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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

# To Learn or Earn?

## CAN FORCING STUDENTS TO FINISH YEAR 12 PROMISE LIVES AS HAPPY, CAPABLE AND PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE?

Can a 'one size fits all' approach to educating young Australians work? Are our governments' plans to keep students in school for longer a great leap forward, or does it fail to recognise complexity and diversity in the lives of adolescents? Does it miss a vital opportunity to consider more innovative models for education reform?

This public lecture considers the implications of retaining more young people in school. It explores the forms of complexity in young people's lives that must be recognised in policy and offers insights on how parents, schools, TAFE, employers and governments can make finishing school a lot easier.

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Kitty te Riele is a senior UTS lecturer in Education and Associate Director (Research) of the Australian Centre for Child and Youth Culture and Wellbeing. Her research is concerned with policy and practice for disadvantaged young people, with a special focus on early school leavers. She is interested in both mainstream and alternative educational initiatives aimed at improving opportunities for disadvantaged youth, and in related education and youth policy. She was editor for *Making Schools Different: Alternative approaches to educating young people* recently published by Sage, London.

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### When

Thursday 29 April 2010  
6.00pm drinks for 6.30pm start  
Concludes 7.45pm

### Where

University Hall  
UTS Science Building 4,  
745 Harris Street Ultimo

### Transport

UTS is only ten minutes walk from Central Station, Eddy Avenue and Railway Square bus stops. Parking is available for those with a disability or special need to drive: Peter Johnson Building, Basement Car Park, 702-730 Harris St. Ultimo.

### RSVP

Wednesday 28 April 2010  
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