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Treaty of Waitangi Research Unit & History Programme Seminar

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Dogs, Muskets, Country: The Violence of the Colonial Frontier in 1830s Van Diemen's Land

Members of the Religious Society of Friends (also known as Quakers) had been among white settlers from the beginning of the colonial project in Australia. As such, voluntarily or involuntarily, their everyday actions contributed to the network of practices which slowly but continuously displaced and annihilated Indigenous communities. Simultaneously, early nineteenth-century Friends were members of a community characterized by pacifism and the activism of its members in transnational humanitarian efforts, namely the abolitionist and the prison reform movements. This presentation focusses on how Quaker settlers negotiated universal humanitarian ideals on the one hand and their local involvement in settlement politics on the other.

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