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TITLE: Why Keating matters: Australian neoliberalism in Southern (not Northern) perspective

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Discussions of neoliberalism in academic forums are typically framed within histories and conceptualizations originating in the global North, from Foucault, Harvey, etc. Those analyses naturally grow from the social experience of the global metropole. Australia is not part of the metropole. It is a remote settler colony, a continent with two civilizations, a small dependent economy crucially dependent on primary exports such as coal. Its historical experience has a lot in common with Argentina, Chile, South Africa, New Zealand, and Brasil. We have much to learn from the sequence of colonialism, import replacement industrialization, and neoliberalism in India and the Arab states. This paper will draw on those historical experiences, and on intellectuals from the global South who have tried to understand them, to make an analysis of Australian neoliberalism from Keating to Abbott. It will use a concept of development strategies influenced by Samir Amin; a concept of articulated class dynamics influenced by F. H. Cardoso & Enzo Faletto, and Partha Chatterjee; and a concept of economic reality influenced by Bina Agarwal's work on gender and land rights. From this it will be possible to show some elements of an Australian path beyond neoliberalism.