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## **AUSTRALIA'S UNIVERSITIES DO NOT TEACH AUSTRALIA'S BRITISH ORIGINS: NEW SURVEY OF 739 UNDERGRADUATE HISTORY SUBJECTS**

Only 15 out of the 739 history subjects taught in Australian universities and tertiary institutions in 2014 covered British history, according to a new report from the Institute of Public Affairs.

The full report, *The End Of History...In Australian Universities*, reveals the neglect of Australia's political and institutional heritage in undergraduate history degrees.

The report reviews 739 history subjects offered across 34 Australian tertiary institutions in 2014, including 34 history programs and 10 separate ancient history programs, and is the first comprehensive account of Australian undergraduate history subjects.

The report adopts a methodology developed by the Australian Historical Association in 2004.

"For the first time we can see how history courses have changed over the last decade, and our findings are deeply troubling for anyone concerned about Australian education," says Chris Berg, Senior Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs and a co-author of the report.

"The next generation of Australians will not know why Australia is the nation it is today."

"Only 10 of the 34 universities offered subjects on the history of Britain as part of their history programs, despite Australian society being founded on British institutions. By contrast, 13 universities offered film studies subjects as part of their history programs."

"More universities offered subjects on the history of popular culture – 8 – than offered subjects on intellectual history – 6."

"Undergraduate history informs the next generation of historians, the next generation of history teachers, and their future students. If this continues, we risk losing our knowledge of our cultural heritage," says Mr Berg.

*The End of History...in Australian Universities*, by Stephanie Forrest, Chris Berg and Hannah Pandel, is available to download [here](#).

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