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UNDERSTANDING CURRICULUM & PEDAGOGY IN A TURBULENT NEO-LIBERALIST WORLD

▶ **October 19** | Scarfe 310 | 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Materializing the Social: Art Practice, Religion and "What Really Matters"

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I look to establish transversal strategies for changing public culture and crafting interfaith belonging in Australia and the UK through socially engaged arts practices. This talk discusses the early stages of a trans national art project that is designed to intervene in Islamophobic cultural imaginaries through socially engaged art as a vehicle for relationship building and social cohesion. Socially engaged arts practices make new forms of sociability, they are intra-active, diffractive methods through which we are able to craft new social faces. Quantum literacies are the modes through which socially engaged arts practices occur: they are at once critical, performative, intra-active. Taking into account the multiple processes of material-discursive production, translation, transformation, and diffraction that constitute socially engaged arts practice, I consider the material-discursive space of socially engaged arts practice as a way of re-assembling and re-making multicultural urban spaces currently fractured by differences in belief. The transversal line of art practice with interfaith youth zigzags across, and brings together, a diverse selection of bodies, beliefs, knowledges, skills, and creates a material-discursive documentation of group subjectivity. I will examine the ways aesthetic practices perform a group subjectivity created through collaboration. Such a bringing together of nature and culture, of different races and beliefs in urban environments, is urgently needed.

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* Light refreshments will be served at 2:00 p.m.

* Lecture will commence at 2:30 p.m.



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