

Hi youth studies people!

It's been a while since we updated you on our activities. I have really kept that promise that I wouldn't be bothering you all the time...

This year began with some big changes in the Centre, with David Farrugia moving home to take up a new role at Deakin's Research for Educational Impact centre. For Steve, Julia and Julia in particular, Dave has been such a great colleague and confidant who we are going to miss working so closely with. We hope to keep working with David and continuing the connection with Deakin as much as we can in the future.

Also, Kate Davies has left academia to take a position at Homelessness NSW. Kate has been central to our efforts to create more community partnerships and help our research work reach those in the field. Like Dave, we hope to continue our collaborations with Kate to continue this work.

Steve has taken over the Director role, with Julia Coffey continuing as Deputy Director. Julia Cook has taken the role to lead Partnerships and Engagement with the centre, and has been creating great new connections with a range of philanthropic, government and community organisations we are engaging with in current and future grant applications.

In research news, we are in the midst of completing a new project on 'Betting with mates: Gambling apps and young men's social practices' continuing our work on youth and everyday financial practices. Some initial findings from this project will be presented at one of our 2 very exciting [Social Science Week](#) events.

The first one is a seminar called [Fintech Futures](#), featuring two of our International Network members, Beverley Skeggs (Lancaster, UK) and Roger Burrows (Bristol, UK), and Centre members Julia Cook, Julia Coffey, Jonathan Curtis and Steven Threadgold. The line up is:

- The Gamification of Debt: Gimmicks and young people's ambivalent financialised subjectivities: Steven Threadgold, Julia Coffey and Julia Cook
- Digital Risk Profiling Technologies as Housing Market Intermediaries: Roger Burrows
- Betting with mates: Gambling apps and young men's social practices: Julia Cook, Jonathan Curtis, Steven Threadgold, and Julia Coffey
- Designing inequality: Capturing attention, dividing users: Beverley Skeggs

Details and rego are in the link above, it will be in person at NuSpace and on Zoom, Tuesday September 5, 5pm-7pm.

The second event is a Public Lecture by Roger Burrows called [The Superrich, Digital Technologies and the Politics of Exit](#). Details are in the link, it will be in person at NuSpace and on Zoom, Wednesday September 6, 5pm-7pm.

Julia Cook been talking to the media about buy now pay later regulation on [Triple J Hack](#), ABC RN's [The Money](#) and a [related article](#), and in an op-ed with Josh Healy for the [Newcastle Herald](#). The centre also wrote a submission to Treasury's discussion of regulating buy now pay later in Australia, which can be found [here](#). Julia Cook also wrote an article for ABC Online as part of her 2022 ABC Top 5 media residency, which can be found [here](#).

Julia Coffey's research was featured in article for the ABC analysing [body image, diet culture and body modification trends](#). This was featured on the main ABC news website and promoted on [ABC Radio National social media](#). Her research was also featured in an article in the *Sydney Morning*

Herald, April 23, 2023, analysing the [role of social media in how young people view themselves](#), rising body image concerns, and the inadequacy of 'body positivity lite' messages.

I have been promoting the edited collection with Jessica Gerrard, [Class in Australia](#), with a [news story for the ABC](#) and talking to [Geraldine Doouge on Radio National](#).

Working with Andi Pekarek (Uni of Melbourne), Josh Healy has continued his work on developments in the gig economy, looking especially at the impact of the pandemic for gig workers' conditions and the regulatory possibilities. This work has included a growing focus on how young people participate on both sides of digital labour platforms, not only as workers but also as consumers. Earlier this year, the pair published a book chapter on consumers and gig work in the [Routledge Handbook of the Gig Economy](#), edited by Immanuel Ness from City University New York (CUNY). Then, in May, they made a submission to the [Australian Government's public consultation](#) on 'Employee-like forms of work' to summarise some of their recent academic contributions and thinking. Lastly, in June, they presented work in progress in a seminar at Flinders University in Adelaide, titled 'The gig economy through the eyes of young Australians'. This is a continuation of earlier work begun and presented initially at the Newcastle Youth Studies Centre launch event in December 2022.

The [Journal of Applied Youth Studies](#), co-edited by Julia Cook, has recently been indexed by Scopus and ranked by Scimago for the first time - it is now Q1-ranked and welcomes submissions from authors working across the research-policy-practice-theory spectrum.

Some recent publications include:

[Julia Cook, Kate Davies, Steve Threadgold, David Farrugia, Julia Coffey, Ben Matthews, Joshua Healy. 2023. How do organisations in the Hunter and Central Coast support young people experiencing debt?: Newcastle Youth Studies Centre report.](#)

[Coffey, J, Farrugia, Gill, Threadgold, Sharp, Adkins \(2023\). Femininity work: The gendered politics of women managing violence in bar work. *Gender, Work & Organization*: 1– 15.](#)

Healy, J. and Pekarek, A. (2023). Consumers in the gig economy: Resisting or reinforcing precarious work? *The Routledge Handbook of the Gig Economy*, Routledge, UK, pp. 246-257.

[Karageorgos, E., Boyle, A., Pender, P., & Cook, J. \(2023\). Perpetration, Victimhood, and Blame: Australian Newspaper Representations of Domestic Violence, 2000–2020. *Violence Against Women, 0\(0\)*.](#)

[Farrugia, D. Coffey, J. Threadgold, S. Adkins, L. Gill, R. Sharp. M. Cook, J. 2023. Hospitality work and the sociality of affective labour. *The Sociological Review*. 71\(1\), 47–64.](#)

[Kanai, A & Coffey, J \(2023\): Dissonance and defensiveness: orienting affects in online feminist cultures, *Cultural Studies*. Online Early.](#)

[Cook, J. Davies, K. Farrugia, D. Threadgold, S. Coffey, J. Senior, K. Haro, A. & Shannon, B. \(2023\) Buy now pay later services as a way to pay: credit consumption and the depoliticization of debt, *Consumption Markets & Culture*. Online early.](#)

[Coffey, J. Farrugia, D. Gill, R. Threadgold, S. Sharp, M. Adkins, L. 2023. Femininity work: The gendered politics of women managing violence in bar work. *Gender, Work and Organization*. Online Early. 1-15.](#)

Lohmeyer, B. and Threadgold, S. 2023. Bullying affects: the affective violence and moral orders of school bullying. *Critical Studies in Education*. Online early. 1-18.

Threadgold, S. 2023. Youthful culture: Immaterial labour, co-optation and the space between IRL young people and their conceptual doppelgangers. *DIY, Alternative Cultures & Society*. 1(1):95-107.

Threadgold, S. 2023. What comes after fields, capitals, habitus? Suggestions for future cultural consumption research in Australia. *Journal of Sociology*. 59(2): 300-309.

Cuervo, H., Maire, Q., Cook, J. & Wyn, J. (2023) Liminality, Covid-19 and the long crisis of young adults' employment. *Australian Journal of Social Issues*, Online first.

Julia Coffey, Kate Senior, Adriana Haro, David Farrugia, Steven Threadgold, Julia Cook, Kate Davies, Barrie Shannon, 2022, Embodying debt: Youth, consumer credit and its impacts for wellbeing. *Journal of Youth Studies*. Online Early.

Cook, J. Farrugia, D. Threadgold, S. & Coffey, J. 2022. The impact of pandemic-related loss of work on young adults' plans, *Journal of Youth Studies*. Online Early. 1-16.

Bunn, M. Burke, Penny Jane & Threadgold, S. 2022. Classed trajectories in higher education and the graduate labour market: affective affinities in a 'meritocracy'. *British Journal of Sociology of Education*. 43(8): 1273-1287.

Farrugia, D. Cook, J. Senior, K. Threadgold, S. Coffey, J. Davies, K. Haro, A. and Shannon, B. 2022. Youth and the consumption of credit. *Current Sociology*. Online early. 1-19.

Sharp, M. Farrugia, D. Coffey, J. Threadgold, S. Adkins, L. and Gill, R. 2022. Queer subjectivities in hospitality labor. *Gender, Work and Organisation*. 29(5): 1511-1525.

Center members attended the ISA, presenting in a number of Research Committees. You can read the details about this at our new UoN Social Science blog [here](#).

Cheers - Steve