



One World Centre

Speakers Series

(On the 2nd Friday of each month)

August's topic is:

Writing myself into knowing or reflections on being vulnerable

presented by

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Date: Friday 14th August 2015
Place: One World Centre, 5 King William Street, Bayswater
Time: 6 -7pm (presentation followed by time to chat).
Tickets: \$10 waged \$8 unwaged

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This is a no frills presentation. Bring your own drinks and snacks.
Do come a little earlier and check out the Fair Trade shop.

About the speaker

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gn6xHWW4GPs>

Joy is currently an academic in the Faculty of Humanities at Curtin University. Viewing herself a 'moral cosmopolitan' she draws on memoir and sometimes poetry to explore the ambivalent nature of one's foreignness and to illustrate that the way to understanding cultural other/s begins with the exploration of one's own experiences. Her work privileges life-writing as a way of generating different ways of knowing that suggests new possibilities rather than affirming cultural stereotypes.

About the topic

Writing about the everyday complexities of my life as a university teacher in Shanghai demands digging down into unknown territories: exploring what it means to live on the borderlands psychologically, socially and culturally. My writing demonstrates that drawing on personal vulnerability offers the potential to suspend judgement of others, or rather reveals one's failings, as a way of countering failings in others. By paying attention to our inner journey of becoming we can then take responsibility for who we are and our position in the world. Further we can make transparent how understanding and having empathy for difference and being different begins when we are open to finding out, first, who we are, and second, what we all value as humans going about our daily lives. My intention in this talk is to show that differences between people do not reside within the confines of cultural disparities but in the uniqueness of their life stories.