

The
Performance
of the
Real
University of

Performing Postgrad Knowledges

Student Research Symposium

Friday 12th March, 2020

University of Otago

Otago Research Theme investigates what makes performances of the real so compelling and pervasive in the current age. The Theme is inviting postgraduate students whose departments or individual research topics intersect with the Theme to present an aspect of their research in a multidisciplinary symposium.



Abstract deadline: If you are interested in taking part, please send an abstract of up to 250 words to performance.real@otago.ac.nz by Friday 12th February, along with a short bio which includes the details of your department/school and supervisors. Your talk might focus on:

- **Research findings:** What is the realest real thing you have found out? Or, you may be researching something that purports to be 'real' but is in actuality manufactured or mediated and can share your insights about that. What does your research tell you about human societies, human histories, human futures - or forms of being outside of human reference – and how we create and present these realities to each other?
- **Research practices (i.e. methodologies and ethical questions):** How do you know what you know is 'real'? What does it mean to be a researcher in your field? How do personal and academic identities intersect? How do you define your data, and what are the ways you've chosen to represent it?

Presentation format: 15-20 minute oral presentation, including individual question time. AV components will be supported, but are not essential. The symposium is open to creative presentation formats. Please provide details of space and technical requirements if interested in this latter format.

On the day: The symposium will be held at Te Tumu. A welcome and opening address (at 8:45am) will be provided by members of the Theme. The day will then include three sessions of presentations, with morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided at the venue. There will be no cost for participation.

Why participate: The event provides an opportunity to practice presentation skills, and receive feedback and encouragement in a collegial environment, as well as to connect with peers and academic staff outside of your normal programme/department settings.