

# On Not Taking Oneself Too Seriously: Some Feminist Questions about Affects, Authority and Authenticity

**A celebration of Professor Valerie's Hey's career**

Monday 22nd February / 2-4pm / Room G36, Jubilee Building

In this celebratory event, Professor Valerie Hey will try to create and comment on positive affect. The theme arose in response to colleagues remarking on Valerie's laughing as a notable aspect of her persona.

Although Valerie claims never to have taken humour seriously before as an 'object' of analysis, the remarks piqued her curiosity about the im/possibility, power and persistence of humour in (academic) life.

Valerie's 'experiment' will involve a reflection on what Butler calls 'serious play', encompassing a satirical take on academia drawn from 'fictive' vignettes of 'doing feminist academic'. She will also draw serendipitously on her own auto/biography which has been shaped by others' previous work, urging the authoring of a political vocabulary of critique that is not 'po-faced'.

The lecture will be chaired by CHEER Director, Professor Louise Morley, and followed by responses from Carole Leathwood, Emeritus Professor (London Metropolitan University) and Professor Rosalyn George (Goldsmiths, University of London).

The event will be followed by afternoon tea

Places are free but limited.

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