CALL FOR PAPERS

8th International Biennial Conference
NEGOTIATING COMPETING DEMANDS:
21ST CENTURY MOTHERHOOD

July 13th – 16th, 2016, Melbourne, Australia
RMIT University, City Campus

This conference will explore, examine, critique, theorise and respond to key issues related to how mothers negotiate competing demands in the twenty first century. The conference is grounded in feminist theory – particularly Adrienne Rich’s account of Motherhood as Patriarchal Institution and Mothering as Practice – and will explore the ways through which cultural understandings and social practices continue to impact mothers’ lives. The competing demands that mothers negotiate include but are not limited to paid work and professional pursuits, unpaid work (including care-work), creative activities, sporting commitments, online endeavours, volunteerism, religious involvement, and personal relationships. Specific attention will be paid to the current trend of outsourcing mothering to paid-carers and/ or grandparents. How women negotiate such competing demands alongside their mothering roles, and the impacts of such negotiations on a mother’s sense of self will also be explored. Submissions are welcome from, but not limited to, scholars, students, activists, community workers, bloggers, mothers, and others who research, work or are interested in this area of scholarly and social activism.

If you are interested in being considered as a presenter,
Please send a 200-word abstract and a 50-word bio by the 5th of February 2016
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