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Welcome to the June 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:

- **PG Focus**, the PGF Podcast series and blog – <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>
- The **website** – [www.britsoc.co.uk/students](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/students) for regular updates on PG events
- The **facebook fan page** – 'BSA Postgraduate Forum' – for all the latest PGF discussions (even if you aren't on facebook, you can access our page by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/pages/BSA-Postgraduate-Forum/264420952459>)
- **Network** for PG relevant news and reviews

or **contact us** on [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk) with any PGF news/updates!

Allison, Mark, Mike & Tung  
PGF Convenors

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### *PG Profiles*

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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.

#### **SEEKING NEW SUBMISSIONS FOR PG PROFILES:**

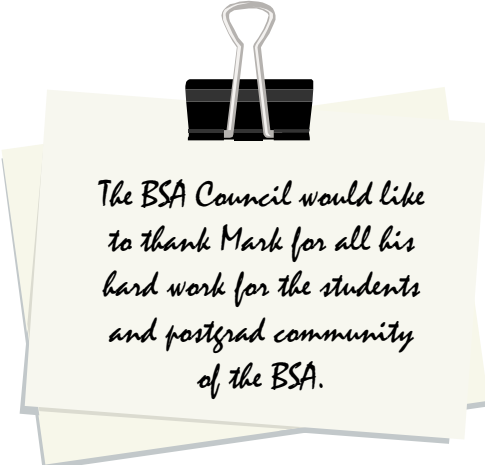
**If you would like to be featured as part of PG Profiles, please email us and we will send you details on what information is required.**

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this section, please send them to [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk)

# POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITY

## POSTGRADUATE FORUM CO-CONVENOR

Mark Doidge, one of the BSA's Postgraduate Forum convenors, will soon submit his PhD thesis. This will leave us with a vacancy on the team of four.



*The BSA Council would like to thank Mark for all his hard work for the students and postgrad community of the BSA.*

### **Are you interested in being a Postgraduate Forum Convenor?**

The new appointment will work with our remaining convenors, Mike Bracher, Allison Hui and Yiu-Tung Suen, to make sure that student members of the Association are kept up-to-date with matters of specific interest to them. They will also facilitate contact between student members and the BSA Council. In return for their hard work and dedication, Postgraduate Forum Convenors are offered free places at BSA events and all travel expenses are reimbursed.

#### **The Convenors' tasks include:**

- Circulating information to other postgraduates via the PG Forum email distribution list
- Keeping the PG Forum pages of the BSA website and the Facebook fan page up to date
- Supporting and hosting PG Focus podcasts
- Making contributions to *Network*
- Assisting with the processing of BSA Support Fund applications by joining the panel of members who grant awards from the Fund
- Helping organise the Postgraduate workshops/events at the BSA Annual Conference
- Representing the interests of Postgraduate members at Council meetings

Since the PG Focus podcasts were launched to great success last fall, they have become an increasingly important part of the PG Forum activities. We are therefore particularly interested in having someone join us who has knowledge about, or an interested in learning, skills relating to the compiling, editing, uploading, and online maintenance of the blog and PG Focus podcasts. The successful applicant will work with current convenors to become proficient at managing and overseeing the online and media aspects of the PG Forum's activities.

In addition to becoming responsible for managing podcasts, the new convenor will share other duties with the remaining convenors, including attending on average one Council meeting and two PG Forum meetings per year, quickly and efficiently dealing with email correspondence regarding Support Fund applications and other business, overseeing the organization of a session for the PG Day and spearheading new initiatives that will benefit the PG Forum community. While the time commitment for this role is flexible, as responsibilities are shared between convenors, and the workload varies over the year, applicants can expect to devote between 4 and 16 hours per month to PG Forum responsibilities.

If you have questions about what being a convenor entails, please contact us at [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk).

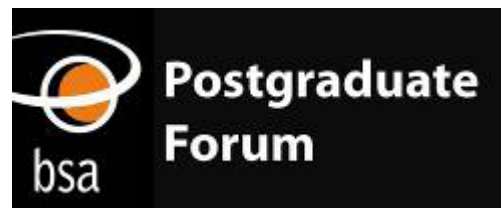
**If you would like to join the PGF team, send an email to [enquiries@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@britsoc.org.uk). Include a letter explaining why you want to co-convene the PGF and attach a CV.**

**Submission deadline: Friday July 16 2010**

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## *PG Forum is now on Facebook!*

PG Forum has created a facebook fan page with the intention of sharing information and creating community amongst postgraduates. You can find us by searching facebook for 'BSA Postgraduate Forum'. Check us out, spread the word, and start interacting with other PGs online



You can **check out the latest news even if you aren't on facebook** by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/pages/BSA-Postgraduate-Forum/264420952459>

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## *PG Day at Annual Conference*

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the PG Day in Glasgow in April – it was a great success, with more than 50 people attending the event and many more joining us for informal meals later during the conference.

We have received some great feedback about the day, and will take it into account in our planning for future events. In particular, several people suggested devoting more time to networking and getting to know the other PGs and their areas of interests. We will consider this in our planning for next year, as well as looking into ways to ensure that the layout of the room and the technology are more conducive to effective and efficient discussion. Some people also suggested topics for inclusion next year, including more about non-academic career paths, and we will take this into consideration as well. Finally, we will work with the BSA to try and ensure that the availability of conference support through the BSA Support Fund is more widely communicated so that people are aware of the opportunity to apply to have their conference fee waived.

Thanks for all of your feedback, and if you would still like to pass on suggestions we are more than happy to receive them: [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk)

We hope to see you 5-8 April 2011 in London at the Annual Conference 2011, which will also celebrate the BSA's 60<sup>th</sup> year.

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# PG Focus

## *The podcast of the BSA PG Forum*

This series will bring together a variety of audio and video content, including; interviews, news, and workshops relevant to the PG community. It will also serve to showcase PG innovation in research, teaching, and events.

**Go to – <http://pgforum.libsyn.com> - to access the podcast.**

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## **BSA Annual Conference 2010 - PG Poster Round Up (on the new PG Forum YouTube channel in High Definition!)**

The BSA PG Forum is pleased to announce the release of the first PG poster presentations from the 2010 Annual Conference. These releases mark the first contributions to the PG Forum's new YouTube channel - and a new avenue for showcasing PG research and related materials.

To access the blog, podcast and links to the videos on YouTube, visit <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>

The BSA PGForum YouTube channel can be accessed directly here:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/BSAPGForum>

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### **Poster Presentation 1 - 'Theories of Belonging'**

**Julia Bennett (University of Manchester)**

Julia Bennett (University of Manchester) presents her research poster 'Theories of Belonging' at the BSA 2010 Annual Conference at Glasgow Caledonian University.

Julia's work focuses on intergenerational experiences of belonging for members of the same family in Wigan. She draws on the phenomenological work of Alfred Schutz, Martin Heidegger and Maurice Merleau-Ponty in her theoretical approach; and is using reflective diaries and photo elicitation in data collection.

This feature was produced and edited by Mike Bracher for the BSA PG Forum.

[http://pgforum.libsyn.org/index.php?post\\_id=610305](http://pgforum.libsyn.org/index.php?post_id=610305)

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### **Poster Presentation 2 - 'Exploring product choice and critical price thresholds in young people who drink alcohol'**

**Stephanie O'Neil (Newcastle University)**

Stephanie O'Neill (Newcastle University) presents her research poster 'Exploring product choice and critical price thresholds in young people who drink alcohol' at the BSA 2010 Annual Conference at Glasgow Caledonian University.

Stephanie's work focuses on attitudes and behaviours in relation to alcohol consumption amongst young people aged 14-17, situated in North East England. In particular her work examines the nature in which price affects patterns of consumption.

This feature was produced and edited by Mike Bracher for the BSA PG Forum.

[http://pgforum.libsyn.org/index.php?post\\_id=615307](http://pgforum.libsyn.org/index.php?post_id=615307)

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### **Poster Presentation 3 - 'What happens when men get involved in feminism?'**

**Jessica Baily (University of Sheffield)**

Jessica Baily (University of Sheffield) presents her research poster 'What happens when men get involved in feminism?' at the BSA 2010 Annual Conference at Glasgow Caledonian University.

Jessica's work looks at the role of male participants in contemporary feminist political activism, and explores the nature in which this affects the groups with which they are involved.

This feature was produced and edited by Mike Bracher for the BSA PG Forum.

[http://pgforum.libsyn.org/index.php?post\\_id=617431](http://pgforum.libsyn.org/index.php?post_id=617431)

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### **PG Focus 106 - Patricia Hill Collins in conversation with Kie Andrews**

In this episode we are pleased to welcome Patricia Hill Collins, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of Maryland (USA); and Charles Phelps Taft Emeritus Professor of African American studies at the University of Cincinnati (USA). She was also the first African American woman to be elected President of the American Sociological Association (ASA) (2008-2009).



Her groundbreaking work in social theory *Black Feminist Thought - Knowledge, Power and the Politics of Empowerment* received the C Wright Mills Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems; and the Jesse Bernard award of the ASA for significant scholarship in the field of gender.

Patricia Hill Collins took time out following her plenary address to the 2009 British Sociological Association Annual Conference to speak to Kie Andrews, PhD researcher at the University of Birmingham. The topics of the discussion include;

- \*The politics of community
- \*PG student activism
- \*Local and global community membership
- \*Current research by PG students (supervised by Patricia Hill Collins)

Kie Andrews's work focuses on the interplay between black power discourses and the notion of community, which he is examining in relation to community initiatives such as 'Saturday School' clubs in Birmingham.

This episode was produced, edited and hosted by Mike Bracher for the BSA PG Forum.

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## **PG Focus Climate & Society Special 1 (pt.5) - Evidence-based policy or policy-based evidence? Biofuels with Les Levidow**



Welcome to the fifth and final episode in our special series of BSA PG Focus podcasts from the recent 2010 BSA Presidential Event - 'How to put society into Climate Change'. This special run of episodes brings together contributors from the event in order to explore themes related to climate change and society, and to explore the implications that this might have for postgraduate research.

In this episode we are pleased to welcome Les Levidow, who made significant contributions to the debate on biofuels and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in response to the questions and topics raised in the speech by Malcolm Wicks MP.

Les Levidow is a Senior Research Fellow at the Open University, UK, where he has been studying agri-environmental issues since the 1980s. His research now encompasses a broader range of issues, especially agri-innovation priorities and biofuels, within an EC-funded research project ([www.crepeweb.net](http://www.crepeweb.net)), as well as alternative agro-food networks in another project ([www.faanweb.eu](http://www.faanweb.eu)).

Co-author of *Governing the Transatlantic Conflict over Agricultural Biotechnology: Contending Coalitions, Trade Liberalisation and Standard Setting* (Routledge, 2006), <http://technology.open.ac.uk/cts/tup/GovTransConflict.pdf>

Co-author of *GM Food on Trial: Testing European Democracy* (Routledge, 2009).

Editor of the journal *Science as Culture*, <http://www.informaworld.com/csac>

This episode was produced, edited and hosted by Mike Bracher for the British Sociological Association.

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### What is a 'podcast'?

A podcast is an audio or video series, like a radio or TV show; except that you can carry it with you on your own media/mp3 player. You can use iTunes or other podcast management software to subscribe. This means that your computer will automatically look for new episodes, download them and then put them onto your portable player when you connect it to the computer automatically.

### How can I get PG Focus?

There are several ways to get PG Focus:

- 1) ***In the embedded player on the web page*** – simply go to the web page of the episode you want to listen to, and click 'play' on the player in the top right hand corner of the page.
- 2) ***Via direct download*** - you can go to the bottom of the page of the episode you want to download, and click the 'Direct download' link to save a copy to your hard drive.
- 3) ***Subscribe via iTunes*** - Click here if you have iTunes already:

<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=339855447> – or go here for further instructions - [http://pgforum.libsyn.com/index.php?post\\_id=548852](http://pgforum.libsyn.com/index.php?post_id=548852)

We hope that you enjoy the podcast, and welcome your feedback and/or suggestions for future episodes. You can leave comments

## 1. *Forthcoming events at a glance:*

Events are listed in chronological order:

<b>A</b>	<b>Systematic Mixed Methods Research (SMMR)</b>	<b>University of Manchester</b>	<b>15 June 2010</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>War &amp; Faith: Exploring the place of religion in conflict and reconciliation</b>	<b>Goodenough Annual Conference Series London</b>	<b>18 June 2010</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>The experimental society: what happens when evidence, uncertainty and politics collide? The Royal Society Annual Debate</b>	<b>Southbank Centre</b>	<b>28 June 2010</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Sport&amp;EU 5th Annual Conference: 'The challenges of sport governance'</b>	<b>University of Ghent (Belgium),</b>	<b>1-2 July 2010</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>8th International Qualitative Research Conference</b>	<b>Bournemouth University</b>	<b>6-8 September 2010</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Re-thinking Global Society'</b>	<b>University of Leeds UK</b>	<b>7 September 2010</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>'Managing Uncertainty: A new deal? International challenges and the changing face of work' Work, Employment &amp; Society Conference 2010</b>	<b>University of Brighton</b>	<b>7-9 September 2010</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Connections 9 – Contemporary Conflicts: Class, Culture, Environment</b>	<b>University of Bristol</b>	<b>13 September 2010</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Villains, Rogues and Deviants: Writing the Histories of People We'd Rather Forget</b>	<b>University of Edinburgh</b>	<b>22 October 2010</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>Panic and Mourning: Graduate Conference</b>	<b>Portuguese Catholic University</b>	<b>28-29 October 2010</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>Blocked Arteries: Circulation and Congestion in History</b>	<b>University of London</b>	<b>25-26 November 2010</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>AEGIS 4<sup>th</sup> European Conference on African Studies</b>	<b>Uppsala, Sweden</b>	<b>15-18 June 2011</b>

## 2. *Further Information about events listed in section 1.*

### *A. Systematic Mixed Methods Research Workshop (SMMR) University of Manchester, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010*

The workshop is about Systematic Mixed Methods Research (SMMR) organised by the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research (CCSR) of the University of Manchester. It is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 starting at 10:00am till 4:00pm at the University of Manchester.

Please circulate this to all Masters and PhD students as well as Research Staff that use mixed methods, if you may. The workshop is very accessible. We welcome all, having 100 places in total available.

The aim of the workshop is to introduce and survey about five different methods of mixed-methods research.

The workshop is suitable for postgraduate and doctoral researchers in particular, and it is also useful for those involved in research as a profession.

See [www.ccsr.ac.uk/events/mixedmethods2010](http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/events/mixedmethods2010) for full details.

The Workshop programme is being finalised! We can promise to deliver to each participant:

- a detailed study of the global Shoe Industry's fair-labour standards
- MIXED METHODS RESEARCH DESIGN TIPS
- details of how qualitative comparative analysis is done
- the option to attend a class on NVIVO showing mixed-methods coding
- the option to have a one -hour demonstration of fsQCA software [for causal analysis]
- helpful material, with background papers, about mixing methods (open systems, handling large multicountry data sets, surveys and interviews, and useful small-to-medium N statistical methods)

PLEASE REGISTER BY JUNE 5TH - LUNCH IS PROVIDED. The fee is £15 for graduate students. Registration online at: <http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/events/mixedmethods2010/booking/index.html>

For further information about the SMMR workshop please email our organiser Badru Bukenya [badru.bukenya-2@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:badru.bukenya-2@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk) or visit our website at <http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/events/mixedmethods2010/>.

## ***B. War & Faith: Exploring the place of religion in conflict and reconciliation, London, 18 June 2010***

Goodenough Annual Conference Series  
**Friday 18 June 2010**

Over the past nine years Goodenough College has established an internationally renowned conference series with a reputation for addressing serious issues of multi-disciplinary and global importance. This series of conferences is devised and organised by members of Goodenough College and attracts the highest calibre of specialists from political, financial, academic and diplomatic communities around the world.

This year the College will host speakers from a number of diverse fields to examine the relationship between war and faith in the past and present, particularly the extent to which religion can be seen as a cause of conflict, the religious discourses used to define the experience of war, and the ways that faith can be instrumental to reconciliation and reconstruction. The connection between war and faith stretches back for millenia, but it is one that is increasingly important to examine, discuss, and attempt to understand in the twenty-first century.

For the **conference agenda** please click [here](#).

To **register** please click [here](#).

Participants have been invited to speak for twenty minutes in one of the following four panels:

### **I. Faith and Fighters in the World Wars**

While some scholars have described a crisis of faith caused by the horrific experience of modern warfare, others have paid close attention to the significance of religious beliefs and customs in the First and Second World Wars. Panellists will explore the extent to which religious customs, traditions, and teachings informed the civilian and military experiences of war. Questions that will be addressed include: Was faith an effective mechanism for coping with the tragedy of war for those in fighting the trenches, or living in bomb-ravaged city streets? What was the role of religious leaders and nature of religious traditions in military or paramilitary organisations? Confirmed Speakers include: John Wolffe (The Open University), Michael Snape (University of Birmingham) and Antoine Capet (Université de Rouen).

### **II. Just War, Spirituality and Ethics**

This panel will address the relationship between war and spirituality, particularly whether religions can or should provide justification or a spiritual legitimation for warfare and violence. Does the notion of a "just war" make conflict ethically conscionable, and what are the ethics of combat? Is there such a thing as a "just war"? In what ways do wars affect the spirituality of combatants? Confirmed speakers include: Timothy Demy (US Naval College) and Christopher Coker (LSE).

### **III. Religious Violence and Extremism**

Panelists will consider the impact of religious fundamentalism or extremism on international and domestic politics and security in the twenty-first century, particularly the ways that domestic and foreign terrorism has influenced the shape of public and foreign policy. How has the threat of religious violence impacted personal freedoms and liberties? Has fundamentalism and extremism changed the way that religion or faith is understood in ostensibly 'secular' societies? Confirmed speakers include: Anatol Lieven (King's) and Adrian Pabst (University of Kent).

### **IV. Religion and Reconciliation**

Although some religious organisations have been complicit in conflict, many others have had an important place in the resolution of violence and disputes. How are NGOs and charitable organizations with religious roots currently working to ease horrific conditions in post-war contexts? How have churches and religious organisations over the past century contributed to the shape of international law and the nature of diplomacy? Confirmed speakers include: Michael Kerr (King's), Simon Keyes (St. Ethelburga's Centre), Laura Shieler Chico (Quaker Peace and Social Witness) and Antony Ball (Lambeth Palace).

The conference will take place on Friday, 18 June 2010 at Goodenough College, Mecklenburgh Square, London, WC1N 2AB.

At the close of the conference there will be a drinks reception to celebrate the launch of the Network for the Study of War and Religion in the Twentieth Century. Delegates are also invited to attend a concert featuring music related to the War & Faith theme later that evening, performed by the musicians of Goodenough College.

To contact the conference organising committee, please email us at [warandfaithconference@googlemail.com](mailto:warandfaithconference@googlemail.com)

### ***C. The experimental society? What happens when evidence, uncertainty and policy collide? The Royal Society Science Policy Centre Annual Debate at Southbank Centre, 28 June 2010***

Scientists were once imagined 'speaking truth to power'. Today they are more likely to be accused of playing politics. In the last year, we have seen the dismissal of Professor David Nutt as a government drugs adviser, the hacking of climate scientists' emails at the University of East Anglia and concerns about the processes of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. These controversies have revealed a sometimes uneasy relationship between scientists, politicians and the public.

For 350 years, the Royal Society has stood for the importance of evidence, scepticism and experimentation. How do these principles translate to 21<sup>st</sup> century politics, when countless decisions rest on the robustness of scientific advice? Can policymakers improve the way they deal with scientific uncertainty? How much experimentation can the public handle?

Speakers:

- Lord Martin Rees, President, The Royal Society
- Lord John Krebs FRS, Principal, Jesus College, Oxford and Chair, Royal Society Science Policy Advisory Group
- Professor Sheila Jasanoff, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies, Harvard University
- Professor David Nutt, Professor of neuropsychopharmacology at Imperial College London and Chair of the Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs
- Professor Michael Hulme, Professor of Climate Change at the University of East Anglia and author of *Why we disagree about climate change*

This event forms part of *See Further: The Festival of Science + Arts*, a unique ten-day festival to mark the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Society through a host of cross-disciplinary collaborations, scientific and artistic events (<http://seefurtherfestival.org/>)

We are delighted to be hosting the debate in partnership with the Science and Democracy Network (<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/sdn/>), Sciencewise-ERC (<http://www.sciencewise-erc.org.uk/>) and the Experimentality programme of Lancaster University, which is hosting a conference on 'The Experimental Society' from 7-9 July 2010 (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/experimentality/event/experimental-society>)

**Please note that this event will take place at the SouthBank Centre (NOT at the Royal Society).**

If you would like to attend this free event, please email [science.policy@royalsociety.org](mailto:science.policy@royalsociety.org) by Friday 18 June with your name, job title and place of work, clearly stating which event you would like to attend. Please forward this invitation to any colleagues who may be interested.

Doors will open at 17:30hrs and the debate will run from 1800hrs to 1930hrs.

### ***D. 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 5<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held at the University of Ghent (Belgium) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.vantuyckom@ugent.be](mailto:charlotte.vantuyckom@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](mailto:charlotte.vantuycckom@ugent.be) or [b.garcia-garcia@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:b.garcia-garcia@lboro.ac.uk). You can also visit our website at [www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010](http://www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010)

### ***E. 8th International Qualitative Research Conference, Bournemouth University, 6th-8th September 2010***

Call for Abstracts

The Centre for Qualitative Research at Bournemouth University is pleased to announce its biennial conference to be held from the 6 to the 8 September 2010 at Bournemouth University, Talbot Campus. We look forward to an exciting three days that are designed to appeal to a broad variety of scholars and practitioners from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds. This concern to support disciplinary diversity is reflected in the choice of our keynote speakers who include:

- Immy Holloway - Bournemouth University, UK
- Janice Morse - University of Utah, USA
- Monica Prendergast - Lesley University, USA
- Nigel Rapport - University of St Andrews, UK

Abstracts are invited from scholars and practitioners engaged in qualitative research from a range of disciplines or perspectives which may include health, social care, psychology, sociology, anthropology, media studies, product design, education, organisational studies and any other areas through which qualitative research is being advanced.

Abstracts of up to 170 words are invited for:

- 30 minute papers (including 10 minutes of questions)
- 90 minute symposia (minimum 3 members)
- Performances of varying lengths (see call for PSS below)
- Posters

On the following themes:

- Performative Social Science
- Humanising Health and Social Care through Qualitative Research
- Qualitative Research and Contemporary Culture
- Philosophical, Methodological and Ethical Perspectives
- Reflections and developments from diverse disciplines
- History of Methods, History as Method

Submission deadline: 30 April 2010

### ***F. '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](mailto: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>

### ***G. 'Managing Uncertainty: A new deal? International challenges and the changing face of work' Work, Employment & Society Conference 2010, University of Brighton, 7th-9th September 2010***

The British Sociological Association and the Work, Employment and Society Editorial Board are pleased to announce that the WES conference 2010 will be hosted by University of Brighton Business School. Like the journal, the WES conference is sociologically oriented, but welcomes contributions from related fields. With an international focus, this conference promises to be an exciting, interdisciplinary event for all who are interested in the sociology of work and employment.

Confirmed speakers:

Professor Eileen Appelbaum, Rutgers, USA  
Professor Jennifer Klein, Yale, USA  
Professor Chris Tilly, UCLA, USA  
Professor Enrique de la Garza Toledo, Universidad Autonoma, Mexico  
Professor David Lane, University of Cambridge, UK  
Professors Premilla D'Cruz and Ernesto Noronha, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad  
Dr Pun Ngai, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China  
Professor Jill Rubery, Manchester Business School, UK  
Professor Michel Lallement, CNAM Paris, France  
Professor Claus Offe, Hertie School of Governance GmbH Berlin, Germany  
Postgraduate Workshop: 6 September 2010  
Grand Parade, University of Brighton

Further details coming soon, for all enquiries email the BSA Office.

### ***H. Connections 9 – Contemporary Conflicts: Class, Culture, Environment – 13<sup>th</sup> September, University of Bristol***

University of Bristol. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Contemporary Conflicts is the ninth in the annual 'Connections' series of interdisciplinary

postgraduate conferences, hosted by PhD Sociology students at the University of Bristol. The conference offers postgraduates an opportunity to present and discuss their research in a friendly and supportive setting, and to form connections with peers which cross disciplinary, institutional and geographical divides.

Papers (20 minutes in length) are invited on the topic of contemporary conflict, for inclusion within any of the three conference streams:

Class  
Culture  
Environment

We welcome participation from across the Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, and also encourage submissions from other disciplines relevant to one or more of the conference streams, such as Geography and Environmental Studies. It is expected that streams will be interpreted loosely and creatively; 'Culture' may be broadly defined as including religion, identity, language, custom, or popular culture, for instance.

To submit a paper, please e-mail a maximum 150 word abstract and 50 word biography to [contemporaryconflicts2010@googlemail.com](mailto:contemporaryconflicts2010@googlemail.com) by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please also include your contact details and institutional and departmental affiliation. We will get back to you by the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Non-presenting participants are also welcome. Please e-mail to register your interest by the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

[www.contemporaryconflicts.blogspot.com](http://www.contemporaryconflicts.blogspot.com)

### ***1. Villains, Rogues and Deviants: Writing the Histories of People We'd Rather Forget Postgraduate and Early-Career Researchers Conference 22 October 2010 at the University of Edinburgh***

This conference will focus on the unique challenges and benefits of researching and writing about forgotten, immoral, ignored and disliked individuals, groups and ideas at any time in history. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Louise Jackson of the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Jackson will be examining the continued popularity of convicted offenders' biographies since the early modern period.

Special consideration will be given to proposals addressing the following themes:

- Demonized political groups, parties, and leaders
- Changing perceptions of criminal and non-criminal behaviour
- Dangers of applying current social norms to the past
- Romanticization of roguery

Speakers are encouraged to address how their research subjects have been viewed over time as society's morals and ethics change. Some subjects have been intentionally ignored because of their viewpoints or actions. Who is considered to be a villain, rogue or deviant? What makes them so? And how did ethical frameworks shift over time to change society's views of these people?

Postgraduates and early-career researchers will have an opportunity to voice their concerns and discuss the challenges they face in their own research. Scholars of subjects that are viewed negatively by society at large must justify their chosen topics, approach them with objectivity, and demonstrate why they are worthy of study.

We welcome proposals from postgraduate students and early-career researchers in all disciplines for twenty minute papers on any topic related to the theme. Travel bursaries will be available for speakers coming from outside of Edinburgh, contingent upon funding.

To apply to give a paper, please email your name, school affiliation and a 250-word abstract to:

Lindsey Flewelling at [L.J.Flewelling@sms.ed.ac.uk](mailto:L.J.Flewelling@sms.ed.ac.uk)

or

Paula Dumas at [P.E.Dumas@sms.ed.ac.uk](mailto:P.E.Dumas@sms.ed.ac.uk)

Before the deadline of 30 June 2010.

***J. Panic and Mourning: A Graduate Conference, Portuguese Catholic University, 28-29 October 2010***

The Research Centre for Communication and Culture presents:

PANIC AND MOURNING

1st GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN CULTURE STUDIES

October 28-29, 2010

Portuguese Catholic University

Lisbon , Portugal

Deadline for submissions: June 30, 2010

Panic and mourning are two distinct emotional constructs that often intersect and interplay in landscapes of conflict, violence, crisis, tragedy and catastrophe, both natural and man-made. Whereas panic tends to occur during the experience of the catastrophic events, mourning, on the other hand, relates to the aftermath of a violent disruption and to the way humans try to make sense of it retrospectively. Conversely, violent events can also leave a thread of panic in its aftermath, such as mourning can be disturbed or reinstated by a catastrophic occurrence.

This inter-disciplinary conference seeks to address questions at the interface of panic and mourning, both individually and jointly. We are particularly interested in investigating representations and performances of modalities and contexts of panic (fear, horror, terror, rage, anxiety, shock, threat) and mourning (pain, grief, loss, trauma, memory, melancholy, nostalgia, healing) in media, literary and cultural frameworks.

This conference wishes to bring together doctoral students, Post-doc and junior researchers from different areas and disciplines to share research interests and works-in-progress, learn and engage in fresh intellectual discussion with international key academics and build a community of young scholars.

Papers are welcome on the topics listed below, amongst others:

- The cultural construction of panic and mourning
- Representations of panic and mourning in literature and the arts
- Mediation and the mediatization of panic and mourning
- Panic and mourning as spectacle
- Tropes of panic and mourning between victimhood and agency
- Public and private rituals of panic and mourning
- Gendered discourses of panic and mourning
- The work of law in practices of mourning
- Transgenerational mourning and the heritage of collective loss
- Dimensions of panic: moral panic, technopanic, hyperpanic, media panic, voluptuous panic, global panic
- Power, governmentality, and the regulation of emotions

Confirmed keynote speakers:

- Ban Wang ( Stanford University )
- Barry Richards ( Media School , University of Bournemouth )
- Frederik Tygstrup ( Copenhagen Doctoral School in Cultural Studies )
- António Sousa Ribeiro (Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra )
- Eduardo Cintra Torres (CECC / Institute for Social Sciences, University of Lisbon )

The conference language is English

Speakers should be prepared for a 15-minute presentation followed by questions.

Please send a 250-word abstract, as well as a brief biographical note (100 words) to [panicandmourning@gmail.com](mailto:panicandmourning@gmail.com) by June 30, 2010. Proposals should list paper title, name, institutional affiliation, and contact details.

E-mails should be entitled: Panic and Mourning Abstract Submission

Successful applicants will be notified by July 15, 2010.

We acknowledge receipt and answer to all paper proposals submitted. If you do not receive a reply from us in a week you should assume we did not receive your proposal. We suggest then to resend it.

We regret that travel and accommodation funding for conference participants is not available at this time.

Fees

Speakers - 30€

Participants - 45€

Late registrations (after July 30) - 50€

The registration fee includes lunches on the two conference days.

For CECC researchers there is no registration fee.

Organizing Committee

Cátia Ferreira

Daniela Agostinho

Elisa Antz

Elisabetta Colla

Tânia Ganito

For further information: [www.panicandmourning.wordpress.com](http://www.panicandmourning.wordpress.com)

***K. Blocked Arteries: Circulation and Congestion in History, University of London, 25-26 November 2010***

**Blocked Arteries: Circulation and Congestion in History**

Institute of Historical Research, University of London

25 and 26 November 2010

Call for papers

**Deadline for submission of abstracts extended to 15 June 2010**

For centuries congestion has constituted a significant part of the travelling experience of peoples within and between cities, regions and nations. Meanwhile, for governments and planners, congestion has emerged as both a technical and cultural construct, influencing the interaction and circulation of populations and the ways in which transport and related infrastructures have developed. Societies have devised new methods and ways of dealing with mobility and congestion, ranging from discouraging the use of motorcars in central areas (such as the congestion charge in London) to the construction of state-of-the-art infrastructures and sophisticated mapping and forecast models.

The aim of the conference is to examine the ways in which congestion has been, and continues to be, a problem as well as an inherent characteristic of the historical development of cities and regions worldwide, particularly in their relationship with commercial, financial, industrial, tourist and other networks. Our purpose is also to promote an exchange across disciplines and engage with current policy debates.

We welcome proposals relating to any historical period and geographical area examining congestion in its broadest sense and/or focusing on one of its multiple dimensions. Themes that might be explored include: the importance of structure and agency in the conception, planning and execution of transport infrastructures such as roads, waterways, canals, railways and airways; the use of mechanical, medical and anthropomorphic metaphors describing the circulation of information, capital, goods, waste and people and its relationship with cities and regions; the cultural, political and social reception of new transport technologies and policies; the responses to and interpretations of environmental issues; the ways in which traffic and congestion have been depicted in films and literary and other works. Papers adopting a comparative perspective are especially encouraged. Abstracts of 300 words and a brief statement outlining the institutional affiliation of the participants

should be sent by **15 June 2010** to the conference organisers:

Carlos López Galviz: [psv7@ymail.com](mailto:psv7@ymail.com)

Dhan Zunino Singh: [dhan.zuninosingh@sas.ac.uk](mailto:dhan.zuninosingh@sas.ac.uk)

## ***L. ECAS 2011 – 4<sup>th</sup> European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala Sweden, 15-18 June 2010***

AEGIS, the African Studies in Europe Network, convenes a biennial European Conference on African Studies (ECAS). Previous conferences have been held in London (2005), Leiden (2007), and Leipzig (2009). The fourth ECAS will be hosted by the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden on 15-18 June 2011. The overall theme of ECAS 4 is “**African Engagements: On whose terms?**”. The ECAS 4 Organising Committee warmly invites scholars and students in the field of African Studies to Uppsala to make ECAS 4 a significant and memorable event.

AEGIS was founded in 1991 as a network of African Studies in Europe. AEGIS is a network of university and non-university centres of African Studies based in Europe. It aims to create synergies between experts and institutions. With its primary emphasis on Social Sciences and Humanities, the main goal of AEGIS is to improve the understanding of contemporary African societies. AEGIS members include Barcelona, Basel, Bayreuth, Birmingham, Bologna, Bordeaux, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Göteborg, Hamburg, Leiden, Leipzig, Leuven, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Mainz, Naples, Oxford, Paris, Porto, Trondheim and Uppsala. For further details see <http://www.aegis-eu.org>.

The conference is open to all disciplines and methodological approaches in the Social Sciences and Humanities. The Organising Committee strongly encourages panel proposals that look into how the world can study and engage a resurgent Africa on the basis of mutual respect. Critical questions relate to how Africans can define their own priorities and partnerships, and with which voice(s)? Who are, and can be Africa's real partners in the quest for mutually beneficial (re)engagements and on whose terms? This perspective highlights topics such as the cultural representation and misrepresentation of Africa; media, information and communication in Africa in the age of globalization; visual arts: re-creating Africa in the image(s) of the times; Africa in global sports; trade and regional integration; the changing nature of Africa's international relations; Euro-African relations; Africa and the emerging powers; Africa in the global financial crisis; the agrarian question; social policy and development in Africa; globalization and manufacturing; managing fast growing African cities; human rights and human security; democracy, peace and conflict resolution; economic growth and poverty reduction; gender relations in Africa; migration, diaspora and development, to name a few. Presentations should explore the means of expanding opportunities and spaces which can allow for multi-disciplinary knowledge production. ECAS 4 thus seeks to promote a dynamic and more diverse and understanding of contemporary Africa which does not necessarily entail talking with one voice.

The ECAS 4 Organising Committee invites interested panel organizers to submit proposals for inclusion in the conference programme. Panels may comprise of one (or more) sessions. Each session should consist of four papers, with a chair and a discussant. Submissions should include

- Panel title
- Name(s) and affiliation(s) of panel proposer(s)
- Names and affiliations of possible panel participants
- A 250 word (maximum) outline describing the panel topic

Submissions should be made in **pdf-format** to [ECAS4@nai.uu.se](mailto:ECAS4@nai.uu.se).

The official conference language is English.

### **The deadline for panel proposals is 15 August 2010.**

**Time schedule – ECAS 4 15 August 2010**

**15 October 2010**

**20 October 2010**

**31 December 2010**

**28 February 2011**

**15 October 2010 to 15 March 2011**

Deadline for submission of panel proposals

Notification of accepted panels

Publication of panels and call for papers

Deadline for submission of paper abstracts

Publication of accepted paper abstracts

Early participant registration (at reduced rate)

16 March to 11 June 2011  
31 May 2011  
15 – 18 June 2011

Participant registration  
Deadline for submission of full papers  
Conference in Uppsala, Sweden

For more information on ECAS 4: <http://www.nai.uu.se/ecas-4/>

### **3. *Funding Opportunities/Job opportunities/Prize awards***

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#### **1. *Postdoctoral Research Positions 2010 – Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa***

The Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa is opening calls for applications, within the framework of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) Post-Doctoral Grant Programme 2010, by social science researchers who wish to develop post-doctoral projects integrated in one or two of the following research lines of the ICS-Associate Laboratory: Identity, Migrations and Religion / Citizenship and Democratic Institutions / Sustainability: Environment, Risk and Spaces / The making of the Contemporary World / Families, Lifestyles and Schooling

The Instituto is an institution for advanced research and postgraduate studies mainly in the fields of Social Anthropology, Political Science, History, Sociology, Social Psychology, Environment Studies and Economics.

The decision of the jury will be announced to candidates by email by 23 July 2010, allowing candidates to apply to the second cycle of evaluation of the FCT Post-Doctoral Grant Programme 2010. Applicants must have recently acquired their PhD and must wish to spend a period of three years as postdoctoral fellows at ICS.

The deadline for applications is 30 June. More information can be found at [www.ics.ul.pt](http://www.ics.ul.pt). If you have any queries, please contact [candidaturas.pd2010@ics.ul.pt](mailto:candidaturas.pd2010@ics.ul.pt)

#### **2. *PhD Studentships with the Centre for Transport & Society, UWE***

Two 3-year PhD Studentships are available in the Centre for Transport & Society starting in October 2010.

Closing date for applications: Friday 25 June 2010.

The University of the West of England, Bristol (UWE) is now inviting applications from highly capable and enthusiastic individuals who wish to study for a PhD in the area of 'transport and society'. UWE's Centre for Transport & Society (CTS) has a strong focus across its research on understanding and influencing travel behaviour. We expect this new PhD research to further support the Centre's aim to improve and promote understanding of the inherent links between lifestyles and personal travel in the context of continuing social and technological change.

The available studentships are not attached to pre-defined topics though the following are illustrative of areas of interest to the Centre:

- Ageing, older people and transport behaviour
- Barriers and enablers to greater uptake of cycling
- Car ownership decisions and car-free or 'low-car' living
- Changing notions of ownership and use in the transport sector
- Decision making and the role of information
- Information age implications for social practices and travel
- Interactions between transport and spatial planning
- Reasons for the recent levelling off in car travel
- Road user attitudes and behaviour in relation to safety
- The lifestyles and travel characteristics of emerging generations of adults
- Travel time use and value

- Understanding and influencing attitudes

As a strong candidate you will be attracted to this opportunity to shape your own topic as part of the application you submit.

For further information and to apply please visit [www.transport.uwe.ac.uk](http://www.transport.uwe.ac.uk).

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

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### **1. Sociology and the 2012 Olympic Games - Sociology Special Issue 2011 CALL FOR PAPERS**

Submissions are invited for a special issue of Sociology: Sociology and the 2012 Olympic Games. The issue will be published in 2011. Deadline for submissions: 31 July 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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[publications@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:publications@britsoc.org.uk)

## **5. Other News**

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