

## **The Good University in the Urban Age**

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In 2019 Raewyn Connell published *The Good University - What universities actually do and why it's time for radical change*, arguing that despite a booming higher education industry, universities are in deep crisis. Her challenge then, as it is now in the midst of global crisis, is to rethink the fundamentals of what a university is about to achieve fairer, and more sustainable societies. Universities in this sense are not just enablers of change, but also important targets of change. Drawing on recently published books (see Steele and Rickards 2021; Hil, Lyons and Thompsett 2021), this session critically explores the geographies and landscapes of higher education, and prospects for 'the Good University' in the urban age.

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