



ACTIVIST ENERGIES

**The Australian Women's and
Gender Studies Association
Biennial Conference 2022**

28 November - 30 November Melbourne



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DAY 1 28 NOVEMBER 2022					
8.30 – 11.30am	Postgraduate/ ECR breakfast and workshop <i>Details to be advised</i>				
11am-12pm	Registration				
12.00 -1.30pm	AWGSA Welcome - <i>Kathomi Gatwiri, AWGSA President</i>				
	Welcome to Country				
	Conference opening keynote session Dr Faye Rosas Blanch, Flinders University <i>Chair: Monique Mulholland</i>				
1.30-2.15pm	Lunch AWGSA AGM				
2.15- 3.45pm	Panel INCANTATION Maxime Banks, Denise Chapman, Nilmini Fernando, Browsuga, Veisini Tonga	Feminist literature/storytelling <i>Chair: Meredith Nash</i> Meredith Nash Breaking the silence around blood: managing menstruation during remote Antarctic fieldwork	Masculinities <i>Chair: Finola Laughren</i> Leah McGarrity Existentialism as crisis of masculinity Jessica Kean and Denise Buiten	Me too, speaking out <i>Chair: Tanya Serisier</i> Janine Little #metoo, Amber Heard and navigating anger/vitriol in digital spaces.	Online <i>Chair: Ali Hickling</i> Cecilia Cienfuegos Overloaded testimonies. Silence, anonymity and the energy politics of speaking out

		<p>Maedeh Tajalli A Persian Requiem, Unveiling Subaltern's Voice through words</p> <p>Emma Dalton A feminist reading of "The Female of the Species"</p> <p>Brydie Kosmina "Once upon a time there was a wicked witch and her name was...": The witch as rhetorical symbol in feminist polemic</p>	<p>Young men as subjects of feminism: Notes on gender, feminism and masculinity</p> <p>Finola Laughren Towards a feminist approach to men of the manosphere</p>	<p>Sue Jackson and Katie Graham "We can call this out": #MeToo and the politicization of young women in high schools</p> <p>Tanya Serisier Surviving rape in public: The affects and effects of speaking as a survivor</p>	<p>Shannon Horsfall Storytelling makes people thrive – men, women, sultans, peasants</p> <p>Amritha Mohan Are domestic spaces feminist? Documenting everyday woman work in India (video presentation)</p> <p>Farida Razaqi Title TBC</p>
4.00-5.30pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Conference Keynote Co-hosted with Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy: Giulia Sissa, University of California, Los Angeles</p>				

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DAY 2 29 NOVEMBER 2022					
9.30 – 11.00am	<p>Feminist cultures 1 Chair: <i>Amanda Fielder</i></p> <p>Amanda Fiedler Creative activism as feminist praxis: (re)signifying TV fiction as socio-political commentary in The Handmaid's Tale fan groups</p> <p>Lily Atkinson The agential cut and paste: Collaging alternative (hi)stories with/in the feminist archive</p> <p>Ashlee Barton Making visible the invisibility of the feminine</p> <p>Francesca Ferrer-Best Identities in movement: A dance of (dis)comfort</p>	<p>COVID-19 Chair: <i>J. R. Latham</i></p> <p>Petra Brown, Tamara Kayali Brown Re-energising political activism in a post-pandemic world? The liberating lens of relational autonomy.</p> <p>J. R. Latham "YAY Covid's over!" The necropolitics of pretending</p> <p>Zoe Keys and Erica Millar My Body, My Choice': The appropriation and re-deployment of a feminist slogan</p> <p>Cassandra Byrnes Histories of reproductive coercion and consent in ,id-to-</p>	<p>Care and control Chair: <i>Balawyn Jones</i></p> <p>Balawyn Jones and Akuch Kuol Anyieth Criminalisation of coercive control – A critical CALD perspective</p> <p>Sarah McCook and Lena Molnar Caring in prevention: An offering of collective care through research on primary prevention of gender-based violence with practitioners and young people in Australia</p> <p>Leticia Anderson Parenting Black Children in White Spaces</p>	<p>Feminist spaces: At home in Australia Chair: <i>Juliet Watson</i></p> <p>Juliet Watson, Jacqui Theobald, Freda Haylett Homelessness and pregnancy: Affective injustice</p> <p>Sarah Casey "I am not a weird hippy activist!": Advocacy and 'accidental' activism in the Australian countryside.</p> <p>Anyier Yuol The African cultural practice of bride price: A case of South Sudanese in Australia</p> <p>Eliza Venville Exploring energy-related economic abuse in Australia: Victim-Survivor perspectives</p>	<p>Doing feminist work in sport spaces Chair: <i>Kim Toffoletti</i></p> <p>Nida Ahmad (online); Adele Pavlidis (in person); Aish Ravi (in person); Holly Thorpe (online); Kim Toffoletti (in person); Danielle Warby (online)</p>

		late twentieth century Australia	Melissa Laing Care for all beings: Intersectional practice with interspecies families		
11-11.30am	Morning tea - sponsored by University of Melbourne Gender Studies Program				
11.30am-1pm	Plenary Reproductive Justice – critique, activism and ethics Barbara Baird, Summer May Finlay, Keaney, Erica Millar, Aisha J. M. Sultan <i>Chair: Barbara Baird</i>				
1-2pm	Lunch - Kathomi Gatwiri book launch				
2 -3.30pm	Histories 1 <i>Chair: Maura Edmond</i> Maura Edmond 50 years of gender equality talk in the media and cultural industries Junyi Cai A contingent process of hegemonic articulation: Rethinking state feminism	Feminist cultures 2 <i>Chair: Jessamy Gleeson</i> Yijia Du Doing feminism through Chinese online fiction fandom Jessamy Gleeson Getting the knickers in a twist: Tracing the activism of Collective Shout and the advertising of Honey Birdette	Feminist practices <i>Chair: Samantha Owen</i> Kathomi Gatwiri Title TBC Erfan Daliri Title TBC Belinda Eslick A new politics of energy: Cultivating “energy” and breath in Luce Irigaray’s politics	Feminism at work, in public, in school 1 <i>Chair: Kathy Newton</i> Kath Kenny The performance is political: 1970s actors and activism Saraswati Suna Examining Dalit women's activism and ethics of resistance: An ethnographical study of humanising Dalit women's	Roundtable Feminist activism in unexpected places <i>Chair: Renee Mickelburgh</i> Elizabeth Mackinlay Marg Henderson Renée Mickelburgh Rev Anita Munro Bonnie Evans

	<p>Lindy Cameron The appropriation of girls' socio-political energy throughout the twentieth century.</p> <p>Carole Ferrier We still need our rage, Outrage and anger</p>	<p>Pia Rowe We need to calm down: The myth of the perfect activist</p> <p>Louise Richardson-Self Hysteria: A self-diagnosis</p>	<p>Samantha Owen Establishing the Gender Research Network as a community of practice</p>	<p>experiences in universities in Odisha, India</p> <p>James Gardiner and Madeline Gray "We are all in this for everybody else": Transforming Australia's literary ecosystem through affects of solidarity</p> <p>Kathy Newton Cartoons of policewomen: Resistance to stereotypical portrayals of policewomen</p>	
3.30-4pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>				
4-6pm	<p>Conference Keynote Panel <i>Feminist Activism in 21st Century</i></p> <p>Jacinta Walsh, Jacinthe Flore, Aish Ravi, Parisa Sekandari <i>Chair: Kathomi Gatwiri</i></p>				
6.30 onwards	<p>Conference dinner Prizes - awarded by Kathomi Gatwiri, AWGSA President</p>				

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DAY 3 30 NOVEMBER 2022					
9.30-11am	<p>Intersectionality: LGBTQIA+ 1 <i>Chair: Zoe Keys</i></p> <p>Alessandra Chinsen ‘There’s hope and there’s a future for all of us’: Preliminary findings from the co-design of a group therapy program for young trans people</p> <p>Rosie Clarke Strategies for acespeculative literary criticism: An asexual reading of Ottesa Moshfegh’s ‘My Year of Rest and Relaxation’</p> <p>James Gardiner Queer youth re-writing ‘wellbeing’ and identity success</p> <p>Joanna McIntyre We don’t deserve to be disrespected like that through tweets from our Prime Minister”:</p>	<p>Feminism at work, in public, in school 2 <i>Chair: Sally Baker</i></p> <p>Sally Baker Tender truths: How to be a collaborative educational activist in times of precarity</p> <p>Angela Bennette STEMinist sensibilities in the promotion of STEM and tech participation to young women and girls</p> <p>Monique Mulholland Too many assumptions: Young people, sex education and cultural diversity</p> <p>Virginia Mapedzahama Who’s being overlooked?: Race(ing) workplace gender inequality and feminist</p>	<p>Gender, religion, reform and resistance: Current feminist activism in faith traditions. <i>Chair: Rosie Clare Shorter</i></p> <p>Naomi Wolfe Creating space for Indigenous feminist and womanist voices within and through religious and spiritual worlds</p> <p>Farjana Mahbuba Reformation within: Rereading Muslim history in addressing financial abuse of migrant Muslim women in Australia</p> <p>Tracy McEwan Standing in doorways: Holding a liminal feminist space in Christian traditions</p>	<p>Intersectionality: Race and gender <i>Chair: Kalissa Alexeyeff</i></p> <p>Frances Egan The work of doing Intersectional Feminism in France</p> <p>Anyier Yuol Advocacy and self-representation</p> <p>Maree Pardy and Kalissa Alexeyeff Race, gender and sex work in the development sector – appeasing and failing</p> <p>Arpita Das Cultural production of uterine transplants in India</p>	<p>Online <i>Chair: Erica Millar</i></p> <p>Lubna Jebin Researching gender-based violence and the practice of self-care: A reflection from the Ph.D. fieldwork</p> <p>Rosita Sekandari Feminism approach in Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover: A huge downturn in women’s political participation</p> <p>Angela Wilton (Un)settling foreign policy, feminism, aid and trade in Aotearoa New Zealand</p> <p>Anuradha Chatterjee A brief history of feminist collectives in architecture in India</p>

	Australian trans celebrities and advocacy for trans children	organisational discourse in Australia			
11-11.30am	Morning tea				
11.30am-1pm	<p>Feminist spaces: constructing the digital self <i>Chair: Kai-Ti Kao</i></p> <p>Kai-Ti Kao Visions of desirable futures: AI imaginaries and news media</p> <p>Kiah Hawker AR filters and gender representation</p> <p>Bonnie Evans The “female gaze” on TikTok: Contemporary online feminisms and the visual construction of the “feminist” self</p>	<p>Social media as a feminist space <i>Chair: Finola Laughren</i></p> <p>Saadia Ahmed Exploring gendered harassment of Pakistani women public figures on social media</p> <p>Tarmia Klass “I’M TIRED OF PEOPLE SAYING ‘SEND ME THE LINK’ OVER THINGS YOU CAN GOOGLE.”* OBLIGATION, VULNERABILITY AND FAT ACTIVISM ON INSTAGRAM</p> <p>Jia Guo Making feminism for Chinese grassroots women on social media</p>	<p>Feminist spaces: sport <i>Chair: JaneMaree Maher</i></p> <p>Bess Schnioffsky Australian style: White femininity in netball</p> <p>Angela Christian-Wilkes Love and labour in women’s football media-making</p>	<p>Histories 2 <i>Chair: Zora Simic</i></p> <p>Connie Musolino A historical analysis of the changing role of advocacy in women’s health centres and services in Australia from the 1970s-2010s</p> <p>Zora Simic Bonny Women’s Refuge, 1974-present: Towards an intersectional history of feminist activism around domestic and family violence in Australia</p> <p>Kalissa Alexeyeff and Maree Parady The enduring coloniality of Development</p>	<p>Online <i>Chair: Frances Egan</i></p> <p>Shannon Horsfall How can reimagining fairy tales challenge traditional depictions of silenced entities and destabilise understandings of patriarchal sovereignty over women and nature?</p> <p>Emma Turner The rapist as monster</p> <p>Sandra Amankaviciute The objectification of women</p> <p>Francisca Diaz De Valdes Feminist digital media politics in Latin America: A</p>

				<p>Feminism – gender and violence interventions</p> <p>Michaels Aibangbee Migrant & refugee youth sexual reproductive health & rights</p>	counterhegemonic gender activism space.
1-2pm	Lunch				
2-3.30pm	<p>Mothering/parenting <i>Chair: Kerry Drysdale</i></p> <p>Susan Flynn Applying critical feminist theory to intersections of womanhood and disability: Stories of exhaustion and emotion from mother's subject to Child Protection investigation</p> <p>Kerry Drysdale Exploring the role and impact of inclusive language in the Australian National Cervical Screening Program</p> <p>Ali Hickling</p>	<p>Religion <i>Chair: Jonnell Uptin</i></p> <p>Jonnell Uptin 'I have two hearts, one Christian and one Thai'; Reflecting upon the identity narratives of Thai young- adults negotiating independence after living childhoods in a Christian orphanage.</p> <p>Rosie Clare Shorter Developing feminist ears and finding feminist time: Reflecting on method</p>	<p>Intersectionality: LGBTQIA+ 2 <i>Chair: Bess Schnioffsky</i></p> <p>Jo Church Finding shelter from social and political dissatisfaction: Exploring the 'affective attachments' of anti-gender images on social media.</p> <p>Elizabeth Schmidt Making space: Policy and practice connections impacting queer refugees in Australia</p> <p>Odette Mazel LGBTQIA+ legal activism as queer jurisprudence</p> <p>Anika Shah</p>	<p>Workshop Pooja Sawrikar</p> <p>Flipping things back right in academic publishing</p>	<p>Online <i>Chair: Virginia Mapedzahama</i></p> <p>Swati Arora Epistemic oppression: Theorizing Dalit feminism</p> <p>Cambrey Payne 'we are recreating our own communities': Autistic community-making as a form of activism</p> <p>Shona Edwards (Reading Feminism)</p>

	The energy to lactate: The displacement of values associated with human milk production		Of mothers and daughters : Mobility, kinship, and class in queer Bangladesh		Reading feminism/feminist reading
Drinks	<i>Venues to be recommended</i>				