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

Don't forget to check out:

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

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

Allison, Mark, Mike & Tung
PGF Convenors

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PG Profiles

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

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



Jerry Coulton

Institution: University of Salford

Stage of Research: PhD Year 2

Areas of interest: Urban Sociology, Place and Space, Consumption

Any other activities: I'm a GTA and I teach on various Criminology and Sociology modules to 1st and 2nd Year Undergrads. I'm postgraduate representative for my Research Institute and for the Faculty, and I'm assisting in organizing our summer conference this year.

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Pauline McGovern

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Stage of Research: PhD: Year 2

Areas of interest: Critical realism, Bourdieu, community-based health promotion, third way discourse & practice

Any other activities: pig farmer, cyclist, volunteer at children's hospice

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Stage of Research: PhD: Year 3

Areas of interest: sociology of eugenics, public health, risk, euthanasia, bioethics
social exclusion and representation.

Any other activities: Book commission '*Black Boots and White Coats*', Palgrave.
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The BSA is now on Facebook!



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

Call for Regional Postgraduate Day School Events

The BSA would like expressions of interest from postgraduate students interested in organising a regional postgraduate day event in 2009-10.

In 2008-09, four successful pilot events were held throughout the UK. These one-day events express the diversity and dynamism of the postgraduate experience. The 2008-09 events ranged from 'Surviving the Postgraduate Experience' to 'Street Photography and Social Research: Brick Lane Re-visited' and were held in Aberdeen, Cardiff and London (x2). C-SAP joined with the BSA for one event and has been invited to partner with the BSA again in 2009-10. 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 £1,000 support for the event, which should be free for BSA members to attend. Delegate numbers do not need to be limited to a maximum of 15, however, the BSA recommend that delegate numbers should not be more than 25. 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 Director, Howard Wollman at h.wollman@napier.ac.uk

Address all correspondence: REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE DAYS

Expressions of interest should include name and institution, but may also include proposed dates, proposed programme, potential speakers, etc.

More information:

A review of the Street Photography & Social Research: Brick Lane Re-visited (Goldsmiths University of London) was submitted to *Network 100* (Autumn 2008). Check out the review on p. 22.

1. *Forthcoming events at a glance:*

Events are listed in chronological order:

	Conference	Location	Date
A	Summer School: Citizenship, civil society and rule of law	University of Aberdeen	25 – 29 August 2009
B	BSA Medical Sociology Group Annual Conference 2009	University of Manchester, Manchester	3-5 September 2009
C	British Sociological Association, Sport Study Group Postgraduate Forum,	Chelsea School, The University of Brighton,	4 September 2009
D	EM / CA postgraduate study group conference	Nice, France	7 – 11 September 2009
E	Sociologies of War, Terror and Security	Potsdam	10 - 12 September 2009
F	Exploding Objects: A New Scholars Symposium	Goldsmiths College	10 September 2009
G	Work, Family and Education: Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Seminar	Newcastle University	15 September 2009
H	Have We Ever Been 'Post'? Critiques of Sociological Knowledge	University of Warwick	17 – 18 September 2009
I	Beyond Boundaries: Facing interdisciplinary challenges in humanities	Loughborough University	22 September 2009
J	WHAT ARE SCHOOLS FOR? Visions and scenarios for the future of education and schooling.	University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland	22 - 24 October 2009
K	Youth Transitions in Troubled Times	SSPSSR, University of Kent	28th October 2009
L	Diasporas, Migration and Media: Crossing Boundaries, New Directions	Utrecht University, Netherlands	6-7 November 2009
M	British Sociological Association Annual Conference	Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow	7-9 April 2010

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

A) Summer School: Citizenship, civil society and rule of law, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, 25th –29th August 2009

Citizenship, civil society and rule of law have each received abundant attention in recent years, both in theoretical debates and in empirical studies of how they are understood and play out in particular

contexts. However, there has been rather less analysis of the relationship between them. Citizenship, civil society and rule of law have been packaged together by international organisations such as the World Bank and IMF under the label of good governance. But they have rather different histories, both within and beyond Europe, which may help to explain, for example, why “transitions to democracy” are often characterised by advances in voting rights while the rule of law gets left behind, and why global civil society seems a more likely prospect than global citizenship or rule of law. So how do citizenship, civil society and rule of law differ from each other, both in theory and in practice? And in what particular ways do they relate to each other? Do they always belong together, or is the marriage at times a forced one?

We invite PhD students working on citizenship, civil society or rule of law to apply for a place at our summer school. The summer school is open to PhD students from any discipline and conducting either theoretical or empirical research. Successful applicants will receive funding to attend.

Programme for summer school

The summer school will begin with a two-day international workshop on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th August, at which scholars from a variety of disciplines will address the topic in theoretical and/or empirical terms. For a full description of the workshop, please see the call for papers (<http://www.cinefogo.org/workpackages/wp45/wp45-workshop-august-2009>)

The workshop will be followed by the summer school itself on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th August:

- on Thursday morning, students will reflect on the workshop with several of the speakers, followed by discussion on Thursday afternoon of a set of related readings
- on Friday morning and afternoon, students will draw on their PhD research to address the topic, receiving feedback from the workshop speakers as well as their fellow-students.

Aims of summer school

The summer school is intended to give PhD students the opportunity to:

- relate their research to broader, inter-disciplinary debates on citizenship, civil society and rule of law, with a view to rethinking and developing their arguments
- present their research in a supportive setting and receive feedback on the content and form of their presentation
- discuss their research informally with scholars and with other PhD students – we recognize that PhD students are sometimes relatively isolated

Admission and funding

There will be no fee for attending the workshop. Successful PhD applicants will receive board and lodging for the duration of the workshop and summer school, as well as the first £200 of their travel expenses. In return we ask that you commit to:

- preparing a 10-minute presentation, drawing on your PhD research to address the topic
 - after your presentation you will receive questions and comments from the scholars and other PhD students
 - you are also expected to pose questions and comments about the presentations of your fellow PhD students
- doing the selected readings in advance of the summer school, with a view to discussing them in the Thursday afternoon session
- contributing where possible to the 2-day workshop as well as taking notes on the workshop to discuss in the first session of the summer school, which will reflect on the workshop

We anticipate that admission will be quite competitive, because we will cap the number of summer school students at 20, in order to allow time for a full discussion of presentations and for enough personal contact between PhD students and the scholars present.

B) BSA Medical Sociology Group Annual Conference 2009, University of Manchester, Manchester, 3-5 September 2009

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2009 Annual Medical Sociology Conference. The conference will celebrate our international links with Scandinavia - exploring and comparing developments within Medical Sociology.

2009's conference will take place at The University of Manchester. The Sackville Street campus is ideally situated in the heart of Manchester city centre and is just a 5 minute walk from Picadilly Rail Station.

In 2008, the MedSoc Annual Conference attracted over 250 delegates from around the world. The event was hailed a great success and very much enjoyed by all. Past delegates have referred to the event as a 'must' for anyone within the medical sociology arena and those within closely related fields. Take a look at testimonials from delegates at 2008's Annual Conference: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/MSTestimonials.htm>.

The annual conference provides delegates with the opportunity to discuss the discipline's 'hot topics' within a real community of medical sociologists.

On this website, you will find further information on the conference theme, programme and how to book, etc by using the links in the menu above.

If you have any further queries regarding the conference, please do not hesitate to contact the BSA.

Find out more about the Medical Sociology Group and previous MedSoc Annual Conferences: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/medsoc/>.

C) British Sociological Association, Sport Study Group Postgraduate Forum, Chelsea School, The University of Brighton, Friday 4th September 2009, 9am-5pm

The aim of this forum is to continue efforts to develop a postgraduate research community, providing students with the opportunity to develop an appreciation of current postgraduate research within sport and the social sciences.

The BSA Sport Study Group welcome theoretically informed papers from postgraduate research students working in fields of sociology of sport, physical education, coaching, anthropology, pedagogy or related disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. Topics are encouraged from a wide spectrum, including but not limited to, theory, methodologies and discussions of data.

At this forum postgraduate students will be provided with the opportunity to:

- 1 Deliver presentations to peers within a supportive, non-threatening environment.
- 2 Network and share ideas with other postgraduate students within the field.
- 3 Foster social relationships with other postgraduate students

Deadline for abstract submission:

Friday 10th July 2009

Notification of acceptance:

Friday 24th July 2009

Deadline for registration (attendance only):

Friday 28th August 2009

The forum will run from 9am-5am and will consist of a number of short presentations of approx. 20 minutes. Please note that lunch will not be included but there is Sprinters café, very near the venue, where food may be purchased.

THIS FORUM IS FREE TO ATTEND

D) EM / CA postgraduate study group conference, Nice, 7th – 11th of September 2009

We are in the process of assembling a fourth edition of the EM / CA postgraduate study group, this time in Nice, France. The prospective dates are in the week of the 7th – 11th of September 2009. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch so we might gauge the numbers and the likelihood of proceeding.

The event is an opportunity for EM / CA researchers working on a variety of substantive topics to come together and discuss their work in a collegial and friendly environment. Any researchers interested in making a short (30min) presentation on their research, with the opportunity for feedback, should also express their interest.

Past sessions, held at Kings College London and Manchester University, have been very well attended, and participants universally enjoyed the day and the feedback they received on their work. This is an excellent opportunity for young EM / CA researchers to meet others in the field and gain some sense of the type of work being conducted at numerous sites across the UK and Europe.

Please contact: Patrick G. Watson email: p.watson@mdx.ac.uk

E) Sociologies of war, terror and security, Potsdam, 10th-12th September

Below you will find a brief outline for a panel on 'Sociologies of War, Terror and Security' for the ECPR General Conference this year in Potsdam (10-12 September) which might be interesting for some of you. Please send paper proposals following this link:

http://www.ecpr.org.uk/potsdam/panel_details.asp?panelID=223

The panel will be in the Open Section. Proposals are required by the 1st of February.

This panel will explore what distinctive sociological approaches can contribute toward the explanation and understanding of these issues. It will present papers which undertake sociological reflection on the relation of war, military organization, security apparatuses and terror to wider society. Themes could include militarisation, new wars, the arms industry, the politics of fear, sociologies of terrorism and security apparatuses, or papers may discuss broad theoretical frameworks. There is no theoretical, ideological or methodological mandate, but panel participants will be asked to address the capacities and limitations of sociology as a medium for explanation and understanding of these issues.

F) Exploding Objects: A New Scholars Symposium, Goldsmiths Sociology, 10 September 2009

A forum for postgraduates to explore the status of objects within current sociological debates - from tracing objects on their journeys across social worlds, to reflecting on the role of the senses in constituting objects - this symposium seeks to utilise innovative forums to explode a postgraduate community's study of 'things.'

With Beverley Skeggs 'Turning it on is a class act: immediated object relations with television' and Caroline Knowles 'The life-worlds and journeys of a flip-flop sandal'

Applications to participate sought. Deadline 15 May

website: <http://www.goldsmiths.ac.uk/exploding/>

email: exploding@gold.ac.uk

G) Work, Family and Education: Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Seminar, Newcastle University, 15th September 2009

Keynote Speaker: Professor Linda McDowell 15th September 2009, Newcastle University

Sponsored by the Feminist and Women's Studies Association (FWSA)

The theme of this one-day interdisciplinary seminar is to explore how social inequalities continue to exist in the worlds of 'work', 'family' and 'education'. The aim of this event is to point to the challenges individuals and families have to face in the changing areas of everyday life. The interconnectedness between work (both paid and unpaid), family and education are of continuing importance as choice (or lack of) in one area can significantly affect opportunities in other areas of life.

The research fields of work, education and family whilst interlinking, provide a massive scope for a wide range of specific research subjects, issues and challenges. By providing a platform for postgraduate researchers to share their experiences and research findings, in which ethical, methodological and theoretical issues are also paramount, this event will provide scope for information and practice sharing in a friendly and informal environment.

We welcome abstracts on the following:

- Work, both paid and unpaid
- Family / Household
- Education
- The interlinks between work, family and/or education
- Relationships with other social divisions
- Theoretical and Methodological Papers

DEADLINE DATE FOR ABSTRACTS: 15th JUNE 2009. Please forward your abstract to socpgr.events@ncl.ac.uk

We have funding available to provide help with travelling expenses for non-funded students. Lunch will be provided on the day.

H) Have We Ever Been 'Post'? Critiques of Sociological Knowledge, University of Warwick 17-18 September, 2009

Registration is now open for the BSA Theory Study Group conference, 2009. Please see poster, programme and registration form (attached) for further details. Please register by 15th August, 2009.

All details are also available at the Theory Group website: <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/bsatheorysg>

Keynote Speakers:

Steven Seidman, (SUNY): From 'Capital' to the Politics of Difference: Reconfiguring Social Theory

Liz Stanley, (Edinburgh): Social Theory and the Conceptual Practices of Power: on Dorothy Smith, other Feminist Social Theory and the Boy Problem in Theory and its Canon

Plenary Speakers:

Les Back (Goldsmiths), Robert Fine (Warwick), Steve Fuller (Warwick), John Holmwood (Birmingham), Christina Hughes (Warwick), Stevi Jackson (York), Alana Lentin (Sussex)

Conference Fees:

BSA Member Full: £60

BSA Member Concessionary: £35

Non-Member Full: £85

Non-Member Concessionary £60

The conference fee includes registration and refreshments for both days, as well as lunch on the second day.

The Conference Dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 17th Sept and will be charged separately at £25.

I) Beyond Boundaries: Facing interdisciplinary challenges in humanities, Loughborough University, 22 September, 2009

A conference for postgraduate students in the East Midlands

The East Midlands Universities Association (EMUA) are pleased to invite Postgraduate Students from the humanities disciplines to a regional conference. Postgraduate student delegates are invited from all ten of the region's universities, offering you an opportunity to meet and build networks with students from Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln, De Montfort University, The University of Derby, University of Leicester, University of Lincoln, Loughborough University, The University of Northampton, The University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University and The Open University in the East Midlands.

Date: Tuesday 22nd September 2009

Time: 9.30am - 4.00pm

Venue: Stewart Mason Building, Loughborough University.

The conference will develop ideas around the theme of interdisciplinarity between the humanities subjects, aiming to reduce the boundaries between traditional disciplines and helping you face the challenges in multidisciplinary research. We will actively support you to network across the disciplines and across the institutions, ultimately developing a cohort of students who remain in contact following the conference.

Professor Steve Benford, Professor of Collaborative Computing in the Mixed Reality Laboratory at The University of Nottingham, has been confirmed as keynote speaker. He explores novel interaction and communication technologies for rich and dynamic social interaction, focusing on the potential of ubiquitous computing to enhance the creative industries. For more than ten years now this has involved working with artists, ethnographers and scholars from the arts and humanities to create, tour and study a series of mixed reality performances.

Steve Directs the EPSRC's Doctoral Training Centre in Ubiquitous Computing for the Digital Economy; leads the MRL's Platform grant in the Widespread Adoption of Ubiquitous Computing; Directs the Creator Digital Economy Cluster and is Head of the School of the Computer Science at The University of Nottingham. He received best paper awards at CHI 2005 and CHI 2009; won the 2003 Prix Ars Electronica for Interactive Art; the 2007 Nokia Mindtrek award for innovative applications of ubiquitous computing and has received four BAFTA nominations.

This conference is free to postgraduate students from East Midlands Universities, thanks to the support of the EMUA Postgraduate Group.

To register for the conference please visit <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/service/sd/prst/emua.html>.

J) WHAT ARE SCHOOLS FOR? Visions and scenarios for the future of education and schooling University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland, 22 - 24 October 2009

Organised by the Educ8 Group: an international research group on social and educational inequalities: www.educ8group.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Professor David Halpin, Institute of Education, University of London

Dr. Susanne von Below, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

Download the call for papers here:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/res/educ8group/educ8wroclaw2009.pdf>

In contemporary society, school faces a crisis of meaning. There are contradictions in the demands made of schooling today: to prepare workers for the knowledge economy, to achieve social justice, instill civic values and to develop the individual whilst offering 'choice' to pupils and parents and demonstrating efficiency in the use of public funds. Schools are subject to increasing scrutiny in terms of examination performance, curriculum and in many other areas.

The aim of this workshop is to step back from the everyday issues and pressures of schooling and education policy to think again about what schools are for and what they should be for. What does a utopian vision for schooling look like? And can it help us to make schooling better?

We welcome papers based on empirical research, educational field experience or political experience in the field of education, which advance conceptual clarification and present utopian visions for or from school, defend schooling as it is or consider how changes might practically be brought about.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: 15 JULY 2009

K) Youth Transitions in Troubled Times: A BSA Youth Study Group one-day event for postgraduates University of Kent, 28th October 2009

Keynote speakers:

Sue Heath, Professor of Sociology, University of Southampton
Valerie Hey, Professor of Education, University of Sussex

The current economic downturn has major implications across the life-course, but it is widely acknowledged across disciplines that the impact of recession upon particular groups of young people is likely to be especially profound.

This event will bring together postgraduate researchers and academics to discuss the impact of the current recession on young people's transitions in education, employment, housing and relationships. It will be an informal environment for postgraduate researchers on youth experiences and transitions to discuss how the current context resituates their research and impacts on the lives of their respondents. The day aims to raise questions about the way in which the current economic downturn might affect the transitions of young people in different ways to recessions past. It hopes to emphasise the extent to which gender, race and class shape the transitions young people are able to make in the current economic climate.

We invite postgraduate and new researchers to submit abstracts of 250 words (max) for papers which address one or more of the following, contextualised by the current economic downturn:

- formal and informal learning
- capitals theory and class, race and gender
- the heterogeneity of youth experience
- education policy
- the role of work/employment
- changing understandings of the markers of adulthood
- processes of dis/identification
- psychosocial affects

Please send your abstracts to Steve Roberts at youthttt@gmail.com by Friday 25th August 2009. Each presentation should aim to last a maximum of 20 minutes to be followed by 10 minutes of questions and discussion.

Postgraduates who do not wish to present are warmly encouraged to attend. Please contact Steve Roberts or Sarah Evans at youthttt@gmail.com for further information.

***L) "Diasporas, Migration and Media: Crossing Boundaries, New Directions",
Utrecht University, Netherlands , Nov 06 - Nov 07, 2009***

Studying the relationship between diasporas and the media presents several challenges and issues that are at the core of humanities, social sciences, anthropology, and cultural and media studies.

In the last two decades, an increase in the number of theories and amount of empirical research in the field, with topics ranging from diaspora, mobility, migration, ethnicity, cosmopolitanism, postcolonialism, identity politics, representation, and practices of media production and consumption, have enhanced our understanding of the everyday lives of diasporas and migrants.

Through this process, the area of diaspora, migration and media has evolved to embrace different theoretical and methodological perspectives, resulting in a plethora of work, and as a result, consolidating its position as an important area of investigation.

On the other hand, any emerging canon needs to be criticized and challenged if the field is to retain its dynamism. In addition, the increasingly vocal critiques against multiculturalism give rise to defensive writing: is it time to develop more positive and forceful lines of enquiry.

The aim of this workshop, then is to address the state-of-the-art in the field by inviting colleagues – academics, non-academics, researchers and PhD students - to map the diverse areas of investigation and/or present ongoing empirical and theoretical work that might offer a critique as well as point out new directions in the field.

We invite abstracts (500 words) that address the following themes, but would be happy to consider proposals which fall outside of them:

- The local/global diasporic cultural experiences
- Dynamics of migration and memory
- Dynamics of Representation, discourse and language
- Subjectivity, emotion and identity
- Diaspora, youth and media
- Diasporic Audiences
- Diaspora and Queer theory
- Visual Cultures and Diasporas/Migrants
- Music and Diasporas
- Cultural Citizenship
- Cultural policy and Diaspora
- Web 2.0, social media and diasporas: what are they doing for diasporas and minorities?
- The backlash against multiculturalism and/in the media
- Diasporic/minority media: what is new?
- Urban environments and multicultural encounters
- Diasporic generations, communication and media

The deadline for submissions is extended to 30 June 2009.

Registration fee: £50

Contact: olga.bailey@ntu.ac.uk, sophia.smithers@ntu.ac.uk

***M) British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Glasgow Caledonian
University, 7-9th April 2010***

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

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

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

1. *Jo Campling Memorial Essay Prize 2009*

The editorial board of ***Ethics & Social Welfare*** is delighted to announce the award of the Jo Campling Memorial Prize for the best student essay (maximum length 3,000 words) on a theme relevant to 'ethics and social welfare'. The author of the prize-winning essay will be awarded £500 and one year's free subscription to the journal. Two further prizes will also be given of £50 each and a free journal subscription.

The deadline for submissions is 30 September 2009.

For further details and terms and conditions visit:
http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/resw_jc_memorial_2009.pdf

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

1. *Sociology Call for Tenders: Special Issues 2012*

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

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

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

Deadline for tenders: Monday 22 February 2010

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

Alison Danforth, BSA Publications Officer
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publications@britsoc.org.uk

5. Other News

1. EUA Report “Collaborative Doctoral Educations: University-Industry Partnerships for Enhancing Knowledge Exchange”

A new study has found that doctoral (PhD) programmes established through university-industry collaborations are of increasing importance across Europe. The research, which involved universities, companies, and stakeholder organizations in 20 European countries, highlights the value of collaborative doctoral programs for both universities and business partners, particularly in terms of supporting innovation and recruitment.

Further insights and recommendations can be found in the full version of the report, available at http://www.eua.be/fileadmin/user_upload/files/Publications/DOC-CAREERS.pdf

2. Twenty-first and Twenty-Second, 5-Day Intensive Trainings in Biographic-Narrative-Interpretive Method (BNIM), October 2009, March 2010

Narrative Interview and Interpretation

5 days for 6 people:

2009 - October 8th and 9th; 12th to 14th

2010 – March 11th-12th, 15th-17th

Designed for PhD students and professional researchers, the course provides a thorough training in doing BNIM biographic narrative interviews, together with ‘hands-on experience’ of following BNIM interpretation procedures. Students develop a sense of how their own research projects might use such aspects and components.

Taught by Tom Wengraf and Caroline Barratt in Muswell Hill, North London, the small number of students (typically 6) ensures close coaching and support for the intensive work that is needed for you to fully acquire both the understanding of principles and also the practical capacity for proceeding with the systematic procedures involved in BNIM – usable both for BNIM but also for other types of narrative interviewing and interpretation.

To reserve a place on one of the courses. To reserve a place, you need to send us a **deposit of £225** (or the full amount). **You secure your place by paying a deposit (£225) or the full payment.**

Places are reserved in strict order of deposits (or full payment) received. **Half your Deposit** is returnable if you cancel before the first day of the previous month, ie. 1st September 2009, and 1st February 2010, respectively.

The third 2009 course will run on **October 8-9 and 12th to 14th**. The cost will be **£725** if paid in full before **1st September 2009**; otherwise the cost rises to **£825**

The first 2010 course will run on **March 11th -12th and 15th to 17th in 2010**. The cost will be £725 if paid in full before **1st February 2010**; otherwise the cost rises to **£825**.

CONTACT: All inquiries and bookings, and requests for a free copy of the most recently updated version of the BNIM Short Guide and Detailed Manual: please contact tom@tomwengraf.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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