Fellowship project summary:
This project aims to generate new and powerful understandings of the impact and experiences of child refugees in Australia throughout the twentieth century and early twenty-first century; to explore how this history is tied to the history of Australia's international role on refugee and migration issues; and to examine how our past can inform us about current and future approaches to humanitarian immigration. In doing so it aims to enable an integrated approach to understanding the impact of child refugees in Australia in cultural, social and economic terms and provide a historical and contemporary framework for current discussions on child refugees.

About Professor Damousi
Professor Joy Damousi’s research interests lie in the area of history, including women’s history, war, memory and emotions, post-war immigration, and violence and history.

Professor Damousi was appointed at the University of Melbourne in 1992 after positions at Monash and LaTrobe Universities. She later assumed administrative roles within the Department of History, the Arts faculty and across the University. She has been Associate Dean Research, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research and Head of School. In these roles she has promoted and fostered the development of a research culture across the School, Faculty and University level.

Professor Damousi’s research interests have included: Australian cultural history; feminist and women's history; history of emotions; the self and psychoanalysis; football and popular culture; histories of democracy, speech, oratory; migration history and the history of war and sound. Other areas of expertise include the history of violence, and social and historical theory. She is a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

Find out more about Professor Damousi and her research by visiting The University of Melbourne website.

For more information on the Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme, visit the ARC website.