

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910477065503321
Autore	Sissons David
Titolo	Bridging Australia and Japan . Volume 2 The writings of David Sissons, historian and political scientist // David Sissons ; edited by Keiko Tamura, J. A. A. Stockwin
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Acton, ACT : , : ANU Press, , 2020
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (x, 279 pages)
Disciplina	940.5352
Soggetti	World War, 1939-1945 - Japan
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di contenuto	Intro -- Preface -- Acknowledgements -- 1. David Sissons and the history of Australia's war crimes trials: A spectral interaction in the archives -- 2. Japanese intentions toward Australia (1939-42) -- 3. The Cowra breakout -- 4. The Australian war crimes trials and investigations (1942-51) -- 5. Observation and correspondence -- Duntroon lecture, July 1978 -- 'The trials: Were they justice or vengeance?' -- Some observations on Australian war crimes trials involving cannibalism/mutilation of the dead -- The fate of the Japanese garrisons at Nauru and Ocean Island -- Sissons' correspondence Major Herbert Francis Dick -- 6. David Sissons, political scientist and writer on postwar Japanese politics: An introduction -- Human rights under the Japanese Constitution -- Dissolution of the Japanese Lower House -- 7. Legacy of David Sissons -- DCS Sissons select bibliography.
Sommario/riassunto	This book is volume two of the writings of David Sissons, who first established his academic career as a political scientist specialising in Japanese politics, and later shifted his focus to the history of Australia-Japan relations. In this volume, we reproduce his writings on Japanese politics, the Pacific War and Australian war crimes trials after the war. He was a pioneer in these fields, carrying out research across cultural and language borders, and influenced numerous researchers who followed in his footsteps. Much of what he wrote, however, remained unpublished at the time of his death in 2006, and so the editors have

included a selection of his hitherto unpublished work along with some of his published writings. *Breaking Japanese Diplomatic Codes*, edited by Desmond Ball and Keiko Tamura, was published in 2013, and the first volume of *Bridging Australia and Japan* was published in 2016. This book completes this series, which reproduces many of David Sissons' writings. The current volume covers a wide range of topics, from Japanese wartime intentions towards Australia, the Cowra Breakout, and Sissons' early writings on Japanese politics. Republished in this volume is his comprehensive essay on the Australian war crimes trials, which influenced the field of military justice research. Georgina Fitzpatrick and Keiko Tamura have also contributed essays reflecting on his research. Sissons was an extraordinarily meticulous researcher, leaving no stone unturned in his search for accuracy and completeness of understanding, and should be considered one of Australia's major historians. His writings deal not only with diplomatic negotiations and decision-making, but also the lives of ordinary and often nameless people and their engagements with their host society. His warm humanity in recording ordinary people's lives as well as his balanced examination of historical incidents and issues from both Australian and Japanese perspectives are hallmarks of his scholarship.

---