



# The Centre for Research on Men and Masculinities

## SEMINAR

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## Sexting and male homosociality in a social media context



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Hosted by the Centre for Research on Men and Masculinities (CROMM)

Through an examination of the 2011 Australian Defence Force webcam scandal, this paper looks at male homosocial bonding in institutionalised contexts and the role that technology can play in facilitating this bonding. Expanding on research around shared sexual story telling as a form of male bonding and sexual socialisation (and initiation) this paper also looks at how "sexting" and the sharing of sexualised images between male peers can heighten male bonding through problematic processes which hinge on female victimization and exploitation.

Nina Funnell is a freelance opinion writer and journalist who publishes regularly in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age* and *The National Times*. Nina is currently researching a book on "sexting" and the ways in which young people are incorporating technology into their courtship and sexual practices and the ramifications of this for discussions about gender, sexuality, technology, education and the law. Nina is also a board member of the NSW Rape Crisis Centre and a member of the Premier's Council on Preventing Violence Against Women.

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**Date:** Wednesday 10 August

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**Time:** 12pm - 2pm

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**Venue:** Building 19, Room G016

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