

# *Symposium on Gender, Politics and Biography*

Join some of Australia's most eminent political commentators, activists and biographers to discuss gender and representation in the political environment. Recent developments - with the election of the first women State Premier and Deputy Prime Minister - make this symposium timely. Discover how different groups have interpreted these developments.

**Monday 9 November 2009**  
**Members Dining Room no 2**  
**Old Parliament House**  
**9.30am to 5pm**

**Cost: \$35, including buffet lunch supplied by Ginger Catering**



The symposium is sponsored by the National Centre of Biography, ANU, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House and the Research School of Social Sciences, ANU, theme 'Social Dynamics and Well-being'.

♦ Online registration and payment form will be available on 22 October at <http://ncb.anu.edu.au/symposium>.

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## **PROGRAM**

**10.00-10.30 am: Registration and morning tea**

**10.30-10.40 am: Welcome**

Kate Cowie, Deputy Director, Interpretation & Programs, Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

**10.40-11.40 am: Academic Panel: Gender and Politics: The Gendered Gap?**

Prof Andrew Leigh, Research School of Social Sciences, ANU

A/Prof Sarah Maddison, University of New South Wales

Prof Marian Sawer, ANU

**11.30 am to 12.30 pm: Political Generations? The Gender Gap is Not as Large as it Was in the Past?**

Hon Susan Ryan AO

other speakers to be confirmed

**12.30-2.00 pm: LUNCH-TIME TALK**

Nine Network political editor, Laurie Oakes, will talk about the 'The Personal & the Political: The Role of Personal Revelation in Australian Politics'

*chair:* Chris Wallace, political journalist

**2.00-2.30 pm: Special Tour of Old Parliament House Exhibitions**

**2.30-3.30 pm: Gender and Political Biography: Changing Content?**

Dr Jacqueline Kent (author of *The Making of Julia Gillard*, MUP, 2009)

Prof Marilyn Lake, La Trobe University

**3.30-4.00 pm: Afternoon tea**

**4.00-5 pm: Bringing Women into a Male Space? Portraying Changes to Gender, Politics and Biography in a Museum**

Dr Joy McCann, Senior Historian, Museum of Australian Democracy

Michael Richards, Manager, Research and Collection Development, Museum of Australian Democracy

*chair:* Prof Melanie Nolan, Director, National Centre of Biography, ANU

**5 pm onwards : Cash Bar**

The bar in the Ginger Room will be open for those interested in continuing the conversation