Call for Submissions to the *University of New South Wales Law Journal* Issue 39(2)

‘Beyond the Gendered Subject: Law and Feminist Thought’

The *UNSW Law Journal* is currently welcoming submissions for Issue 39(2). The Issue will comprise both a thematic component and a general component. The topic for the thematic component is ‘Beyond the Gendered Subject: Law and Feminist Thought’.

Gender continues to shape and define legal relations. It manifests in legal and political discourse both implicitly and explicitly. Recent examples of this include the law’s reluctance to move beyond a male/female binary in recognising sex and gender diverse individuals and the manner in which current domestic violence policies firmly position women and children as the subjects of legal intervention.

Against this backdrop, the thematic component of this Issue invites submissions to consider how and why gender is brought into legal relations. Submissions may explore, for example, how the law creates, captures and constructs gendered subjects. The thematic also invites submissions considering how gendered subjects and legal relations are subsequently acted upon and reinforced through techniques of regulation and intervention, as well as how they might be resisted and undone.

Submissions may focus on specific issues arising within these areas, or may consider the interaction between them. Authors may draw on a range of critical theoretical perspectives to frame their analysis, and interdisciplinary approaches are welcome.

Submissions may take a theoretical approach not specific to any particular jurisdiction, or they may choose to focus on how gendered legal relations emerge and are regulated within the Australian social and legal context. Alternatively, submissions may draw comparisons between Australia and other jurisdictions or discuss international law.

Authors may consider, but are not limited to, issues such as:

- the role of gender in the criminal justice system, including how this normalises or problematises certain forms of behaviour;
- the law’s approach towards sex and gender diverse individuals;
- the sexed body as a subject of legal intervention;
- the intersection between gendered legal relations and other marginalised identities, including the regulation of Indigenous women and Indigeneity;
- administrative law and the bureaucratisation of gendered identities;
- gendered implications of discourses of non-discrimination and race neutrality; and
- the impact of neoliberalism on regulatory practices.
The submission deadline for the thematic component of Issue 39(2) is 1 December 2015. Publication of Issue 39(2) is set for early July 2016. In addition to submissions for the thematic component, authors are welcome to submit on any topic for the general component. Submissions for the general component will be considered on a rolling basis, and will be published in a forthcoming Issue of the Journal. Any changes to these deadlines will be indicated on the Journal’s website at http://www.unswlawjournal.unsw.edu.au.


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The Journal does not publish articles that have been, or will be, published elsewhere, either in identical or substantially similar form. If articles are posted on online repositories, such as SSRN, they should be removed at the time of submission to ensure the anonymity of the peer review process.

If you are interested in, or have any queries about, submitting for Issue 39(2), please contact the Journal at law.journal@unsw.edu.au. If you intend to submit an article, it would be greatly appreciated if you could give some early indication of your proposed topic or area of research. If you are aware of a colleague who may be interested in making a submission, please pass on this call for submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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Editor, Issue 39(2)

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