

Women and Ageing: New Cultural and Critical Perspectives

University of Limerick

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Germaine Greer

'The Deconstruction of Motherhood, Liberation or Oppression?'



Thursday May 21, 6.00 pm

Jean Monnet Theatre

Chair: Dr Cathy McGlynn

A major international three-day conference on "Women and Ageing", featuring Germaine Greer as a guest speaker, is being held at the University of Limerick from 20-22 May 2015.

Germaine Greer's talk (Thursday May 21, 6 pm, Jean Monnet Theatre, UL) will discuss the ways in which motherhood is being dismembered, so that the genetic mother, the womb mother and the legal mother may all be different individuals. It will address issues such as surrogacy, egg donation and gestation outside the uterus in relation to women's lack of control over the institutions that regulate these processes. Ultimately, the talk will explore the consequences of reproductive technology for women and raise questions about their implications for women's autonomy. This event will be open to the public and will conclude with a thirty minute Q&A with Germaine Greer.

Germaine Greer was born in Melbourne and educated in Australia and at Cambridge University. Her first book, *The Female Eunuch* (1969), took the world by storm and remains one of the most influential texts of the feminist movement. Germaine Greer has had a distinguished academic career in Britain and the USA. She makes regular appearances in print and other media as a broadcaster, journalist, columnist and reviewer. Since 1988 she has been Director (and financier) of Stump Cross Books, a publishing house specialising in lesser-known works by early women writers.

Tickets for the public talk by Germaine Greer are priced at 10 € and can be purchased via www.eventbrite.ie. Booking is essential as places are limited. Please bring your ticket on the night.

Queries can be directed to the conference organisers: Dr Cathy McGlynn, Dr Maggie O'Neill and Dr Michaela Schrage-Früh, ageing.women@gmail.com. Further details can be accessed on the conference website: <https://womenandageing.wordpress.com/>. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.