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Dr Jane Wangmann is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at UTS. Her research is primarily concerned with legal responses to domestic and family violence. Jane has particular expertise in understanding how law defines, understands and conceives of this harm.

Jane's research is multi-disciplinary, drawing on socio-legal research methods and feminist legal theory to investigate the intersection of law and domestic violence and improved access to justice. For example, Jane (with UTS colleagues Professor Tracey Booth and Miranda Kaye) recently completed a research project on the impact and effect of self-representation in family law proceedings involving allegations of family violence. The project, funded by Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS), made a number of important recommendations to improve the safety and experiences of those involved such proceedings.

Jane's expertise in this area is illustrated by her continuing contributions to public policy. For instance, Jane is currently a non-government sector expert appointed to the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team (2014- present), which is responsible for reviewing domestic violence related homicides in order to examine any gaps in the service delivery system and to make recommendations to enhance safety.

In her research, Jane draws on over 20 years of experience in the field of domestic violence and the law. Jane has previously worked as a solicitor in a community legal centre, as a senior policy officer in the NSW Attorney General's Department (as it was then called) and at the Australian Law Reform Commission.



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