WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Institute for Culture and Society

ICS SEMINAR SERIES 2026

SEMESTER 2 PROGRAM

23 JULY
Queer worldings with the unloved and disregarded: the role of feminisms and queer theory for responding to and with multispecies worlds otherwise
Presenter: Mindy Blaise
Discussant: Jen Dollin

30 JULY
Selective empathy and Gaza: a moral litmus test for the West
Presenter: Roberto De Vogli
Discussant: Alana Lentin

6 AUGUST
The future of the international rules-based order
Presenter: Christopher Michaelsen
Discussant: Srinjoy Bose

13 AUGUST
Rethinking Trust and Social Cohesion: Debates in Media Theory and Contemporary Politics
Presenter: Terry Flew
Discussant: Tanya Notley

Special Event: Monday 17 AUGUST
Floating Power: Energy, Infrastructure, and South-South Relations
Presenter: Gökçe Günel

20 AUGUST
For my Ancestors, for my descendants: empowering Indigenous collections sovereignty in museums
Presenter: Nathan mudyi Sentance

27 AUGUST
Multiculturalism and the False Promise of Social Cohesion
Presenter: Fethi Mansouri
Discussant: Andrew Jakubowicz

3 SEPTEMBER
More-than-human research methods with rivers and eels, life and death
Presenter: Jen Dollin
Discussant: Amanda Third

10 SEPTEMBER
Predictively-valid “Alien” Features, or Artifacts? Coping with Inscrutable Scientific Progress
Presenter: Cameron Buckner
Discussant: TBC

17 SEPTEMBER
Mobile media and mourning rituals
Presenter: Larissa Hjorth
Discussant: Gerard Goggin

24 SEPTEMBER
Living with Misinformation: A Media Literacy Approach
Presenter: Tanya Notley
Discussant: Pip Collin

1 OCTOBER
Language, water and decolonial currents
Presenter: Alastair Pennycook
Discussant: Greg Noble

8 OCTOBER
Amplifying anti-colonial methodologies in the white institution
Presenter: Caroline Lenette
Discussant: TBC

15 OCTOBER
Could AI kill human creativity?
Presenter: David Cropley and Rebecca Marrone
Discussant: Jacinta Sassine

22 OCTOBER
Know your flood risk - deconstructing reductionist myths of denial, complacency and blame
Presenter: Willow Forsyth
Discussant: Melanie Taylor

29 OCTOBER
Roblox Capitalism
Presenter: Marcus Carter
Discussant: TBC

5 NOVEMBER
Older women advocating for more secure housing futures
Presenter: Therese Hall
Discussant: Jenna Condie

12 NOVEMBER
Caring Well? Universities, Privilege, Harm, and Responsibility
Panalists: Miriam Williams, Teddy Nagaddya, Emily Wolfinger

19 NOVEMBER
Adolescence, Masculinity, and Football Clubs - What could go wrong?
Presenter: Ben Joseph and Brogan Mulhall
Discussant: Lynne Dowd

To get the details of each seminar weekly, please contact Denise Rezk (d.rezk@westernsydney.edu.au). The standard seminar time for the series is 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.