

Bonnie Honig

PUBLIC THINGS



Thinking Out Loud: The Sydney Lectures in Philosophy and Society

# Bonnie Honig

## PUBLIC THINGS

University of  
Western Sydney  
Bringing knowledge to life



### Thinking Out Loud: The Sydney Lectures in Philosophy and Society



Organised by UWS, *Thinking Out Loud* presents intellectuals talking about the impact of fundamental philosophical ideas on how we understand society.

Public things can be symbols, like flags, or institutions, like national health and education systems, the military, or prisons. Neo-liberals have in recent years sought to privatize public things in the name of efficiency. But democracy, Prof Bonnie Honig argues, is rooted in common love for, and contestation of, shared objects. Without that, citizenship is reduced to private pursuits or public emergencies. Dr Charles Barbour will be the respondent to the lectures.

Monday, April 15, Lecture 1:  
"The Politics of Public Things:  
Neoliberalism and the Routine of  
Privatization"

Tuesday, April 16, Lecture 2:  
"What Kind of a Thing is Land?  
Between Cultures, Between Times"

Friday, April 19, Lecture 3:  
"Going Through the Motions:  
Ceaseless Work and the Reduction  
of Publicity to Emergency"

5.30pm to 7.30pm (including drinks  
reception from 5.30 to 6pm)

Metcalfe Auditorium (State Library  
of NSW), \$10 per lecture or \$25 for  
the entire series, booking essential  
[http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/  
all\\_events.html](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/all_events.html)

For details please visit:  
[www.uws.edu.au/philosophy/philosophy@  
uws/events/thinking\\_out\\_loud](http://www.uws.edu.au/philosophy/philosophy@uws/events/thinking_out_loud)

Presented by the **Philosophy Research  
Initiative** of the University of Western  
Sydney in collaboration with the State  
Library of NSW, ABC Radio National, and  
Fordham University Press.

  
STATE LIBRARY®  
NEW SOUTH WALES

 **RadioNational**  
[abc.net.au/radionational](http://abc.net.au/radionational)

 FORDHAM UNIVERSITY PRESS