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SYMPOSIUM

# “Young Women: Take the Lead!”

**Tuesday, 21 May 2019 9am–5pm**

## Location

Drama theatre,  
Kambri Cultural Centre  
1 University Ave,  
Acton ACT 2601

## Speakers

**Melanie Kontze**  
**Genevieve Jacobs**  
**Michelle Dixon**  
**Trish Clancy**  
**Caitlin Figueiredo**  
**David Fricker**  
**Yasmin Poole**  
**Maddy Weeks**  
**Rosanne Brand**  
**Caitrine Dunn**  
**Morgan Marshall**  
**The Hon. Kate Lundy**  
**Dr Marie-Louise Ayres**  
**Meegan Fitzharris MLA**  
**Ashleigh Streeter-Jones**  
**Mark Kenny**  
**Fiona Jenkins**



Empowerment should start early in a career. This symposium provides a holistic approach to women’s leadership, offering the inspiration to open new avenues and see other perspectives. This day is an opportunity for you to think, understand, engage and challenge pre-conceived notions surrounding women.

Young women should have the opportunity to receive practical guidance that can assist them. That’s why the aim of the symposium is to provide a perspective on women’s leadership in Australia through testimony and debate by experts of different backgrounds.

We want this event to also be an experience for the audience and raise awareness about the under-representation of women in the arts. Various performances by female artists will occur throughout the day, linking to the theme of gender equality.

*This event co-curated by Zakaria Sougrati and Melanie Kontze is hosted by the ANU Gender Institute and generously funded by Maddocks, the Gender Institute and HerCanberra.*

Hosted by:

The Gender Institute

# PROGRAM

## 9–9.15am – Registration

### 9.15–9.40am – Welcome and Introduction

Acknowledgement of Country by Makyala-May Brinckley

Gender Institute Welcome by Associate Professor Fiona Jenkins

Introduction by Curator Melanie Kontze (Co-founder Silverstone Edge)

### 9.40–10.20am – Testimony: Genevieve Jacobs (Group Editor, Region Media Group)

### 10.20–11.10am – Testimony: Michelle Dixon (CEO and Partner, Maddocks)

## 11.10–11.20am – Morning Tea

### 11.20–12.10pm – Roundtable: Leadership, Diversity, Inclusivity (Chaired by Melanie Kontze)

- > Michelle Dixon (CEO and Partner, Maddocks)
- > Trish Clancy (Partner and Managing Director, Boston Consulting Group)
- > David Fricker (Director-General of the National Archives of Australia, and Vice- President of the UNESCO Memory of the World International Advisory Committee)
- > Caitlin Figueiredo (Global Gender Equality Activist/ ACT Young Woman of the Year 2018)

### 12.10–12.30pm – Testimony by Yasmin Poole (Gender advocate/APEC Youth Delegate)

## 12.30–1.40pm – Lunch

### 1.40–2pm – Artistic performance: Maddy Weeks (Comedian)

### 2–3pm – Roundtable: Free Yourself BeYourself (Chaired by Melanie Kontze)

- > Rosanne Brand (Partner, PwCAustralia)
- > Caitrine Dunn (Partner, PwCAustralia)
- > Morgan Marshall (ACT Young Woman of the Year 2019)
- > The Hon. Kate Lundy (Former Senator for the ACT, and Former Minister for Multicultural Affairs)

### 3–3.40pm – Testimony: Dr Marie-Louise Ayres (Director-General of the National Library Australia)

## 3.40–4pm – Afternoon Tea

### 4–5pm – Roundtable: Future of Women in Australian Politics (Chaired by Genevieve Jacobs)

- > The Hon. Kate Lundy (Former Senator for the ACT, and Former Minister for Multicultural Affairs)
- > Ashleigh Streeter-Jones (Gender Advocate, and ACT Woman of the Year 2018)
- > Mark Kenny (Senior Fellow at the ANU Australian Studies Institute, and Director of the National Press Club)
- > Meegan Fitzharris MLA (ACT Minister for Health & Wellbeing, Higher Education, Medical and Health Research, Transport and Vocational Education and Skills)

### 5–5.30pm – Finale

Concluding Remarks - Yasmin Poole

Vote of Thanks - Associate Professor Fiona Jenkins

Artistic outro - Yona Su and Kimberley Slapp