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Welcome to the November edition of the BSA PGF newsletter. It includes the at-a-glance contents list, details of forthcoming events and a call for notification for future events.

Don't forget to check out:

- The **website** – www.britisoc.co.uk/students for regular updates on PG events
- The **forum** - <http://www.britisoc.co.uk/phpbb> for all the latest PGF discussions
- Network for PG relevant news and reviews
- And coming soon, **PG Focus**, the PGF Podcast series (see the website)

or **contact us** on PGForum@britsoc.org.uk with any PGF news/updates!

Allison, Mark, Mike & Tung
PGF Convenors

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PG Profiles

Every month our PG Profiles section will feature profiles of different PG researchers. The idea of PG Profiles is to highlight the work and research interests of the members to the wider community in order to promote and help facilitate cooperation and networking.

This initiative has generated an unprecedented response from the PG community, and we will be working our way through the mountain of profile submissions in the coming months. We are also currently in the process of establishing a format for adding these profiles to the BSA website so that the full archive will be available online. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this section, please send them to PGForum@britsoc.org.uk



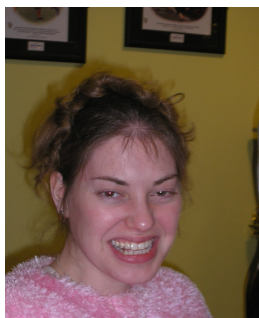
Susan Walker

Name: Susan Walker
Institution: University of Cambridge
Stage of Research: PhD: Year 3
Areas of interest: Sociology of the body, health & illness, gender theory, feminism, psychoanalytical theory, contraceptive practice.
Any other activities: Trained as a GP.
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Sara Louise Elliott Edwards

Institution: University of Liverpool
Stage of Research: PhD: Year 3 (due to complete in March 2009)
Areas of interest: Medical Sociology/ Sociology of health and illness, Specifically: Doctor-patient interaction, Contested illness and Medically Unexplained Symptoms (MUS), Conversation analysis, and Primary care. I also have an interest in: language and identity, devolution in Wales, linguistic minority, and innovative research methods (including online).
Any other activities: I am currently Managing Editor of Medical Sociology Online www.medicalsociologyonline.org and I also help out with compiling the postgraduate section and proof reading the final document. In addition I am currently co-writing a paper about the impact of devolution on modern Welsh identity.
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Anika Alexandra Baddeley

Institution: Sociologist outside Academia
Stage of Research: completed MA social and cultural theory
Areas of interest: the sociology of health and illness, disability and health and social policy.

Any other activities: Over the past year I have become involved in the development of new types of adult social care provision. In my spare time I write articles on issues such as disability, medical technology and education.

I also volunteer at the Dyslexia Association of Staffordshire as part of their Fundraising Working Party.

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Ruben Dario Flores Sandoval

Institution: University of Kent at Canterbury
Stage of Research: PhD: Year 4
Areas of interest: Sociology of compassion, human flourishing, interdisciplinary research
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The BSA is now on Facebook!



Are you a fan of the BSA? Then make it official and join us on facebook!

The BSA has created a facebook fan page with the intention of sharing information and involving sociologists in its development. Check us out at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-British-Sociological-Association/119899944760> and spread the word!

New Member Benefit!

The Gourmet Society Dining Card:

The regular price is £53.50 for a year. BSA members can purchase a card for £27.95, plus get two additional months free. Gourmet Society Dining Card holders are entitled to 2-for-1 meals or 25% off the entire bill (including drinks) at over 3,000 participating restaurants across the UK.

More info can be found at <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/join/Gourmet.htm>

BSA Annual Conference Postgraduate Day: Call for Suggestions

The BSA Annual Conference will take place in Glasgow from 7th-9th April 2010. After the success of the inaugural postgraduate day at the 2009 conference in Cardiff, we would like to continue with the same format and convene a postgraduate day on 6th April, the day before the main conference commences.

This year we organised sessions on public sociology, critical pedagogy, careers and work-PhD balance. The feedback showed that these were widely appreciated. However, there are many challenges facing postgraduates and we want to ensure that we tailor these events to you, the audience.

Therefore we would like to extend a call for suggestions for the Postgraduate Day. If there is any topic you or event that you would like us to organise, then please send your suggestions to our usual e-mail address: PGForum@britsoc.org.uk

As always, we welcome your feedback and we look forward to hearing from you.

Further information on the main conference can be found here:
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/Conference.htm>

Views sought for Review of Postgraduate Provision in the UK

Following Lord Mandelson's announcement of a postgraduate review in July, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has issued a call for evidence from all those with an interest in this important topic.

The Review, headed by Professor Adrian Smith, will consider the benefits of postgraduate study to the economy and the UK as a whole, as well as other wide-ranging issues including research competitiveness and the UK's international position.

Professor Adrian Smith will be supported throughout the review by advisors from business and higher education:

- * Dr Tim Bradshaw, Head of Science, Technology and Innovation, CBI
- * Professor Keith Burnett, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sheffield
- * Dr David Docherty, Chief Executive of the Council for Industry and Higher Education
- * Professor Wendy Purcell, Vice Chancellor of the University of Plymouth
- * Professor Sarah Worthington, Pro Director for Research and External Relations, London School of Economic

David Lammy, Minister of State for Higher Education, said

"I'm very pleased such a range of experienced and well respected figures have come together to support Professor Smith throughout this important review. In order to remain world-leading and to reap the greatest benefits of postgraduate study we must examine and respond to the concerns of universities, the business community and students themselves. I look forward to receiving the Review's recommendations early next year."

The review's principal areas of investigation will be:

- * to assess the competitiveness of UK institutions in the global market for postgraduate education
- * to assess the benefits of postgraduate study for all relevant stakeholders
- * to assess the evidence about the needs of business and other employers for postgraduates
- * and to examine levels of participation, in terms of who undertakes postgraduate study, and whether there are barriers affecting the diversity of participation and any associated reduction in the availability of high-quality entrants

The Review is due to report back by Spring 2010, and will look at both the strengths and weaknesses of the current system, including the diverse way services are provided across the sector.

For more information on the Review of Postgraduate Provision, please click [here](http://www.bis.gov.uk/postgraduate-review)<<http://www.bis.gov.uk/postgraduate-review>>

1. Forthcoming events at a glance:

Events are listed in chronological order:

	Conference	Location	Date
A	Contemporary Issues in Sports Law and Practice	Leicester De Montfort Law School	Nov 6 2009
B	The Politics of sociology: Negotiating Politics as a Social Researcher	University of Warwick	22nd January 2010
C	'Whose Rights? How Right?'	University of Warwick	13th March 2010
D	Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Strategies for Inclusion	London South Bank University	18th March 2010
E	British Sociological Association Annual Conference	Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow	7-9 April 2010
F	The Development of Football: Commercialization, Culture and Identity	Malmö University, Sweden	8-10 April 2010
G	The Development of Women Sport: Separate but not Equal	Malmö University, Sweden	10-12 April 2010
H	7th Eass Conference - A social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment	Porto, Portugal	May 5th to 9th 2010
I	Conference on Law, Policy and the Olympic Movement	Ithaca College London	May 13 - 14th, 2010
J	The Europeanness of European Cinema	King's College Londo	4th June 2010
K	Sport&EU 5th Annual Conference: 'The challenges of sport governance'	University of Ghent (Belgium),	1st - 2nd July 2010
L	Re-thinking Global Society'	University of Leeds UK	7th September 2010

2. Further Information about events listed in section 1.

A. Contemporary Issues in Sports Law and Practice, Leicester De Montfort Law School, Friday 6 November 2009

Hawthorn Building, De Montfort University, Leicester

Programme

Key Note Address "Challenges Facing Sporting Governing Bodies"

David Sparkes, Chief Executive, British Swimming/ASA

Drawing on his experience of some fifteen years at the helm of a leading National Sports Governing Body, David will share some of swimming's experiences and lessons learned in areas such as Child Protection in Sport (including a sports eye view of the new ISA scheme), Challenges of Team Selection and Disabled Athlete Classification and other aspects of evolving sports governance.

Confirmed Speakers include

Darren Bailey FA Director of Football Governance and Regulation will provide an insight into National and Global trends in sports governance

Ian Lynam Associate, Charles Russell LLP who will analyse the challenges Governing Bodies face with “rebel leagues”

Jason Smith Partner, Brabners, Chaffe Street LLP who will look at developments in the law and practice relating to sports sponsorship

Debra Brown Senior Lecturer at Leicester De Montfort Law School with an update on the revamping of the Offcom list of sporting events **Chair**

Andy Gray Head of Leicester De Montfort Law School Sports Law Unit and Director of Regulatory and Legal Affairs, British Swimming/ASA.

Schedule

13.30 Registration and Coffee

14.00 Chair’s Welcome & Key Note Address

14.30 - 15.45 Plenary Session One

15.45 Coffee

16.00 Plenary Session Two

16.45 Chairman’s Closing Remarks & Close

Admission Free

B. The Politics of sociology: Negotiating Politics as a Social Researcher , The Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, Friday 22nd January 2010, 09:00-17:00

This is a workshop day for postgraduate students interested in the connection between social research and political expression.

How do/should social researchers approach the issue of personal politics and activist space? How are the personal politics of social researchers communicated? Can/should social research be a political forum? What can sociologists contribute to political studies? These are just a few of the issues we hope to explore during the day.

This event is funded by the British Sociological Association and will be held at the University of Warwick.

Workshops and talks from:

Professor Les Back, Goldsmiths

Dr Joyce Canaan, Birmingham City University

Dr Therese O’Toole, University of Bristol

Professor Peter Ratcliffe, University of Warwick

Dr Gurnam Singh, Coventry University

Costs:

BSA members -free

Non-members - £10

If you are interested in attending this event or would like more information please contact:

l.mayblin@warwick.ac.uk. Places are limited to 30 so get in quick!

C. ‘Whose Rights? How Right?’ Warwick Postgraduate Conference, University of Warwick, 13th March 2010

Warwick Sociology Department would like to announce a call for abstracts from postgraduate students wishing to present at the Warwick Postgraduate Conference 2010 ‘Whose Rights? How Right?’. This is a conference run by and for postgraduate students in the social sciences and humanities and provides an exciting opportunity to present your work in a friendly and supportive environment.

The conference theme concerns ‘rights’. From rights claimed on the basis of humanity to those relating to a specific group in a specific setting; are rights so ubiquitous that they are rendered

meaningless? What does it mean to have rights, morally and/or legally? How are they allocated, by whom, and who is included and excluded? These are some of the questions that the conference hopes to address.

Abstracts submitted for presentation at the conference might cover some of the following topics –though this list is not exhaustive of the theme of rights and related abstracts on other topics are welcome:

- Theoretical perspectives on rights from classical to more recent developments in theories of rights
- Legal vs. moral rights
- Human rights
- Citizenship and rights
- Gender based rights
- Age based rights –children and the elderly
- Animal rights
- Disabled peoples' rights
- Minority culture/language rights
- Religious rights
- Workers' rights
- The intersection of different types of rights
- Intellectual property rights, including music/film rights
- Research process -what rights do we afford to participants?

Abstracts should be up to 300 words. Please send abstracts to Melissa Menent: M.Menent@warwick.ac.uk. Ensure that you state your name, department and institution in the same document as the abstract. The deadline for abstract submission is 15th December 2009.

D. Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Strategies for Inclusion, London South Bank University, Thursday 18th March 2010

Hosted by the University of Southampton and London South Bank University

The University of Southampton (School of Education, Pedagogy and Curriculum Research Centre) and London South Bank University (Gender Research Forum, Institute for Social Science Research) are organising a one day conference on *Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Strategies for Inclusion* at London South Bank University on Thursday 18th March 2010.

The theme of the conference is to examine issues of diversity, inclusion and social justice. We are particularly interested in papers which focus on strategies for inclusion; these can be policy orientated, empirical and/or theoretical and can focus on education, the labour market, the criminal justice system. The aim of the conference is to bring together established academics, early careers researchers and students to share their experiences of theorising and researching in this field. These themes could be explored in relation to research methodologies and/or theorising difference. We would like to invite you to submit abstracts of approximately 250 words by Friday 11 December 2009. We would like submissions to focus on any dimensions of difference such as 'race', class, gender, disability and sexuality. We will be sending more details shortly about format and additional keynote speakers. We are intending to publish the proceedings from the conference in a special issue. Confirmed plenary speaker: Professor Jeffrey Weeks.

Looking forward to receiving your abstracts and/or seeing you at the conference. If you would like to discuss please contact Kalwant Bhopal (K.Bhopal@soton.ac.uk) or Shaminder Takhar (takhars@lsbu.ac.uk).

E. British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Glasgow Caledonian University, 7-9th April 2010

The British Sociological Association invites submissions to its 2010 Annual Conference. The 2010 Annual Conference follows the successful new format introduced in 2009. Participants can present on topics they wish within broad streams (and open streams) that reflect the core research areas of the membership:

- *Crime and Control*
- *Culture and Consumption*
- *Education*
- *Families, Relationships, Lifecourse*
- *Media*
- *Medicine, Health and Illness*
- *Methodological Innovations*
- *Professional Forum*
- *Religion*
- *Science and Technology Studies*
- *Social Divisions / Social Identities*
- *Space, Mobility and Place*
- *Theory*
- *Work, Economy and Society*
- *Open Stream(s)*

All BSA study groups are strongly encouraged to contribute posters/ papers and other activities addressed to these streams. There will also be opportunities for study groups to meet independently.

The Keynote Plenaries and Sub-plenaries will address the Conference theme: Inequalities and Social Justice

Abstract submission form available from:
BSA Website: www.britsoc.co.uk/events/Conference

IMPORTANT DATES:
Friday 25th September 2009: Deadline for abstract submission.
Friday 15th January 2010: Last date for presenters to register.
E-mail: BSAConference@britsoc.org.uk

F. The Development of Football: Commercialization, Culture and Identity, Department of Sport Science, Malmö University, Thursday, April 8 – Saturday, April 10, 2010

Ever since the revolutionary breakthrough of television and, a decade or so later, the infamous Bosman ruling, the world of association football has been divided into strong centers, less powerful semi-peripheries, and more or less marginalized fringes. Some national leagues have, in sporting and economic terms, left the others far behind. The same pattern is apparent in women's football. What's more, there's a clear division within the national leagues as well, with the same handful of rich and famous clubs claiming top positions in the league tables. Is this the football of the future? Is the division into centers and peripheries beneficial for football? These are some of the themes and question that will be penetrated at Malmö University's important international football conference.

The conference on football will have a number of interesting keynote speakers – with local, global and glocal focuses. Confirmed speakers are Richard Giulianotti (UK), John Hughson (UK), Hans Hognestad (Norway), Boria Majumdar (India), Torbjörn Andersson (Sweden) and Jesper Fundberg (Sweden).

The conference committee now invites participants to present PAPERS, preferably, but not

necessarily, relating to the following themes:

The Status and the Prospects of National Football Leagues
Post-Bosman and the Development of Football
The Globalisation/Glocalisation of Football
Football and Local and National Identity
Directions in Contemporary and Future European Football
The Future Development of Women Football
Sponsoring and Marketing of Women Football
The Implication of the 6+5 Rule or the Economic Doping of Football Clubs

Please submit ABSTRACTS (250 – 400 words) electronically to Annika Larsson (annika.larsson@mah.se) no later than December 15, 2009. Notification of acceptance will be given on January 11, 2010. Accepted articles must be submitted in full by March 15th, and will be considered for publication in a special issue of Soccer and Society, in 2011, or in Nordic Sport Studies Forum.

For further information, please contact Bo Carlsson, Malmö University (bo.carlsson@mah.se)

G. The Development of Women Sport: Separate but not Equal, Department of Sport Science, Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden, Saturday, April 10 – Monday, April 12, 2010

Gender differences and similarities, and whether differences and similarities should be reflected in the organization of sports, is a hotly contended issue in media, in sports, and between scholars. There is consensus about the basic inequalities within sports, but how can that be corrected? Who will spearhead the campaign for gender equality in sports, and in what way should it be run? In various ways, feminists have tried to steer society towards gender equality; but how did the association sports respond? These and many more questions concerning men, women and sports will be subject to thorough exploration at this unique conference.

The conference on gender and sports will have a number of exciting keynote speakers: Raewyn Connell (Australia), Kari Fasting (Norway), Pirkko Markula (Canada), Celia Brackenridge (UK), Gertrud Pfister (Denmark), Sigmund Loland (Norway), Marion Keim (South Africa), Boria Majumdar (India) Martin Polley (UK), Susanna Hedenborg (Sweden).

The conference committee now invites participants to present PAPERS, relating to the theme of gender, women and sports.

Please submit ABSTRACTS (250 – 400 words) electronically to
o Annika Larsson (annika.larsson@mah.se)
no later than **December 15, 2009**. Notification of acceptance will be given on January 11 2010. Accepted articles must be submitted in full by March 15th, and will be considered for publication in a special issue of Sport and Society, in 2011, or in Nordic Sport Studies Forum.
For further information, please contact Susanna Hedenborg, Malmö University (susanna.hedenborg@mah.se)

H. 7th Eass Conference - A social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment, Porto, Portugal, May 5th to 9th 2010

The **7th Eass Conference** - A social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment, will be held in Porto, Portugal, from May 5th to 9th 2010. Gathering studies and methodological approaches of the Social Sciences, this event will be a place of discussion and sharing of knowledge in the field of sociology of sport. Considering that Sport it is not only one of the most relevant everyday life practices, but it also has a very important impact on the world political, social and economic geographies, this 7th Eass Conference will provide a sociological approach on Sport-related issues, such as Lifestyle, Sedentarism and Obesity, Ecology, Environmental Education, Top Level Sport, and Media, among others.

The 7th Conference Eass welcomes experts in the field of Sociology of Sport, but also encourages

colleagues, researchers and academics from various disciplines of social sciences to participate and to give their contribution.

We invite to you to visit our webpage!

<http://eass2010porto.fade.up.pt/>

I. Conference on Law, Policy and the Olympic Movement, Ithaca College London Center, London, May 13 - 14th, 2010

With the Olympic Games coming to London in 2012, the Ithaca College London Centre would like to take this opportunity to convene the first of three conferences examining the historical, legal, political and economic impact of hosting the Olympic Games.

Abstracts and proposals for sessions are invited in the following areas:

The Legal Issues Surrounding the Olympic Games – Potential topics include, but are not limited to: gender equity; WADA and doping; gender testing; athletes' rights; media and broadcasting rights; sponsorship and marketing; image rights; and other issues.

Policy Issues Surrounding the Games – Potential topics include, but are not limited to: development through sport; economic impact of staging the Olympics; Olympic financing and governance; environment and sustainable development; sport facilities: economic boom or white elephants; and the structure of the IOC.

The Olympic Movement – Potential topics include, but are not limited to: the history of the Ancient Olympic Games; the legacies of the modern Olympic Games; the Future of the Olympic Games; and the politics of Olympic site selection.

The conference will feature keynote addresses by international sport leaders and scholars, as well as open paper sessions. Conference organizers encourage the submission of both individual presentations and panel session topics. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words and should include the paper/session title, and presenter's name, affiliation and email address.

Deadline for the submission of abstracts is: **December 15, 2009.**

Accepted presentations will be notified by: February 1, 2010.

All abstracts and questions should be sent to the Conference Organizers:

Bill Sheasgreen: wsheasgreen@ithaca.edu

or

Genevieve Gordon: sportslaw@venire.co.uk

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ithaca.edu/hshp/depts/smm/Conference/>

J. Postgraduate Conference: THE EUROPEANNESS OF EUROPEAN CINEMA, King's College London, 4 June 2010

Opening speech by Jan Palmowski

Keynote speaker: Thomas Elsaesser

Confirmed Plenary speakers: Ginette Vincendeau, Susan Hayward

CALL FOR PAPERS

Studies in European cinema have often been focused on specific countries, genres or auteurs. However, there has been, since the 1990s, a renewed interest in European film as an entity with a

significance beyond the sum of its parts. Promoted by the policies in support of the audiovisual industry set in motion by the Council of Europe and the European Union, this new interest led to an amplified debate on Europe and the cinema that is produced and consumed there. Meanwhile, top of the theoretical agenda, the issue of identity has surfaced as the prime concern. As the framework shifts from national to transnational cinemas and concepts such as 'hyphenated identity' and 'double occupancy' gather strength, this conference seeks to explore the ongoing validity of Europe as a reference in film. Papers are welcomed on any aspect of how European identity might define itself through cinema, spanning issues of representation, industry and cultural policy. Areas of interest might include:

- pan-European production and distribution strategies;
- the label 'Europe' in film distribution and exhibition, including festival circuits;
- examples of films that engage with the idea of Europe;
- how particular national cinemas might simultaneously identify themselves as European;
- the issue of language, dubbing and subtitling;
- and how any of these questions might have shifted historically and with the advent of new European initiatives.

Please submit an abstract (max. 300 words), contact information and short bio (max. 100 words) to: europeanness@kcl.ac.uk

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5 February 2010

Organised by: Mary Harrod, Mariana Liz, Alissa Timoshkina - Film Studies Department, King's College London

K. Sport&EU 5th Annual Conference: 'The challenges of sport governance', University of Ghent (Belgium), 1st and 2nd July 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS

The Association for the Study of Sport and the European Union (Sport&EU) is pleased to announce that its 5th annual conference will be held at the University of Ghent (Belgium) on the 1st and 2nd July 2010, coinciding with the Belgian presidency of the European Union.

With the Treaty of Lisbon about to enter into force, the European Union will for the first time be equipped with a direct competence in the area of sport. Moreover, the implementation of the 2007 European Commission White Paper on Sport and the Action Plan Pierre de Coubertin is shaping and re-defining to some extent the policies of the EU towards sport. The last couple of years have featured a focus on the transformation of sport governance and the new roles of public authorities, governing bodies and stakeholders in the organisation of European sport. Sport&EU's 5th annual conference sets to explore the latest research on the current challenges and possible solutions to improve sport governance.

The conference organisers invite now the submission of paper and panel proposals addressing issues pertaining to sport governance and to the role of public authorities (**including but not limited to the European Union**) and non-governmental sport organisations at different levels in the governance of sport. The organisers would value proposals that do not focus only on professional sport, and papers analysing the consequences of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty are welcome as well. Papers and panels with an interdisciplinary approach are especially welcome and submissions by PhD students are encouraged.

For more information on the conference, please visit our website at www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010

For single paper proposals, send a 250 words abstract, together with a short biography and your contact details.

We especially encourage full panel proposals (maximum of 3 papers per panel): For this send **(in a single file)** a 250 words panel abstract, together with a 250 abstract for each paper.

Please also include a chair for the panel (if you cannot find a chairperson, we will allocate one) and a bibliographic note for each paper giver. The contact details of the panel proposer should also be included.

All paper and panel proposals should be sent to charlotte.vantuycckom@ugent.be by **25 January 2010**.

Please note that all the proposals will be subject to peer review by the conference's scientific committee. Successful proposals will be notified by **25 February 2010**.

For more information, please contact charlotte.vantuycckom@ugent.be or b.garcia-garcia@lboro.ac.uk. You can also visit our website at www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010

L. 'Re-thinking Global Society': The Bauman Institute - International Launch Conference, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds UK, Monday 6th – Tuesday 7th September 2010

We are delighted to announce that the School of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Leeds will formally launch the Bauman Institute in September 2010, established in honour of Leeds's Emeritus Professor of Sociology Zygmunt Bauman.

In recognition of the launch, we are holding an International Conference here at the University of Leeds on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September 2010.

The Conference aims to bring together international expertise amongst scholars, researchers, practitioners, and postgraduate students, working in a variety of fields across the arts, humanities and social sciences. As such, we are delighted to announce amongst our confirmed plenary speakers:

George Ritzer - Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland, Washington DC
Daniel Libeskind - Architect
Neal Lawson - Chair of Compass and writer for The Guardian and The New Statesman

Call for Papers

Our key conference themes are:

- Consumerism and Sustainability
- Globalization, Risk and Uncertainty
- Renewing Politics and Civil Society
- The Social Thought of Zygmunt Bauman

We invite abstracts of not more than 150 words and tied to any of the above themes to be submitted not later than 31st January 2010 to the email address below. All abstracts will be subject to peer-review and should be sent to the Director of the Bauman Institute, Dr Mark Davis: m.e.davis@leeds.ac.uk

Conference Fees*

Early Registration (before 30 June 2010)	£190	Unwaged/Student Rate (Early)	£110
Late Registration (from 1 July 2010)	£265	Unwaged/Student Rate	
(Late)	£165		

*All fee options include full conference registration and an invitation to an Evening Drinks Reception on the Monday, to be held in the Great Hall at the University of Leeds.

For further details: <http://sociology.leeds.ac.uk/bauman>

3. Funding Opportunities/Job opportunities/Prize awards

1. Development Fund Studentships for immediate allocation, Loughborough University

The Department of Politics, History and International Relations (PHIR), Loughborough University has one Development Fund PhD Studentship for immediate allocation. The studentships will fund a PhD student for 3 years at standard home rate. The studentships are available immediately and are intended to fund students who must be in place and registered from 1 December 2009 at the latest. If a suitable student cannot be found in time, the studentship may be reallocated elsewhere. Applicants must be of the highest quality to get approval from the University.

Non UK/EU student can only be considered if the Dept. meets the difference in fees provided by the studentships - so priority is for UK/EU.

The Department has a range of expertise, but I would be happy to supervise projects on any aspect of political sociology and especially projects relating to gender, sexuality, peace movements and South African history, politics and society.

To be eligible for this award the student would need to be registered with the University of Loughborough by 1st December 2009.

Further information about the Department can be found at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/eu/>

Or by contacting:

Dr Daniel Conway d.j.conway@lboro.ac.uk

4. Publications: Introducing new journals and calls for Journal submissions

1. Sociology Call for Tenders: Special Issues 2012

Tenders are invited for a team of guest editors to produce a special issue of *Sociology* (vol. 46). The issue will be published in October 2012 on a theme of the guest editors' choice.

Sociology is acknowledged as one of the leading journals in its field. For more than three decades it has made a major contribution to the debates that have shaped the discipline and it has an undisputed international reputation for quality and originality.

The team should consist of two or more editors. Applicants should have a clear vision of the purpose and content of their special issue. They should be willing to work closely with the journal chair and editorial board, BSA office, Publications Directors and publisher to produce and promote the special issue. They should be able to show high academic standing and demonstrate that they will have sufficient time to undertake the substantial workload associated with editing a special issue. The BSA welcomes teams including a mix of experienced and early career academics or postgraduates, providing that the team is led by the experienced members and that all members can meet the bid criteria.

Deadline for tenders: Monday 22 February 2010

If you would like further information, please email Alison Danforth, BSA Publications Officer, for a full list of criteria and information on how to apply.

Alison Danforth, BSA Publications Officer

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2. Political Power and Social Theory: A Research Annual

Political Power and Social Theory: A Research Annual welcomes submissions for its 2010 volume. PPST is a peer-reviewed annual research journal committed to advancing the interdisciplinary understanding of the linkages between political power, social relations, and historical development. The journal, currently edited by Julian Go (Boston University) and published by Emerald Press, welcomes both empirical and theoretical work and is willing to consider papers of substantial length (up to 80 manuscript pages). PPST is pleased to have published award-winning authors and papers such as, most recently, Cedric de Leon's "'No Bourgeois Mass Party, No Democracy': The Missing Link in Barrington Moore's American Civil War" (PPST Volume 19, 2008), which received the Barrington Moore Jr. Prize for best article from the Comparative-Historical Section of the American Sociological Association.

Submission date is rolling, but authors interested in ensuring their submission is considered for the 2010 volume should plan on submitting no later than **January 15, 2010**. Papers submitted after that date are not guaranteed consideration for the 2010 volume but may be for the 2011 volume.

For more information on submission and the journal, please see the PPST website: <http://www.bu.edu/sociology/ppst> and/or contact:

3. Black Camera: An International Film Journal

Editor: Michael T. Martin

Published semiannually by Indiana University Press

Black Camera is devoted to the study and documentation of the black cinematic experience and is the only scholarly film journal of its kind in the United States. The editor invites submissions of essays, interviews, film and book reviews, programmatic statements, and announcements relevant to the following areas:

- Reconsideration of key black classic films
- Women filmmakers of the African diaspora
- Black (and other related postcolonial and Third World programmatic film statements and manifestoes
- Black sexuality in film
- Black filmmaking and cinematic formations in Europe
- Archival film documents
- slavery and anti-colonial struggles in the historical film
- Lusophone and Francophone African cinemas
- Sub-Saharan African cinemas
- Cinemas of the Maghreb
- Black Hollywood
- Black animation
- Caribbean cinemas
- Reception studies
- Film directors, screenwriters, actors

For submission guidelines, consult: <http://inscribe.iupress.org/loi/blc>

5. Other News

1. Postgraduate Training Opportunity at British Library

The British Library is offering new postgraduates the opportunity to attend training days in English, History, Social Sciences, Modern Foreign Languages and Art and Design in partnership with academic centres of excellence. These specially tailored days of talks, workshops, discussions and networking opportunities combine a general introduction to the library with special sessions on subject specific material. Researchers will have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the British Library collections, from oral history recordings to modern literary manuscripts and ephemera through a variety of sessions with curators.

The link is:

<http://www.bl.uk/aboutus/acrossuk/highered/heresearchers/natrestraining/trainingdays/trainingdaydates.html>

2. Promoting Cultural Competence,

A web-based distance learning course, **Commencing 08 February 2010**

8 weeks duration - £525

For more information [click here](#)

This is an online course for people working in health and social care seeking to enhance their skills and knowledge and comply with national policies and the expectations of an ethnically diverse, multicultural population. Developed by Professor Irena Papadopoulou, an authority in the fields of transcultural health, nursing, and cultural competence studies, students will be able to utilise credits gained by successful completion of this course to progress towards advanced studies/awards.

Further information and a registration form can be obtained from our website at

<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/hssc/business>.

You may wish to bookmark this URL and check it periodically for news of upcoming courses and events. Should you know of any colleagues or associates who would benefit from this course please make them aware of this opportunity.

☛ **Got a Postgrad event you want to advertise? Let us know about it!**

Email us at: PGForum@britsoc.org.uk and we will include it in the next edition of the PGF Newsletter: The newsletter is distributed on the 1st of every month, therefore submission deadlines are the 25th of the preceding month.

☛ **Don't want to wait for the newsletter to find out about PG events?**

All these events are also advertised on the BSA website at:

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/ForthcomingEvents.htm>

☛ **For comments, queries and posts about current PG life and post-PhD experiences, visit the PG Forum online at:**

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/phpbb/>

☛ **Join the BSA Facebook Fan Page**

☛ **Look out for Postgrad related news and reviews in "Network"**

☛ **Look out for our upcoming announcement about the launch of 'PG Focus' podcasts, which will include interviews with our "Evening with..." hosts, PG students talking about their research and other interesting issues facing PG's today.**