



Resourcing Scholar-Activism

This workshop will provide an interactive forum for academic staff and postgraduates to discuss the challenges and opportunities of scholar-activism in the context of the neoliberal university.

When: Friday 29 June 2018

Time: 9.00 - 1.30PM

Where: Level 6 Seminar Room | Charles Perkins Centre
University of Sydney



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9.00 – 9.15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

9.15 – 11.00 SESSION ONE

1. Introduction: sites of intervention

2. Personal reflections of participants:

(a) What power relations have you had to negotiate in order to conduct your scholar-activism? How do you negotiate differences in power relations between yourself (as scholar activist) and your collaborators?

(b) What ethical considerations/dilemmas have you had to negotiate during the practice of scholar activism?

(c) What emotional considerations /dilemmas have you had to negotiate during the practice of scholar activism?

(d) What potentials/problems/dangers/disincentives regarding the practice of scholar activism exist for you both personally and institutionally?

11.00 – 11.30 MORNING TEA

11.30 – 1.00 SESSION TWO

3. Bodies and movements (be prepared to move)

4. Group work: University of Sydney as a site of scholar activist intervention

5. Presentations by groups

Suggested readings:

Derickson K D and Routledge P 2015: 'Resourcing Scholar-Activism: Collaboration, Transformation, and the Production of Knowledge' *The Professional Geographer*, 67, 1, 1-7.

Routledge, P. and Derickson, K. D. 2015: 'Situated solidarities and the practice of scholar-activism' *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 33, 3, 391-407

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Speaker

[Professor Paul Routledge](#), Leadership Chair in Contentious Politics and Social Change, University of Leeds

Prof Routledge's research interests include critical geopolitics, climate change, social justice, civil society, the environment, and social movements. He has long-standing research interests concerning development, environment and the practices of social movements in the Global South, particularly South Asia and Southeast Asia, and in the Global North. In particular, his research has been concerned with two key areas of interest: the spatiality of social movements in the Global South and Global North; and the practical, political and ethical challenges of scholar activism.

Chair

[Professor David Schlosberg](#), Professor of Environmental Politics and Co-Director of the Sydney Environmental Institute, University of Sydney

Professor Schlosberg's work focuses on environmental political theory, environmental and climate justice, climate adaptation planning and policy, and contemporary environmental movements. His current book project is on sustainable materialism, or the environmentalism of the practices of everyday life.