

Melbourne, Friday 23 June 2023

WORKSHOP AGENDA

8:30am REGISTRATIONS OPEN

9:00am

WELCOME

Janeen Baxter (UQ)

9:15am

OPENING KEYNOTES

Moeata Keil (University of Auckland)

Kay Cook (Swinburne University)

10:45am MORNING TEA

11:15am

LIVED EXPERIENCE PANEL

Vesna Romic, Renee Rainbow, Angela Finch and Juanita Frost

Moderated by Terese Edwards (SMFA)

12:00pm

LCC RESEARCH SNAPSHOTS

Guyonne Kalb and Barbara Broadway (Melb)

Alice Campbell and Ella Kuskoff (UQ)

Hayley Fischer (Syd)

1:00pm LUNCH

1:45pm

KEYNOTE

Kathryn Edin (Princeton University)

2:45pm

STAKEHOLDER PANEL

Maggie Walter (Yoo-rook Justice Commission)

Shelley Mallett (Brotherhood of St Laurence)

Agnieszka Nelson (Department of Social Services)

Moderated by Janeen Baxter (UQ)

3:30pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:45pm

**FULL GROUP DISCUSSION
AND DIRECTION SETTING**

*Facilitated by Alice Campbell (UQ) and
Dorinda 't Hart (UWA)*

4:30pm CLOSE

See reverse for more information on sessions and presenters.

This workshop is sponsored by the Life Course Centre, The Australian Sociological Association, and the International Sociological Association



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This workshop will be opened by Professor Janeen Baxter from the University of Queensland (UQ). Janeen is the Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course (Life Course Centre) and an internationally renowned scholar of gender inequality, family dynamics, and social disadvantage.

The workshop has been facilitated by Life Course Centre Research Fellow Alice Campbell (UQ), and Postdoctoral Research Fellow Dorinda 't Hart. Alice and Dorinda are co-convenors of the TASA Families and Relationships Thematic Group.

Keynotes

MOEATA KEIL is a Research Fellow at the University of Auckland. Her work explores how gender and ethnicity overlap and interact to shape how Pacific mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers and other family members navigate family life following separation. Her research calls attention to the importance of understanding family within broader networks of relationships than the couple and parent-child dyad, and calls for the state, law and policy to better recognise culturally-informed family norms and practices.

KAY COOK is a Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at Swinburne University. Her work explores how new and developing social policies such as welfare-to-work, child support and childcare policies, transform relationships between individuals, families, and the state. Her work seeks to make the personal impact of these policies explicit in order to provide tangible evidence to policy makers to affect more humanistic reform. Kay's ARC Future Fellowship examined the personal, practical and institutional barriers to child support faced by women in Australia, the UK and USA.

KATHRYN EDIN is one of the leading poverty researchers in the US. A qualitative and mixed-method researcher, she has taken on key mysteries about the urban poor that have not been fully answered by quantitative work: How do single mothers possibly survive on welfare? Why don't more go to work? Why do they end up as single mothers in the first place? Where are the fathers and why do they disengage from their children's lives? How have the lives of the single mothers changed as a result of welfare reform? The hallmark of her research is her direct, in-depth observations of the lives of low-income women, men, and children. Kathryn is an author of the 2015 book "It's Not Like I'm Poor: How Single Mothers Make Ends Meet in a Post-Welfare World".

Lived experience panel

The value of the voices of those with lived experience is becoming increasingly recognised in research. This panel comprises single parents with lived experience of navigating the child support and income support systems and/or co-parenting post separation. The panel will be moderated by Terese Edwards, CEO of Single Mother Families Australia Incorporated (SMFA).

SMFA (formerly the National Council for Single Mothers and their Children) has been an organisation for single mothers since its conception in the early 1970's. SMFA gives primacy to mothers living in hardship and provides information and support to single parents in the areas of financial hardship, child support and domestic violence.

LCC research snapshots

Researchers from across LCC nodes will provide a snapshot of their research on topics related to single parent and/or post-separation families. The aim of this session is to promote the work of the LCC, facilitate knowledge exchange, and inspire collaborations between community members and researchers inside and outside the LCC (including those working in industry and government)

Stakeholder panel

Workshop participants will have an opportunity to hear from and ask questions of diverse stakeholders, including Shelley Mallett from Brotherhood of St Laurence, Agnieszka Nelson from Families and Support Payments in the Commonwealth Department of Social Services, and Professor Maggie Walter, who will provide a First Nations perspective.

Full group discussion and direction setting

The aim of this session is to reflect on what we know, what we need to know, what we want policy makers and influencers to know, and what we need to do next.

After a discussion as a full group, participants will be asked to break into smaller groups based on a common interest and/or goal. Groups will identify a topic for their collaboration and commit to at least one concrete outcome.

To end the day, we will go around the room and ask groups to report back on what they have committed to.