

An invitation to HDR students and early career academics  
Researching in the interdisciplinary fields of  
**Religion, Gender and Sexuality**  
to attend a **one day symposium**

**Saturday 29 June 2019**

**At The University Of Newcastle Sydney Cbd Campus**  
55 Elizabeth St Sydney

This one-day symposium brings together postgraduate students and early career researchers working in the interdisciplinary area of religion, gender and sexuality to explore specific issues pertaining to study in this area.

**Masterclass 1 (9.30-1pm) Methodological and Ethical Issues in the Study of Religion, Gender and Sexuality**

Leaders: Professor Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds; Dr Luke Gahan, La Trobe University

This masterclass will explore interdisciplinary approaches to and methodologies in the study of religion, gender and sexuality. The first session will look at the theory of intersectionality when applied to the research and analysis of religion, gender and sexuality in non-western societies. The second session will look at methods and ethics in researching LGBTQI cohorts and issues. Participants will be encouraged to draw on insights from their own research in order to contribute to the discussion, and there will be a pre-symposium reading requirement.

**Masterclass 2 (2.00-3.30) Safety in the Research Process**

Leader: Dr Kathleen McPhillips, University of Newcastle

Researching across gender issues in the study of religion can expose us to challenging and difficult literature and field sites for which understanding and preparation is essential. This Masterclass will explore some of the pitfalls in the research process, the importance of setting up a safe research environment for participants and researchers and the importance of self-care. The class will introduce a trauma informed model of research practice and will draw upon the expertise of a number of experienced researchers, early career researchers and current HDR students who have worked in challenging research areas. Participants will be invited to share their experiences and there will be a pre-symposium reading requirement.

**Discussion (4-5pm)**

A final session will address the importance of mentoring for HDR and early career researchers as well as helpful tips about the move from post graduate student to researcher and academic.

This event is fully catered for and morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is provided.

Registration Costs:

HDR Students \$40

Early Career Researchers and part-time academics \$50

Full time Academics \$100 To Register and pay, go to <https://www.aasr.org.au/2019-gender-religion-sexuality-symposium>

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