Period (377 BCE–1017 CE) Rathwatta H.; Lakshan A.M.I; Wijekoon N.; Sharma, U.; Senn R.D. Discussant: TBA
9:00– 9:25 pm	Lady Simon and Accounting for Freedom Radiah Othman; Ahesha Perera Discussant: TBA
9:25 – 9:30 pm	Closing (Maryam Safari)