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for
2016
to

Dr Hannah Forsyth

FOR HER ESSAY

'Dreaming of Higher Education'

Hannah Forsyth's essay 'Dreaming of Higher Education' is a passionate political plea to those who work in the tertiary sector to take seriously the issue of social inclusion. The author exhorts university teachers to keep a tight hold of the original dreams of higher education, to stop 'gaming the system', to fight the 'DVC epidemic' within Australian universities and instead of producing 'capitalist fodder', actively challenge the practices of exclusion that structure the sector. In her essay she reminds university teachers that they have the 'power to influence knowledge' and to show others how to stop ignoring the myth of equality of opportunity and 'merit' that determines university entrance and experience, which prevents poor and non-white students from reaping the benefits enjoyed by others. She implores us all to dream for a better future.

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Dr Tanya Evans

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