

## CALL FOR PAPERS: SYMPOSIUM + POST GRAD WORKSHOP

*“Social Suffering in the Neoliberal Age: Classificatory Logic and Systems of Governance”*

Western Sydney University, Parramatta City Campus, Sydney, Australia, July 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Post Grad Workshop: Wednesday, 17 July 2019.

### KEYNOTES

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This symposium examines neoliberal systems of governance and its daily practices of managing, regulating and subordinating individuals, peoples and communities. While it is well established within the international and national research that neoliberal systems of population management target the poor, the marginalised and the stigmatised, there has been a comparatively smaller body of research examining its interlocking practices for those who occupy the fringes or margins of multiple disadvantage. In Australia and other Anglophone countries, research is beginning to attend to people defined as homeless, disabled, and unemployed – and as often occupying more than one of these categories. Yet, to date, there has been little critical examination of the ways in which these ‘identity categories’ intersect, interplay, overlap; governed at distinct policy crossroads in the social security system (for example, some Indigenous Australians are simultaneously governed by disability, income management and the Community Development Programme). Increasingly, and precisely through such classificatory procedures themselves, such persons emerge as a sub-class within the general logic of neoliberal classification regimes. This two-day symposium aims to bring together, for the first time in Australia, divergent research, scholarship and narratives that have been critically engaging in this area. The national symposium provides a unique opportunity to work across disciplinary and categorical boundaries, and examine research narratives in collaboration with community members. Papers exploring, as way of example, socio-legal categorisations, automation of welfare governance, technologies of policy design and delivery, conditionality and systems of penalisation, practices of resistance and subversion, are welcome.

**Post Grad Workshop:** Chris Grover will work with post grads to develop their papers in preparation for the symposium alongside exploring core issues in relation to their HDR project. Post grads are to prepare a short 15 min presentation surrounding core issues which will then be discussed in a supportive collegial environment.

*\*TASA PostGrads: Up to 3 travel reimbursements are available valued to a total of \$400.00 per applicant. Please submit your request at time of submitting your HDR / symposium abstract.*

### Submission of abstracts

Please prepare your abstracts following these guidelines:

- 250-500 words maximum
- Please include four to six keywords
- Times New Roman 12 point, single space
- Submit abstracts by the deadline via email to

### Key dates

Abstract submission deadline: **Friday, 24 May 2019**

Notifications: **Monday, 10 June 2019**

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