Feminist scholarship and the public realm
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We are familiar with the story of feminist gains and losses in Australia over the last 40 years – the equal opportunity and reproductive health struggles, the triumphs and tribulations of the femocrats, the advance and retreat of gender equity in school systems, and more. In most of these struggles feminist research has played an active role; in some cases critically important, in others less effective. Rather than drawing up a score-card, Professor Raewyn Connell invites people to re-think this story in terms of the making and re-making of a public realm in Australia, considered as a settler-colonial society with a trajectory through industrialisation to neo-liberal dependence.

Raewyn Connell is University Professor at the University of Sydney, a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, and one of Australia’s leading social scientists. Her most recent books are Confronting Equality (2011), Gender: In World Perspective (2009) and Southern Theory (2007). Her other books include Masculinities, Schools & Social Justice, Ruling Class Ruling Culture, Gender & Power and Making the Difference. Her work has been translated into 15 languages. She has taught at universities in Australia, Canada and the USA, in departments of sociology, political science and education. A long-term participant in the labour movement and peace movement, Professor Connell has tried to make social science relevant to social justice. More details are available at her website: www.raewynconnell.net.