

‘Meeting the unknown’: a symposium on the work of Amanda Lohrey: 18 and 19 November, 2021
Draft Program

THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER (Zoom link: <https://anu.zoom.us/s/85207550906>)

12.00-12.20pm

Opening & Acknowledgment of Country, Julieanne Lamond

Welcome: Associate Professor Katie Sutton

12.20-1.30pm

The Labyrinth

Chair: Jenna Mead

1. Stephen Muecke, *The Form of The Labyrinth*

2. Monique Rooney, ‘Reversible Destiny’: Plasticity and Amanda Lohrey’s *The Labyrinth*

1.30-2pm: Break

2-3.30pm: Comparisons

Chair: Brigid Magner

1. Bronwen Levy, Amanda Lohrey’s Prose

2. Jane Scerri, Agentive and Ambivalent Motherhood in *Camille’s Bread* and *The Labyrinth*

3. Ruth Blair, Why Pastoral?

3.30-4pm: Break

4-5pm: Writing Back

Chair: Belinda Castles

1. Susan Wyndham, *The Labyrinth* and the Swamp

2. Julianne van Loon, Three Letters

5.30-7pm: Amanda Lohrey Patrons Lecture (<https://anu.zoom.us/s/88359747917>)

FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER (Zoom link: <https://anu.zoom.us/s/87389287486>)

11am-12.30pm: The Labyrinth

Chair: Julieanne Lamond

1. Nicholas Birns, A Rivet In The Fabric of the Real: Improvised Community in Amanda Lohrey’s *The Labyrinth*

2. Morag Fraser, A Consumer’s Report

3. Tony Hughes-D’Aeth, *The Labyrinth* and the Maze: Lohrey *avec* Murnane

12.30-1pm: Break

1-2pm: Poetics of Politics

Chair: Tony Hughes D’Aeth

1. Julieanne Lamond, Forms of Conviction: Political Agency in the work of Amanda Lohrey

2. Dougal McNeill, Amanda Lohrey’s Loyalties

2-2.30pm: Break

2.30pm-4pm: Single works

Chair: Bronwen Levy

1. Belinda Castles, Messages from another realm: reading *Vertigo* as a writer

2. Brigid Magner, Aural Geographies in *The Philosopher’s Doll*

3. Jenna Mead, 'item 3483 <No satire! — don't lose your nerve now.> : Papers of Amanda Lohrey

4pm-4.30pm: Break

4.30-5.30pm: *Structure/Style*

Chair: Julieanne Lamond

1. James Ley, title TBC
2. Thomas Bristow, Things as they are; or, the adventures of Erica Marsden
3. Katrina Schlunke, Myth and Materiality in *The Labyrinth*

5:30pm Closing remarks

Speakers Julieanne Lamond and Jenna Mead