

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Gender and Diversity Research showcase

Theme: 'Playing the Infinite Game in Gender & Diversity Research'

The metaphor of an 'infinite game', speaks to the neo-liberal university as a 'finite game' that while rule bound and useful, "are misaligned, harmful or a distraction from what really matters" Harre et al (2017, p.5). Indeed, the focus on measurement, metrics have been widely critiqued as leading to lower quality research outcomes, and diminished well-being for academic staff (Taberner, 2018). As researchers with interests within the broad and varied gender and diversity strands, we hold transformative aspirations – which are at times at odds with the measurable requirements of the 'finite game' that dominates neo-liberal universities. As such, part of our praxis is to create safe, constructive spaces for research and conversations that engage with, the 'infinite game' (Harre et al., 2017).

In this call for papers, we wish to encourage discussion framed by the 'infinite game', a game that speaks to "our potential as people living together to be open and inclusive, and to promote the life and growth, that helps us flourish as individuals and communities' (Harre et al., 2017, p.5).

We encourage conceptual, theoretical and empirical papers from all researchers (doctoral, early career, mid-career and senior academics, practitioners) that discuss issues broadly related to gender and diversity from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives; whether theoretical, methodological, practical or pedagogical in terms of implications. Both 'work in progress' and fully developed papers are encouraged. The aim of this day is to provide thoughtful feedback and discussion amongst our growing network of gender and diversity scholars.

If you are interested in presenting at this research showcase please send an abstract (300–500 words) to [barbara.myers@aut.ac.nz](mailto:barbara.myers@aut.ac.nz) and [irene.ryan@aut.ac.nz](mailto:irene.ryan@aut.ac.nz) by **Friday 20 September**.

#### Research Seminar: Wednesday, 16 October 2019

10am–5pm, AUT City Campus

Light refreshments and lunch provided to registered participants. There will be an opportunity for participants to continue discussions at an additional networking event at the conclusion of the day.