

## Report to Gender Institute - Visiting Professor Alex Sharpe, Keele University

With the support of the Gender Institute and the Centre for Law, Arts and the Humanities, Professor Sharpe, a leading figure in transgender legal scholarship and an important figure in UK transgender activism, visited the ANU in August 2016. Although she was only here for one day, she offered two important events.

The first was a conversation on [sexual intimacy, gender, and fraud](#) which was an opportunity for a broad and informal conversation with scholars and students interested in LGBT issues, and an occasion to meet members of the transgender community across campus. The event attracted over thirty people and generated a highly informative and engaged discussion.

On Friday afternoon, Professor Sharpe presented a public lecture on some of the broader and more theoretical features of her work, [Scary Monsters: the Hopeful Undecidability of David Bowie](#). The lecture was colourful, absorbing, and adventurous. It also attracted about thirty people. In a way this was a slightly disappointing number and we will not schedule afternoon events in the future, especially not on a Friday, where attendance is likely to be a challenge. The timing of the event was influenced by Professor Sharpe's very limited time at the ANU, but we will learn from these issues for next time.