

Feminisms & Feminists in the Public Sphere

Session 3

Friday, October 10

9:45-11:45

Quadrangle Room (Level 3)

There has never been a greater need for informed feminist commentary than in the current cultural climate. While feminism is glancingly and regularly invoked as a straw (wo)man in popular culture, this is most often simply to rebut a feminist view before moving on to something else. When popular culture does engage with feminism directly, it frequently does so by sidelining it into “women’s issues” that are seen as peripheral to general questions of politics, economy and culture. This roundtable seeks to expand the range and depth of ways in which feminism and feminists are represented in our public discourse. How can feminist scholars, activists, and intellectuals exploit both old and new media to enter public debates? What can feminists in different national and cultural contexts learn from one another about their public work? How might we better connect questions of representation to gender politics more broadly?