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

Don't forget to check out:

- **PG Focus**, the PGF Podcast series and blog – <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>
- The **website** – www.britsoc.co.uk/students 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 & Ursula
PGF Convenors

At-a-glance contents

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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

POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITY

POSTGRADUATE FORUM CO-CONVENOR



The BSA Council would like to thank Mike, Allison and Tung for their hard work for the students and postgrad community

Three of the BSA's Postgraduate Forum convenors, Mike Bracher, Allison Hui and Yiu-Tung Suen, will soon step down to focus on finishing their research. This will leave us with two vacancies on the team.

Are you interested in being a Postgraduate Forum Convenor?

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

The Convenors' tasks include:

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

Since the PG Focus podcasts were launched to great success in 2009, they have become an increasingly important part of the PG Forum activities. We are therefore particularly interested in having someone join us who has knowledge about, or an interested in learning, skills relating to the compiling, editing, uploading, and online maintenance of the blog and PG Focus podcasts. The successful applicant will work with current convenors to become proficient at assisting with the online and media aspects of the PG Forum's activities.

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

If you have questions about what being a convenor entails, please contact us at PGForum@britsoc.org.uk.

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

Submission deadline: Friday 13 May 2011



BSA Annual Conference 2011

Postgraduate Forum Day, Tuesday 5th April 2011

Thank you to all of you who attended the Postgraduate Forum Day. We hope you found the discussions in the sessions useful. Please do let us know any feedback and comments. We look forward to seeing you again in 2012 in Leeds.

HEFCE Consultation about Postgraduate Research Funding

The Higher Education Funding Council for England has just opened up consultations regarding potential changes to the way postgraduate students are funded. Currently, HEFCE distributes money directly to universities, which subsidizes the cost of UK and EU PG students. They are proposing to change how this money is divided amongst universities – trying to channel funds to universities with better research outputs (something they see as related to the potential to support PG students well).

The BSA has asked for a contribution from the PG Forum regarding these changes, and so **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please read the consultation document, available here:

http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2011/11_09/

Then send us your comments about whether you think these changes are good and how you think they will affect future PG students. **Please email any responses to us at pgforum@britsoc.org.uk by 31 May 2011** so that we can forward them to those responsible for formulating the BSA's response.

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.

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	BASAS 25 Conference	University of Southampton	11-13 April 2011
B	The 8th International Gender and Education Association Conference	Exeter University	27-30 April 2011
C	The University in Times of Crisis: Prospects for the Social Sciences	Birmingham or London (TBC)	May 2011 (TBC)
D	Workshop on Unintended Consequences – the 75th Jubilee of a Sociological Idea	Gdańsk, Poland	9-10 May 2011
E	Methods @ Plymouth 2011 - Methods and Methodology: Innovations, influence, impact and ethics	University of Plymouth	19-20 May 2011
F	BERA BME Conference 2011	Institute of Education, University of London	25 May 2011
G	How do you manage? Unravelling the situated practice of environmental management.	Germany (location t.b.c)	29 May – 3 June 2011
H	Current Issues in European Cultural Studies Conference	Norrköping, Sweden	15-17 June 2011
I	AEGIS 4th European Conference on African Studies	Uppsala, Sweden	15-18 June 2011
J	Democracy, Governance and Development: Between the Institutional and the Political	St Antony's College, University of Oxford	27 – 28 June 2011
K	New Frontiers in European Studies. UACES Student Forum Conference	University of Surrey	30 June – 1 July 2011
L	Lancaster Sociology Summer Conference	University of Lancaster	4 – 5 July 2011
M	Gatekeepers and Social Research: Hindrance or Facilitation?	Birkbeck College	16 July, 2011
N	Rethinking the Modern: Colonialism, Empire, and Slavery	Birmingham Midland Institute	11-12 July, 2011
O	Interdisciplinary Disability Research Conference	University of Warwick	13 July, 2011
P	Understanding the Social World Conference	University of Huddersfield	13 – 15 July 2011
Q	International Association for Time Use Research Conference	University of Oxford	1-3 Aug 2011
R	The Future of Testimony Conference	University of Salford	11-12 Aug 2011
S	Britain and China: Pasts, Presents, and Futures from the Nineteenth Century to the Twenty-first	University of Bristol	24-26 Aug 2011
T	International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility Conference	Berlin, Germany	6-9 October 2011

2. Further Information about events listed in section 1.

A. BASAS 25 Conference, University of Southampton, 11-13 April 2011

BASAS 25 Conference

University of Southampton, 11-13 April 2011.

Apologies for any cross posting.

Please forward this to any of your academic/Ph.D student contacts who may be interested in participating. Thank you.

Bodies of Power, Forms of Power: South Asia through History and Across Disciplines: Who holds power in South Asia? Who holds power in relation to South Asia and the South Asian diaspora? How is power embodied, how is it wielded, and to what ends? Where is power located, how is it accessed, how is it articulated, and how is it signified? Who submits to power, who ignores power, and who resists power? How is power formed, how is it performed, and in what forms and through what bodies is it negotiated?

The 2011, 25th anniversary annual BASAS (British Association of South Asian Studies) conference aims to lay bare the diverse and complex ways in which power is and has been negotiated in the South Asia region. Through the key terms of 'bodies' and 'forms', we aim to encourage interdisciplinary conversations about the ways in which power is understood, endorsed and undermined in both everyday lives, and at fraught moments of South Asian history.

We invite proposals for panels and papers that address Bodies of Power, Forms of Power at personal, local, state and inter-state levels within South Asia and across its diaspora. Panels and papers might be keyed around issues of community, class, caste, ethnicity, gender; nation, governance, law; geography, development, culture, environment; language, linguistics and representation.

Conference Dates: April 11th-13th

Panel Submission Details

Panels (150-200 word abstract)

- * Submission of panel abstracts: November 15, 2010
- * Notification of acceptance of panels: December 1, 2010
- * Submission of paper abstracts for panels: January 31, 2010
- * Final confirmation of panels: February 28, 2010

Independent Papers (100-150 word abstract)

- * Submission of paper abstracts for panels: January 31, 2010
- * Final confirmation of panels: February 28, 2010

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2010

Conference Organizers: Dr. Kanchana N. Ruwanpura, Professor Ian Talbot and Dr. Stephanie Jones (contact e-mail basas25@soton.ac.uk<<mailto:basas25@soton.ac.uk>> and contact person: Mr. Justyn Willsmore)

B. The 8th International Gender and Education Association Conference, Exeter, 27-30 April 2011

The 8th International Gender and Education Association Conference
27th-30th April 2011
Graduate School of Education, Exeter University
CALL FOR PAPERS

The Gender and Education Association are pleased to announce that their next conference will be held in the Graduate School of Education, Exeter University. Inspired by a recent special edition of the journal 'Discourse: Studies in the Cultural politics of Education', the theme for this year's conference will be: 'Gender and Education: Past, Present and Future'.

The conference organising committee welcomes a range of papers from a wide variety of academic disciplines, theoretical backgrounds and fields. The conference theme is intentionally broad in order to promote cross-disciplinary discussion.

Several keynote speakers have already been confirmed:

- Professor Carol Dyhouse
- Professor Becky Francis
- Professor Davina Cooper

An invited symposium session on 'Troubling Gender in Education' will also be given by Professor Martin Mills, Professor Julie McLeod and Dr Jo-Anne Dillabough.

Abstracts for individual papers, symposia and workshops will all be welcomed. The deadline for submission will be November 19th 2011.

In addition to the main conference, the GEA will also be hosting a 'teacher workshop' for teachers and PGCE students and a postgraduate research methodology workshop. These will also be hosted by a range of renowned researchers in the field, including: Professor Christine Skelton, Professor Jane Kenway and Dr Penny Tinkler.

For further information about the conference or any of the related events please see the Gender and Education Association website: www.genderandeducation.com

To submit an abstract for the conference or to ask further questions please contact Dr Alexandra Allan: GEA-2011@exeter.ac.uk

C. The University in Times of Crisis: Prospects for the Social Sciences

A one-day international conference is being organised by the Max Weber Study Group and the Theory Study Group of the British Sociological Association. Its purpose is to think about the current state and prospects of both the university and the social sciences and humanities. After years of having allowed themselves to be defined in terms of usefulness to the 'economy', social scientists and academics in general have to face up to the harsh reality and consider whether they have not simply surrendered their mission and responsibility. With the total withdrawal of state funding for teaching of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, debt-burdened students will be entering effectively privatised universities at a time when market recipes are demonstrably failing in all spheres of life.

In addition, research funds will be severely cut and their allocation further subjected to indicators alien to serious scholarship. These are only the most extreme forms so far of developments taking place elsewhere, such as the EU's 'Bologna process'. This conference seeks to explain how we have arrived here, to analyse the consequences of these developments and the possibilities for a free social science praxis (both in teaching and scholarship), and to set out the choices that may lie ahead and the responsibilities attached to them. The conference will be organised around the following thematic sessions:

1. The politics of higher education and social science, and the questions of university and social science autonomy, self-government and academic freedom today.
2. Academic vocation: its significance today and the possibilities for cultivating and strengthening it.
3. Managerialism and its 'quality' indicators in social science and education: what kind of human beings lie behind such indicators and result from their use? What kinds of learning environment are universities promoting and shaping today in place of the praxis of teacher and student?
4. Contribution of contemporary social science and higher education to society: for example, in terms of clarifying fundamental problems, educating judgment and fostering maturity and autonomy. Are we, to follow Weber, fostering a world of thinking human beings able to conduct their own lives, or rather, a world of indifferent subjects of consumption?

The conference organisers invite the submission of one page abstracts addressing one or more of the above topics and questions. The conference will take place May 2011 and the venue will be London or Birmingham; both to be confirmed.

For further information and submission of papers, please contact:
 Carlos Frade (University of Salford) <C.Frade@salford.ac.uk>
 Sam Whimster (Editor of Max Weber Studies) <s.whimster@londonmet.ac.uk>
 Gurminder K. Bhambra (University of Warwick) <G.K.Bhambra@warwick.ac.uk>
 Austin Harrington (University of Erfurt, Germany) <austin.harrington@uni-erfurt.de>

D. Workshop on Unintended Consequences – the 75th Jubilee of a Sociological Idea, Gdańsk Poland, 9-10 May 2011

University of Gdańsk in cooperation with Division of Sociology of Law and Gdańsk Branch of Polish Sociological Association invite scholars to join in a discussion about 'unintended consequences'. Many comments and theoretical developments that followed Robert K. Merton's work on unanticipated consequences of purposive social actions have focused on ramifying the initial conceptual apparatus. This involved debating semantical nuances of such terms as: unexpected, unrecognized, unaware, unforeseen, perverse, in addition to, or instead of, the ones of unintended and unanticipated. The workshop aims to summarize and revitalize this debate. On the other hand, the purpose of the conference is to bridge the gap between the discussions on unintended consequences and many discourses that emerged in theoretical circumstances different from, or even opposed to, mertonian functionalism. Similar themes were undertaken by scholars active in fields as different as systems' theory, post-foucauldian governance studies or neoinstitutionalism. Since terms used in such studies range from risk through contingency to regulatory failures, it is worthwhile to see whether linguistic differences signify speaking of different phenomena.

Thus, the organizers of the workshop welcome all contributions relevant for 'sociology as an analysis of the unintended' – 75 years after the original term was coined. The event will take place at Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism, University of Gdańsk on 9-10 May, 2011. Papers will be invited for publication in a themed volume. For further details about the conference please visit: www.wuc.ifsid.ug.edu.pl

Workshop Committee:

Klaus Bachmann – University of Wrocław
 Piotr Gliński – Polish Academy of Sciences, University of Białystok, Polish Sociological Association
 Jacek Kurczewski – University of Warsaw
 Jan Poleszczuk – University of Białystok
 Brunon Synak – University of Gdańsk
 Piotr Sztompka – Jagiellonian University in Krakow
 Marek Ziółkowski – Adam Mickiewicz University

Organizing Committee:

Cezary Obracht-Prondzyński
 Michał Kaczmarczyk
 Adriana Mica
 Arkadiusz Peisert

Jan Winczorek
Maciej Brosz

E. Methods @ Plymouth 2011 - Methods and Methodology: Innovations, influence, impact and ethics, 19-20 May, University of Plymouth

Methods @ Plymouth 2011
Methods and Methodology:
Innovations, influence, impact and ethics

19-20 May 2011

University of Plymouth

Welcome to our website for the sixth annual conference of the Methodological Innovations research group at the University of Plymouth on 19 and 20 May 2011. A provisional conference programme is now available by following the link in the left hand menu.

Methods @ Plymouth 2011 is an interdisciplinary conference focusing on issues of method, methodology and epistemology attracting a diverse audience of researchers and educators from the academic, public, private and third sector and many different research disciplines.

It offers a unique opportunity to debate the current and future issues that are of relevance to you, with delegates drawn from different disciplines and professional areas.

The format of the conference will be a mixture of formal paper presentations, round table discussions and poster presentations. We welcome contributions from academic, practitioner and postgraduate communities; there will be an open stream for papers and poster submissions. There is a poster competition (sponsored by SAGE) for Masters and First Year PhD students. See submission page for more details on getting involved.

Key notes: Dr. Gill Clarke MBE, School of Education, University of Southampton.

Professor Edwin van Teijlingen, School of Health and Social Care, University of Bournemouth

The themes for Methods @ Plymouth 2011 are:

- New technologies in qualitative and quantitative research
- Issues of ethics
- Making research count
- Researcher-respondent relationships
- Issues/methods of data analysis
- Reflexivity and challenges in research
- Research methods teaching and learning

Book your place now for just £65 (including refreshments). Discounts are available for PhD (£45) and Masters (£30) students

To present a paper or display a poster you will need to submit an ABSTRACT (250 words) and BIOG (50 words) by 31 March 2011

Website: <http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/conferences/methods>

F. BERA BME Conference 2011, 25th May, Institute of Education, London

Policy and practice in education: Implications for Black and Minority Ethnic Academics

25th May 2011, Institute of Education, University of London

Date: 25 May 2011

Time: 10am to 4.30pm

Venue: Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

Conference registration is FREE to BERA members and £25 for non-BERA members (you can attend for free by joining BERA), including a light lunch and refreshments.

A cancellation fee of £20 will be charged to attendees who cancel after registration.

For more information, see website: <http://www.bera.ac.uk/blog/2011/04/01/bme-conference/>

G. How do you manage? Unraveling the situated practice of environmental management? 29th May to 3 June 2012, Germany

Interdisciplinary workshop 29 May to 3 June 2012, Germany (exact location t.b.a.).

/Abstract deadline: 10 April 2011./

<http://www.ems-research.org/2012>

People manage their environments, all of us in everyday life, and some more specifically as professionals. Many of the decisions we take and activities we practice, both in everyday life and in professional roles, have multiple and heterogeneous consequences for our environments. Yet, often a particular set of practices is delineated as environmental management and assumed to contribute to "sustainability". In this workshop, however, we will discuss environmental management as a practice, as a situated unfolding of social relationships, desires, routines, and materials. Thereby, we aim to gain insight into some of the processes by which sustainability and unsustainability are being produced (Blühdorn and Welsh 2007).

For the interdisciplinary workshop How do you manage? Unraveling the situated practice of environmental management, 29 May to 3 June 2012 (2012 !!!), Germany (exact location t.b.a.), the Environment, Management and Society Research Group (<http://www.ems-research.org>) welcomes:

Papers, posters and contributions in less conventional forms (e.g. using audiovisual media) critically engaging with environmental management practices (understood widely as outlined above) from fields

such as, but not limited to, Anthropology, Critical Management Studies, Environmental & Sustainability Management, Environmental History, Environmental Sociology, Environmental Studies, Geography,

Organisation Studies, Sociology of Knowledge, Science and Technology Studies as well as from practicing environmental managers, consultants, environmental scientists and activists. We particularly encourage submissions by early career researchers and practitioners reflecting on their own work.

Please submit a 500 words abstract by 10 April 2011 (2011 !!!) to Ingmar Lippert at submissions2012@ems-research.org. Complete papers are expected by 29 February 2012. Please submit the abstract as plain text or in an rtf-file.

We intend to publish revised versions of papers given at the workshop as an edited volume and are in touch with academic publishers. When submitting your abstract, please indicate whether you would be interested in having your contribution published in this way.

Additionally to the workshop, we reserved June 4th to discuss the structure and practicalities of this edited volume. You are invited to join this process.

Depending on funding, we may be able to cover travel expenses and accommodation including full board, but this is not confirmed.

H. ACSIS Conference on Current Issues in European Cultural Studies, Norrköping, Sweden, 15-17 June 2011

June 15-17 2011 Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden (AC SIS) will arrange its fourth biannual conference on cultural research in Norrköping, Sweden. This will be an international conference on "Current Issues in European Cultural Studies" that aims to provide an updated inventory of main issues in European cultural studies and give a perspective on Europe today through the spectrum of cultural studies. A series of plenary sessions will deal with key current issues for cultural studies that partly connect to European issues and partly reach beyond this geographic scope. In addition to the plenary sessions, a set of spotlight sessions will open up for presentations and debates on the state of cultural studies in different regions of Europe.

The conference further includes a broad range of parallel sessions exploring various aspects of contemporary cultural studies with a wider geographical focus than Europe. Sessions thematically range from cosmopolitanism to nationalism, touching on issues such as place making, recycling and remembering but also transport planning and green futures. The plenaries and most parallel group sessions will be held in English, but some group sessions are held in Swedish and have a national focus.

Abstracts of all parallel session can be found on:

<http://www.isak.liu.se/acsis/conference-2011/sessions-2011?l=sv>

Participants are invited to submit abstracts of individual papers for any of the parallel sessions listed on the conference web page, or for an open session without a given theme. Paper abstracts are welcome until February 14, 2011. Abstracts should be no more than 200 words, and are submitted via:

<http://www.isak.liu.se/acsis/conference-2011/abstract-submission?l=sv>

You can read the entire program at our conference site:

<http://www.isak.liu.se/acsis/conference-2011?l=sv>

For questions, please contact the conference organisers at:

acsis-konferens@isak.liu.se

I. 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.

20 October 2010	Publication of panels and call for papers
31 December 2010	Deadline for submission of paper abstracts
28 February 2011	Publication of accepted paper abstracts
15 October 2010 to 15 March 2011	Early participant registration (at reduced rate)
16 March to 11 June 2011	Participant registration
31 May 2011	Deadline for submission of full papers
15 – 18 June 2011	Conference in Uppsala, Sweden

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

J. Democracy, Governance and Development: Between the Institutional and the Politics? June 27-28

For Doctoral Students/ Post-doctoral Scholars

When: June 27 & 28, 2011

Where: St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

This conference aims to bring together high-quality academic research on precisely this concern—the ways in which *popular political processes* (a term we are deploying to refer to what has been variously called „subaltern politics“, „informal politics“, „micro-politics“ and „infra-politics“) interact with discourses, policies and practices of development. A common thread will be the ways in which these processes negotiate with neoliberal structures, the national and sub-national polity, participatory institutions, political parties and populist mobilization. The conference is specifically targeted towards doctoral students in the final stages of writing their thesis and post-doctoral scholars who have recently completed their dissertation. It is envisaged that the conference will provide the basis for continued intellectual collaboration and networking on core themes that emerge from the papers.

Important dates for your diary:

The Conference is scheduled for June 27 & 28, 2011. Please submit your abstract to indrajit.roy@qeh.ox.ac.uk by March 2, 2011. Authors of shortlisted abstracts will be informed by March 15, 2011. Final papers are due by June 1, 2011.

Conference plan

Each paper will be presented by someone („the presenter“) other than the paper-writer (10 minutes). Thereafter, it will be commented upon by a discussant (10 minutes), and the paper-writer will have the opportunity to respond (10 minutes). The floor will be open to Q&A thereafter (15 minutes). Since this conference will depend intensively on participants' active engagement with one another's work, preference will be given to those who are willing to take on all three roles.

Content: Your abstract should describe which of the two themes the paper is *more* closely aligned with, and why. It should also indicate the *analytical* literature that the paper is likely to refer to, as

well as the research method(s) used. Also, please also indicate while applying whether, in addition to writing a paper, you will be willing to act as a discussant or presenter, or both.

Word limit: Maximum 500 words, excluding bibliographic reference.

Keywords: Abstract keywords (not exceeding four) should include country/ region of focus. These should help us understand what the paper is about, so please avoid generic terms such as „governance“, „state“, „politics“ (which are likely to be applicable to all papers!)

Logistics:

We are happy to be able to take care of the accommodation and meals of the paper-presenters for the two days of the Conference.

Papers presented at the Conference will be eligible to be considered for publication in a Special Issue of the *Oxford Development Studies*, subject to the standard procedures.

K. New Frontiers in European Studies, June 30th – July 1st

New Frontiers in European Studies: UACES Student Forum conference, University of Surrey, 30 June - 1 July 2011.

The UACES Student Forum is organising its Twelfth Annual Conference, on 30 June - 1 July 2011 at the University of Surrey. This two day conference aims to provide a friendly environment in which postgraduate students can gain experience of presenting research and develop contacts with other researchers in their field. The conference is aimed at research students of all levels and proposals are welcome from all students working in the field of European Studies within various disciplines. Some established academics and/or postdoctoral researchers will also be present to provide feedback and there will be a number of keynote speakers who have contributed extensively to the development of European Studies.

There is no registration fee to attend the conference but delegates would be expected to pay for a conference dinner on the 30th June (optional to attend) with a budget of about £25.

Thanks to an extra funding provided by the European Commission, two nights accommodation for all selected participants will also be covered (on the 29th and 30th of June), and travel within the UK to the conference will be refunded, up to a maximum of £100. If travelling from outside the UK and travel is expected to cost more than this, then please contact:

Tomas Maltby: tomas.maltby@manchester.ac.uk

In order to submit abstract proposals for both panels and papers please complete the Paper Submission Form (which can be downloaded from <http://www.uacesstudentforum.org/>) and then submit by clicking the 'Submit by Email' button in the top-right corner of the document. The deadline for submission of proposals is 15 March 2011. Successful applicants can expect to hear back by the beginning of April.

Further details of the conference will be posted on the Student Forum website - <http://www.uacesstudentforum.org> as they become available.

For further information about abstract submissions please contact:

Simon Orth, University of Manchester: Simon.Orth@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk

Or

Elise Rietveld, University of Cardiff: RietveldE@cardiff.ac.uk

The University Association for Contemporary European Studies can be found at <http://www.uaces.org/>

L. Lancaster Sociology Intellectual Party, July 4th – 5th

Lancaster University, Department of Sociology Intellectual Party 2011

The summer conference, held on the 4th- 5th July 2011, is a great opportunity to present your work at Lancaster, collaborate with other research students, and have a lot of fun. You will be able to join 'sociological challenges' involving John Urry, Monika Buscher, Andrew Sayer, Brian Wynne, Claire Waterton, Maggie Mort, and Elizabeth Shove. You are also invited to join us on the 6th July for a sociological expedition to the world-famous Lake District.

For further information please visit

<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/events/sociology/summerconference/>

The registration fee includes refreshments, dinner and lunches during the two day conference are provided. If you have any queries please contact Martin Green - m.green7@lancaster.ac.uk

We look forward to hearing about your work. Please remember to submit your abstract by 14th March at the following link:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/443101/lancaster-sociology-summer-conference-2011>

M. Gatekeepers and Social Research, June 16th

BIRKBECK INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

CALL FOR PAPERS

Gaining access to a fieldwork site or a population is a key stage in most ethnographic studies and qualitative research, and gatekeepers are often sought by researchers to facilitate this process. Gatekeepers, however, may also hinder the development of research, and contribute to changing its scope entirely.

With some exceptions, and despite their key role in shaping, constraining or facilitating research, gatekeepers have received little attention in the social research methods literature. This colloquium aims to make a contribution towards filling this gap, by offering a space for inter- and cross-disciplinary discussion on the difference that gatekeepers make to research. How, for example, can gatekeepers influence fieldwork? How is access gained and negotiated through them? What happens when they refuse it? What problems and restrictions can be encountered when relying on gatekeepers? How important is their perception of the researcher's study in determining access, providing or withholding information? In what ways do gatekeepers influence the relationship between the researcher and the participant? But also, who counts as a gatekeeper? Should interpreters be viewed as gatekeepers who control the flow of information between researcher and participant? What is the role of ethics committees in opening or closing the gates to research? How do virtual gatekeepers operate in online ethnographies? And lastly, how do different methodological perspectives approach the often challenging relationship between the researcher and the gatekeeper?

We invite abstracts addressing the theme of the colloquium, for either a 20 minute panel presentation, or a 10 minute 'work in progress' session - the latter aimed in particular (but not exclusively) at PhD students.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Power, negotiations and access in the field
- Research ethics committees and the choice of gatekeepers
- Online research and virtual gatekeepers
- Gatekeepers' (vested) interest in the research
- Interpreters as gatekeepers

- Leaving the field and staying in touch with gatekeepers
- Gatekeepers and emotions
- Gatekeepers and positionality
- Gatekeepers and issues of anonymity and confidentiality
- Doing research with multiple/tiers of gatekeepers

Abstracts, in Word Format, should not exceed 250 words and should specify whether they are intended for a panel presentation, or the work in progress session. They should be sent to Isabel Crowhurst: i.crowhurst@bbk.ac.uk by 1st March 2011. Papers will be also considered for a possible special issue of a social research methods journal. We therefore encourage potential presenters to submit previously unpublished material.

The colloquium is funded under the ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship scheme (Grant number PTA-026-27-2755) in association with the Birkbeck Institute for Social Research.

Cost: £10 (cash - payable on the day; free for students) including lunch and coffee/tea. For more information, and to register, please visit:

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/bisr/news/gatekeepers>

N. Rethinking the Modern: Colonialism, Empire, and Slavery, Birmingham Midland Institute, 11-12 July 2011

Rethinking the Modern: Colonialism, Empire, and Slavery

An international conference organised by the British Sociological Association's Theory Study Group and the ESRC-funded Network, Rethinking the Global: Connected Histories and Connected Sociologies

11-12 July, 2011, Birmingham Midland Institute

<http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/rethinkingthemodern>

****The deadline for submission of abstracts is 25th February 2011****

In recent times, a number of academics and commentators have sought to offer a revisionist history of colonialism. This history presents colonialism as either something that was not as bad as some others make out, something that actually made the modern world and so was essentially a good thing from which the current search for a new global order should have much to learn; or as something to be understood simply in terms of networks of circulation and distribution. The sense of colonialism as a wretched episode of human history that continues to distort the life chances of those unfortunate enough to live under its legacies is slowly being eroded. Similar attempted revisions seek to alter public understandings of modern transatlantic slavery and its continuing legacies. We believe that the historical processes of imperialism, colonialism and slavery shaped, and continue to shape, our common world in ways which have been and continue to be problematic. This conference seeks to confront head-on these new revisionist histories and provide the space for a more adequate understanding of these processes and their legacies as they continue into today.

There will be 12 key streams in the conference and abstracts should be submitted under these streams:

1. Imperial Enlightenment and Critical Thought
2. The Place of Minorities in Modernity and Coloniality
3. Decolonial Thought and Other Philosophies
4. Migration and Empire: Voluntary and Forced
5. Is Global History / Sociology Possible?
6. Reassessing Anti-Colonial and Liberation Movements
7. Coloniality / Modernity
8. Recovering Forgotten Histories

9. Slavery and its Legacies
10. Colonial Desires and Eastern Empires
11. From Empire to Neo-Imperialism
12. The Colonial Context of the European Integration Project, Past and Present

For more information on the conference, details on the streams, and contact details for stream co-ordinators see: <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/rethinkingthemodern>

For general queries, email Gurminder K Bhambra (g.k.bhambra@warwick.ac.uk) or Lucy Mayblin (l.mayblin@warwick.ac.uk).

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 25th February 2011

See website for abstract submission details.

Conference Team: Gurminder K Bhambra, Ipek Demir, Peo Hansen, Gary Hazeldine, Stefan Jonsson, Vicky Margree, Lucy Mayblin, Søren Rud, Robbie Shilliam, Rolando Vazquez, Ozan Zeybek

O. Postgraduate Disability Research Conference, 13th July

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to announce this one day conference, Postgraduate Disability Research: A critical space to engage, taking place at the University of Warwick on Wednesday 13th July 2011. The event is sponsored by the British Sociological Association as part of a series of events for postgraduate students. We would therefore like to invite postgraduate student researchers working in the broad field of disability to present at the conference. Internationally renowned academics Professor Dan Goodley, Manchester Metropolitan University, and Professor Carol Thomas, University of Leeds, have been confirmed as keynote speakers.

CRITICAL DISABILITY STUDIES

In concluding his ground-breaking work mapping the terrain for critical disability studies, Goodley (2011 p.157) asserts: 'while critical disability studies might start with disability, they never end with it'. Whilst the journey might well be non-linear, along the way 'intersections' are encountered and engineered which 'connect disability studies with other important agendas of class, feminist, queer and postcolonial studies' (p.157). The literatures and debates surrounding disability continue to expand and diversify. And yet, these flows are happening against economic, social and policy backdrops which serve to further challenge the potentials for change. There is then, ever more, a need to open up spaces for transdisciplinary debate about the position and future(s) of critical disability studies. Postgraduate students addressing and engaging with these issues and debates are part of the vanguard of this work.

CONFERENCE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Critical disability studies is an emerging subfield within the UK, but collective and collaborative spaces within which to explore and interrogate its options are infrequently opened up. This conference will bring together postgraduate students, disability activists and professionals/practitioners to explore some of the key questions which connect to the embrace of a critical perspective to disability research. In particular, what kinds of critical disability researchers might we 'be' and how should critical disability studies research be 'done'?

Excitingly, the event will see the launch of a postgraduate disability research network, Critical Disability Space, which will provide a critical space for postgraduates on a longer term basis. Please see our new website <https://criticaldisabilityspace.wordpress.com/> for more details.

ISSUES AND THEMES

We welcome papers that address issues, agendas and debates which take, at least broadly, a critical disability studies approach. Topics may include, but are by no means limited to:

- **Concepts and their Re/Conceptualisations:** 'disability', 'impairment', dis/ableism, as well as approaches based upon models, theories and ideological standpoint positions;
- **Performances of Power:** artistic, cultural, political, poetic, ritual; protest and activism; violence/non-violence; politicized and contested spaces
- **Histories and Historical Ontologies:** globalisation; colonialism and the postcolonial; empire; industrialization; materialism; gender; ethnicity; sexualities; time and memory.
- **Difference and Dialogue:** single impairment through to collective disability identity emphases; identity; intersectionalities; diversity; subjectivities; individualism; normalisation
- **Bodies:** impairment; embodiment; self and others; performativity; corporeality, materialization; discursive/transgressive/queer bodies; gendered/raced/classed/sexed bodies; cyborgs and hybrids
- **Action, Motivation and Practice:** choice, desire, dependence/independence/co-dependence; freedom/constraint;
- **Methodology and methods:** examples and experiences of empirical research taking approaches such as: critical; emancipatory; participatory; emerging;

Please submit a 300 word abstract or poster proposal accompanied by a 100 word biography to the conference organisers, Kirsty Liddiard and Simon Blake at criticaldisabilityspace@gmail.com. Presentations must be no longer than 30 minutes inclusive of 10 minutes for questions. We would also like to welcome the submission of research posters. Posters must be between paper sizes A3 – A1.

The deadline for submissions is Monday 28th March 2011.

The event is free to attend for British Sociological Association members and £25.00 for non-members.

P. Understanding the Social World. July 13th – July 15th

UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL WORLD

13-15 July 2011, University of Huddersfield

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Keynote speakers:

Professor Mary Maynard

Renowned for her scholarship on a range of subjects relating to gender, feminist theory and methodology, race and ethnicity, and age and aging.

Professor Michael Murray

An acclaimed figure in the field of critical health psychology, including the impact of social inequalities and social change on communities.

Professor Jon Tonge

An esteemed author, who has written extensively on various aspects of British and Irish Politics. President of the Political Studies Association of the UK.

Professor Gill Valentine

Renowned for methodologically innovative research in areas such as social identities, children and poverty, and sexuality and faith.

What are the key social issues of our time? Is the social world in crisis?

The social sciences are at an important juncture, set within the context of international financial upheaval and retrenchment. Social scientists are uniquely placed to analyse the current reconfiguration of relationships between the state, the public sector and the individual. Addressing the key social issues of our time requires an interdisciplinary approach, one which reflects critically on our role as social scientists, and on the conditions which structure our work. It is in the spirit of proactive engagement with challenging times that the University of Huddersfield will be holding the new 'Understanding the Social World' conference.

This conference builds on the success of previous Understanding the Social World conferences held in 1995 and 2001, which supported the development of critical interdisciplinary scholarship.

The conference will provide a forum for critical thinking across a range of disciplines, with a view to informing the development of the Social Sciences over the coming period.

We invite contributions that speak to the following indicative themes:

- The Social Sciences in crisis
- Identities and social change
- Conflict transformations
- (Inter) nationalism
- Social movements
- Sexualities and Genders
- Religion and secularism
- Health and (dis)ability
- Methodology

Please email your abstracts and details to conference.presentations04@hud.ac.uk <<mailto:conference.presentations04@hud.ac.uk>> including the last name of the lead presenter in the title of your email. The deadline for submission of abstracts and panel submissions is 18 March 2011.

Important dates

- Final date for submission of abstracts: 18 March 2011 (as above)
- Intended date for feedback on submissions: 31 April 2011
- Deadline for Early Bird Registration/payment of fees: 15 May 2011
- Deadline for Conference Registration/payment of all fees: 30 June 2011

Registration and fees

The Understanding the Social World conference registration fee includes the conference dinner and entertainment, which will take place on the evening of the 14th July.

> The Early Bird Registration fee is £275 payable by the 9th May

> The later registration fee is £300 payable by 24 June.
> We offer a reduced registration fee to students (£200) payable by 24 June
Details about Bed and Breakfast and hotel accommodation will soon be available via the links on our website <http://www2.hud.ac.uk/hhs/research/conf/criss/index.php>
The website also provides information about local attractions.

Q. International Association for Time Use Research 33rd annual conference, University of Oxford, 1-3 August 2011

IATUR Conference 2011

33rd Conference of the International Association for Time Use Research
1 August 2011 - 3 August 2011

The Centre for Time Use Research warmly invites all people interested in research into people's daily activities to join us at the 2011 IATUR conference taking place on 1-3 August 2011 in the Manor Road Building and St Catherine's College at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

Key dates

- * Abstract submission deadline: 15 February 2011
- * Notification of acceptance: 1 March 2011
- * Deadline to apply for travel assistance: 15 April 2011
- * Notification of travel assistance awards: 1 May 2011
- * Early registration deadline (for lower fees): 15 May 2011
- * Registration deadline: 15 July 2011

<http://iatur2011.timeuse.org/>

R. The Future of Testimony Conference, University of Salford, 11-12 August 2010

The Future of Testimony Conference
August 11-12th 2011

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

Professor Shoshana Felman (Emory University)
Professor Cathy Caruth (Emory University)
Professor Carolyn Dean (Brown University)
Professor Michael Rothberg (University of Illinois)
Professor Lyndsey Stonebridge (University of East Anglia)
Professor Robert Eaglestone (Royal Holloway, University of London)

This international conference comprises the final event in the AHRC-funded research network 'The Future of Testimony' and invites speculation on the possible future constitution of, and critical responses to, the interdisciplinary nature of testimony. The study of testimony was pioneered by Holocaust scholars, but in what ways will critics respond to the testimony of more recent genocides? Do the insights generated in respect of the historical trauma of the Holocaust translate into contemporary contexts? And how should we understand the recent turn to perpetrator testimony: Who are these perpetrators? And how is s/he modulated in relation to the concepts of complicity and collaboration? The conference also invites reflection on the ways in which testimony is demanded by a range of institutions, including not only the law and clinic, but increasingly immigration and asylum centres. To what degree is the imperative to testify to one's suffering now a question of bureaucratic threat? Papers might address the following issues: What is the relationship between pleasure and testimony? Does testimony provoke prurient interest? How long will the current discourse about dialectics of in/articulacy be re-iterated? What accounts for the popularity of 'mis lit'? Why have victim statements accrued significance in a judicial context? In what ways will

false testimony proliferate, and how will we account for it? Is the volume of testimony a symptom of neo-liberalism and a radical entrenchment of the logic of identity politics? Who will be able speak in the future and of what? What are the future crises?

Abstracts of 250 words to be sent to Debbie Hughes (d.hughes1@salford.a.c.uk) by 10th December 2010. *** Postgraduate bursaries available ***

For enquires contact the conference organisers: Jane Kilby (j.e.kilby@salford.ac.uk) and Antony Rowland (a.c.rowland@salford.ac.uk)

S. Britain and China, pasts, presents and futures, from the nineteenth century to the twenty-first, University of Bristol, 24-26 August 2011

British Inter-university China Centre

Britain and China, pasts, presents and futures, from the nineteenth century to the twenty-first

1st Call for papers

University of Bristol, 24th-26th August 2011

For nearly a century China's relationship with Britain and its empire was politically its most important, setting the agenda, for good and for ill, for its relations with other powers. Chinese and Britons encountered each other in the Chinese treaty ports like Shanghai or Tianjin, in the colony of Hong Kong, in port cities across the British empire, in rural Australia and urban Canada, and in London's Limehouse. They encountered each other on battlefields and in brothels, in chapels and in clinics, in factories and on steamships. Very large numbers of Britons visited or worked in China sometimes for very long periods, some for several generations. Major British trading firms and financial institutions which emerged in the nineteenth century still play key roles today in East Asia. And Chinese students came to British universities. Chinese Merchants lived and traded in British empire cities. British Chinese fortunes helped reshape the Scottish landscape as opium traders returned and bought estates. Chinese-Australian entrepreneurs and others reshaped Chinese cities. The legacies of this complex set of relationships, overshadowed as the twentieth century progressed by China's relations with Japan, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., have nonetheless been long lasting.

Convened by the British Inter-university China Centre This conference will assess that relationship and its legacy today. It will explore the diplomatic and political relationship between the British and Chinese states, but is concerned equally centrally with the encounters over two centuries between Britons and Chinese, and between British and Chinese culture. It will also explore the current and potential future course of Sino-British relations, and the place of this history within that. And more than ever before, many thousands of Chinese and British nationals live in each others' countries, fashioning a new set of relationships between the two cultures and societies. Academic interest in the wide history of such Sino-British encounters has been growing over the last decade. This conference will bring together this new and developing scholarship, and map out new agendas for understanding the often brittle relationship between Britons and Chinese.

We welcome proposals from across disciplines for both panels (to include 3 speakers, and discussant) and for individual papers. Potential topics and disciplinary approaches include, but are by no means limited to: diplomatic and political relations; commercial interaction; conflicts; British empire and Chinese migration; the Britain-British India-China nexus; cultural relations; literatures; travel writing; prominent or marginal individuals or groups; Chinese studies in Britain, and British studies in China; the histories of the treaty ports, and of Chinatowns; Weihaiwei; Hong Kong; Taiwan; Tibet.

Individual paper abstracts (max: 500 words), or Panel proposals (3 paper abstracts plus panel rationale, 500 words), should be sent in to BICC Administrator, Daniel Holloway daniel.holloway@area.ox.ac.uk, no later than 31st January 2011. Please list the title of the paper at the top of the abstract, and at the end list name, institutional affiliation and contact information. The organisers expect to be able to contribute to some, though not necessarily all, travel and accommodation expenses.

T. 9th International Conference of the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility, German Technology Museum, Berlin, 6-9 October 2011

Call for Papers for the 9th International Conference of the International Association for the History of Transport Traffic and Mobility (T2M) www.t2m.org

The International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility (T2M) heartily invites proposals for papers and sessions to be presented at its 9th International Conference to be held at the Deutsches Technikmuseum Berlin (German Technology Museum), Berlin/Germany, October 6th to 9th, 2011.

The Conference Theme is "Transport and Mobility on Display". We invite papers and sessions, which discuss the history and future of transport museums, exhibitions and collections and transport halls in larger technology museums and the relation of academic mobility history and transport museums.

The call is not limited to the history and future of transport museums and exhibitions but intends to explore different exhibitions of mobility: for instance advertising, car design, transport fairs, mobility "Luna park" as motor show or car race. In a broader perspective, all transport infrastructures, e.g. railway stations, motorways, bridges or traffic signs, are "Transport and mobility on display", offering mobility and landscape experiences.

For the full text of the call for paper, www.t2m.org

3. Funding Opportunities/Job opportunities/Prize awards

Norbert Elias Prize 2011 - Nominations Invited

The seventh Norbert Elias Prize will be awarded in 2011. The Prize consists in a sum of €1,000 and it will be awarded to a significant first major book published between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2010. First-time authors from any part of the world are eligible for the award.

The Prize is awarded 'in commemoration of the sociologist Norbert Elias (1897–1990), whose writings, at once theoretical and empirical, boldly crossed disciplinary boundaries in the social sciences to develop a long-term perspective on the patterns of interdependence which human beings weave together'. This does not mean, however, that the prize-winning book will necessarily be directly inspired by Elias's own work.

Previous winners of the Elias Prize have been:

- 1999 David Lepoutre, *Coeur de banlieue: Codes, rites et langages* (Paris: Odile Jacob, 1997)
- 2001 Wilbert van Vree, *Meetings, Manners and Civilisation* (London: University of Leicester Press, 1999)
- 2003 Nikola Tietze, *Islamische Identitäten: Formen muslimischer Religiosität junger Männer in Deutschland und Frankreich* (Hamburg: Hamburger Edition, 2001)
- 2005 Jason Hughes, *Learning to Smoke: Tobacco Use in the West* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003)
- 2007 Georgi Derlugian, *Bourdieu's Secret Admirer in the Caucasus: A World-System Biography* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005).
- 2009 Elizabeth Bernstein, *Temporarily Yours: Intimacy, Authenticity, and the Commerce of Sex* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007).

For the 2011 prize, the jury will consist of three previous winners of the prize, under the chairmanship of Wilbert van Vree.

Nominations for the prize should be sent via email to [Marcello Aspria](#), Secretary to the [Norbert Elias Foundation](#), by 30 April 2011, or by post to J.J. Viottastraat 13, 1071 JM Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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

1. The Sociological Imagination:

The Sociological Imagination is an 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. It is currently seeking submissions on two themes:

Social Research in an Age of Austerity

A new coalition government pledges an unparalleled age of fiscal austerity and a new universities minister promises radical 'reform' of higher education: what does the future hold for the British university in an age of fiscal austerity? What is this political and economic climate likely to mean for social research? How can social researchers adapt to this climate? How can social research assist in understanding and resisting the imposition of austerity?

Public Scholarship and Private Commitment

Why do you care about your research? What is it that makes you want to spend your time exploring this area of the social world? What does it mean for you to gain understanding of these aspects of social life? Our answers to these questions often encompass the biographical, ethical and political. However these aspects of our involvements are often relegated to the background, as the factors seen as relevant to scholarship are too frequently construed in narrowly intellectualising ways.

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

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)

5. Other News

1. Launch of the Campaign for the Public University

The UK Campaign for the Public University is open to all. It is a broad-based campaign with no party or other political affiliation. It has been initiated by a group of university teachers and graduate students seeking to defend and promote the idea of the university as a public good. We believe that the public university is essential both for cultivating democratic public life and creating the means for individuals to find fulfillment in creative and intellectual pursuits regardless of whether or not they pursue a degree programme.

Follow the campaign at www.publicuniversity.org.uk and www.twitter.com/public_uni

A recent update from the campaign:

Dear all,

1) The Education Bill published last week gives the government free rein over increasing interest rates on student loans in the future. This follows an earlier report by HEPI (11th Nov 2010) that if £9000 becomes the going rate for the student fee, the government may increase the interest rate, reduce the repayment threshold in real terms, or increase the 'tax' from 9%.

2) The Times Higher also reports that the trebling of the fee cap at English universities to £9000 could lead to increased losses to the taxpayer on loans to EU students who are entitled to access the loan system, but where it is difficult to enforce UK tax rules on individuals working outside the UK. This would also be true of any home student subsequently working overseas.

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=414975&c=1>

3) A few members of the Campaign met with Gareth Thomas, Shadow Minister for Higher Education, in Westminster last week. He was sympathetic to our cause, but said that the Labour Party was unlikely to review their higher education policy until 2012.

4) We would like to include a few short statements on the website about why universities should be publicly funded. Please send pieces of no more than 500 words (preferably shorter) for inclusion on the website. Please send pieces by February 7th.

5) A new Campaign for the Social Sciences has been initiated, see here for details:

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

6) In preparation for the Campaign conference on March 5th, we have prepared a statement together with Humanities and Social Sciences Matter, about how colleagues in universities might argue for a public university system within their universities.

<http://publicuniversity.org.uk/2011/01/29/who-represents-universities/>

7) For a report on Cambridge University's discussion at Senate on tuition fees, see here:

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2010-11/weekly/6211/section13.shtml>

8) Protests against the raising of tuition fees and cuts to higher education continued this weekend with demonstrations in Manchester and London. This gives a clear indication that such protests are likely to continue. Many will see parallels between what is happening to higher education and proposals for reforms to the National Health Service and the disposal of forests.

Best wishes,

Campaign for the Public University publicuniversity@live.co.uk

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BSA-Postgraduate-Forum/264420952459>
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