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AFTER THE SEMINAR
To allow for informal discussion, the seminar will be followed by a dinner with the guest speaker at 6.15 pm. All are welcome, though those who attend will need to pay for their own food and drinks. As a reservation must be made, please RSVP by noon of the day before the seminar to jasmine.lin@anu.edu.au.

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