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## ALEXANDER MIKHAILOVICH ZUZENKO (1884-1938)

### Ms Ksenia Aleksandrovna Zuzenko

Daughter of Alexander Mikhailovich Zuzenko

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Ms Ksenia Aleksandrovna Zuzenko, who is visiting Australia from St Petersburg, will speak about the career of her father, Alexander Mikhailovich Zuzenko (1884-1938). Alexander Zuzenko, a sailor, journalist, anarchist, self-confessed terrorist, boxer, and sea-captain, was once described in an Australian secret intelligence report as 'a dangerous propagandist preaching sedition', and the military censor identified him as the ring-leader of an 'inner circle of murderous ruffians'. In 1919 he was arrested for leading the 'Red Flag' demonstration in Brisbane, which led to serious rioting, and shipped to Odessa. For two years he travelled the world as an agent of the Communist International, with responsibility for uniting the warring factions of the infant Communist Party of Australia, and was deported from Melbourne to Soviet Russia again in late 1922. He later served for many years as captain of various merchant vessels sailing between Leningrad and London. In 1938 he was arrested by the NKVD, charged with being a 'British spy', and executed. Since 1925 Zuzenko has appeared, often under other names, as the hero of numerous works of Russian literature, and in the memoirs and stories of such writers as Konstantin Paustovsky and Aleksei Tolstoi.

Ms Zuzenko will speak in Russian. Interpreting will be provided.

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