

Dear Mad Reading folk,

For November, Emily and Angela from VMIAC have kindly agreed to facilitate, and have chosen a selection of materials on the topic of *gender bias in psychiatry*.

Time and date:

Thursday, 19th November 2020 from 6-7.30pm AEST (Melbourne Time)

Zoom details:

Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85821449358?pwd=aTkzbdJdaNHlwQzdZLzhTWkJKY0FHUT09>

Meeting ID - 858 2144 9358

Passcode - 377714

Readings:

Criado-Perez, Caroline. "The Drugs Don't Work" In *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men*. New York: Abrams Press, 2019. (attached with this email)

Judd, F., Armstrong, S. H., & Kulkarni, J. (2009). Gender-sensitive mental health care. *Australasian Psychiatry*, 17(2), 105 – 111 (attached with this email)

Gender Disparities in Mental Health, World Health Organisation. [Full report here](#) and [summary here](#).

Possible discussion questions:

- How does gender-bias affect the diagnosis of mental health distress?
- In what ways does societal and systemic inequalities and gender-risks affect mental health?
- What further research or practices would you like to see in this area?
- What would a gender-equal approach to psychiatry look like?
- Do you think specific gender wards would be beneficial and if so what would this look like?
- How does the medical model need to evolve to ensure safe and fair treatment and recovery?

A big thank you to Emily and Angela for putting this together, and to Priscilla as always for coordinating the Zoom link. We hope to see you there! It's likely to be the last reading group of the year so do please pop in and say hello, perhaps at the end we can brainstorm topics for the new year.

Cheers,

Antonia