

Promoting Women's Financial Autonomy, Combating Intimate Partner Violence

Tuesday 5 March, 12-1pm AEDT

To be held in person at ACU Melbourne campus, room 460.4.28, L4, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne and online via Teams. Pre-register for joining link here: <https://bit.ly/42mGuT1>

The event is co-hosted by the Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (IHSS) and the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry (IRCI), in cooperation with the [National School of Arts and Humanities](#) and the School of Theology's [Women's Leadership for Mission](#)



To mark [International Women's Day](#), [UN Women Australia](#) has identified the theme of women's economic empowerment. One challenge to women's economic empowerment is that financial abuse of women by an intimate partner is often unrecognised, underreported and understudied. The Australian Bureau of Statistics released 2023 data showing that 16.3 percent, or 1.6 million women in Australia experienced financial abuse. More than 80 percent of victim-survivors of domestic violence have also experienced financial abuse.

This panel features experts on women's economic autonomy and describes current work to combat financial abuse in families. Join for a discussion of this underreported feature of domestic abuse and learn how scholars and organizations are working to promote economic inclusion for women and girls of all cultural and religious backgrounds in Australia.

Introduced by [Dr Alda Balthrop-Lewis](#), senior research fellow in the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry at ACU.

Chaired by [Dr Rachel Busbridge](#), senior lecturer in Sociology at ACU's School of Arts and expert in cultural politics.

Speakers:

- [Rebecca Glenn](#), founder and CEO, Centre for Women's Economic Safety.
- [Professor Supriya Singh](#), sociologist of money, migration and family, La Trobe University.
- [Dr Farjana Mahbuba](#), sociologist of religion, ACU.