
Welcome to the October 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.britisoc.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 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.

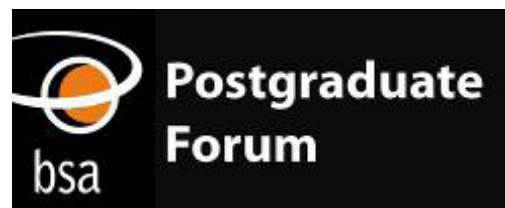
SEEKING NEW SUBMISSIONS FOR PG PROFILES:

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

PG Forum 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>

Call for BSA Regional Postgraduate Day School Events

The BSA would like expressions of interest from postgraduate students interested in organising a regional postgraduate day event in 2010-11.

In 2009-10, five successful events were held throughout the UK. These one-day events express the diversity and dynamism of the postgraduate experience. The 2009-10 events were:

- The Politics of Sociology: Negotiating Politics as a Social Researcher, University of Warwick
- Whose knowledge is it anyway?. University of Edinburgh
- Bourdieu and Education: A Postgraduate Conference and Three Masterclasses on Post-Primary, Higher and Professional Education, Queens University Belfast
- 'Bridging the Gap': Translating Knowledge into Action in Health and Social Research, Newcastle University
- Subcultures Past and Present: Space, Technologies and Social Control, University of York

It is hoped that Regional Postgraduate Day Events will provide a variety of events throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and that they will become an annual series in the BSA calendar.

We are looking for postgraduate organisers willing to co-ordinate with speakers and the BSA to organise a day event at the student's institution. The BSA will provide upto £1,000 support for the event, which should be free for BSA members to attend. The grant can be used to pay for room hire, speakers, lunch and refreshments. The BSA Office will also promote and publicise the Postgraduate day schools through a number of outlets including flyers in membership packs, the BSA website and member e-newsletters.

Please email all expressions of interest to BSA Membership Services Directors via the BSA office at events@britsoc.org.uk

Address all correspondence: BSA REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE EVENTS

Expressions of interest should include name, institution, proposed theme for the event, month of the proposed event date, but may also include proposed programme, potential speakers, etc. Expressions of interest should be received before Friday 12th November 2010.

Now accepting Support Fund applications

The BSA welcomes Support Fund applications for the new financial year (starting Oct 1 2010). For information and an application, visit <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/students/SupportFund.htm>.

BSA Annual Conference 2011

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th April 2011, London School of Economics

Abstract submission deadline: Friday 15th October 2010

We know you've got questions. Get answers at this year's annual BSA conference.



We all need inspiration. Be inspired at this year's annual BSA conference. It's our 60th birthday, so we're pulling out all the stops to make this a truly unmissable event. With keynote speakers delivering presentations on the latest ideas from around the world, you're sure to come away refreshed, recharged and ready to put pen to paper and start forming a few ideas of your own.

If you've already formed some ideas you're ready to share, we're still accepting abstract submissions for this year's conference. Contribute to the community. In return, you'll find there's still much more we can all learn from each other.

This year's theme is '60 years of sociology'. By studying our past, we believe we can get a better perspective about the present, as well as a clearer idea about where we're going. We've brought together some great voices to start the conference. Make sure your voice gets heard.

Your chance to see the future -- today.

As a postgraduate student, you're probably wondering what to do next. Stop wondering. Start making the choices in your life you need to make. Our annual conference is a great opportunity to make your

mark, as well as discovering what the future has in store for all of us. We are delighted to have attracted such visionary and engaging keynote speakers:

Ulrich Beck

Renowned German sociologist best known for his work on 'risk society' and 'cosmopolitanism'/author of 'World at Risk' and 'Cosmopolitan Europe'.

Christine Delphy

Acclaimed French feminist sociologist/co-founder with Simone de Beauvoir of the review 'New Feminist Issues' and author of 'Close to Home: A Materialist Analysis of Women's Oppression'.

Paul Gilroy

Path-breaking UK social theorist of race, racism and culture/author of 'There Ain't No Black in the Union Jack' and 'Darker Than Blue: On The Moral Economies of Black Atlantic Culture'.

Helga Nowotny

Esteemed Austrian sociologist of science and technology studies/President of the European Research Council/author of 'The Public Nature of Science Under Assault' and co-author of 'Rethinking Science'.

George Steinmetz

Acclaimed US sociologist addressing the history of sociology and legacies of colonialism/author of 'The Devil's Handwriting', editor of 'The Politics of Method' and co-director of the film 'Detroit: Ruin of a City'.

Laurie Taylor

Renowned UK sociologist and criminologist, founding member of The National Deviancy Conference, now public sociologist and presenter of BBC Radio 4's 'Thinking Allowed' programme.

To find out more about the conference visit our website for more information. We look forward to meeting you, talking, listening, and sharing your ideas.

Website: www.britsoc.co.uk/events/conference Email: bsaconference@britsoc.org.uk

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.

SEEKING CONTRIBUTORS FOR FUTURE PODCASTS: Maybe you would like to speak about your research or interview a guest speaker at your university. Maybe you have some advice to offer about getting through a PhD or how to develop professional skills. If you have a great idea for a future podcast, get in touch with us and we'll try to help you make it a reality.

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

BSA Annual Conference 2010 – Exercising and using your voice (with Allison Hui) - on the new PG Forum YouTube channel in High Definition!

The BSA PG Forum is pleased to release the first in our series of materials from seminars and workshops given at the 2010 PG Day ahead of the Annual Conference.

Allison Hui (Lancaster University) presents a seminar on exercising and using your voice in presentation and teaching activities. Allison Hui is a PhD student, co-convenor of the BSA PG Forum and former vocal coach.

This video is in three parts, and can be accessed through our blog <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/> or the BSA PGForum YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/BSAPGForum>.

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

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

We hope that you enjoy the podcast, and welcome your feedback and/or suggestions for future episodes. You can leave comments on the podcast page, or email the PG Forum convenor team at PGForum@britsoc.org.uk.

1. *Forthcoming events at a glance:*

Events are listed in chronological order:

A	Inaugural Conference of the UK Campaign for Free Public Transport	Birmingham	16 October 2010
B	Panic and Mourning: Graduate Conference	Portuguese Catholic University	28-29 October 2010
C	Foucault, the Family and Politics	University of Cambridge	12 November 2010
D	BRICS on the Move, Centre for Mobilities Research	Lancaster University	12 November 2010
E	VISION ON: DIGITAL VIDEO AND ORAL HISTORY	Museum of London	20 November 2010
F	Blocked Arteries: Circulation and Congestion in History	University of London	25-26 November 2010
G	The 5th Postgraduate Bioethics Conference	The Wellcome Conference Centre, London	5-7 January 2011
H	Historical Sociology Workshop	University of Warrick	26 January 2011
I	Texas Asia Graduate Student Conference	University of Texas at Austin	11-12 February 2011
J	“Men, Masculinities and the Common Good in an Era of Economic Uncertainty.” 19th Annual “Men and Masculinity Conference” of the American Men’s Studies Association	University of Missouri, Kansas City, US	31 March- 2 April, 2011
K	Making Sustainable Mobilities	TU München, Oskar-von-Miller-Forum, Munich,	7-8 April, 2011
L	AEGIS 4th European Conference on African Studies	Uppsala, Sweden	15-18 June 2011

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

A. Inaugural Conference of the UK Campaign for Free Public Transport, Birmingham, October 16th

The Inaugural Conference of the UK Campaign for Free Public Transport is now accepting bookings.

Speakers in the research stream will include:

Rebecca Steinbach - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Dr Gideon Calder - University of Wales, Newport

Jonathan Tyler - Passenger Transport Networks

Alex Berthelsen - Carbusters Magazine and Planka.nu

Dr Peter Cox - University of Chester

Raphie de Santos - Financial analyst and member of the Scottish Socialist Party

Speakers in the activism/campaigning stream will include:
Lynsey Hanley - Journalist with the Guardian and author of 'Estates: An Intimate History'
Gerry Doherty - General Secretary, TSSA
Martin Meyer- National Executive Member for Passenger Transport, Unite
Roy Wilkes - Greater Manchester Campaign for Free Public Transport

The conference details can be found on our main website.
<http://www.freepublictransport.org.uk/>

B. 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 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

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For further information: www.panicandmourning.wordpress.com

C. Foucault, the Family and Politics, University of Cambridge, 12 November 2010

BSA Theory Study Group supported Conference

Friday, 12 November 2010, Kings College, Keynes Hall, Cambridge

Attendance free – but please register, see below for details.

Organised by **Robbie Duschinsky**, Sociology, University of Cambridge

Foucault writes of how the internal power-dynamics of the family interact with the social politics of society as a whole. On the one hand, social politics impact family structure and dynamics in many ways, including legal judgements, medical interventions, and social work. On the other hand, members of families call on discourses and institutions from society at large in order to manage or change the operation of the family. The conference will begin by examining the theme of the family in Foucault's life and texts; it will then use his ideas to explore the politics of the family more generally in the contemporary world.

Speakers include:

Professor **Remi Lenoir** (Centre de Sociologie Européenne, Université Paris 1, France)

David Macey (Translator, biographer of Michel Foucault and Frantz Fanon, UK)

Professor **Valerie Walkerdine** (School of Social Sciences, University of Cardiff, UK/Visiting

Professor, University of Oslo, Norway)

Malcolm Thompson (History, University of British Columbia, Canada)

Dr Leon Rocha (History of Science, Yale University, USA)

Professor **Vikki Bell** (Sociology, University of London, Goldsmiths, UK)

Dr Gillian Harkins (English, Washington State University, USA)

Professor **Veronique Mottier** (Sociology, University of Lausanne/Sociology, University of Cambridge, UK)

See attached poster and here for further details: <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/bsatheorysg>

Closing date for registration is Tuesday 9 November, 2010.

Contact Robbie for any further information: rd313@cam.ac.uk

D. BRICS on the Move, Centre for Mobilities Research, Lancaster University, 12 November 2010

Workshop Organisers: Thomas Birtchnell, David Tyfield & John Urry, CeMoRe

The acronym BRICs (Brazil, Russia, India, China) was coined by the Goldman Sachs consultant Jim O'Neill in 2001. It has since become a common umbrella term in media, academic and government rhetoric about the future potential of these 'emerging giants', in particular the threat/opportunity that these economies present to the developed world. The regionalised perspective of BRICs encourages a commodified picture of these countries around major risks/opportunities: investment, global hegemony, social transformation and climate change. The BRICs is the West/North's dream of a new East/South with geo-political status and power to rival the developed world. Indeed, much BRICs discourse echoes Cold War rhetoric, which in turn resonates with the unspeakable commonality (for investors at least) that all four of the BRICs were (or remain, in title) socialist states.

Against such a limited understanding of the BRICs, this one-day conference will explore three inter-related issues regarding which they may be said to be 'on the move'; first, their (individual national and/or collective) geopolitical rise and its global impacts; secondly, the ongoing and parallel historical process of (concerted) construction of the BRICs as a social and political reality; and, thirdly, the role of increased mobility (inter- and intra-nationally) in constituting these rapidly changing societies.

To represent these countries as a unified group belies each country's own set of economic, social and political relations, both intra-nationally and with their regional neighbours and the developed world. This denies, inter alia, the socio-historical cross-border exchanges that encouraged the emergence of these countries. The flows of remittances, migration, innovation, knowledge, technology and talent that constitute disorganised capitalism go under the radar of conventional commentaries on BRICs. Strange couplings and contradictions also emanate from this new geo-political ordering. There is thus great potential for social scientists to challenge the conventional usages of such blanket terms by offering concrete examples of how global complexity within which, and mobilities by which, these nation-states emerged disrupt and deconstruct convenient acronyms like BRICs. The mobile turn in sociology can thus temper reports in the media and finance of threat and opportunity that feed into government strategies and foreign policy, thereby challenging the stark and binary choices between dystopic futures posed by this conventional framing.

Papers and presentations are invited on topics on themes such as:

- * Automobility and the emerging powers;
- * Case studies on individual BRICs countries and mobilities issues;
- * Global impact of BRICs-based innovation, including for socioeconomic development;
- * Transnational elites, migration, tourism, remittances, capital flows, trade;
- * Socio-political history of BRICs or related global quasi-institutions;
- * Media representations of BRICs in terms of emerging powers/giants rhetoric;
- * Low carbon innovation/technology/knowledge transfer and the impact of the BRICs on climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- * Critiques or sociological analyses of the prevailing finance/economic focus on investment, economic growth, risk and carbon emissions in understandings of BRICS

Abstracts should include a title, contact details of the author(s) (name, postal address, email) and a summary of no more than 300 words. Please submit abstracts to the organisers (t.birtchnell@lancaster.ac.uk) no later than 1 September 2010. The workshop will be held at Lancaster University on 12 November 2010 from 11am to 6pm.

Registration

The day costs £40 for staff/waged and £10.00 student/unwaged which includes refreshments throughout the day and a buffet supper after the workshop. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Closing date for registration 10 October 2010.

Online Registration

<https://online-payments.lancaster-university.co.uk/catalogue/products.asp?compid=1&deptid=6&catID=121&hasClicked=0>

Please let us know if you would like to present a paper or just attend.

If required, a range of overnight accommodation is available at own cost on campus <<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/sbs/accommodation/guestrooms.html>> and in Lancaster <<http://www.virtual-lancaster.net/visitors/stay/index.htm>> .

Please contact Pennie Drinkall for any queries: p.drinkall@lancaster.ac.uk

E. VISION ON: DIGITAL VIDEO AND ORAL HISTORY, Oral History Society and Museum of London study day, the Museum of London, 20 November 2010

This lively study day will explore and reflect upon the uses, benefits and challenges of digital video technologies for oral history. The day could not be more timely, with increasing numbers of people using digital video to collect and share oral history interviews, but reservations about the medium still holding sway for some. The study day will consider what digital video actually means for oral history.

People using oral history in a range of ways – including those working in museums, community-based groups, schools and higher education – are invited. There will be a mix of debates, presentations, plenty of screenings, and workshop sessions to enable discussion.

Questions to be addressed include:

- § What are the arguments for and against the use of digital video for oral history?
- § What is the impact of video on the makers, interviewees and audiences?
- § What makes good video oral history?

If you would like to share your thoughts on any of these questions and present your work as part of a workshop session, please contact Sarah Gudgin

(sgudgin@museumoflondon.org.uk). Presentations will be 10 – 15 minutes. Please provide a summary of what you would discuss (no more than 200 words) and a clip or link to a clip of your video oral history work (no more than 5 minutes). The deadline for submissions is Friday 29 October 2010. For registration for the study day, contact Belinda Waterman: belinda@essex.ac.uk Further information is available on the Oral History Society website: www.ohs.org.uk

F. 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

Dhan Zunino Singh: dhan.zuninosingh@sas.ac.uk

G. The 5th Postgraduate Bioethics Conference, The Wellcome Conference Centre, London, 5-7 January 2011

Conference Announcement:

The 5th Postgraduate Bioethics Conference

The 5th to the 7th of January 2011.

The Wellcome Conference Centre, Euston Road, London.

Social Scientific Approaches to Bioethics:

Methods and Methodologies.

<http://www.postgradbioethics.org.uk/>

Email: postgrad.bioethics@gmail.com

Guest speakers: Prof Søren Holm (Manchester); Prof Alan Cribb (CBAS, KCL); Leigh Turner (University of Minnesota); Dr Alexandra Plows (Bangor) and Dr Duncan Wilson (CHSTM, Manchester).

Post the empirical turn scholars at work in bioethics have been making continually greater use of social scientific approaches. On the one hand this can be seen as a fulfilment of the promise of bioethics as a truly interdisciplinary area of research, on the other we risk

becoming as a recent paper has it “Jack of all trades, master of none” (Clinical Ethics 3(4) 2008). This conference seeks to go some way to engaging with this issue through offering four masterclasses on bioethics and an area of social scientific research. These will be focussed on contemporary history; researching publics; sociology; and empirical ethics. Each of these masterclasses will be prefaced by an established academic giving a presentation on the methodological contours of their approach. We seek postgraduate participants for the proposed masterclasses as well as paper presentations which address the conference theme. There are also some limited audience member places. Preference may be given to those who address the conference theme and fall within the four areas identified.

There will also be a plenary lecture and some ‘added value’ sessions on academic life. These will include talks by funders, a session by early career researchers and a dedicated networking event, will also form part of the programme.

Proposals for papers not more than 400 words are invited which should be submitted on the conference application form available from our website. The deadline for applications is the **31st of October 2010**. Submission is by email to postgrad.bioethics@gmail.com. We are exploring options for the publication of papers given at the conference. In previous years papers have been published in Clinical Ethics, Bioethics, JME etc.

H. Historical Sociology Workshop, University of Warrick, 26 January 2011

The BSA Theory Study Group is organising a workshop, aimed at early career researchers which will discuss the specific issues associated with doing research within the field of historical sociology and also address key methodological problems that are raised in the process. It is open to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers across disciplines and will be organised around three key sessions, as detailed below. For further details, please see the attachment.

- (1) Doing Historical Sociology
Facilitated by Kristy Warren and Lucy Mayblin
- (2) History, Sociology, and Historical Sociology: Problems of Constitution
Facilitated by Gurminder K Bhambra, University of Warwick
- (3) International Historical Sociology
Facilitated by George Lawson, London School of Economics

The workshop is all day and will take place at the University of Warwick on Wednesday 26th January, 2011. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please email your name, institution, level of study (early career / PhD student) and a short paragraph (up to 300 words) detailing your research interests and how your work fits with the theme for the day to Lucy Mayblin: l.mayblin@warwick.ac.uk.

The deadline for applications is December 1st 2010. Successful applicants will be notified by December 15th.

The registration fee for attending this workshop is £35. This includes lunch and other refreshments during the day. Details regarding payment will be given once the participants have been confirmed. A small number of bursaries are available for unfunded students. If you are interested in applying for a bursary then please include a brief case for support with your application.

Participants have the option of joining us for a meal at a restaurant close to the workshop venue at the end of the day, though we regret that this is not included in the conference fee. Details to follow nearer the time.

I. Texas Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 11-12 February, 2011

The *Texas Asia Conference* at the University of Texas at Austin invites students working on original research projects across disciplines and across traditional academic divisions of Asia to present their work. The conference will provide graduate students with a dynamic forum in which to present their research and benefit from a scholarly exchange of ideas. We welcome applications from graduate students in all academic disciplines engaged in research on South, Southeast, Central, and East Asia, and their communities in the diaspora. All areas of study are invited: anthropology, art history, communication, ethnomusicology, history, literature, philology, political science, religion, sociology, women's studies, and other related fields. Work which crosses disciplinary, spatial, and temporal boundaries is encouraged. In addition to an exciting range of panel presentations and a lecture from two keynote speakers, a more casual program of receptions will provide ample time for less structured discussion and exchange, something essential to bringing together the wider community of students and professors. In the past, selected papers delivered at the conference were published in the *South Asia Graduate Research Journal* (SAGAR). We aim to publish selected papers again this year.

Submission Deadlines for Abstracts: Friday, October 15th, 2010.

Submissions must be made to the Planning Committee via email or post-marked no later than October 15th. Electronic submissions must include the text in the body of the message. Abstracts should be limited to 300 words. Please submit the abstract with personal information, paper title, the author's name, affiliation, panel title (if applicable), address, telephone number, and email address, on a separate page. Presenters are encouraged to form 3- or 4-person panels. Groups submitting panels should send individual abstracts, plus a brief panel abstract, via the same email or envelope and include the panel title. Panels should be linked by theme. Final papers must not exceed 3000 words, as the maximum reading time is 20 minutes. The Planning Committee reserves the right to accept, reject, or restructure any paper and panel submissions.

Please send abstracts and panel suggestions, as well as any inquiries to:
Email: texasasiaconference@gmail.com

OR

Planning Committee • Asian Studies Graduate Conference
The University of Texas at Austin Asian Studies • WCH 4.134 (G9300) • Austin, TX 78712
• Fax: (512) 471-4469

J. "Men, Masculinities and the Common Good in an Era of Economic Uncertainty." 19th Annual "Men and Masculinity Conference" of the American Men's Studies Association, University of Missouri, 31 March- 2 April, 2011

The Nineteenth Annual "Men and Masculinity Conference" of the American Men's Studies Association will take place March 31-April 3, 2011 at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. The conference, returning to the venue in which it held its 2007 meeting, is co-sponsored by the Women's Center and Women's and Gender Studies Program of the University of Missouri – Kansas City. This year's theme is "Men, Masculinities and the Common Good in an Era of Economic Uncertainty."

Pre-conference workshops will take place Thursday, March 31, 5-8 pm. Conference Sessions will take place Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 from 8 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, April 2, from 8 am to 1 pm. The conference banquet will be Friday evening at the Conference Hotel.

Call For Papers

Paper and presentation proposals are to be submitted online only and are due October 31, 2010. For more information, see <http://mensstudies.org/>

Registration

Online registration for the 2011 Conference and for Pre-Conference Workshops is now open. Save with Early Registration now through February 28, 2011.

K. Making Sustainable Mobilities, TU München, Oskar-von-Miller-Forum, Munich, 7-8 April, 2011

Making Sustainable Mobilities

Interdisciplinary Perspectives

mobil.TUM 2011conference, in cooperation with Oskar-von-Miller-Forum and Cosmobilities Network

Dates: 7th and 8th, April 2011
Location: TU München, Oskar-von-Miller-Forum, Munich
Website: <http://www.mobil-tum.de/de/mobil-tum-2011>

Call for Papers

In the age of globalization, transportation and communication networks form the backbone of an interconnected world. Despite this integral role, these networks are also the source of a number of unintended negative environmental, economic, social and political effects. Advances in transportation technologies have sustained networked patterns of social and economic life in time and space. The increase in mobility and travel comes along with disintegrative social processes. Far-flung social networks and the mobility burdens of commuting and business travel undermine traditional social forms such as families, neighborhoods and communities. New inequalities, social exclusions and risks arise in connection with unequal availabilities and accessibilities of transportation means. The dependence on fossil fuels and information makes transportation systems increasingly vulnerable to shocks in energy markets and to systemic failure.

This conference builds on the assumption that the aims of sustainable mobility and transport are suitable for meeting today's challenges, namely: demographics, climate change, energy scarcities, social inequalities, and the shortage of public households. There is no other existing concept available to cope with these problems in a comparatively comprehensive and commonly accepted manner.

The conference fee will be 190 Euro (reduced fee for students and PhD-students: 90 Euro) with meals included. There will be some grants available for participants from lower and middle-income countries.

Deadline for abstracts: 31.10.2010
Length: max.1000 words (including references)
Notification of acceptance: 13.12.2010
Please send your abstract to: mobil.TUM2011@mobil-tum.de

A publication based on the conference is planned for 2012. Best papers will be selected and the authors will be invited to submit a full paper by the end of May 2011.

L. ECAS 2011 – 4th European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala Sweden, 15-18 June 2011

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.

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

16 March to 11 June 2011

31 May 2011

15 – 18 June 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)

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

1. BANFF RESEARCH in CULTURE (BRiC) / Research Residency Program Banff Centre for the Arts / University of Alberta

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THEME: On the Commons; or, Believing-Feeling-Acting Together

Guest Faculty: Lauren Berlant, Michael Hardt, Pedro Reyes
Organizers: Imre Szeman, Heather Zwicker, Kitty Scott

Program dates: May 9, 2011 - May 27, 2011

Application deadline: December 1, 2010

APPLICATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE AT:

<http://www.banffcentre.ca/programs/program.aspx?id=1068>

Email Contact: bric@ualberta.ca

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

1. The Sociological Imagination: A New Online Magazine

The Sociological Imagination is a new online magazine which aims to provide an intellectual and social space for the emergence of a publically engaged social science. At a time when the university is in crisis our hope is that the Sociological Imagination will provide a forum for the development of networks and the articulation of ideas between those inside academia who hope for social change both within and without the university system.

The magazine hosts a diverse range of content including articles, shorter polemics, interviews, reviews, conference reports, announcements, calls for contributors and research profiles. It will also include a forum facility and a collection of relevant links.

Submissions will not be edited or peer reviewed beyond basic copy editing. Our intention is to develop a rapid response magazine able to engage quickly with changing social realities and to provide an open forum for the development of critical social thought.

Contributions are welcome on any topic which relates social science to public and/or political engagement. www.sociologicalimagination.org

2. Inequalities: a new blog, and a call for contributors

We are pleased to introduce INEQUALITIES, a new online forum dedicated to cross-national research and debate around different kinds of inequality [<https://inequalitiesblog.wordpress.com/>]. The blog will be updated three times a week (Mon/Wed/Fri) with a mixture of articles, shorter posts and interviews focused on the labour market, social security, health, politics, education, crime, and other areas of inequality.

We are hoping to attract both readers and contributors – with contributions ranging from comments on existing posts, through to writing articles for the site. If you're interested in writing something for

Inequalities, then see our guidelines for contributors [<https://inequalitiesblog.wordpress.com/guide-for-articlesposts/>] and then just get in touch through the site.

We look forward to an exciting and engaging conversation!
Best wishes, Brendan Saloner & Ben Baumberg

A glimpse at the articles being posted in the first couple of weeks...

'Statistical Catfights' on the Effects of Inequality - Ben Baumberg (already posted)

Why Can't the United States be a European Health Care State? - Brendan Saloner (Sep 24th)

Why progressives in Europe should learn to love high tuition fees - Timo Idema (Sep 27th)

Are They Right? Further Thoughts on Wilkinson and Pickett - Rob De Vries (Sep 29th)

The Recession's Youngest Victims - Brendan Saloner (Oct 1st)

3. Innovation; The European Journal of Social Science Research - Call for Papers for Thematic Issue on 'Biodiversity and Society'

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 30, 2011

Innovation; The European Journal of Social Science Research invites contributions in the form of original research articles and research notes for a thematic issue on 'Biodiversity and Society'. Topics to be discussed in this issue of the journal include (but are not limited to) the following:

Biodiversity and the Social Sciences
Valuation concepts of Biodiversity
Biodiversity Governance and Climate Change
Biodiversity, Biotechnology and Traditional Knowledge
Natural resources and Intellectual Property Rights
Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

Article length can range between 6,000 to 10,000 words for original research and debate articles and 2,000 to 4,000 for research notes.

The special thematic issue on "Biodiversity and Society" relates to the increasing relevance of biodiversity related issues in the social sciences. The year 2010 has been the United Nation Year of Biodiversity. According to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment biodiversity loss is one of the major challenges for environmental policies and the governance of natural resources. One substantial problem is the concept of biodiversity itself that tends to be either inhomogeneous and highly competitive or completely unknown. Social science knowledge is needed to primary understand the impact of biodiversity loss on human well-being and social order, secondly to analyze the effect of dominant biodiversity concepts and narratives on policies, economics and public discourses.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed. Inquires and submissions should be sent to a.vadrot@iccr-international.org.

5. Other News

1. British Library Postgraduate Training Days and Research Visits

In a new initiative, research postgraduates from across the UK are invited to attend a specially tailored day of talks, workshops and networking opportunities at the Library, focusing on your research subject.

Each day includes a general introduction to relevant research sources, curator talks and workshops, and details on how to get a Reader Pass. To ensure the days are accessible to research postgraduates from across the UK, students from outside London may apply for a limited number of travel bursaries. Training Days are currently offered in History, English Literature, Social Sciences and Art & Design.

Aims of the training days:

- To introduce you to the range of research materials available in the British Library
- To offer special curator sessions and workshops in a range of topics
- To show you how to access the catalogues, and carry out bibliographic research on your topic
- To introduce you to specialist curators at the Library
- To give you an opportunity to network with postgraduate students from other universities across the UK
- The day will contribute to national subject-specific and generic research skills training

To find out more, see: <http://www.bl.uk/HETrainingdays>

2. UK Department for International Development (DFID) consultation

There is an opportunity to contribute to two UK Department for International Development (DFID) consultation exercises, which have been launched with the aim of informing future UK policy in the following areas:

Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health (closes 20 October 2010):

<http://consultation.dfid.gov.uk/maternalhealth2010>

Malaria (closes 25 October 2010):

<http://consultation.dfid.gov.uk/malaria2010>

Please feel free to contribute even if you do not work directly in the health sector. There are four ways in which you can contribute to these consultations:

- * Complete a short online survey - this is the quickest and simplest way to contribute
- * Coordinate a group response - this may be of interest to those working in health or health-related organisations
- * Send a direct email response to DFID
- * Facilitate a group discussion

More information is available from the web links above. We hope that you will find the time and welcome the opportunity to contribute - there is, of course, no obligation to do so.

- ☛ ***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>
Even if you aren't on facebook, you can read about the latest news by visiting
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BSA-Postgraduate-Forum/264420952459>
- ☛ ***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 and PG Forum Facebook Fan Pages***
- ☛ ***Look out for Postgrad related news and reviews in "Network"***
- ☛ ***Check out PG Focus, which features interviews, masterclasses and a blog addressing other interesting issues facing PGs today: <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>***