

"Women and the workplace: the myths that hamper"

Guest speaker: Catherine Fox, Deputy Editor *AFR BOSS*

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All these years after the introduction of sex discrimination legislation we still find many Australian women marginalised and on lower pay than their males colleagues. There are a number of corrosive stereotypes and assumptions that prevent women's progress in the workplace including those in the domestic and caring realms. These have a serious impact on women's careers - whether they have children or not.

If these stereotypes are to be addressed we need to unpick the main myths and analyse the latest gender research to look more closely at what happens in organisations, government policy and in our homes. There is no simple solution but change on all fronts is critical if we are to see a real shift in the next generation of leaders in Australian business, government and the professions.



Catherine is deputy editor of *AFR Boss* magazine and writes a weekly column, 'Corporate Woman', for the Australian Financial Review. She joined the AFR in 1989 and has held a variety of positions, including marketing and *Smart Money* editor, and court reporter.

Before joining the AFR she worked in financial marketing and consulting in Sydney and London. She has worked for a

range of large and small organisations.

Her second book, *The F Word - How we learnt to swear by feminism* (New South) with Jane Caro, was published last year. The book she co-authored with Helen Trinca, *Better than Sex: How a Whole Generation Got Hooked on Work* (Random House) was shortlisted for the 2005 Blake Dawson Waldron Business Book of the Year award.

Her journalism has won several awards, and she is a regular speaker at seminars and conferences around the country. Catherine has a BA Communications (UTS) and MA Hons (UNSW) and lives in Sydney with her husband and three daughters.

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