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

Don't forget to check out:

- **PG Focus**, the PGF Podcast series and **our new blog** – <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>
- The **website** – [www.britisoc.co.uk/students](http://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

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

Allison, Mark, Mike & Tung  
PGF Convenors

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### *PG Profiles*

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

The launch of this initiative generated an unprecedented response from the PG community, and we are just nearing the end of the initial mountain of profile submissions. Since these profiles were submitted in the previous academic year, we apologize if information regarding stage of research is now inaccurate. 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 would like to be featured as part of PG Profiles, please email us and we will send you details on what information is required.** If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this section, please send them to [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk)



*Keith Abbott*

**Institution:** Loughborough University  
**Stage of Research:** PhD: Year 3  
**Areas of interest:** Sociologies of spirituality, religion, knowledge, science. Sociological approaches to researching self/identity, consciousness, spiritual enlightenment. Reflexivity and humor. Qualitative methods, especially: ethnography/participant observation; visual, virtual, and textual ethnographies; ethnomethodology and its variants; sociological analysis of texts. Actor network theory and theories of meaning and agency in sociology. Sociology as a distinct discipline.  
**Any other activities:** Discourse And Rhetoric Group (Loughborough)  
BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group (member)  
The Law Society (member and non-practicing solicitor)  
Photography as research method and hobby  
**Email address:** k.abbott@lboro.ac.uk



*Bethany Simmonds*

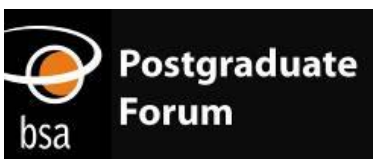
**Institution:** The University of Chichester  
**Stage of Research:** PhD: year 1  
**Areas of interest:** sociology of the body, ageing, physical activity and health  
**Email Address:** b.simmonds@chi.ac.uk

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*Spyros Themelis*

**Institution:** Institute of Education, University of London  
**Stage of Research:** PhD: Year 3  
**Areas of interest:** Sociology of education; social mobility; ethnic minorities and the Roma/Gypsies; inclusion/exclusion and education; mixed methods.  
**Any other activities:** Member of the sociology reference group of the Centre for Sociology, Anthropology and Politics (C-SAP); member of the American Educational Research Association (AERA); member of the editorial board of the peer-reviewed Journal '*Educate~*', published by the Doctoral School, Institute of Education, London; member of the Research Committee for Social Stratification and Mobility (RC 28) of the International Sociological Association.  
**Email address:** sthemelis@ioe.ac.uk, sthemgr@yahoo.co.uk



## *PG Focus*

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### *The new podcast from the BSA PG Forum*

The BSA PG Forum convenor team is pleased to announce the launch of its new *PG Focus* podcast. This series will bring together a variety of audio and video content, including; interviews, news, and workshops relevant to the PG community. It will also serve to showcase PG innovation in research, teaching, and events.

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

In the first episode:

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## **PG Focus 101 - Journal Submissions Masterclass with Professor Graham Crow**

For our first episode we are very pleased to welcome Graham Crow, Professor of Sociology at the University of Southampton and Deputy Director of the ESRC National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) will be giving advice on preparing, targeting and editing journal articles with a view to publication.



Professor Crow has extensive editorial experience, including previous editorships at the BSA's Sociology journal; as well as the web based journal Sociological Research Online. His advice in this piece will be of interest to all PG sociologists looking to publish their work in academic journals.

In the second episode:

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## **PG Focus 102 - Boaventura de Sousa Santos in conversation with Lucy Mayblin**

In this second episode of PG Focus, Professor Boaventura de Sousa Santos (plenary speaker at the 2009 BSA Annual Conference) is interviewed by Lucy Mayblin (PhD researcher, University of Warwick). The discussion focuses on themes such as;

- \*Popular knowledges and new epistemologies.
- \*Intercultural human rights vs. universal human rights.
- \*Hegemonic discourses, neo-liberalism & the 2008-9 financial crisis.
- \*The status of stateless peoples, refugees and undocumented migrant workers.
- \*Cultures of democratic participation across the world.



Professor de Sousa Santos holds a chair at the University of Coimbra (Portugal) as well as a directorship of the Center for Social Studies; and is a Distinguished Legal Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA). He is also Global Legal Scholar at the University of Warwick (UK).

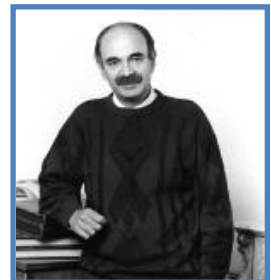
Lucy Mayblin is a PhD student at the University of Warwick, where she is funded through an ESRC studentship. Her research interests are in Political Sociology with particular attention to the areas of human rights, asylum and immigration, citizenship, and the relationship between identity and nation state territory.

In the third episode:

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## **PG Focus 103 - Michel Wieviorka in conversation with Mike Bracher**

In episode three, we welcome Michel Wieviorka, Professor of Sociology at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (Paris, France); and president of the International Sociological Association.



During the conversation, Professor Wieviorka addresses some key contemporary issues in global Sociology, including;

- \*Globalisation & Individualism.
- \*Research 'languages' and disciplinary cultures.
- \*The importance of interdisciplinary exchange.
- \*Cosmopolitanism and subjectivity.
- \*The relationship between natural events and social conditions.

This interview was conducted ahead of his recent seminar at Goldsmiths College, University of London; the title of which was 'What should sociology look like in the 21st century?'. The seminar was convened by Professor Kevin McDonald. Video from the event will shortly be uploaded onto the Goldsmiths Sociology departmental webpage, and will be linked to via this blog.

The podcast was produced, edited, and interview conducted by Mike Bracher for the BSA PG Forum

### What is a 'podcast'?

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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.

In the near future, you will also be able to 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?

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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. Click here if you have iTunes already,
- 3) *Subscribe via iTunes* - Click here if you have iTunes already:  
<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=339855447> – or go here for further instructions - [http://pgforum.libsyn.com/index.php?post\\_id=548852](http://pgforum.libsyn.com/index.php?post_id=548852)

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

### The BSA is now on Facebook!

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**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!

## *BSA Annual Conference Postgraduate Day: Call for Suggestions*

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The BSA Annual Conference will take place in Glasgow from 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April 2010. After the success of the inaugural postgraduate day at the 2009 conference in Cardiff, we would like to continue with the same format and convene a postgraduate day on 6<sup>th</sup> April, the day before the main conference.

Last year we organised sessions on public sociology, critical pedagogy, careers and work-PhD balance. The feedback showed that these were widely appreciated. However, there are many challenges facing postgraduates and we want to ensure that we tailor these events to you, the audience.

Therefore we would like to extend a call for suggestions for the Postgraduate Day. If there is any topic or event that you would like us to organise, then please send your suggestions to our usual e-mail address: [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk)

As always, we welcome your feedback and we look forward to hearing from you.

Further information on the main conference can be found here:  
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/Conference.htm>

## *Views sought for Review of Postgraduate Provision in the UK*

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Following Lord Mandelson's announcement of a postgraduate review in July, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has issued a call for evidence from all those with an interest in this important topic. The Review, headed by Professor Adrian Smith, will consider the benefits of postgraduate study to the economy and the UK as a whole, as well as other wide-ranging issues including research competitiveness and the UK's international position. Professor Adrian Smith will be supported throughout the review by advisors from business and higher education.

The review's principal areas of investigation will be:

- \* to assess the competitiveness of UK institutions in the global market for postgraduate education
- \* to assess the benefits of postgraduate study for all relevant stakeholders
- \* to assess the evidence about the needs of business and other employers for postgraduates
- \* and to examine levels of participation, in terms of who undertakes postgraduate study, and whether there are barriers affecting the diversity of participation and any associated reduction in the availability of high-quality entrants

This process will be crucial in the future development of PG research in the UK. In particular, the current centrality of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine) to the debate around future funding in the UK has direct and profound implications for the future experience of PG sociologists. It is vital therefore that existing PGs contribute their views to the review process. The process will have far reaching consequences for the research community, and those consequences will largely follow from a consideration of the evidence that is received.

The Review is due to report back by Spring 2010, and will look at both the strengths and weaknesses of the current system, including the diverse way services are provided across the sector.

Currently, **perspectives are being sought on what key areas of postgraduate provision should be considered by the review. Comments can be submitted** on the website, or emailed to [postgraduaterew@bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:postgraduaterew@bis.gsi.gov.uk) **until 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009**. Please also copy your responses to [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk) so that they can be presented to BSA Council to inform further contributions.

More information on the Review of Postgraduate Provision is available at  
<http://www.bis.gov.uk/postgraduate-review>.

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

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Events are listed in chronological order:

	Conference	Location	Date
A	<b>The Politics of Sociology: Negotiating Politics as a Social Researcher</b>	University of Warwick	22 January 2010
B	<b>How to put 'Society' into Climate Change</b>	BSA Presidential Event, British Library Conference Centre, London	8 February 2010
C	<b>Travelling Photographies</b>	Concordia University, Canada	12-13 March 2010
D	<b>'Whose Rights? How Right?'</b>	University of Warwick	13 March 2010
E	<b>Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Strategies for Inclusion</b>	London South Bank University	18 March 2010
F	<b>Bourdieu and Education: on Post-Primary, Higher and Professional Education</b>	Queens University Belfast	30-31 March 2010
G	<b>British Sociological Association Annual Conference</b>	Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow	7-9 April 2010
H	<b>The Development of Football: Commercialization, Culture and Identity</b>	Malmö University, Sweden	8-10 April 2010
I	<b>The Development of Women Sport: Separate but not Equal</b>	Malmö University, Sweden	10-12 April 2010
J	<b>7th Eass Conference - A Social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment</b>	Porto, Portugal	5-9 May 2010
K	<b>Conference on Law, Policy and the Olympic Movement</b>	Ithaca College London	13-14 May 2010
L	<b>'Bridging the Gap': Translating Knowledge into Action in Health and Social Research</b>	Newcastle University	3 June 2010
M	<b>The Europeanness of European Cinema</b>	King's College London	4 June 2010
N	<b>Fractured Images/Broken Words</b>	Lancaster University	12 June 2010
O	<b>Sport&amp;EU 5th Annual Conference: 'The challenges of sport governance'</b>	University of Ghent, Belgium	1-2 July 2010
P	<b>The Experimental Society</b>	Lancaster University	7-9 July 2010
Q	<b>Re-thinking Global Society</b>	University of Leeds	6-7 September 2010

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

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### *A. The Politics of Sociology: Negotiating Politics as a Social Researcher, Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, 22nd January 2010*

This is a workshop day for postgraduate students interested in the connection between social research and political expression.

How do/should social researchers approach the issue of personal politics and activist space? How are the personal politics of social researchers communicated? Can/should social research be a

political forum? What can sociologists contribute to political studies? These are just a few of the issues we hope to explore during the day.

This event is funded by the British Sociological Association and will be held at the University of Warwick.

Workshops and talks from:

Professor Les Back, Goldsmiths  
Dr Joyce Canaan, Birmingham City University  
Dr Therese O'Toole, University of Bristol  
Professor Peter Ratcliffe, University of Warwick  
Dr Gurnam Singh, Coventry University

Costs: BSA members -free Non-members - £10

If you are interested in attending this event or would like more information please contact:  
[l.mayblin@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:l.mayblin@warwick.ac.uk). Places are limited to 30 so get in quick!

### ***B. How to put 'Society' into Climate Change, British Library Conference Centre, London, 8 February 2010***

The BSA President, Professor John Brewer, proudly announces the first of a series of Presidential events. This one day conference will examine the methodological implications for social science of the processes of global climate change.

**John Urry** from Lancaster University will be taking a lead on this event along with John Brewer (BSA President). John Urry is currently editing a special issue of *Theory, Culture and Society* on global heating (2010) and preparing *Climate Change and Society* (Polity 2011). He is a former RAE Panel Chair and Editor of the *International Library of Sociology*.

**John Brewer** is Sixth Century Chair in Sociology at the University of Aberdeen. He is currently working on another of sociology's 'big issues', with Polity Press about to publish his book on the sociology of peace processes. The Leverhulme Trust are also funding a £1.26m research programme on compromise after conflict.

The conference programme includes:

- A welcome to the conference from BSA President, Professor John Brewer.
- A welcome to the British Library by Jude England, Head of Social Sciences.
- Professor John Urry, Lancaster University: 'The importance of putting Society into Climate Change'.
- Professor Anthony Giddens, London School of Economics: 'Sociology and climate change'.
- Professor Elizabeth Shove, Lancaster University: 'Transitions in practice – climate change and everyday life'.
- Professor Tim Jackson, University of Surrey: 'The social and structural dimensions of sustainable living'.
- Professor Alan Warde, University of Manchester: 'How sociological understandings of routine consumption might inform effective strategies for enhancing sustainability'.

Places for this event are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Lunch and refreshments are included. BSA Members can attend this event free of charge (your 2010 subscription must be paid in advance of registration). However, due to the costs incurred by the BSA, in the event of a no-show or cancellation of your booking after 5.00pm on Monday, 12 January 2010, a fee of £10 will be charged. Non-Members of the BSA may also attend this event for a registration fee of £10.

More information is available at <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/presidential.htm>.

### ***C. Travelling Photographies Graduate Symposium, Concordia University, Canada, 12-13<sup>th</sup> March 2010***

Concordia University's Art History Graduate Students Association invites proposals for *Travelling Photographies*, a two-day graduate symposium that will investigate the movement of photographs, photographers, and photographic histories through space and time.

Many scholars have interrogated the often fluid relationship between the context and meaning of photographs. But what happens when photographs travel across either literal or figurative borders? How do the uses and meanings of photographic images and practices change when their contexts themselves are transient? Photography has long been the handmaiden of the tourist industry, but in this symposium the term "travel" will be interpreted loosely, accommodating the many ways in which photographs move, circulate, are appropriated, borrowed or reframed both in the past and the present. This symposium also aims to examine the impact of the Euro-Western photographic canon on the travel of certain styles, practices and even modes of history writing.

As we would like this symposium to be an interdisciplinary investigation of the theme, we invite graduate students and emerging scholars from all disciplines to submit abstracts. Papers addressing historical or contemporary examples are welcome, as are case studies of specific images (artistic and/or vernacular), photographers, exhibitions, publications or institutions. We also encourage submissions that address photography produced outside the Euro-Western world.

Potential topics include, but are not restricted to:

- The longstanding relationship between tourism and photography
- The travel and reinterpretation of colonial and/or imperialist photographs
- The reinterpretation (even misinterpretation) of photographs across cultural borders
- The reinterpretation or re-framing of photographs through time
- The imposition of dominant photographic histories on different countries and cultures
- The travel of photographic styles and traditions across borders
- The mediation of photographs as a form of travel
- The museum or exhibition as a site of shifting photographic meaning
- The use of historical photographs in contemporary art
- The travel of photographs in cyberspace
- The travel of photographs across disciplinary and discursive borders

Keynote speaker: Dr. Christraud Geary, Teel Curator of African and Oceanic Art, Boston Museum of Fine Art

Presentations will be 20 minutes in length (or approximately 2,500 words), and will be followed by a discussion period.

Please send a 300-word abstract (in English or French), a short biographical note and all relevant contact information to [ahgsa.concordia@gmail.com](mailto:ahgsa.concordia@gmail.com) by **Monday, December 14, 2009**. Notifications will be sent by January 15, 2010.

### ***D. 'Whose Rights? How Right?' Warwick Postgraduate Conference, University of Warwick, 13th March 2010***

Warwick Sociology Department would like to announce a call for abstracts from postgraduate students wishing to present at the Warwick Postgraduate Conference 2010 'Whose Rights? How Right?'. This is a conference run by and for postgraduate students in the social sciences and humanities and provides an exciting opportunity to present your work in a friendly and supportive environment.

The conference theme concerns 'rights'. From rights claimed on the basis of humanity to those relating to a specific group in a specific setting; are rights so ubiquitous that they are rendered meaningless? What does it mean to have rights, morally and/or legally? How are they allocated, by

whom, and who is included and excluded? These are some of the questions that the conference hopes to address.

Abstracts submitted for presentation at the conference might cover some of the following topics –though this list is not exhaustive of the theme of rights and related abstracts on other topics are welcome:

- Theoretical perspectives on rights from classical to more recent developments in theories of rights
- Legal vs. moral rights
- Human rights
- Citizenship and rights
- Gender based rights
- Age based rights –children and the elderly
- Animal rights
- Disabled peoples' rights
- Minority culture/language rights
- Religious rights
- Workers' rights
- The intersection of different types of rights
- Intellectual property rights, including music/film rights
- Research process -what rights do we afford to participants?

Abstracts should be up to 300 words. Please send abstracts to Melissa Menent: M.Menent@warwick.ac.uk. Ensure that you state your name, department and institution in the same document as the abstract. The deadline for abstract submission is 15th December 2009.

### ***E. Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Strategies for Inclusion, London South Bank University, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010***

The University of Southampton (School of Education, Pedagogy and Curriculum Research Centre) and London South Bank University (Gender Research Forum, Institute for Social Science Research) are organising a one day conference on *Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Strategies for Inclusion* at London South Bank University on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

The theme of the conference is to examine issues of diversity, inclusion and social justice. We are particularly interested in papers which focus on strategies for inclusion; these can be policy orientated, empirical and/or theoretical and can focus on education, the labour market, the criminal justice system. The aim of the conference is to bring together established academics, early careers researchers and students to share their experiences of theorising and researching in this field. These themes could be explored in relation to research methodologies and/or theorising difference. We would like to invite you to submit abstracts of approximately 250 words by Friday 11 December 2009. We would like submissions to focus on any dimensions of difference such as 'race', class, gender, disability and sexuality. We will be sending more details shortly about format and additional keynote speakers. We are intending to publish the proceedings from the conference in a special issue. Confirmed plenary speaker: Professor Jeffrey Weeks.

Looking forward to receiving your abstracts and/or seeing you at the conference. If you would like to discuss please contact Kalwant Bhopal ([K.Bhopal@soton.ac.uk](mailto:K.Bhopal@soton.ac.uk)) or Shaminder Takhar ([takhars@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:takhars@lsbu.ac.uk)).

### ***F. Bourdieu and Education: A Postgraduate Conference and Three Masterclasses on Post-Primary, Higher and Professional Education, Queens University Belfast, 30-31<sup>st</sup> March 2010***

This two day event will focus on the philosophy and theories of Pierre Bourdieu in the fields of sociology and anthropology with a substantive focus education. Sponsored by The BSA and Queen's University Belfast it is styled a masterclass and is open to postgraduate researchers. The event is structured around:

- Three plenaries to be given by invited academic experts whose work centres on Bourdieu in this area of higher education and/ or professional reproduction.
- Three tutorial style classes which will include short (5min) presentations by the postgraduate participants.
- Nine 20 min paper presentations by postgraduate research students.

We are seeking 18 postgraduates currently registered at HEIs in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland whose research is directly involved with the sociology/ anthropology of Pierre Bourdieu to participate in this event. Participation is open to any UK or RoI postgraduate with a substantial theoretical interest in Bourdieu although preference may be given to those who have a particular interest in the fields of post-primary, higher and professional education as these will be the themes of the masterclasses. We also seek abstracts from 9 of the participating postgraduates to give 20 minute papers in the usual conference style.

We intend the conference theme to be interpreted widely, with the following offering some (non-limiting) guidelines for those who are intending to submit an abstract for consideration:

- Social class in post-primary education.
- Bourdieu and the education of medical, nursing, dentistry, allied healthcare and social work professionals.
- Gendered Learners, Teachers and Pedagogies
- Interprofessional Education and Continuing Professional Development.
- Ethnicity in the Classroom.
- Cultural Capital, Higher Education and the Humanities.
- Post Higher Education Career 'Choices' and Trajectories.
- Methodological Issues: Reflexivity, Habitus, Field and Capitals.
- Disciplinary Fields and Interdisciplinary Practice.
- Bourdieu and Legal Education/ Training.

If you are interested in taking part in this event or have any further queries please contact [events@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:events@britsoc.org.uk).

Please note that this event is free for all participants but a refundable deposit will be required. All participants are expected to be present for the full two days.

### ***G. British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Glasgow Caledonian University, 7-9<sup>th</sup> 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

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009: Deadline for abstract submission.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010: Last date for presenters to register.

E-mail: [BSAConference@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:BSAConference@britsoc.org.uk)

BSA Website: [www.britsoc.co.uk/events/Conference](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/Conference)

***H. The Development of Football: Commercialization, Culture and Identity, Department of Sport Science, Malmö University, Sweden 8-10<sup>th</sup> April 2010***

Ever since the revolutionary breakthrough of television and, a decade or so later, the infamous Bosman ruling, the world of association football has been divided into strong centers, less powerful semi-peripheries, and more or less marginalized fringes. Some national leagues have, in sporting and economic terms, left the others far behind. The same pattern is apparent in women's football. What's more, there's a clear division within the national leagues as well, with the same handful of rich and famous clubs claiming top positions in the league tables. Is this the football of the future? Is the division into centers and peripheries beneficial for football? These are some of the themes and question that will be penetrated at Malmö University's important international football conference.

The conference on football will have a number of interesting keynote speakers – with local, global and glocal focuses. Confirmed speakers are Richard Giulianotti (UK), John Hughson (UK), Hans Hognestad (Norway), Boria Majumdar (India), Torbjörn Andersson (Sweden) and Jesper Fundberg (Sweden).

The conference committee now invites participants to present PAPERS, preferably, but not necessarily, relating to the following themes:

The Status and the Prospects of National Football Leagues  
Post-Bosman and the Development of Football  
The Globalisation/Glocalisation of Football  
Football and Local and National Identity  
Directions in Contemporary and Future European Football  
The Future Development of Women Football  
Sponsoring and Marketing of Women Football  
The Implication of the 6+5 Rule or the Economic Doping of Football Clubs

Please submit ABSTRACTS (250 – 400 words) electronically to Annika Larsson ([annika.larsson@mah.se](mailto:annika.larsson@mah.se)) no later than December 15, 2009. Notification of acceptance will be given on January 11, 2010. Accepted articles must be submitted in full by March 15th, and will be considered for publication in a special issue of Soccer and Society, in 2011, or in Nordic Sport Studies Forum.

For further information, please contact Bo Carlsson, Malmö University ([bo.carlsson@mah.se](mailto:bo.carlsson@mah.se))

***I. The Development of Women Sport: Separate but not Equal, Department of Sport Science, Malmö University, Sweden, 10-12<sup>th</sup> April 2010***

Gender differences and similarities, and whether differences and similarities should be reflected in the organization of sports, is a hotly contended issue in media, in sports, and between scholars. There is consensus about the basic inequalities within sports, but how can that be corrected? Who will spearhead the campaign for gender equality in sports, and in what way should it be run? In various ways, feminists have tried to steer society towards gender equality; but how did the association sports respond? These and many more questions concerning men, women and sports will be subject to thorough exploration at this unique conference.

The conference on gender and sports will have a number of exciting keynote speakers: Raewyn Connell (Australia), Kari Fasting (Norway), Pirkko Markula (Canada), Celia Brackenridge (UK), Gertrud Pfister (Denmark), Sigmund Loland (Norway), Marion Keim (South Africa), Boria Majumdar (India) Martin Polley (UK), Susanna Hedenborg (Sweden).

The conference committee now invites participants to present PAPERS, relating to the theme of gender, women and sports.

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For further information, please contact Susanna Hedenborg, Malmö University ([susanna.hedenborg@mah.se](mailto:susanna.hedenborg@mah.se))

### ***J. 7th Eass Conference - A Social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment, Porto, Portugal, 5-9<sup>th</sup> May 2010***

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

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

**We invite to you to visit our webpage!**

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

### ***K. Conference on Law, Policy and the Olympic Movement, Ithaca College London Center, London, 13-14<sup>th</sup> May 2010***

With the Olympic Games coming to London in 2012, the Ithaca College London Centre would like to take this opportunity to convene the first of three conferences examining the historical, legal, political and economic impact of hosting the Olympic Games.

Abstracts and proposals for sessions are invited in the following areas:

*The Legal Issues Surrounding the Olympic Games* – Potential topics include, but are not limited to: gender equity; WADA and doping; gender testing; athletes' rights; media and broadcasting rights; sponsorship and marketing; image rights; and other issues.

*Policy Issues Surrounding the Games* – Potential topics include, but are not limited to: development through sport; economic impact of staging the Olympics; Olympic financing and governance; environment and sustainable development; sport facilities: economic boom or white elephants; and the structure of the IOC.

*The Olympic Movement* – Potential topics include, but are not limited to: the history of the Ancient Olympic Games; the legacies of the modern Olympic Games; the Future of the Olympic Games; and the politics of Olympic site selection.

The conference will feature keynote addresses by international sport leaders and scholars, as well as open paper sessions. Conference organizers encourage the submission of both individual

presentations and panel session topics. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words and should include the paper/session title, and presenter's name, affiliation and email address.

Deadline for the submission of abstracts is: **December 15, 2009.**

Accepted presentations will be notified by: February 1, 2010.

All abstracts and questions should be sent to the Conference Organizers:

Bill Sheasgreen: [wsheasgreen@ithaca.edu](mailto:wsheasgreen@ithaca.edu)

or

Genevieve Gordon: [sportslaw@venire.co.uk](mailto:sportslaw@venire.co.uk)

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ithaca.edu/hshp/depts/smm/Conference/>

### ***L. 'Bridging the Gap': Translating Knowledge into Action in Health and Social Research, Newcastle University, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010***

This proposed one-day event builds on the Qualitative Theory Group currently organised by postgraduate research students at Newcastle University. This event will comprise a mix of oral presentations and interactive workshops, led by both postgraduate students and guest speakers from academic institutions across the North East.

Discussions between members of the existing Qualitative Theory Group have highlighted a need for an event that enables postgraduate students and early career researchers to explore issues such as: the different types of knowledge (theoretical and practical); how these are applied within the various qualitative research paradigms; the links between philosophy, theory and methodology; and how research findings can be translated into policy, practice and decision-making beyond the academic setting. Hence, the provisional title for this conference is 'Bridging the Gap' – Translating Knowledge into Action in Health and Social Research. Knowledge translation is generally understood to be a two-way process, involving learning by academics about the challenges and needs of practitioners and policy makers in accessing and using evidence, as well as learning by policy makers and practitioners about the technical challenges of producing and synthesising robust research evidence. However, postgraduate students also have a particular interest in understanding the way that theoretical, sometimes abstract knowledge is translated into tangible research practice and evidence, and vice versa.

If you are interested in attending this event or would like more information please contact:

[stephanie.oneil@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:stephanie.oneil@ncl.ac.uk) or [shelina.visram@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:shelina.visram@northumbria.ac.uk).

### ***M. Postgraduate Conference: THE EUROPEANNESS OF EUROPEAN CINEMA, King's College London, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010***

Opening speech by Jan Palmowski

Keynote speaker: Thomas Elsaesser

Confirmed Plenary speakers: Ginette Vincendeau, Susan Hayward

Studies in European cinema have often been focused on specific countries, genres or auteurs. However, there has been, since the 1990s, a renewed interest in European film as an entity with a significance beyond the sum of its parts. Promoted by the policies in support of the audiovisual industry set in motion by the Council of Europe and the European Union, this new interest led to an amplified debate on Europe and the cinema that is produced and consumed there. Meanwhile, top of the theoretical agenda, the issue of identity has surfaced as the prime concern. As the framework shifts from national to transnational cinemas and concepts such as 'hyphenated identity' and 'double occupancy' gather strength, this conference seeks to explore the ongoing validity of Europe as a reference in film. Papers are welcomed on any aspect of how European identity might define itself through cinema, spanning issues of representation, industry and cultural policy. Areas of interest might include:

- pan-European production and distribution strategies;
- the label 'Europe' in film distribution and exhibition, including festival circuits;

- examples of films that engage with the idea of Europe;
- how particular national cinemas might simultaneously identify themselves as European;
- the issue of language, dubbing and subtitling;
- and how any of these questions might have shifted historically and with the advent of new European initiatives.

Please submit an abstract (max. 300 words), contact information and short bio (max. 100 words) to: europeanness@kcl.ac.uk

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5 February 2010

Organised by: Mary Harrod, Mariana Liz, Alissa Timoshkina - Film Studies Department, King's College London

### ***N. Fractured Images/Broken Words, Lancaster University, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010***

**Keynote Speakers:** Professor Terry Eagleton, *of Lancaster University* and Andy Diggle, *comic-book writer and former editor of 2000 AD.*

Featuring art installations by **Christine Dawson**

For more information on our keynote speakers, please visit their websites:

[Christine Dawson Art - Facebook Page](#)

[AndyDiggle.com](http://AndyDiggle.com)

Visual and multi-modal texts are an integral element of both popular and literary culture, contemporary and past. This conference invites papers which engage with the notion of text and image, through, for example critical examination of graphic novels, television, film, illustrated texts or adaptations. We actively welcome papers with an interdisciplinary approach, allowing for a collision of meaning and interpretations of both text and image. We're particularly interested in – but not limiting our remit to – topics which focus on the fusion of word and image, and perhaps on the gaps which can be perceived between, and within, visual and textual representation. Where do textual spaces exist? Where do word and image meet? Where do they separate? Where does meaning fuse? Where does it disintegrate? As the conference title suggests, we're also interested in the duplicitous and unstable nature of texts and images and would also like to explore issues such as: How words and / or images be misappropriated, misused or misdirected to create alternative and divergent meanings; The fragility of meaning created by words and / or images; Problems of reading and interpretation.

This conference will provide a stimulating environment for postgraduate students and other researchers to present work and to share and discuss ideas stemming from the examination of texts employing varied representational modes, adaptations and interactions between text and image. We hope to encourage speakers from multiple disciplines, working across historical, cultural and literary periods, and with a wide range of texts.

#### **Suggested topics, themes and disciplinary approaches include:**

- Film Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Literary Studies
- Language
- Propaganda Texts
- Journalism / Photo Journalism
- Graphic Novels and Picture Books
- Children and Young Adult Literature
- Television
- Identity
- Ownership of Truth
- Authenticity
- Biographical Texts
- Gender
- Ethnicity

- Sexuality
- Translation
- Gaps and Silences
- Absences

**Or, any other topic which the conference title inspires.**

Abstracts of no more than **300 words** for papers **not exceeding 20 minutes** should be submitted by 15th February 2010, to the organisers at: [conference@lancasterluminary.com](mailto:conference@lancasterluminary.com). Please include *the title of your paper, your name, e-mail address, institutional affiliation, and a brief summary of your research interests.*

**Conference Fees:**

**£40** for speakers

**£20** for other delegates

Registration forms are available to download [here](#). You may send forms through the post to the address given, or alternatively, you can email them to : [conference@lancasterluminary.com](mailto:conference@lancasterluminary.com).

Payment for the conference will be handled via our online system. **Please check <http://www.lancasterluminary.com/contents/conference.htm> for details on this, which will be available shortly.**

***O. Sport&EU 5th Annual Conference: 'The challenges of sport governance', University of Ghent, Belgium, 1st-2nd July 2010***

The Association for the Study of Sport and the European Union (Sport&EU) is pleased to announce that its 5<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held at the University of Ghent (Belgium) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010, coinciding with the Belgian presidency of the European Union.

With the Treaty of Lisbon about to enter into force, the European Union will for the first time be equipped with a direct competence in the area of sport. Moreover, the implementation of the 2007 European Commission White Paper on Sport and the Action Plan Pierre de Coubertin is shaping and re-defining to some extent the policies of the EU towards sport. The last couple of years have featured a focus on the transformation of sport governance and the new roles of public authorities, governing bodies and stakeholders in the organisation of European sport. Sport&EU's 5<sup>th</sup> annual conference sets to explore the latest research on the current challenges and possible solutions to improve sport governance.

The conference organisers invite now the submission of paper and panel proposals addressing issues pertaining to sport governance and to the role of public authorities (**including but not limited to the European Union**) and non-governmental sport organisations at different levels in the governance of sport. The organisers would value proposals that do not focus only on professional sport, and papers analysing the consequences of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty are welcome as well. Papers and panels with an interdisciplinary approach are especially welcome and submissions by PhD students are encouraged.

For more information on the conference, please visit our website at [www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010](http://www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010)

**For single paper proposals**, send a 250 words abstract, together with a short biography and your contact details.

**We especially encourage full panel proposals (maximum of 3 papers per panel):** For this send **(in a single file)** a 250 words panel abstract, together with a 250 abstract for each paper. Please also include a chair for the panel (if you cannot find a chairperson, we will allocate one) and a bibliographic note for each paper giver. The contact details of the panel proposer should also be included.

All paper and panel proposals should be sent to [charlotte.vantuyckom@ugent.be](mailto:charlotte.vantuyckom@ugent.be) by **25 January 2010**.

Please note that all the proposals will be subject to peer review by the conference's scientific committee. Successful proposals will be notified by **25 February 2010**.

For more information, please contact [charlotte.vantuycckom@ugent.be](mailto:charlotte.vantuycckom@ugent.be) or [b.garcia-garcia@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:b.garcia-garcia@lboro.ac.uk). You can also visit our website at [www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010](http://www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010)

### ***P. The Experimental Society, Lancaster University, 7-9<sup>th</sup> July 2010***

This three-day international conference will be the culmination of the Experimentality programme – a year-long collaborative exploration of the power of experimentation to shape the future. The conference will bring together scholars and practitioners from a range of disciplines, and representatives from the world of research policy, to critically explore the notion of an experimental society. Questions to be pursued in the conference will include:

- Is experimentality becoming a key trope of contemporary society? Is it taking new forms, and if so with what implications?
- What dangers to human freedom are posed by new, experimental forms of power?
- How do notions of experimentality intersect with other dominant notions of social change, such as globalisation, postmodernisation, risk society, control society and knowledge society?
- How can we learn from the different modes of experimentality that operate within science, the arts and wider culture?
- How can the power to shape our socio-technical future be distributed more evenly in society? Can we democratise 'the experiment' so that it operates an engine of human freedom harnessed to the task of building a common world, rather than as a tool of power?

Plenary speakers will include:

- Ulrich Beck (London School of Economics)
- Ian Diamond (Economic and Social Research Council)
- Tim Ingold (University of Aberdeen)
- Scott Lash (Goldsmiths, University of London)
- Helga Nowotny (European Research Council)
- Gísli Pálsson (University of Iceland)

To submit a paper to the conference, please send an abstract (200-400 words) by 15 December 2009 to Anne-Marie Mumford: [a.mumford@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:a.mumford@lancaster.ac.uk)  
More information: [www.lancs.ac.uk/experimentality](http://www.lancs.ac.uk/experimentality)

### ***Q. 'Re-thinking Global Society': The Bauman Institute - International Launch Conference, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds UK, 6–7<sup>th</sup> September 2010***

We are delighted to announce that the School of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Leeds will formally launch the Bauman Institute in September 2010, established in honour of Leeds's Emeritus Professor of Sociology Zygmunt Bauman.

In recognition of the launch, we are holding an International Conference here at the University of Leeds on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

The Conference aims to bring together international expertise amongst scholars, researchers, practitioners, and postgraduate students, working in a variety of fields across the arts, humanities and social sciences. As such, we are delighted to announce amongst our confirmed plenary speakers:

George Ritzer - Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland, Washington DC  
Daniel Libeskind - Architect  
Neal Lawson - Chair of Compass and writer for The Guardian and The New Statesman

Our key conference themes are:

- Consumerism and Sustainability
- Globalization, Risk and Uncertainty
- Renewing Politics and Civil Society
- The Social Thought of Zygmunt Bauman

We invite abstracts of not more than 150 words and tied to any of the above themes to be submitted not later than 31st January 2010 to the email address below. All abstracts will be subject to peer-review and should be sent to the Director of the Bauman Institute, Dr Mark Davis: m.e.davis@leeds.ac.uk

#### **Conference Fees\***

Early Registration (before 30 June 2010)	£190	Unwaged/Student Rate (Early)	£110
Late Registration (from 1 July 2010)	£265	Unwaged/Student Rate	
(Late)	£165		

\*All fee options include full conference registration and an invitation to an Evening Drinks Reception on the Monday, to be held in the Great Hall at the University of Leeds.

For further details: <http://sociology.leeds.ac.uk/bauman>

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

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#### ***1. PhD Studentships funded by ESRC/Department for Transport/Scottish Government***

**Applications are invited for up to 8 PhD studentships, to bring new insights from the social sciences on the role of transport in society, its links to and impacts on the economy, the environment, health and social inclusion.**

Travel, however you conceptualise it, is undoubtedly at the heart of modern society - how and where people live their lives and the ways in which goods and resources are moved. It is difficult to think of any area of public policy which transport does not interact with at some level; it has critical interactions with key policy agendas including carbon emissions management, air quality, agglomeration and productivity in the economy, obesity and health, social inclusion and personal security, migration and energy security. Understanding and representing travel behaviour is a significant on-going research challenge.

UKTRC was established in 2009 as a £7.25m research centre with the aim of supporting top flight social science research and bringing new insights and evidence to UK transport policy. As part of UKTRC's mission to broaden the conceptual and methodological base, these research studentships will encourage participation from across the social sciences through:

- the application of novel concepts and insights which will provide different ways of framing problems, and thus new kinds of solutions.
- the application of new qualitative and quantitative research methods that will result in innovative forms of data collection, analysis and interpretation.

The inter-disciplinary scope of the centre will include (but not be limited to) perspectives from anthropology, economics, geography, history, law, marketing, science and technology studies, sociology, psychology, statistics, social policy, politics, and planning.

The studentship competition is an open competition for excellent research proposals in the field of social science. The hosting university department must be eligible to hold studentships under ESRC rules.

Applications are particularly encouraged from individuals (and their associated departments) who can demonstrate excellent research potential and help fulfil the broadening of disciplinary scope described above. Applications which have joint supervision with established academics in the field of transport research are also welcome.

The UKTRC studentships are all offered as 3 year studentships (also referred to as the +3 scheme). Candidates must therefore have completed or expect to complete a Masters degree which is part of a currently recognised ESRC programme or are able to make a case that they have completed an equivalent programme are eligible for this award. Residential eligibility is defined according to standard ESRC studentship rules.

For further details, including the formal application process, please visit the website: <http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/postgraduate/fundingopportunities/UKTRCOpportunities.aspx>

Prior to submitting an application, you are encouraged to discuss your suitability - informal enquiries can be made via: Dr Greg Marsden, Director of UKTRC Research Capacity Building Tel: 0113 343 5358 E-Mail: [G.R.Marsden@its.leeds.ac.uk](mailto:G.R.Marsden@its.leeds.ac.uk)

**The closing date for receipt of outline applications is: 18th December 2009.**

There will be a two-stage application process. Short-listed applicants from the outline proposals will be invited to submit full applications by 12th March 2010. Successful applicants will be expected to start their award between 1st May 2010 and 1st October 2010.

The UK Transport Research Centre (UKTRC) is jointly operated by Imperial College London, the University of Leeds and University College London, and its activities are open to all academic institutions in the UK. Further details of the aims and broader research programme and activities of the UKTRC can be found at:

<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/research/centres/UKTRC.aspx>

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

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### 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  
+44 191 383 0839  
[publications@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:publications@britsoc.org.uk)

## **2. Political Power and Social Theory: A Research Annual**

*Political Power and Social Theory: A Research Annual* welcomes submissions for its 2010 volume. PPST is a peer-reviewed annual research journal committed to advancing the interdisciplinary understanding of the linkages between political power, social relations, and historical development. The journal, currently edited by Julian Go (Boston University) and published by Emerald Press, welcomes both empirical and theoretical work and is willing to consider papers of substantial length (up to 80 manuscript pages). PPST is pleased to have published award-winning authors and papers such as, most recently, Cedric de Leon's "'No Bourgeois Mass Party, No Democracy': The Missing Link in Barrington Moore's American Civil War" (PPST Volume 19, 2008), which received the Barrington Moore Jr. Prize for best article from the Comparative-Historical Section of the American Sociological Association.

Submission date is rolling, but authors interested in ensuring their submission is considered for the 2010 volume should plan on submitting no later than **January 15, 2010**. Papers submitted after that date are not guaranteed consideration for the 2010 volume but may be for the 2011 volume. For more information on submission and the journal, please see the PPST website: <http://www.bu.edu/sociology/ppst> and/or contact: [ppst@bu.edu](mailto:ppst@bu.edu).

## **3. Black Camera: An International Film Journal**

Editor: Michael T. Martin  
Published semiannually by Indiana University Press

Black Camera is devoted to the study and documentation of the black cinematic experience and is the only scholarly film journal of its kind in the United States. The editor invites submissions of essays, interviews, film and book reviews, programmatic statements, and announcements relevant to the following areas:

- Reconsideration of key black classic films
- Women filmmakers of the African diaspora
- Black (and other related postcolonial and Third World programmatic film statements and manifestoes)
- Black sexuality in film
- Black filmmaking and cinematic formations in Europe
- Archival film documents
- slavery and anti-colonial struggles in the historical film
- Lusophone and Francophone African cinemas
- Sub-Saharan African cinemas
- Cinemas of the Maghreb
- Black Hollywood
- Black animation
- Caribbean cinemas
- Reception studies
- Film directors, screenwriters, actors

For submission guidelines, consult: <http://inscribe.iupress.org/loi/blc>

## **3. Space and Culture Special Issue: Henri Lefebvre and the New World Order**

**Call for Papers    Deadline: 1 April 2010**

Guest Editors:  
Dr. Gregory Seigworth, Millersville University, USA, e-mail: [gregory.seigworth@millersville.edu](mailto:gregory.seigworth@millersville.edu).  
Dr. Michael E. Gardiner, University of Western Ontario, Canada, e-mail: [megardin@uwo.ca](mailto:megardin@uwo.ca).

*Space and Culture* invites papers for a special issue on Henri Lefebvre and the 'next world order'.

In this first decade of the 21st Century our world has grown remarkably disordered. How are we to make sense of it, and to find some horizon for hope, at the very intersection of such global-militarist calamities, fatalistic neoliberal fantasies, cyber- & postgenomic vanities, all of these innumerable everyday oscillations of the spectacular and the mundane? The heterodox (and heretical) French thinker Henri Lefebvre (1901-1991) might offer a way (or ways) to conjure some sense of order (pointing toward a next world) from amidst the upheavals of a 21st Century already in disarray. Spanning some sixty years, Lefebvre's voluminous and challenging writings touch on virtually every topic that remains crucial to the contemporary concerns of critical socio-cultural inquiry, including historiography, everyday life, space, social change and 'micropolitics', the state, urbanization, and utopia, to name only the most salient.

Despite his status as (in the words of Fredric Jameson) 'the last great classic philosopher', with the partial exception of his writings on urbanism and spatiality, for a lengthy period Lefebvre's ideas were greatly neglected in the English-speaking world, at least outside broad historical surveys of post-war French political and social thought. One could speculate that it may be because – although his work anticipated certain aspects of postmodernist and poststructuralist thought, without succumbing to many of their excesses and non sequiturs – Lefebvre remained committed to critical Marxism and the utopian project of 'changing life'. More surprisingly, however, was the waning interest in Lefebvre within France itself as the 20th Century drew to a close. Astonishingly, by the time of his death in 1991, none of Lefebvre's books were in print in his native land. But the last decade has witnessed a remarkable reversal of this situation.

This special issue of *Space and Culture* will concern itself primarily with two key aspects of Lefebvrian thought: The first would be to engage his ideas with a variety of current theoretical currents and developments; second, to extend his thought into the analysis of particular aspects of sociocultural life in our contemporary, and increasingly globalised world, including appropriations of Lefebvrian categories and concepts in areas of intellectual production on the ostensive margins of the Western metropole. This may include public interventions, non-traditional submissions and visual or multi-media pieces for inclusion on our website [www.spaceandculture.org](http://www.spaceandculture.org). Lefebvre's work on the colonization of space and the natural world in particular challenges prevailing orthodoxies vis-a-vis globalization. What vital tools has Henri Lefebvre left us that might provide us critical insights for confronting the demons that haunt our new century?

Papers must be in English. See our [submission](#) guidelines or our Sage Publications [site](#) for instructions for authors and details about the journal's house style. The deadline for submitting papers is 1 April 2010. Send an electronic copy as Word 6.0 attachment via email to [space@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:space@ntu.ac.uk). All submitted papers will be evaluated by the Editors, and publication decisions will be based on the double-blind peer-review process (the Editors will necessarily know the identities of all participants). The Editors are happy to receive inquiries about the issue via email.

*Space and Culture* is a peer-reviewed, quarterly interdisciplinary journal published by Sage. It fosters the publication of reflections on a wide range of sociospatial arenas such as the home, the built environment, architecture, urbanism, and geopolitics. It covers sociology, in particular, qualitative sociology and contemporary ethnography; communications, in particular, media studies and the Internet; cultural studies; urban studies; urban and human geography; architecture; anthropology; and consumer research.

## 5. Other News

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### 1. Invitation to take part in the UK-wide Postgraduates Teaching Social Policy Survey

Dear postgraduate

Are you a UK postgraduate who teaches social policy in higher education? If so the Social Policy Association, Joint Universities Council for Social Policy and the Subject Centre for Social Policy and Social Work would like to hear about your experiences of teaching. To take part in our survey please go to <https://www.heacademy.ac.uk/survey/postgraduates>

Your response is very important to us. Your answers and comments will be used to:

- \* identify areas of practice (e.g. teaching practices or support mechanisms) and resources which might be usefully shared and developed across the postgraduate social policy community.
- \* to inform professional bodies and networks (such as those sponsoring the survey) about areas where postgraduates teaching social policy can be usefully supported over and above the guidance they receive through their own HEIs.

If you submit your completed survey by 30 November 2009 you will have the chance to be entered into a prize draw to win £25 of Amazon book vouchers. Surveys can be submitted until 15 January 2010.

Results will be available from June 2010 when a report will be published on both the spa ([www.social-policy.com](http://www.social-policy.com)) and swap ([www.swap.ac.uk](http://www.swap.ac.uk)) websites.

Please pass this invitation on to any friends and colleagues who may also be interested in taking part

Many thanks

Rachael Dobson (postgraduate representative, SPA Executive)  
Rebecca Johnson (learning and teaching advisor, SWAP)

## **2. Postgraduate Training Opportunity at British Library**

The British Library is offering new postgraduates the opportunity to attend training days in English, History, Social Sciences, Modern Foreign Languages and Art and Design in partnership with academic centres of excellence. These specially tailored days of talks, workshops, discussions and networking opportunities combine a general introduction to the library with special sessions on subject specific material. Researchers will have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the British Library collections, from oral history recordings to modern literary manuscripts and ephemera through a variety of sessions with curators.

The link is:

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

## **3. Promoting Cultural Competence,**

A web-based distance learning course, **Commencing 08 February 2010**

8 weeks duration - £525

For more information [click here](#)

This is an online course for people working in health and social care seeking to enhance their skills and knowledge and comply with national policies and the expectations of an ethnically diverse, multicultural population. Developed by Professor Irena Papadopoulou, an authority in the fields of transcultural health, nursing, and cultural competence studies, students will be able to utilise credits gained by successful completion of this course to progress towards advanced studies/awards.

Further information and a registration form can be obtained from our website at

<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/hssc/business>.

You may wish to bookmark this URL and check it periodically for news of upcoming courses and events. Should you know of any colleagues or associates who would benefit from this course please make them aware of this opportunity.

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- ***Got a Postgrad event you want to advertise? Let us know about it!***  
Email us at: [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk) and we will include it in the next edition of the PGF Newsletter: The newsletter is distributed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, therefore submission deadlines are the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.
  - ***Don't want to wait for the newsletter to find out about PG events?***  
All these events are also advertised on the BSA website at:  
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/ForthcomingEvents.htm>  
Or check out the PG Focus blog at: <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>
  - ***For comments, queries and posts about current PG life and post-PhD experiences, visit the PG Forum online at:*** <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/phpbb/>
  - ***Join the BSA Facebook Fan Page***
  - ***Look out for Postgrad related news and reviews in "Network"***
  - ***Check out PG Focus, which features interviews, masterclasses and a blog addressing other interesting issues facing PGs today:*** <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>
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