

# Why can't we get beyond quality? <sup>[1]</sup>

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## Abstract

The article, by one of the authors of the book *Beyond Quality in Early Childhood Education and Care*, has three goals. The first is to recap the 'problem with quality', the starting point for the book. The second is to summarise the argument in *Beyond Quality* for problematising the concept of quality, and why, therefore, 'quality' is a choice and not a necessity. Lastly, it is to examine the paradox of *Beyond Quality* and, in so doing, to worry away at a troubling issue: Why has it proven so hard to get beyond quality? Why does it exert such a strong gravitational pull?

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