

Building Critical Bridges:

The Third Conference of the Critical Suicide Studies Network (a.k.a. CritSui3)

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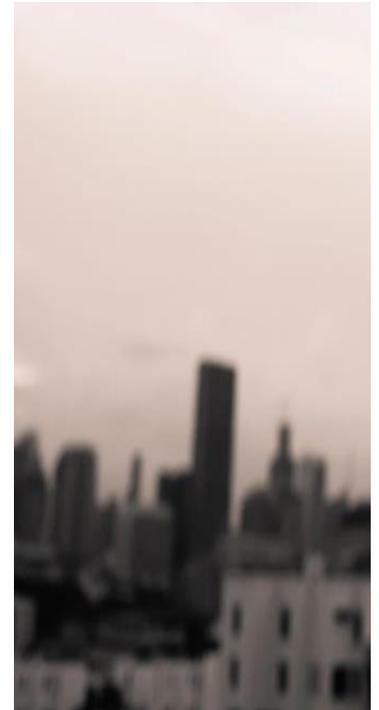
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Perth, Western Australia

The Critical Suicide Studies Network presents an approach to understanding, theorising and intervening in suicide from alternative perspectives. Such perspectives have sought to find renewed, more critical ways of thinking about suicide to address and respond to suicide where traditional approaches have failed.

Such a beginning could not be more timely. Many working within suicidology have become frustrated by the limitations of dominant pathologising and medicalised approaches to suicide research and prevention practices. Believing that suicide research is in need of an ongoing critical re-thinking of its subject matter and a broadening of its disciplinary basis, Critical Suicide Studies investigates the social, philosophic, psychological, literary and cultural practices of making sense of suicide, taking into account how suicide is shaped by history, politics, identity, culture, media and power. As an approach, it works with service providers, communities and publics to develop nuanced but useful accounts of suicide that can help build bridges across theory and practice and affected communities.

This conference, the first to be held in the southern hemisphere, builds on prior Critical Suicide Studies conferences in Prague, Czech Republic (2016) and Canterbury, UK (2017), turning the attention to networking, impact and engagement of critical approaches with service providers, advocates, policy-makers and everyday people affected by suicide.



Invitation for participation in roundtables

We would like to invite scholars, relevant service providers, policy-makers and advocates to participate in roundtable discussions that provoke dialogue across a range of topics exploring critical approaches to suicide and how these can foster changes in policy and provision with real impact, real consultation and real engagement.

We are particularly interested in short presentations (c. 15 minutes) that can join one or more of the following roundtables:

- Lived Experience of Suicide
- Critical Methodologies
- Indigenous knowledges
- Migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and socio-political conditions of suicidality
- Gender and sexually-diverse persons, subjects and communities
- Critical suicide approaches in practice (marginal and alternative approaches)

We welcome proposals relevant to any of the above roundtables as well as others that fit within the field of Critical Suicide Studies (see <https://criticalsuicidology.net/what-is-critical-suicidology/> for guidance).

To submit, please send a 250-word proposal, title, and short biography to critsui3@gmail.com by no later than 30 June 2018.



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