



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA**

## School of Human Sciences

The Head of School, Professor Shane Maloney,  
invites you to attend the

**2017 SECOND SEMESTER, SHS SEMINAR SERIES**

### **Professor Stuart Bunt**

President of the WA Division of the NTEU  
National Executive of the Union  
School of Human Sciences  
The University of Western Australia

**Tuesday 22 August, 2017 at 1.00pm**

**Room 1.81, Anatomy, Physiology & Human Biology Building  
The University of Western Australia (off Hackett Entrance No. 2)**



## **What is the role of unions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century university?**

Australia has some of the strongest anti-union legislation in the OECD, to the extent that they clash with international law that sees the ability to take withdraw labour as a fundamental right. We have the first generation since the Great Depression to be looking at worse living and working conditions than their parents, income inequality is at a record levels. Universities are a microcosm of this, some of the highest paid managers in the world run the universities while real wages of staff decline, stress and workloads increase.

University managements hire union busting lawyers to tear up agreements and sue union staff. I will discuss the role of unions in the modern managerial university and the limits to our power as workers to affect the institution that used to be made up of “staff and students” but is increasingly portrayed by management as a business with clients where the staff’s only role is to serve those “clients” and support the organisation’s ability to make a “profit”.

**PARKING:**

Coin operated visitor parking is available between Hackett Entrances 1 and 2. City of Subiaco controlled riverside parking is also available.

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