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## Looking for Paradise



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Cover

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Book 6 of 12 books

100 pages hand made raw cotton paper.

58 cm x 41 cm

Ink drawings, gouache, collages, digital prints.

Typewriter text and relief print with gilding tools.

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## About Looking for Paradise

Australia is a population of immigrants and refugees with its own history of displacement of its first inhabitants marginalised and relegated to missions.

The work creates a parallel between Australian government policies and their consequences on refugees' quest in looking for a better place to live, a search for paradise and their dreams to find a refuge.

Central to the theme of the work, I am bringing the stories of these immigrants who are relegated to the margin of society, to the centre page.

At the heart of the work is a series of 12 books that look into how past and present policies instigated to help or denied entry to people in need of a 'safe heaven'. The books are presented in a barb wire cage. Each gallery chooses a number of books to display, alluding to the restrictive movements imposed on refugees.

The texts are framed with drawings of the Australian bush and botanical specimens referencing the displacement of the indigenous population from their lands and placed in camps or mission.

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## About Nathalie Hartog-Gautier

As an Australian migrant, my life over the past 40 years has been a journey integrating my past, present and future through my art. My work focuses on the voyages of people and the interaction between their new environments and the ecology they bring with them.

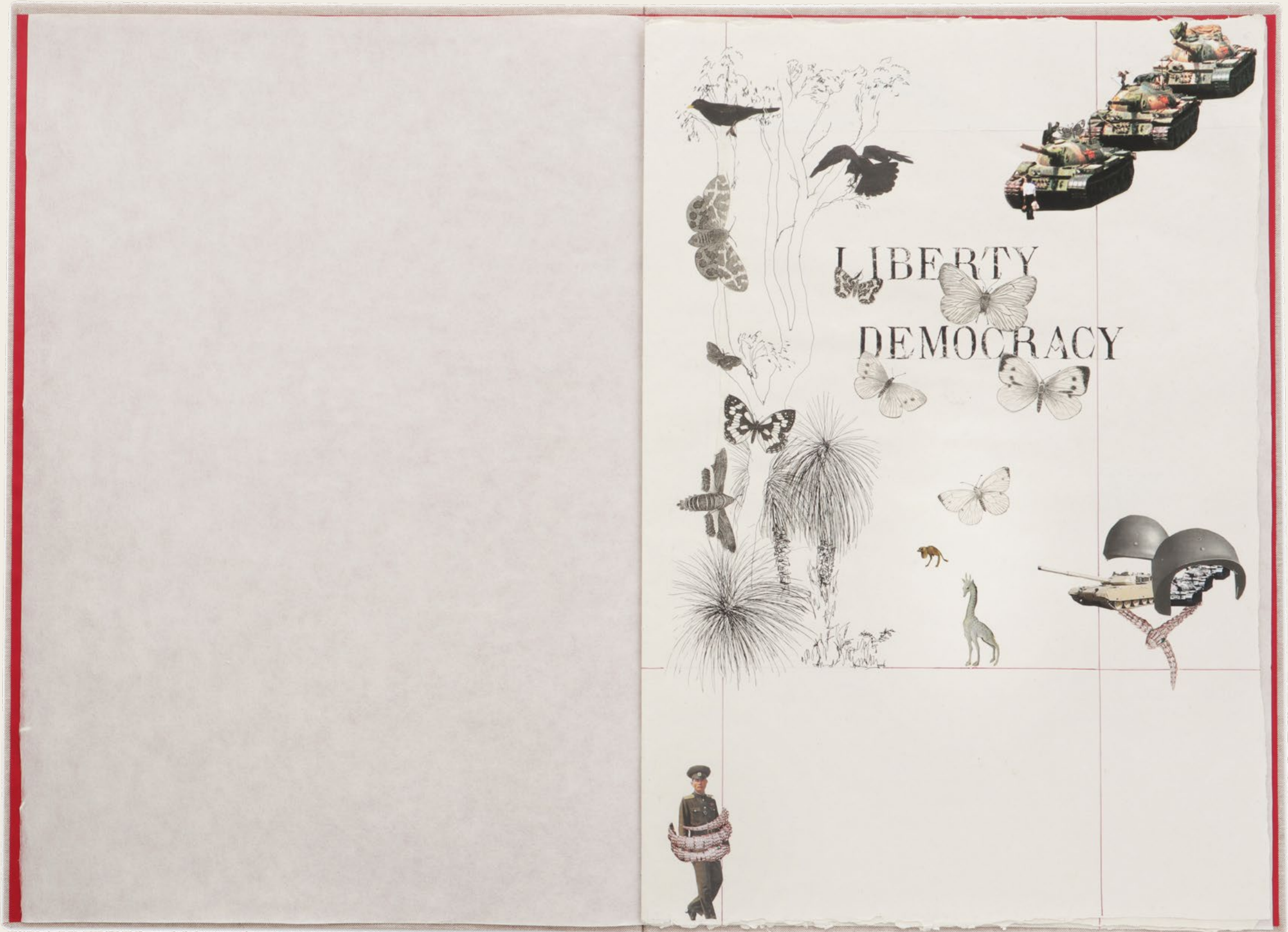
This allows me to explore the transformation, attachments, associations and in particular, the intersection between place, memory, and identity underpinned by my own association and relationship with the landscapes of France where I was born and Australia where I live.

Weaving past and present is like seeing your own reflection and reading through it the landscape I have experienced.

Australia is a rich multicultural society and my work responds to this condition. My experiences of journey, of resettlement and of viewing the land with fresh eyes, informs my response to the current political environment.

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## ARTICLE 6

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# Declaration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

## ARTICLE 6

Refugees are entitled to the security of an effective and durable solution in the form of voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement, within a reasonable time frame.

The existence of a cessation clause in the refugee convention (Article 1C) is an important reminder that it was never intended that a refugee be a refugee for the rest of his or her life. UNHCR have done much over the years to promote the importance of securing a durable solution for refugees. This has had recent expression in Goal 5 of UNHCR agenda for protection and the Convention Plus initiative.

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1986 THE UNHCR ESTIMATES THE GLOBAL REFUGEE

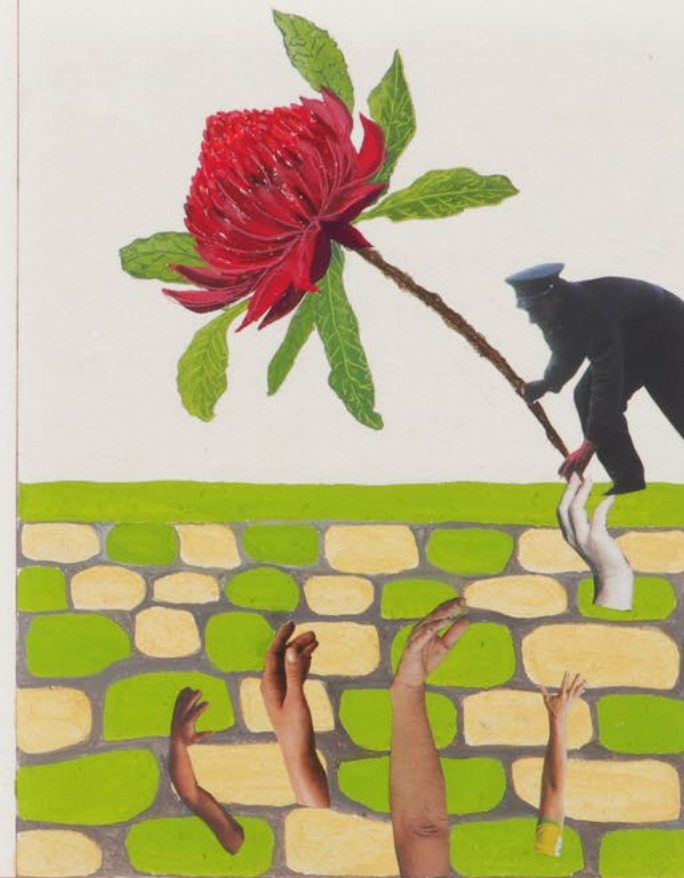


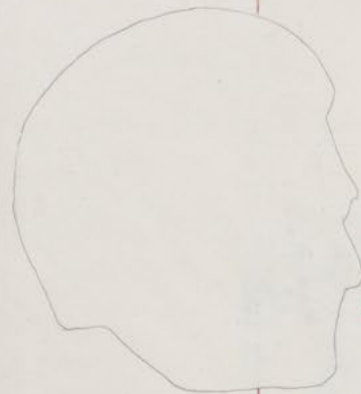
POPULATION AT 11.2 MILLION. THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE OTHER HUMANITARIAN CATEGORIES OF CONCERN TO THE UNHCR

OR PALESTINIANS ASSISTED BY UNHCR RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY.

NO RESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
IN AUSTRALIA  
WOULD BE FORCED TO  
RETURN TO CHINA AGAINST  
HIS OR HER WILL  
NO-ONE WOULD BE FORCED  
INTO MAKING A PREMATURE CHOICE  
BETWEEN CHINA AND AUSTRALIA. (THEY)  
WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA  
FOR 4 YEARS UNDER A... TEMPORARY  
RESIDENT PERMIT. (THEY) WILL BE ALLOW-  
ED TO WORK... TO APPLY FOR THEIR SPOUSES  
AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO JOIN THEM....

PRIME MINISTER BOB HAWKE      EXTRACT OF A SPEECH WITH  
MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY      CANBERRA 6 10 1990





DO NOT LET ANY PEOPLE....  
THINK THAT ALL THEY 'VE GOT TO  
DO IS BREAK THE RULES, JUMP THE  
QUEUE. LOB HERE,  
AND BOB'S YOUR UNCLE.

BOB IS NOT YOUR UNCLE ON THIS ISSUE.  
WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE JUST  
TO JUMP THE QUEUE

ON 950 CAMBODIANS ARRIVING BY BOAT IN JULY 1980



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BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN 1954





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