

“THE MASTER’S TOOLS WILL NEVER DISMANTLE THE MASTER’S HOUSE”



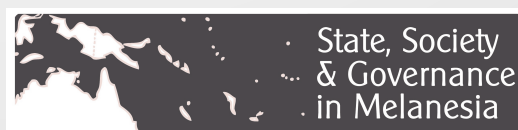
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10.45	Registration and coffee
11.00	Opening remarks
11.20	Fadzai Muparutsa Coalition of African Lesbians
11.40	Jules Kim Scarlet Alliance
12.00	Discussion
12.45	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30	Stephen Lindsay Ross Indigenous policy specialist
1.50	Works in progress
2.00	Discussion
3.00	Close

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Radically engaging with International human rights, intersectional advocacy and embodied sexuality and sexual practice

This workshop is supported by the ANU Gender Institute, and the School of
State Society and Governance in Melanesia.



Thematic areas

The workshop offers participants from disciplines and area studies across the social sciences the opportunity to workshop ideas which deal with a variety of thematic categories, including but not limited to:

- Rights, gender, sexuality and law (including cultural regulatory structures; national and international legal frameworks);
- Theories of embodiment (how do our physical bodies and the ways we inhabit them impact on our experience of the world, and how our communities respond to our bodies?);
- Interrogating and complicating current understandings of sex work (including the reception, treatment and perceptions of people of colour choosing to engage in sex work including agency, capacity to consent and vulnerability to victimization);
- The necessities and limitations of identity politics - who speaks and under what circumstances? (exploring the interrelations of class, gender, colour and sexuality in local, national and international advocacy spaces);
- Intersectional rights (the need to develop more sophisticated advocacy platforms which are more inclusive of ethnic diversity, gender presentation and expression, and sexuality);
- Exploring and challenging the theoretical underpinnings of this intersectional advocacy and policy work;
- Exploring the usefulness and limitations of feminisms (feminisms can be explored both as vehicles for women's rights, but also as a limiting set of discourses which exclude 'bad' feminists, and often alienates men, as well as trans people and people of diverse gender presentation);
- The regulation of acts, bodies and sexualities through informal and formal social controls; criminal 'justice' and moral policing.

Panelists

Fadzai Muparutsa is a Zimbabwean queer activist with over 10 years experience working in national Zimbabwean, African regional and international advocacy. She began her career as the gender programme manager for GALZ (Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe) the only national LGBT rights organization in Zimbabwe, and since 2010 is the International and Regional Advocacy Officer for the **Coalition of African Lesbians** (CAL) based in Johannesburg. Most recently, Fadzai has led the work of CAL at the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, including the recent adoption of the first ever resolution on sexual orientation and gender identity, and the application that led to the granting of observer status for CAL after a seven year campaign.

Jules Kim is the **Migration Program Manager at the Scarlet Alliance**, the Australian Sex Workers Association based in Redfern, Sydney. The Scarlet Alliance advocates for the legal, health, industrial and civil rights of sex workers through health promotion strategies, lobbying for legislative reform, engaging government and service providers to be better informed about the needs of sex workers as well as promoting the professional development of peer educators employed within their member organisations. The Scarlet Alliance also represents their members at national and international fora dealing with health, research human rights feminisms, community education and immigration.

Steven Lindsay Ross is a Wamba Wamba man with cultural and familial connections to the Gunditjmarra, Mutthi Mutthi and Wirajduri peoples. He has worked in many positions in government including Indigenous water rights, arts coordination, local government, and policy and project management. He is also a published writer of policy articles, opinion pieces, essays and poetry including on growing up as a gay Aboriginal man in a regional community.

Facilitator

Christina Kenny is working on her doctoral thesis at the ANU, 'They would rather have the women who are humbled – gendered citizenship and embodied rights in post-colonial Kenya'. Grounded in 13 months field work, and using Kenyan women's gender and citizenship rights as a focal point, she argues that human rights discourse creates particular kinds of recipients of rights, and often compels these subjects to inhabit their new, human rights based identities in limiting and problematic ways. Christina has also worked with a variety of human rights based organisations in research and policy development in Australia and Africa including the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Australian Migration and Refugee Review Tribunals, the Women's Legal Centre (Cape Town) and the South African Human Rights Commission; and the Kenya Human Rights Commission.