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## My brilliant career?

### Women in the academy: a symposium and networking event



**Date:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 10am-6pm

**Venue:** The Women's Library, Old Castle Street, London E1 7NT.

**Organisers:** Anita Biressi and Heather Nunn  
(Women's Media Studies Network (WMSN) / Roehampton University)

WMSN is online at <http://www.meccsa.org.uk/womens-media-studies-network/>

The Women's Media Studies Network supported by MeCCSA is pleased to announce a one day event addressing the experiences, aspirations and concerns of women working in higher education in media, cultural studies and the humanities.

This invites scholars who situate their research within a feminist framework to consider the organisational and personal/social impediments to institutional and intellectual recognition into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It will also consider the broader implications of these barriers to female success in the academy in terms of their impact on students' own aspirations and their own understanding of gender roles in intellectual and public life. Speakers include younger, mid-career and senior academics and the event will allow space for participants to discuss challenges and strategies for collaboration with women who have extended experience of negotiating academic roles. Participants will be encouraged to initiate further events on associated topics which might include the opportunities and constraints for postgraduate female academics; opportunities for scholars from different ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and those on part-time and short-term contracts; the media image of female intellectuals; the emotional labour of women working in HE; the impact of recession on women academics.

For further information and to register for this event (which includes lunch) please **download the registration form** via this link:

[http://www.meccsa.org.uk/images/events/wmsn/my\\_brilliant\\_career-301009-registration\\_form.doc](http://www.meccsa.org.uk/images/events/wmsn/my_brilliant_career-301009-registration_form.doc)

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### **Schedule in brief**

#### Speakers

Tara Brabazon, Professor of Media Studies, University of Brighton  
Paper title: tbc

Mary Evans, Professor and Visiting Fellow, Institute of Gender Studies LSE  
*A Brilliant Career : But is this Feminism? Reflections on Professional 'Success'*

June Purvis, Professor of Women's and Gender History, Portsmouth  
*Where do I belong? Some reflections on feminism and my academic career.*

Dr Nirmal Puwar, Senior Lecturer, Goldsmiths and author of *Space Invaders: race, gender and bodies out of place* (Berg 2004)  
Paper title: tbc

#### Round table speakers

Helen Baehr, MeCCSA Executive Committee member, research consultant and member of the Board of Women in Film and Television

Rosalind Brunt, Visiting Research Fellow in Media Studies, Sheffield Hallam University , founder member of WMSN

Becky Francis, Professor of Education, Roehampton University