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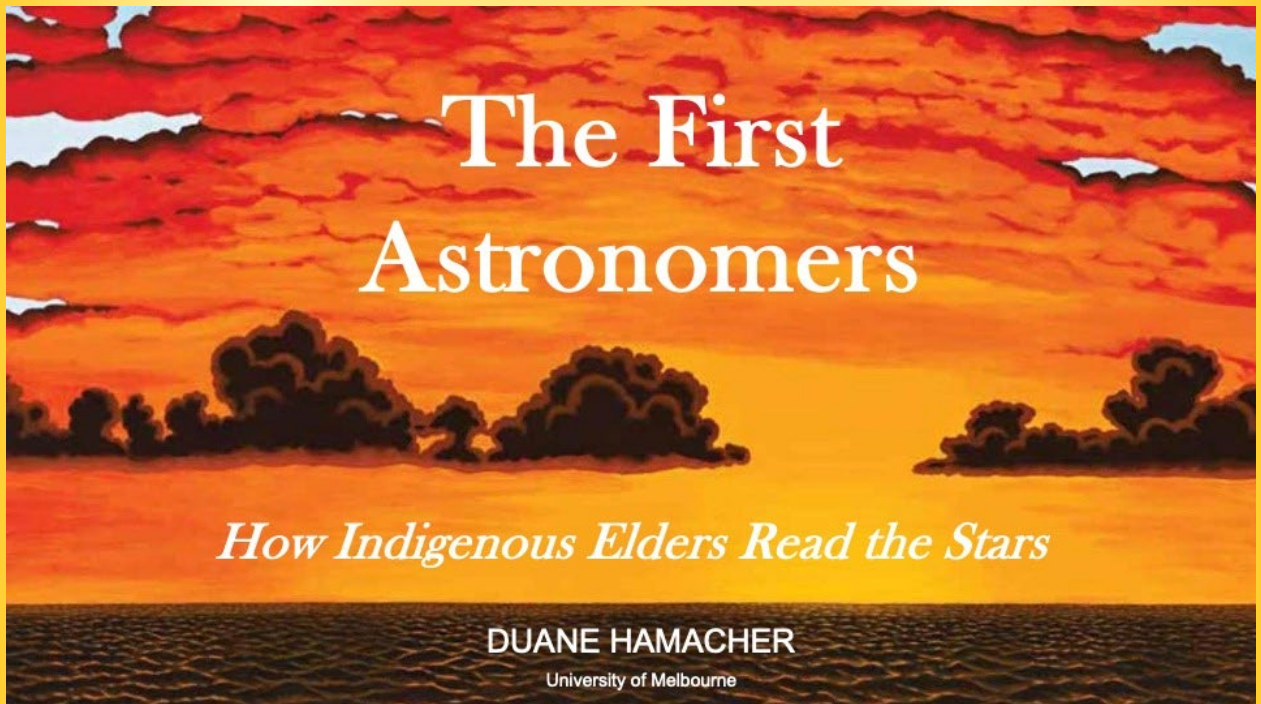
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The First Astronomers: How Indigenous Elders Read the Stars



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_PDqXDP9QE

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia have long been careful observers of the stars, noting changes in their movements and properties. This was developed into a complex system of knowledge that contains a rich scientific component, which has often been ignored or dismissed. In this seminar, we will examine how careful observations of the sky are embedded in oral narratives, songs, language, and ceremony of cultures that stretch back tens of thousands of years, prompting us to reconsider the history and philosophy of science and how we conduct research in astrophysics.