



**THE INDO-PACIFIC RESEARCH CENTRE AND THE SCHOOL
OF HUMANITIES, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PEN PERTH
PROUDLY PRESENT
MA THIDA IN CONVERSATION WITH VICTORIA LAURIE
ON WAR & MEDIA FREEDOM: BURMA & BEYOND**

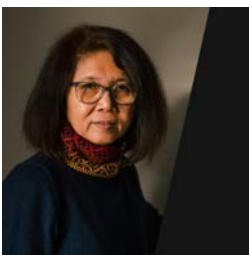
Date: 13 June 2024

Venue: Murdoch University Art Gallery

Time: 5.30 – 6.15 pm Exhibition & Light Refreshment

6.15 – 7.15 pm Conversation & Discussion

Entry is free but registration is required. Please use this [Eventbrite link](#) to register.



Ma Thida is a medical doctor, writer and human rights activist. In 1993, she was sentenced to 20 years in prison for “endangering public peace, having contact with illegal organizations, and distributing unlawful literature.” She was released in 1999. She has received many awards including the Reebok Human Rights Award, the PEN/Barbara Goldsmith Freedom to Write Award, Freedom of Speech Award and Disturbing the Peace; Courageous Writer at Risk Award. She was the inaugural elected president of PEN Myanmar 2013-2016. She served as a board member of PEN International 2016-2021 and has been the chair of the Writers in Prison Committee since 2021. She moved to Germany as a Fellow of the Martin Roth Initiative for 2022-2023 and is currently a Fellow at the Writers-in-Exile program of PEN Germany.



Victoria Laurie is an award-winning journalist and author based in Perth. Her career began in ABC radio and TV current affairs, followed by print journalism for *The Australian* newspaper and other publications. She is a board member of the Walkley Foundation, and founder and co-chair of Women in Media, a national not-for-profit organisation.

This event is held in conjunction with the *People, Place and Politics* exhibition of contemporary paintings from Myanmar from the Ian Holliday collection. The exhibition is open for viewing on weekdays between 10am-4pm at the Murdoch University Art Gallery from 13 June – 12 July 2024. Building 121, 90 South Street, Murdoch 6150.

