

# GROWING IDEAS & GROWING CAREERS

Guest Speaker

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Following Professor Mewburn’s guest lecture we will hear short research presentations from some of our early and mid-career Sydney Cancer Partners funding recipients.

**Date:** Monday 21 October

**Time:** 2.00–4.15 pm

**Location:** Michael Spence Building (F23), Level 1 Auditorium  
The University of Sydney (Camperdown)

Networking canapés and drinks will be held from 4.15–5.30pm

## REGISTER NOW

This is a free event, but registration is essential for venue and catering purposes.



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Professor Inger Mewburn is the Director of Researcher Development at The Australian National University, but she is better known as @Thesiswhisperer on the internet. Aside from running workshops for ANU researchers, she creates new posts on the Thesis Whisperer blog, writes scholarly papers and authors books about research education. She has special interests in post PhD employability, research communications and neurodivergence.

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- Conquer decision fatigue
- Harness the power of AI without losing your soul
- Say 'no' strategically (and why it matters)
- Turn procrastination into your secret weapon

Discover how to resist the 'greedy institution' and reclaim your time and sanity. Whether you're a seasoned Professor or a fledgling PhD student, this lecture will arm you with the tools to thrive in the academic jungle.

## Research Presentations

**Dr Brooke Nickel.** NHMRC Emerging Leader Research Fellow, Sydney School of Public Health, University of Sydney. *“Towards building breast cancer risk factors health literacy in Australia to inform prevention.”*

**Dr Chandrima Sengupta.** Research Fellow, Image X Institute, University of Sydney. *“The first implementation of AI-based real-time tumour motion tracking on a clinical system.”*

**Dr Sirisha Tadimalla.** CINSW Early Career Fellow, Institute of Medical Physics, University of Sydney. *“Spatial mapping of liver function using MRI for personalised radiation therapy of liver cancer.”*

**Dr Simon Cai.** Senior Data Scientist, Children’s Medical Research Institute. *“Synthetic augmentation of cancer cell line multi-omic datasets using unsupervised deep learning.”*

**Dr Tiffany Li.** Postdoctoral Researcher, School of Medical Sciences, University of Sydney. *“Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy: The importance of an accurate assessment.”*