

# Graduate School Seminar Series



## Major public health issues in maternal and newborn care and service delivery

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Maternal and newborn health issues remain a significant unfinished agenda on the global stage. Many countries, including some in our Asia Pacific region, failed to meet Millennium Development Goals (MDG) 4 and 5 and are now working towards meeting the relevant Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Some countries are on track where as others will not meet them without significant investments in the health workforce, commodities, service provision and the empowerment of women. This talk will address the current key challenges and indicators and highlight a number of areas for investment, research and development.

Caroline is Co-Program Director of Women and Children's Health and Co-Head for the Women's and - Newborn's Health Working Group at the Burnet Institute in Melbourne. She also continues a long association with the University of Technology, Sydney as a Visiting Professor of Midwifery. She has been involved in the development and evaluation of midwifery and maternal and newborn health services in Australia and in a number of other countries in the Asia Pacific region, including Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Cambodia and Timor-Leste.

Since 2008, she has been the co-Chair of the Expert Advisory Executive for the development of the National Antenatal Guidelines for the Australian Government's Department of Health and is a member of the WHO's Executive Guideline Steering Committee – WHO Maternal and Perinatal Health Guidelines.

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12.30 - 1.30 pm, Seminar Room 515

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Level 5, 207 Bouverie Street, Carlton

**ALL WELCOME**

***(Please feel free to bring your lunch)***