

The Fay Gale Centre for
Research on Gender



Contours of Feminist Political Ecology

INVITATION

You are invited to a Fay Gale Seminar
and the launch of Gender and Environment Theme
followed by a networking lunch

When: Wednesday 9th November

Where: Ingekarni Wardli, Level 7, 12.10 - 3.30pm

WHO: Professor Wendy Harcourt, Gender, Diversity and Sustainable Development,
International Institutes of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Hague

Rsvp's required by Monday 7th November to sarah.hoggard@adelaide.edu.au



Abstract: Wendy Harcourt will share the insights from her latest edited book *Contours of Feminist Political Ecology* (FPE) and explain how FPE is rooted in the feminist tradition of praxis, reflexivity and a commitment to gender, social and environmental justice. FPE has traditionally provided powerful tools that show how environmental 'crises', environmental change and human-environment relations are determined by power, gender, class, race, ethnicity, caste and specific socio-economic, cultural and historical legacies. In the talk she will outline how FPE is focusing on new arenas of research for political ecology such as the embodied experiences of pain and aging, the ethics of more-than-human interdependencies, indigenous ontologies of co-becoming and feminist perspectives around degrowth, decoloniality and pluriversality. The talk will underline the importance of care for human, more-than-humans and the planet, and how the FPE project of foregrounding multiples ways of knowing and being, is enabling new conceptions of politics, justice and alternatives to dominant, capitalist development trajectories. Her talk is an invitation for feminists to engage in conversations that acknowledge the disruptions we are living, and to listen and learn from our differences as we strategize on how to deal with fear, loss and find grounds for hope.

Bio: Professor Dr Wendy Harcourt was born in Adelaide and received her PhD at ANU in 1987. She has lived and worked in Europe since 1988 and is now Professor of Gender, Diversity and Sustainable Development at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Netherlands. She joined ISS in November 2011 after 23 years working at the Society for International Development, Rome Italy, as Editor of *Development* and programme director. She is series editor of the Palgrave Gender, Development and Social Change and the ISS-Routledge Series on Gender, Development and Sexuality. She has published widely on critical development, post development, body politics and feminist political ecology. Her latest edited book *Feminist Methodologies: Experiments, Collaborations and Reflections* (2022) can be downloaded for free at: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-82654-3>.