



A conversation about self harm

Wednesday 5 December 5pm – 6.30pm

Speakers

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Professor Celia Roberts

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Location

Allan Barton Forum

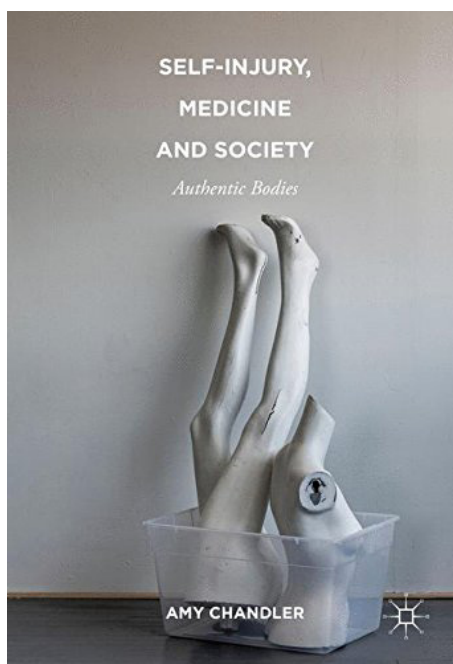
Level 2, CBE Building 26C,
The Australian National University

This lecture is free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served.

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How can we understand self-harm from a sociological perspective? Two ground-breaking recent books address this question: *Self-Injury, Medicine and Society: Authentic Bodies* (2016) by Amy Chandler and *Why do we Hurt Ourselves? Understanding Self-Harm in Social Life* (2018) by Baptiste Brossard. The authors will discuss their research in conversation with Celia Roberts, author of *Puberty in Crisis: A Bio-psycho-social Account* (2015).

The conversation will explore the nature of self-harm, how it functions and why someone might engage in it. The framing of self-harm as a social and embodied practice provides a fresh perspective which raises questions about the dominant psychological and medical approaches to the phenomenon.

Baptiste Brossard is a Lecturer at the ANU School of Sociology; His research interests include mental health (self-injury, dementia, behavioural addictions), sociological theory and Utopian studies

Amy Chandler is Chancellor's Fellow in Health, through Arts, Design and Humanities in the School of Health in Social Science at University of Edinburgh. Her research interests includes suicide, self-harm, drug and alcohol use.

Celia Roberts is a Professor at the ANU School of Sociology. Her research interests include the sociology of embodiment (most recently, of sexual development), health biosensing and the bio-psycho-social nature of stress.