

# Seminar Schedule

Casual, interactive and discussion-based seminars are being held on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons by a range of passionate industry professionals, academics and craftsmen! Show your support by attending these sessions in Room 128— located in the Eastern Wing of Curtin Stadium.

## Saturday 18 September

12:00  
pm

### **GARIMPEIROS: The Prospector's Quest for a Better Life**

**Hugh Brown — Documentary Photographer and Best-Selling Author**

*What motivates 40 million of the world's poorest people to work in some of the most dangerous mining environments on our planet? Is shutting them down the right thing to do? Let Hugh Brown take you through his last 15 years of research into the lives of artisanal miners working in some of the most difficult places on the planet (60 minutes).*

1:10  
pm

### **Mineral Heritage at the Western Australian Museum**

**Dr. Peter Downes — Curator of Minerals at the Western Australian Museum**

*Discover the humble beginnings of the Western Australian Museums' extensive mineral collection, its growth to the 30'000 specimens we see today, and the ways in which the collection can help preserve WA's mineral heritage (20 minutes).*

1:40  
pm

### **Mineralogy of alpine clefts: from France to Pakistan**

**Nicolas Hébert — Geologist and Gem Dealer with MSc, MEd and MBA**

Explore the paragenesis of the aesthetic mineral assemblages from Mont Blanc. From early stage smoky quartz crystals to pink fluorite, and later carbonate stage yielding amethysts, discover the similar growth mechanisms from the Alps to Pakistan (30 minutes).

2:20  
pm

### **The Fashioning of Gems**

**Murray Thompson — Founder of Desert Fire Designs**

*Let the faceting and lapidary master Murray Thompson take you through Gem Cutting 101; learn how a cutter selects their rough, determines best orientation, and undergoes the complex process of gem faceting (50 minutes).*

3:20  
pm

### **The Art of Mineral Display**

**Peter Cook — Craftsman and Director of Scarab Studio Wood**

*Museum cabinets, gem cases, jewellery boxes; Peter Cook has over 30 years' experience in working wood for minerals and gemstones. Learn about Peter's craft and the ways in which wood and earth can intertwine (30 minutes).*