

**THE OTHER RADICALISM:  
AN INQUIRY INTO CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN  
EXTREME RIGHT IDEOLOGY,  
POLITICS AND ORGANIZATION 1975-1995**

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## ABSTRACT

This Thesis examines the ideology, politics and organization of the Australian Extreme Right 1975–1995. Its central interpretative theme is the response of the Extreme Right to the development of the Australian State from a conservative Imperial structure into an American ‘anti-communist’ client state, and ultimately into a liberal-internationalist machine which integrated Australia into a globalized capitalist order. The Extreme Right after 1975 differed from the various paramilitaries of the 1930’s and the conservative anti-communist auxiliary organizations of the 1945–75 period. Post 1975, it lost its preoccupation with fighting the Left, and progressively grew as a challenger to liberal-internationalism. The abandonment of ‘White Australia’ and consequent non-European immigration were the formative catalysts of a more diverse and complex Extreme Right.

The Thesis uses a working definition of generic fascism as ‘palingenetic populist ultra-nationalism’, to measure the degree of ideological and political radicalization achieved by the Extreme Right. This family of political ideas, independent of the State and mobilized beyond the limits of the former-period auxiliary conservatives, expressed itself in an array of organizational forms.

The complexity of the Extreme Right can be demonstrated by using four typologies: Radical Nationalism, Neo-Nazism, Populist-Monarchism and Radical-Populism, each with specific points to make about social clienteles, geographical distribution, particular ideological heritages, and varied strategies and tactics. The Extreme Right could mobilize from different points of opportunity if political space became available.

Inevitably a mutual delegitimization process between State and Extreme Right led to public inquiries and the emplacement of agencies and legislation to restrict the new radicalism. This was understandable since some Extreme Right groups employed violence or appeared to perform actions preparatory thereto. It also led to show-trials and para-State crime targeted against particular groups especially in the period 1988–91.

Thereafter, Extreme Right organizations pursued strategies which led to electoral breakthroughs, both rural and urban as a style of Right-wing populist politics unfolded in the 1990’s. It was in this period that the Extreme Right encouraged the co-optation by the State of the residual Left in the anti-racist fight. This seemed natural, as the Extreme Right’s vocal references to popular democracy, national independence and the nativist heritage, had permitted it to occupy the Old Left’s traditional ground. In that way too, it was ‘The Other Radicalism’.

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

AAFI	.....	Australians Against Further Immigration
AAI	.....	Australians Against Immigration
AAP	.....	Advance Australia Party
ABN	.....	Anti-Bolshevik Bloc Of Nations
ACP	.....	Australian Conservative Party
ACM	.....	Australian Community Movement
AESP	.....	Australians For An Ecologically Sustainable Population
AFA	.....	Anti-Fascist Action
AFAL	.....	All For Australia League
AFM	.....	Australia First Movement
AFP	.....	Australia First Party
AINR	.....	Australian International News Review
ALP	.....	Australian Labor Party
ANA	.....	Australian National Alliance
ANC	.....	African National Congress
ANFA	.....	Australian National Flag Association
ANM	.....	Australian Nationalists Movement
ANSM	.....	Australian National Socialist Movement
ANSP	.....	Australian National Socialist Party
ANV	.....	Australian National Vanguard
ANWP	.....	Australian Nationalist Workers' Party
ANWWP	.....	Australian Nationalist White Workers' Party
APACL	.....	Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist League
APC	.....	Australian People's Conference
APM	.....	Australian Populist Movement
ARC	.....	Australian Rightist Community
ARVL	.....	Anti-Racial Vilification Legislation
ASIO	.....	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
ASKS	.....	Anglo-Saxon Keltic Society
BLF	.....	Builders' Labourers' Federation
CAP	.....	Confederate Action Party
CEC	.....	Citizens' Electoral Councils
CEDA	.....	Committee For The Economic Development Of Australia
CFF	.....	Citizens For Freedom
CFFA	.....	Council For A Free Australia
CHPS	.....	Constitutional Heritage Protection Society
CIM	.....	Conservative Immigration Movement
CIR	.....	Citizens' Initiated Referenda
CP	.....	Country Party
CPA	.....	Communist Party Of Australia
CPA (M-L)	.....	Communist Party Of Australia (Marxist-Leninist)
CRA	.....	Citizens' Rights Association(s)
CUAR	.....	Combined Unions Against Racism
DAL	.....	Defend Australia League
DLP	.....	Democratic Labor Party

DSP	.....	Democratic Socialist Party
EFF	.....	Enterprise Freedom And Family
ESL	.....	Eureka Students' League
FANE	.....	Federation D'Action National Et Europeene
FSP	.....	Freedom Socialist Party
GRECE	.....	Groupement de Recherche et d'Etudes pour la Civilisation Europeene
ICA	.....	Immigration Control Association
ICA(Q)	.....	Immigration Control Association (Queensland)
ISO	.....	International Socialist Organisation
LOR	.....	League Of Rights
MAFAR	.....	Movement Against Fascism And Racism
NA	.....	Australian National Action
NAA	.....	National Australia Association
NAP	.....	National Australia Party
NCC	.....	National Civic Council
NCCC	.....	National Credit Coordinating Committee
NDI	.....	News Digest International
NF	.....	(British) National Front
NFA	.....	National Front Of Australia
NFF	.....	National Farmers' Federation
NIIRV	.....	National Inquiry Into Racist Violence
NP	.....	National Party
NRM	.....	National Republican Movement
NSDAP	.....	National Socialist German Workers' Party
'NSDAP'	.....	National Socialist Defence Of Australia Party
NSPA	.....	National Socialist Party Of Australia
NSWPP	.....	National Socialist White People's Party
NWO	.....	New World Order
ONP	.....	One Nation Party
PAC	.....	People Against Communism
PCP	.....	Progressive Conservative Party
PL	.....	Patriotic Lobby
PNP	.....	Progressive Nationalist Party
PU	.....	New South Wales People's Union
RAM	.....	Rural Action Movement
RARI	.....	Reclaim Australia Reduce Immigration
RCSLP	.....	Rex Connor Senior Labor Party
SB	.....	Special Branch
SCHS	.....	Southern Cross Hammer Skinheads
SOS	.....	Save Our State
SPA	.....	Socialist Party Of Australia
UAP	.....	United Australia Party
UAP	.....	Unite Australia Party
VSP	.....	Victorian Socialist Party
WACL	.....	World Anti-Communist League

WAM	.....	White Australia Movement
WAPP	.....	White Australia Progressive Party
WAR	.....	White Australian Resistance
WSA	.....	Worker-Student Alliance
WWWW	.....	Women Who Want To Be Women
WUNS	.....	World Union Of National Socialists

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