

# Rooted in Relations of Power: Care as Politics

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**Venue: Ventus - Evans**

**Seminar chaired by  
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This paper builds on feminist care ethics scholarship to explore some of the fundamental premises that enable care to exist. While feminist scholars tend to prioritize the positive dimensions of caring relationships, this paper aims to focus on the less positive and contentious dimensions, such as inequality, fear, anxiety, conflict and suffering. This paper explores brief empirical examples of how children and youth negotiate caring relationships that are rooted in relations of power. In doing so, it is suggested that the politics of care are enhanced and strengthened when the power struggles caring agents deal with on a daily basis are acknowledged and prioritized. Attention to care and all its relationalities, not only the positive ones, can potentially help lead us toward the radical change that theorists believe is possible.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr Bartos is a feminist political and cultural geographer who earned her BA from the University of Colorado and her MA and PhD from the University of Washington. She has studied issues of gender and migration in Indonesia, women's anti-war activism in the United States, and children's environmental politics in New Zealand. She is currently a Lecturer in the School of Environment at The University of Auckland where she continues a longitudinal study with children in New Zealand on political agency, care, embodiment and transitions. She also teaches and conducts political ecology research on food politics and engages with questions around food sovereignty and possibilities for social change. Dr Bartos is an Isaac Manasseh Meyer Visiting Fellow in the Department of Geography.