



PROFESSOR EUGENE KAMENKA

Class of 1944

Professor Eugene Kamenka, BA., PhD., FASSA., FAHA., was Professor and Head of the Research School of Social Sciences at the ANU, Canberra.

He attended Sydney Technical High School from 1940 to 1944, starting just 3 years after he arrived in Australia (with no English) as a Jewish refugee from Germany. During his time at the school, Eugene was a member of the Hume Barbour Debating team, editor of the school magazine and Dux of the school in the 1944 Leaving Certificate, in which exam he was placed 1st in the state in English.

After leaving school, Eugene studied Arts at the University of Sydney. He then worked as a journalist in Israel and Australia, as foreign editor of the Jerusalem Post and a sub-editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, until he took an opportunity to complete a Ph.D. at the National University.

Professor Kamanka wrote many books, including studies of Karl Marx and Ludwig Feuerbach, on topics as diverse as law and legal theory and Soviet and Chinese Philosophy.

He taught at many Universities around the world, including Singapore, the United Kingdom, Canada, USA, Israel, Germany, Poland and the USSR.

Professor Kamanka passed away in Canberra in 1994.