
Welcome to the March 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 **our new 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
- **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



William Mason

Institution: University of Sheffield
Stage of Research: First year PhD student
Areas of interest: Gender, Health, Identity, Community, Religion, Deviance, Risk, Ethnicity and Youth
Any other activities: My research will focus on the spread of Western diet and potentially emerging cultures of alcohol use amongst British-Somali Muslim youths in Sheffield. Food and drink can arguably both constitute symbolic markers of cultural difference, this makes them interesting subjects to study when considering processes of acculturation amongst migrant populations.

Specifically I am interested in the way religion might be used as a tool within the community to mediate behaviours, alongside the way youths potentially shape their own religious observance around deviant lifestyle choices such as alcohol consumption and eating fast foods. I also aim to consider the ways in which processes of identification and peer relations can influence lifestyle choices amongst the sample.

Email address: sop09wjm@sheffield.ac.uk



Allison Hui

Institution: Lancaster University
Stage of Research: PhD: Year 3
Areas of interest: mobilities, tourism and travel; theories of practice; space and place; temporality; leisure and consumption; methodology
Any other activities: I am delighted to be one of the four BSA PGForum co-convenors, and I hope to meet many of you at either the Annual Conference or other BSA events. In my spare time I enjoy playing floorball (or as I grew up calling it, floor hockey) and making music as a pianist, vocalist, and vocal coach.
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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.

In the fourth episode:

PG Focus 104 - Library Research with Wendy White

In this edition we are very pleased to welcome Wendy White, Faculty Librarian for the School of Social Sciences (as well as Law and Arts) at the University of Southampton.

Wendy spoke to *PG Focus* about conducting library research as a PG research student, in particular with regard to:

- *Planning Literature Searches
- *Techniques to help build your literature review
- *Methods and techniques in Library and Desk research
- *Adapting the research process to your own ways of thinking & working

Her professional interests include open access issues, research impact and bibliometrics. She is involved in library strategy for research at Southampton, as well as sitting on the University's Research Projects Board, and REF Planning Group. Wendy is also works on the Institutional Data Management Blueprint (funded by JISC); as well as being an advisory board member of the ESRC funded ReStore project.

In the fifth episode:

PG Focus 105 - British Library resources with Gill Ridgley

In this fifth edition of the main PG Focus series we are very pleased to welcome Gill Ridgley of the British Library, for an introduction to the resources on offer; and advice on how postgraduate sociologists might best make use of them.

Gill is Curator in the Department of Scholarship and Collections. Her current research interests are in sport particularly sport autobiographies; and will shortly be launching an Olympic games website for the British Library, which looks at sport and the Olympics in a social sciences context. Further information and access to some of the resources discussed in the show can be found at the British Library website - <http://www.bl.uk>



PG Focus Climate & Society Special 1 (pt.1) - Low carbon futures and mobilities: John Urry in conversation with Allison Hui



This is the first in our special series of podcasts centred around the recent BSA Presidential Event 2010 - How to Put Society into Climate Change'.

Our first guest in this series is John Urry: Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Lancaster University. Professor Urry was responsible for hosting the event; and also contributed a speech entitled; 'The importance of putting society into climate change'.

He is a former chair of the Sociology RAE Panel, and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences; he has also published extensively in the area of travel and mobility, most recently the books; *Aeromobilities* (2009), *After the Car* (2009), *Mobile Lives* (2010), *Mobile Methods* (2010), Along with the forthcoming *Climate Change and Society* (2011/12). He is also co-editor of the journal 'Mobilities'.

John Urry spoke to Allison Hui (PhD Student, Lancaster University & co-convenor, BSA PG Forum); whose own project is entitled; 'Enthusiastic Travel: theorizing processes and mobilities of practices in leisure careers'.

Audio recordings of the full papers from the BSA Presidential Event are also available at [http://pgforum.libsyn.com/index.php?post_category=BSA Presidential Event 2010](http://pgforum.libsyn.com/index.php?post_category=BSA%20Presidential%20Event%202010).

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.

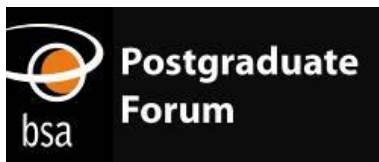
How can I get PG Focus?

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

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.

BSA Annual Conference Postgraduate Day

The BSA Annual Conference will take place in Glasgow from 7th-9th April 2010. After the success of the inaugural postgraduate day at the 2009 conference in Cardiff, we will continue with the same format and convene a postgraduate day on 6th April, the day before the main conference. Please put it in your diaries and we hope to see you there!

We will also be tweeting from conference, and if you would like to join in or join up with other PG's, the Forum's hashtag for conference will be #bsa2010pgf.

Further information on the main conference can be found here:

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

1. *Forthcoming events at a glance:*

For an archive of many events and calls for papers previously show in our newsletter, please see our blog: <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>

Events are listed in chronological order:

	Conference	Location	Date
A	Playing the game – Changing the game	Institute of Education, London	12 March 2010
B	7th Eass Conference - A Social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment	University of Porto	5-9 May 2010
C	Researching youth: methodological issues and challenges	University of Southampton	21 May 2010
D	Networking the Globe: Information Technologies and the Postcolonial	University of Stirling	21-22 May 2010
E	Quadrangle conference on technology, organizations and society 2010: Critical innovation studies	London School of Economics and Political Science	21-23 June 2010
F	Not PowerPoint Again! Presenting research on women in popular culture differently	University of York	2 July 2010
G	Theory for a Global Age: The place of Africa?	University of Warwick	5-9 July 2010
H	Doctoral students' workshop "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research"	University of Vechta, Germany	26-27 August 2010
I	EASST_010 Conference: Practicing science and technology, performing the social: Track call for 'Practices on the move: dynamics, circulation and diffusion'	Trento, Italy	2-4 September 2010
J	6 th Cosmopolitanities Conference: Cultures of Mobilities. Everyday life, Communication, and Politics	Aalborg University	27-29 October 2010

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

A. Playing the game – Changing the game: Success for early career Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) education researchers, Institute of Education, London 12th March 2010

The British Educational Research Association (BERA) is pleased to announce a one-day conference for Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) early career researchers in education. The conference will be opened by Professor John Gardner, BERA President.

The conference will create a space for the voice of BME researchers to be heard in higher education and promote career development and networking amongst BME researchers. It will consider the issues that affect early career BME researchers, explore experiences and develop ways of helping participants effect individual and collective change, as well as inform BERA about what it might do to support BME researchers further.

Keynote Presentation

Professor Gargi Bhattacharyya, Aston University.

Discussion Panel

The conference will include a panel to discuss 'mapping identities of success'. Inputs from speakers will be followed by questions and discussion.

Panellists:

Professor Heidi Mirza Institute of Education, London
Professor Cecile Wright Nottingham Trent University
Dr. Kalwant Bhopal University of Southampton
Dr. Paul Warmington University of Birmingham
Professor Ann Phoenix Institute of Education, London (TBC)

Workshops

A series of workshops will provide time to consider specific issues and will be run twice to enable delegates to benefit from different sessions.

Getting published

Professor Patricia Thomson, Nottingham University

Being coached and mentored

Dr. Victoria Showunmi and Dr. Jacqui MacDonald, Institute of Education, London

Writing research proposals

Professor Shirley Dex, Institute of Education, London (TBC)

Building successful research careers

Dr. Caroline Williamson, University of Birmingham

Venue

Nunn Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL (www.ioe.ac.uk)
BERA would like to thank the Institute of Education, London for assistance in hosting this event.

Registration

Conference registration is FREE including a light lunch and refreshments.

To register for this innovative conference please email a booking form to the BERA Office. Places are limited so confirmations will be on a first come, first served basis.

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

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

The 7th Conference Eass welcomes experts in the field of Sociology of Sport, but also encourages colleagues, researchers and academics from various disciplines of social sciences to participate and to give their contribution.

We invite to you to visit our webpage!

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

C. Researching youth: methodological issues and challenges

An NCRM training event for early career researchers, led by Sue Heath, Alison Fuller, Cathy Murray and Charlie Walker, University of Southampton, Friday May 21st 2010

This one day workshop will focus on some of the methodological challenges which arise when negotiating various dimensions of difference between researchers and the young people involved in their research, alongside a consideration of the impact of the specific contexts in which research on young people's lives might be conducted. The day will consist of presentations, workshop activities and opportunities for participants to reflect upon their own experiences. It is targeted at researchers who are relatively new to youth research, and will be particularly suited to postgraduate students and early career researchers with an interest in youth research in a variety of settings.

For full details and information on how to book a place, please follow this link:

<http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/TandE/events2010/0521/index.php>

D. 'Networking the Globe: Information Technologies and the Postcolonial', University of Stirling, 21-22 May 2010

Contemporary events with catastrophic global ramifications, such as the current economic crisis or ongoing conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, are not only mediated by super-fast digital communication and information networks but also conditioned by these rapidly advancing technologies. From the social networking site Facebook to the Middle Eastern satellite news channel Al Jazeera, digital forms of culture have multiplied in recent years, proliferating conduits and connections across the globe which shape our lives in multifarious ways. In the light of this, a postcolonial perspective on information and communication technologies is pressing. How far is cyberspace mediated by metropolitan centres of knowledge production, and how might new media entrench existing structures of inequality, by serving corporate capitalist interests or by saturating consumers with hegemonic representations of global events? Conversely, to what extent can technologies operate as tools of empowerment or resistance for marginalised peoples, by bypassing forms of censorship and facilitating access to global arenas of debate and alternative communities? How have new technologies impacted on issues of identity, place and nation, and shifted the parameters of postcolonial thought?

This inaugural postgraduate conference of the Postcolonial Studies Association will consider the cultural, political, and practical effects of information and communication technologies on postcolonial peoples and spaces. The PSA invites papers from postgraduates working in the disciplines of literature, history, cultural studies, film, human geography, linguistics, politics, psychology, religious studies, art, music, media & communication, and informatics, among others. Our aim is to bring together a wide variety of scholarly interests and methodological approaches.

Papers may focus on, but are not limited to, the following conceptual intersections:

- * Technologies and neo-imperialism: cultural imperialism and homogenization, digital media and hegemony, technological warfare and its virtual representations (computer games);
- * Technologies and capitalism: commodification of information, web marketing and advertising, uneven access to technology, uneven development of technologies (industrial and agricultural);
- * Technologies and resistance: alternative virtual communities, 'indigenous' media and self-determination, sustainable technologies, open-source software communities, hackers and cybercrime;
- * Technologies and communication: new forms of language, literacy, transnational social networking sites, censorship and its circumvention, 'freedom of speech', media as social and political commentary;
- * Technologies and place: spatial dislocation, the erosion of national boundaries, cosmopolitanisms (tele-technologies such as mobile phones, email, internet telephony, webcams);
- * Technologies and youth identities: music as sub-cultural expression (downloads and MP3 players), virtual subjectivities and transnational communities (computer games, YouTube, chat rooms);
- * Technologies and text: new filmic and literary genres, the production of alternative modernities,

textual representations of technologies;

* Technologies and knowledge: education and e-learning, data and surveillance, globalisation and the idea of 'democratised' or 'universal' knowledge (web-based search engines);

* Technologies and the 'new': new uses of old technologies, modernity and cultural innovation.

Panels will normally comprise of three 20-minute papers. Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words to Brian Rock by 15 March 2010: brian.rock@stir.ac.uk

E. QUADRANGULAR CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY, ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETY 2010: Critical Innovation Studies

21–23 June 2010 at the London School of Economics and Political Science

The fourth annual Quadrangular Conference on Technology, Organizations and Society will be hosted by the Information Systems and Innovation Group at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Building on the previous years' success, the event provides an exceptional opportunity for PhD students to get in-depth feedback on their work from senior faculty members outside their own institution. The conference draws together a number of distinguished scholars to help novice academics at different stages of their projects to conduct successful research and develop contributions for the disciplines of information systems and organization studies. This year's conference will be co-chaired by Cambridge (Matthew Jones), Lancaster (Prof. Lucas Introna), University College Dublin (Prof. Robert Johnston, Séamas Kelly) and LSE (Prof. Jannis Kallinikos, Shirin Madon) with a keynote speech by Professor Lucy Suchman.

Invitation and timeline

PhD students are invited to present their preliminary research findings, challenging theoretical or methodological issues concerning their research. We welcome diverse papers across the full spectrum of topics and approaches recognized by the information systems community. In order to dedicate extended period of time for each paper the number of participants is limited to 20. All participants are expected to engage in a constructive dialogue on each other's work.

- 31 March: Deadline for submitting an abstract (see below)
- 16 April: Notification of acceptance
- 31 May: Deadline for submitting a full/short paper or an extended abstract (see below)
- 21-23 June: Quadrangular Conference in London

Abstract submission (deadline 31 March)

Please include your name, email address and institution in your abstract with the information on what kind of final submission you are planning. Submit your abstract by email to: quadrangular2010@gmail.com (please include your surname and a short title for your paper in the message subject)

Final submission (deadline 31 May)

Choose the type of your final submission from the options below.

- Extended abstract (1,000 words) for early stage research plans and reviews of pertinent literature
- Short paper (2,500 words) for work in progress or preliminary theoretical thoughts
- Full paper (5,000 words) for accomplished research results or advanced theoretical discussion

More information at <http://quadrangular2010.is.lse.ac.uk> or email a.marton@lse.ac.uk

F. Not PowerPoint Again! Presenting research on women in popular culture differently

University of York, 2nd July 2010

Are you bored of the traditional conference paper? Tired of watching a presenter stand and read off a script while pointing to an ill thought-out PowerPoint display? Nervous of presenting in a way that feels alien or doesn't support your research?

Then come along to our Day School where we are experimenting with different and alternative ways of presenting research.

Our aim for the day is to encourage participants from all disciplines to deliver research in inspiring ways. By thinking of different ways to present our research we can spark new perspectives, imagining different angles and approaches that we may never have considered before. We hope to attract presenters from a range of disciplines and thus intend to question the rigid lines of disciplinary thought that we so often become constrained by. The day school will facilitate this interdisciplinary integration by providing an atmosphere of experimentation and questioning.

We want to encompass presentations from as many disciplines as possible; the topics may include, but are not limited to:

Music
Sporting women
Representations of weddings, marriage and divorce
Women on film and TV
Magazine culture
Books
Gardening
Representations of religion
The Internet

We hope to encourage discussions around how presenting differently may lead to thinking differently about research in academia; how presenting differently helps the researcher and the audience to engage with 'papers'; and whether experimental presentations really can have a place in traditional academic circles.

As the day is geared to presenting in innovative and engaging ways you may wish to present your paper using, for example: performance art, workshops, short films, live experiments, music, dance or other interactive methods. The design is entirely up to you.

To take part in this Day School please submit a summary of your presentation or a Storyboard (both of which must outline your proposed topic, the mode of your presentation, how long it will take, and what equipment you will need) to notpowerpointagain@yahoo.co.uk by 12th April 2010.

For more information and to view an example storyboard please visit <http://notpowerpointagain.blogspot.com/>.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Julia Carter and Rosemary Hill
Centre for Women's Studies
University of York

G. Theory for a Global Age: The Place of Africa? University of Warwick, 5-9 July 2010

The Institute for Advanced Study at the University of Warwick is organising an advanced summer school for early career researchers and academics, including PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, on: **'Theory for a Global Age: The Place of Africa?'**

The place of Africa within theories of the global is usually present only by its absence. Or, if it is present, then Africa is there to provide local colour to an abstract global theory, theorised from elsewhere. Even within theoretical initiatives that primarily address the world beyond Europe and the US, Africa is very often left off the intellectual map. While it is common to describe what is global

about processes observed within African societies, it is rare to describe a global process as African in origin. Nor is much consideration commonly given to the implication for global theories of the foregrounding of Africa within them.

In this summer school, we intend to place Africa firmly at the centre of key debates within the humanities and social sciences. We will ask, among other things, how these debates change if the starting point of analysis is located in Africa itself. Participants will also consider whether there is a conceptual language or theoretical framework for addressing Africa's place in the world. This summer school builds on the summer school run last year on 'Theory for a Global Age: Postcolonial and Cosmopolitan Perspectives.'

The summer school is from **5-9th July 2010** and will take place at the Wolfson Exchange, Main Library, **University of Warwick**. The cost of the summer school is **£350** which includes 6 nights accommodation, breakfast and lunch, and all course materials. Travel costs and evening meals are not included in the fee. A limited number of travel bursaries and fee waivers are available on application.

The school is organised around guest lectures, seminars and workshops by faculty from the University of Warwick as well as by invited academics internationally recognised in their fields. For further details please see the attached brochure and the website: <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/placeofafrica> (please cut and paste into your web browser if it doesn't work by clicking)

Application forms are available from the website. The deadline for applications is 12 March 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the organisers, Gurinder K. Bhambra, Daniel Branch, Daniel Orrells at the email addresses below.

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H. Doctoral students' workshop "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research", University of Vechta, Germany, August 26-27, 2010

Qualitative methods have a long and outstanding tradition in the field of **ageing research**. They attend closely to the context and interactions of everyday life, thereby enhancing our understanding of the experience and interpretation of ageing. The topics studied are inter alia the social representations of aging as well as issues of gender, paid work, health and care-giving. The methods employed range from in-depth and narrative interviews to qualitative content analysis and ethnography.

We invite PhD-students specialized in sociology, gerontology and methodology to submit abstracts related to the topic "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research". The contributions may focus either on methodological or on content-related questions. **Abstracts** with a maximum of 200 words should be **submitted before May 30, 2010**. The participants will need to submit a complete version of their papers by the beginning of August 2010.

During the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to present their papers and receive feedback from senior researchers and the other participants. Senior researchers acting as discussants will be inter alia Harald Kuenemund (University of Vechta, Germany), Ricca Edmondson (National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland), Tünde Turai (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary, t.b.c.) and Krzysztof Konecki (University of Lodz, Poland, t.b.c.).

The **participation fee** is 50 Euros. It includes the material for the workshop, two lunches, one dinner, and tea and coffee on both days. The participants are expected to provide for their own travelling and accommodation (special rates available on request).

To **apply** for the workshop, please submit your abstract to Kathrin Komp at k.komp@fsw.vu.nl. If you have any questions, you can contact her under the same e-mail address.

I. EASST_010 Conference: Practicing science and technology, performing the social, Trento, Italy, 2-4 September 2010
Call for Track entitled 'Practices on the move: dynamics, circulation and diffusion

The EASST_010 conference is the biennial forum of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) for contributions on topics from the range of disciplines found within science, technology and innovation studies.

This track provides an opportunity to move beyond the study of *situated* practices (Suchman 1994; Hutchins 1995), and to develop and explore the theoretical resources required to understand and analyse their spatial and temporal dynamics. The tradition of studying specific sites of practice has tended to obscure vital questions about mechanisms of circulation and diffusion: how do the material, cognitive and symbolic elements of practices travel? How do necessarily local sociomaterial practices relate to path-dependencies and global trends in the elements of which they are composed? How do related temporalities of circulation affect the transformation and persistence of social practices?

Contributors are invited to fuse concepts from geography, history, management and social theory with science and technology studies in order to understand and capture critical trajectories of practices including those of escalation, reinvention, retreat and erosion. In pursuing these questions, this track seeks to address and confront the multi-sited, multi-scalar and temporal relations involved in the reproduction of practice. The call for proposals for EASST 2010 represents 'science and technology as an ecology of heterogeneous elements and interactions'. This track provides a chance to focus on the ways that diverse elements circulate and on the implications of these distinctive travel patterns for the emergence, durability and distribution of specific socio-material practices.

The track will enable different 'strands' of science and technology studies to come together in new configurations. For example, how do theories of innovation (Von Hippel 2005), diffusion and marketing mesh with notions of sociotechnical scripting (Akrich 1992)? Likewise, how do technologies 'carry' knowledge cultures and vice versa? This deliberately conceptual/theoretically-oriented track puts the geographies, choreographies and dynamics of sociomaterial practices centre stage.

We invite papers that address these fundamental theoretical concerns from contrasting positions and perspectives, and with reference to a range of empirical cases – in particular, detailed analyses of mobile technologies; ICTs; embedded infrastructures; scientific networks; formal and informal communities of practice and distributed material cultures.

Suggested themes include:

- The life of elements: how do the heterogeneous ingredients of practice circulate?
- How are local knowledges/technological configurations abstracted, distributed and 'reversed' or re-enacted.
- Codification, inscription, regulation
- Sites of exchange: exhibitions, internet, media and mediation
- Methodology: how to study paths, projects, processes
- How technologies carry or are carried by practices
- Different temporalities of circulation and how these shape processes of innovation
- How elements and practices become 'stuck'; how they endure and disappear and how they become immobile

Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be submitted online (following the instructions at <http://events.unin.it/en/easst010/abstract-submission>) by March 15th 2010.

Track convenors: Allison Hui, Elizabeth Shove, Nicola Spurling of Lancaster University

Important dates and deadlines:

- 2010, March 15: deadline for abstracts submission;

- 2010, May 15: Communication of acceptance/rejection of abstracts to authors and opening of online registrations;
- 2010, June 15: early registrations deadline

For more information and to see the list of thematic tracks: <http://events.unitn.it/en/easst010>

J. 6th Cosmopolitan Conference 2010: Cultures of Mobilities: Everyday life, Communication, and Politics, Aalborg University, Denmark, October 27-29 2010

Abstract submissions are invited for the 'The Cultures of Mobilities: Everyday life, Communication, and Politics' conference, to be held in Aalborg, Denmark, on October 27-29 2010. The conference is open to students, scholars, and professionals from various fields interested in the theoretical or applied study of mobilities.

Different forms of mobilities have increased dramatically in recent decades and are today essential for many spheres of contemporary societies. In various research disciplines mobility is still often thought of as a matter of rational organization, an important competitive feature in a global world, or as a dominating stratifying factor. As such, mobility is immanently connected to material practices of movement and access - or its opposites. However, what is less discussed in the recent debates on mobility research is that mobilities are not just material, but also *signifying practices*. Mobilities have just as much to do with the production of meaning and culture. The 2010 'Cultures of Mobilities' conference therefore takes up the challenge to theorize and analyze mobilities from the vantage point of a cultural perspective. The conference suggests that mobilities are understood with a particular emphasis on how they produce and re-produce *norms, meanings and cultures*.

The conference focuses particularly on the perspective of '*Cultures of Mobilities*' within 3 different themes: Everyday life, Communication and Politics. The *Everyday life perspective* considers how the organization of everyday life mobilities produces and re-produces particular sets of values and norms relating to mobilities? It explores the ways in which everyday life mobilities are being organized, and ask if they are giving birth to new social communities and perspectives on social interaction, or eroding social connectivity? The *Communication perspective* considers how new digital communication technologies influence mobility practices and how they may create affordance to particular ways of engaging with mobilities? This part may also involve intercultural/cross-cultural perspectives on mobility as well as representation of mobilities in for example, literature, media, documentary, cinema, computer games and fiction. Finally the *Politics perspective* addresses how the new mobilities are being perceived politically; Are the political perceptions particularly encouraging or discouraging particular forms of mobility? Are there specific norms and cultures related to the ways states and governmental systems create policies for mobilities? Under this theme, critical perspectives, 'the environment', 'mobility as a right' and power/social stratification at scales from the neighbourhood to global mega-regions, are also encouraged.

Authors are invited to send in abstracts of maximum 300 words within these themes; however contributions that moves beyond these themes may also be considered. The conference is jointly organised by the Centre for Mobility and Urban Studies (C-MUS) at Aalborg University, Denmark and the Cosmopolitan Network. The registration process will open in February 2010. The conference registration fee is 165 EUR (for faculty and other professionals). Reduced rate for students: 80 EUR.

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

1. *Lancaster University Sociology Department postgraduate funding ESRC Quota Awards (1+3 and +3)*

We welcome applications for two ESRC 1 + 3 studentships within Sociology, a department renowned for its creative and groundbreaking research, see (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/sociology/index.php>). These studentships provide full funding for an MA degree followed by PhD research at Lancaster. The studentships pay for full-time fees and provide living expenses to cover one year of MA study and 3 years of PhD study. On this programme, students take the MA in Sociological Research which prepares them for doctoral research. They then work with their supervisors on three years of PhD research. The studentships cover any area of the Sociology department's expertise including Gender and Women's Studies and Science and Technology Studies. For details of staff expertise, see (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/sociology/profiles/phd>). We also have one ESRC +3 studentship for doctoral study in Gender & Women's Studies.

Please note:

- EU students (who are not UK citizens) may apply but successful applicants will receive only fees and no living expenses (unless they have UK residency status – applicants should consult Rachel Hemmings if they are in this category about their eligibility). (r.hemmings@lancaster.ac.uk)
- Overseas students are not eligible for this funding. However, they may be considered for other funding opportunities. (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/gradschool/funding/funding.htm>.)
- Applicants will be assessed on academic merit.
- The deadline for applicants to be considered for the ESRC 1 + 3 and +3 studentships is **Thursday 4th March 2010**.

The application process:

- Applicants should initially contact Rachel Hemmings (r.hemmings@lancaster.ac.uk) to register their interest in applying for any of the studentships.
- Staff will help applicants identify suitable doctoral supervisors within the department.
- Applicants for the studentships need to apply to the university via the online system. (<http://www.postgraduate.lancs.ac.uk/Applying/Pages/applying.aspx>)
- The proposal should outline the topic of the doctoral research, key research questions, and the proposed methodology. Prospective supervisors of applicants will help applicants shape this proposal. This can be a lengthy process, so candidates should apply as early as possible.

If you have any questions about this process please contact Rachel Hemmings (r.hemmings@lancaster.ac.uk)

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

1. *East Asia Forum Call for Submissions*

The East Asia Forum is a refereed multi-disciplinary journal published annually by the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Toronto, Canada.

With contributions from graduate students the world over, the EAF enjoys a reputation for producing original graduate-level research that is at the forefront of the field of East Asian Studies.

We are currently seeking original academic papers surrounding the topic of 'desire', which address the many ways in which desires are produced, structured, regulated, and mobilized through various institutions and discursive formations. We encourage submissions from graduate students in all disciplines within and beyond the field of East Asian Studies, including history, sociology, anthropology, economics, art history, literature, cultural studies, and philosophy.

Possible topics for papers include:

theories of desire and their complications in the East Asian context
literary and cultural representations and mediations of desire
the mobilization of desire within art and cinema
intersections of nationalism, identity, and desire
the interplay of desire with capitalism, socialism, and commodity culture
gender and sexuality
the construction of East Asia as a space of fantasy, and its consequent structuring as object of desire

Sponsored by the Department of East Asian Studies, whose aim is to promote interdisciplinary research relating to East Asia while encouraging a cross-regional approach, the EAF seeks submissions that strive to go beyond the cultural idioms traditionally used in discussions of East Asia.

All contributions are peer-reviewed and are subject to final approval by the editorial committee. The deadline for submissions is April 5, 2010.

Please consult the section "Notes to Contributors" given in the link below for stylistic and submission requirements:
http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/eaf/Notes_to_Contributors.html

5. Other News

1. Qualitative Research Masterclasses - University of Dundee, 17-21 May, 2010

A flexible Workshop Series of **Qualitative Research Masterclasses** is being offered at the University of Dundee (throughout the week beginning 17th May, 2010), facilitated by Prof Rosaline Barbour (author of *Introducing Qualitative Research: A Student Guide to the Craft of Doing Qualitative Research*, Sage, 2008 and *Doing Focus Groups*, Sage, 2008). Please contact Siân Russell on s.z.russell@dundee.ac.uk for further details and booking forms.

17th & 18th May

2 day **Intensive Focus Group Workshop** (N.B. participants are required to register for both days)
Fee £255 (includes a copy of *Doing Focus Groups*); reduced fee for unfunded students £155 (*Limited student places*) Also includes resource packs, teas/coffees and lunch.

19th May

1 day **Advanced Analysis Workshop - Identifying and Interrogating Patterning**
Fee £145 (includes a copy of *Introducing Qualitative Research*); reduced fee for unfunded students £95

20th May

1 day **Advanced Analysis Workshop – Using Theory in Qualitative Data Analysis**
Fee £145 (includes a copy of *Introducing Qualitative Research*); reduced fee for unfunded students £95 (*limited student places*) Also includes resource packs, teas/coffees and lunch.

21st May

1 day **Workshop on Writing-Up Qualitative Research**
Fee £145 (includes a copy of *Introducing Qualitative Research*); reduced fee for unfunded students £95 (*limited student places*) Also includes resource packs, teas/coffees and lunch.

Reduced fees for attendance at more than one workshop.

2. Postgraduate Training Opportunity at British Library

The British Library is offering new postgraduates the opportunity to attend training days in English, History, Social Sciences, Modern Foreign Languages and Art and Design in partnership with

academic centres of excellence. These specially tailored days of talks, workshops, discussions and networking opportunities combine a general introduction to the library with special sessions on subject specific material. Researchers will have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the British Library collections, from oral history recordings to modern literary manuscripts and ephemera through a variety of sessions with curators.

The link is:

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

• ***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>

Or check out the PG Focus blog at: <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>

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