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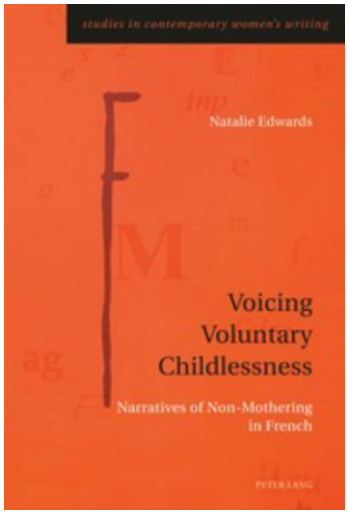
The Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender

Book Launch: *Voicing Voluntary Childlessness* by Natalie Edwards

Ira Raymond Exhibition Room, 22nd March, 4.45pm

The Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender and the Department of French Studies invites you to the launch of *Voicing Voluntary Childlessness: Narratives of Non-Mothering in French* by Natalie Edwards, to be launched by Professor John West-Sooby.

Voicing Voluntary Childlessness looks at first person accounts of voluntary childlessness by women writing in French. The book explores how women narrate their decision not to mother, the issues that they face in doing so and the narrative techniques that they employ to justify their stories. It asks how these authors challenge stereotypes of the childless woman by claiming their own identity in narrative, publicly proclaiming their right to choose and writing a femininity that is not connected to motherhood.



Light refreshments provided. RSVP by March 18th for catering purposes: rita.horanyi@adelaide.edu.au

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