



British Sociological Association

BSA POSTGRADUATE FORUM NEWSLETTER

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

Don't forget to check out:

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

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

Mark & Mike
PGF Convenors

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NEW! PG Profiles

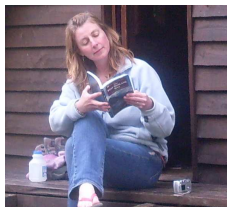
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PG Profiles

This month sees the launch of our PG Profiles section, in which we will be featuring some of the profiles of PG researchers sent to us as part of our call for submissions.

The idea of PG Profiles is to highlight the work and research interests of the members to the wider community in order to promote and help facilitate cooperation and networking

This initiative has generated an unprecedented response from the PG community, and we will be working our way through the mountain of profile submissions in the coming months. Once again any comments or suggestions regarding this section please send them to PGForum@britsoc.org.uk



Elizabeth Dinnie

Institution: University of Aberdeen

Stage of Research: PhD awarded 2008

Areas of interest: Sociology of religion and New Age spirituality; individualism; intentional communities; authority and social control; non-hegemonic (queer) sexualities.

Any other activities: Researcher on the Queer Spiritual Spaces project, University of Sussex

Email address: l.dinnie@abdn.ac.uk



Tracy Collins

Institution: Keele University

Stage of Research: PhD: Year 5 part time

Areas of interest: Personal communities and life course transitions

Any other activities: Lecturer - The University of Salford

Email address: t.l.collins@appsoc.keele.ac.uk



Sarah-Jane Page

Name: Sarah-Jane Page
Institution: University of Nottingham
Stage of Research: PhD: Year 3
Areas of interest: Sociology of religion, feminism, gender identities, motherhood, family and religion, embodiment
Any other activities: I am the Postgraduate Liaison Officer for the BSA's Sociology of Religion Study Group. Please see <http://www.socrel.org.uk/postgraduates/index.html> for more information about our activities.

Email address: [*lqxsjp@nottingham.ac.uk*](mailto:lqxsjp@nottingham.ac.uk)



Brian McDonough

Institution: London Metropolitan University
Stage of Research: PhD: Year 2
Areas of interest: Social Theory, Social Research Methods, Technology, ICT
Any other activities: Part-time Senior Lecturer in Methodology and Research Methods. Teach modules such as Sociological Imagination, Methods of Social Research. Currently conducting an ethnographic study of the uses of ICT.
Email address: b.mcdonough@londonmet.ac.uk

Call for Regional Postgraduate Day School Events

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

In 2008-09, four successful pilot events were held throughout the UK. These one-day events express the diversity and dynamism of the postgraduate experience. The 2008-09 events ranged from 'Surviving the Postgraduate Experience' to 'Street Photography and Social Research: Brick Lane Re-visited' and were held in Aberdeen, Cardiff and London (x2). C-SAP joined with the BSA for one event and has been invited to partner with the BSA again in 2009-10. It is hoped that Regional Postgraduate Day Events will provide a variety of events throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and that they will become an annual series in the BSA calendar.

We are looking for postgraduate organisers willing to co-ordinate with speakers and the BSA to organise a day event at the student's institution. The BSA will provide £1,000 support for the event, which should be free for BSA members to attend. Delegate numbers do not need to be limited to a maximum of 15, however, the BSA recommend that delegate numbers should not be more than 25. The grant can be used to pay for room hire, speakers, lunch and refreshments. The BSA Office will also promote and publicise the Postgraduate day schools through a number of outlets including flyers in membership packs, the BSA website and member e-newsletters.

Please email all expressions of interest to BSA Membership Services Director, Howard Wollman at h.wollman@napier.ac.uk

Address all correspondence: REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE DAYS

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

More information:

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

1. *Forthcoming events at a glance:*

Events are listed in chronological order:

	Conference	Location	Date
A	Mapping Dangerous Spaces	University of Kent (held at the British Library)	01 June 2009
B	'New Spaces of Education'	University of Liverpool	2nd June
C	Scepticism: Graduate Philosophy Conference	University of Southampton,	6th June 2009
D	4th Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium	London School of Economics	25-26 June 2009
E	Making Sense of Equality and Diversity at the Local Level: Engaging and Shaping Communities	Crewe Hall in Cheshire	2 July 2009
F	Leisure Experiences: Participating, Planning, Providing	Canterbury Christ Church University	July 7-9, 2009
G	Summer School: "Theory for a Global Age: Postcolonial and Cosmopolitan Perspectives"	University of Warwick	6-10th July 2009
H	UK Postgraduate Science and Technology Studies (PSTS) conference	University of Nottingham	28-29 July 2009
I	BSA Medical Sociology Group Annual Conference 2009	University of Manchester, Manchester	3-5 September 2009
J	British Sociological Association, Sport Study Group Postgraduate Forum,	Chelsea School, The University of Brighton,	4 th September 2009
K	Sociologies of War, Terror and Security	Potsdam	10 - 12 September 2009
L	Exploding Objects: A New Scholars Symposium	Goldsmiths College	10 September 2009
M	Work, Family and Education: Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Seminar	Newcastle University	15 September 2009
N	WHAT ARE SCHOOLS FOR? Visions and scenarios for the future of education and schooling.	University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland	22 - 24 October 2009

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

A) Mapping Dangerous Spaces, British Library Conference Centre, 1st June 2009

A one day interdisciplinary symposium for postgraduate students and new researchers to be held at the British Library Conference Centre on 1 June 2009.

The School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research at The University of Kent and The British Library invite postgraduate students and new researchers to present their work and generate new debate about 'dangerous' spaces and the way in which crime and danger are mapped. We would like to offer researchers the opportunity to challenge collectively orthodox understandings about the mapping of 'danger' and to draw together interdisciplinary work about how changing perceptions of danger are represented and imagined.

The day will be of interest to criminologists and cultural criminologists, sociologists, urban geographers, psycho-geographers, socio-historians, critical theorists and cultural sociologists as well as those with an interest in phenomenology, perception and representation across the disciplines.

The conference will take place at The British Library and will include an introduction to some unusual maps of 'danger' that are specific to the collections. An interdisciplinary panel of academics will be invited to speak at the end of the day.

We invite postgraduate and new researchers to submit abstracts of 200 words by Friday 13 March 2009. Joint papers are welcomed.

Possible themes include:

- Ideology/power
- Space and culture
- Mapping cognitively, emotions and the psycho-geography of space
- Mapping liminal spaces
- The 'civilized' space
- Literary, fictional and virtual maps
- New ways of reading maps
- Gender, race and 'danger'
- Issues of surveillance and control

We invite attendees to join us for lunch as well as a networking session at the close of the symposium. A small registration fee of £10 will apply to all participants. We warmly invite and welcome proposals for themes for parallel sessions or workshops. Please send 200 word abstracts and ideas for themes by **Friday 13 March 2009** to conference organisers: Laura Hanson (ljh29@kent.ac.uk) and Dr. Sarah Evans (sarah.evans@bl.uk)

B) NEW SPACES OF EDUCATION; International/Transnational Spaces of Education (University of Liverpool, 2nd June 2009)

We would like to invite participants for an ESRC-funded seminar series on 'New Spaces of Education: the changing nature of learning in the 21st century'. The aims of the series include:

To examine the changing spaces within which learning takes place, including: homes, transnational (immigrant) spaces, cyberspace and workplaces, and to develop a set of conceptual tools for exploring further the questions raised through these discussions;

To explore the transformation of spaces of education at different 'stages', including: nursery/pre-school; primary and secondary; tertiary and higher education; adult education; community-based provision; and workplace learning;

To consider changes in the traditional relationship between life-stage and education (including concepts of lifelong and life-wide education, workplace learning, and education in retirement);

To explore the spatial variability in the value attached to different credentials/qualifications (i.e. the different ways in which they may be valued across geographical boundaries);

To provide, where possible, a comparative perspective, considering different national and policy contexts on learning at different stages;

To consider associated changes in definitions of what constitutes education and learning at the beginning of the 21st century (critically assessing the nature of credentialism, the value attached to different qualifications, the impact of economic imperatives, hierarchies of institutions and national educational systems, etc.).

The first of four seminars will be held at the University of Liverpool on 2nd June 2009. Details of all the seminars can be found at: <http://www.surrey.ac.uk/politics/NewSpacesofEducationIndex.htm>

C) Scepticism Graduate Philosophy Conference CALL FOR PAPERS, Saturday 6th June 2009, University of Southampton,

Keynote speakers:

Quassim Cassam (University of Warwick), 'Knowing, Seeing and Stroud's Dilemma'

Duncan Pritchard (University of Edinburgh), 'Radical Scepticism, Epistemic Luck and Epistemic Value'

The University of Southampton's annual one-day Graduate Conference in Philosophy will this year focus on scepticism. This includes scepticism as it appears in epistemology, philosophy of mind, ethics, philosophy of language and other areas. Contributions concerning contemporary continental or analytic philosophy are equally welcome, as are those addressing topics from the history of philosophy. Papers are invited from graduate students and we are hoping to attract a wide external audience.

Deadline for submission of papers: Monday 4th May 2009

Papers should be not more than 3,000 words in length, suitable for a 20 minute presentation followed by discussion. Please submit papers to Dr. Denis McManus at the address below, or preferably by e-mail to D.Mcmanus@soton.ac.uk. Papers should be accompanied by a covering letter or e-mail, but should not contain any self-identifying references in the text itself.

Registration is free.

For other inquiries, please contact either;

Adam Dunn, at agd205@soton.ac.uk

or Dan Clifford, at djc302@soton.ac.uk

D) 4th Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium, London School of Economics, 25-26 June 2009

This is a kind reminder of call for papers for the 4th Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium that will take place on 25-26 June 2009 at the London School of Economics. Applicants must fill in the 'paper proposal

form' by 1 March 2009 and submit it electronically to Hellenicobservatory.phd@lse.ac.uk. The 'paper proposal form' as well as further information about the Symposium can be found at:

http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/Events/phd_Symposia/4thSymposium/4th_symposium_main.htm

E) Making Sense of Equality and Diversity at the Local Level: Engaging and Shaping Communities

Bookings are now being taken for the 2nd Annual Centre for Local Policy Studies Summer School even. Early take-up is advised to avoid disappointment to participate at this '**not to be missed event**'

Date: Tuesday 30 June to Thursday 2 July 2009 (or on a day-only attendance)

Venue: The prestigious Crewe Hall in Cheshire

The Summer School aims to engage and equip participants in understanding and finding practical solutions to managing equality and diversity issues at a local level and a range of settings, local government and public services, community, educational and health.

Speakers include: Gary Younge, Guardian Correspondent
Peter Tatchell, Human Rights Campaigner
Christine Burns, Plain Sense
Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Author, Journalist and Political

Commentator

Max Farrar – Professor for Community Engagement, LMU
Karen Chouhan, Equanomics UK
Aileen McColgan, Matrix Chambers
Catherine May, Equality and Human Rights Commission
Sameem Ali, Author of 'Belonging' and LA councillor

Plus: Salford Migrant Workers Project, Cheshire Travellers Voice, Rotherham Borough Council, Shelter, Northwest Regional Youth Unit, Lesbian and Gay Foundation and many others.

Exclusive: up to the minute special briefing on the Equality Bill – setting out the main features of the Bill including the changes to the Public Sector Duties and what this will mean in practical terms.

Further details and booking information from <http://blogs.edgehill.ac.uk/clps> or www.clps.org.uk or clpsorg@edgehill.ac.uk or call - 01695 584765

Prices start from: £275 per person! **Special rates available** – please call us and ask!

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F) Leisure Experiences: Participating, Planning, Providing

Hosted by Canterbury Christ Church University, Centre for Sport, Physical Education and Activity Research (SPEAR) and the Department of Sport Science, Tourism and Leisure

Please visit the conference main web page <http://www.leisure-studies-association.info/lsaweb/2009/Main.html> and linked pages to proposal guidelines and main themes, as well as info on accommodation, registration rates, and print-and-return registration forms.

LSA 2009 Committee Chair: Dr Ian Wellard leisureexperiences2009@canterbury.ac.uk

LSA 2009 Administration: Myrene McFee mcfee@solutions-inc.co.uk

The 2009 Committee will be happy to consider proposals from September 2008 to January 25, 2009.

Proposals may still be considered after January 25 but will be subject to the availability of appropriate space on the programme (first come first served!).

Please contact Myrene McFee for LSA and LSA 2009 information.

G) "Theory for a Global Age: Postcolonial and Cosmopolitan Perspectives", Advance

Summer School, University of Warwick

The Department of Sociology at the University of Warwick is organising an advanced summer school for early career researchers and academics, including PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, on 'Theory for a Global Age: Postcolonial and Cosmopolitan Perspectives'.

With globalisation seen to be the existing condition of the world, it is necessary to examine the different theoretical perspectives on globalisation that are emerging from across the world. Two such perspectives are those of postcolonialism and cosmopolitanism. While both perspectives engage with similar questions, they offer different analyses and, significantly, these are offered independently of any engagement between these perspectives. With this advanced summer school we will bring these perspectives into a productive tension with each other while considering some of the most urgent social and political issues facing us today.

The summer school is from 6-10th July 2009 and will take place at Millburn House, University of Warwick. The cost of the summer school is £250 which includes accommodation, breakfast and lunch, and all course materials. Travel costs and evening meals are not included in the price.

The school is organised around guest lectures, seminars and workshops by faculty from the University of Warwick as well as by invited academics internationally recognised in their fields. For further details please see the attached brochure and the website:

<http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/theoryecss>. Application forms are available from the website.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the organisers, Robert Fine and Gurminder K. Bhambra, or the research co-ordinator, Rodrigo Cordero-Vega at the email addresses below.

Robert.Fine@warwick.ac.uk
g.k.bhambra@warwick.ac.uk
R.A.Cordero-Vega@warwick.ac.uk

H) UK Postgraduate Science and Technology Studies (PSTS) conference, University of Nottingham, 28-29 July 2009

The Institute for Science and Society at the University of Nottingham invites you to the first UK Postgraduate Science and Technology Studies (PSTS) conference on the 28th and 29th July 2009. If you are engaged in research in science, technology and society and related fields, then the event will provide a key forum in which to present on-going research and build networks within the UK STS community. The conference is organised by postgraduates and is intended for postgraduate students in any year. It will allow participants unique opportunities to:

- Present research to a relevant audience
- Receive commentary on work-in-progress in a friendly and supportive environment
- Practice presentation skills
- Meet students with similar research interests
- Listen to keynote speakers with established careers in the field
- Carry debates across disciplinary boundaries
- Reflect on the identities of UK STS
- Build working relationships at an early career stage

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Sujatha Raman, Institute for Science and Society, University of Nottingham

Dr. Nik Brown, Science and Technology Studies Unit, University of York

Dr. Paul Martin, Institute for Science and Society, University of Nottingham

Cost, Accommodation and Travel

The early registration conference fee is £125 which includes en suite accommodation in University halls, all meals and the conference dinner.

There are a number of travel bursaries available. If you would like to apply for a travel bursary please indicate so on the abstract submission form, downloadable from the website, fill it in and

return it to us before the 1st March 2009.

Abstract Submission

Individual paper proposals for a 15-20 minute presentation on any topic germane to the aims of the conference should be submitted by abstract (no longer than 300 words) using the attached abstract submission form, to psts@nottingham.ac.uk by 1st March 2009. Please include full contact details. Or e-mail Andy Balmer at lxbab@nottingham.ac.uk if you have any other queries. Further information, such as a provisional agenda, travel information, etcetera, will be available on the conference website: <http://www.psts.org.uk>

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

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

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

In 2008, the MedSoc Annual Conference attracted over 250 delegates from around the world. The event was hailed a great success and very much enjoyed by all. Past delegates have referred to the event as a 'must' for anyone within the medical sociology arena and those within closely related fields. Take a look at [testimonials from delegates at 2008's Annual Conference](#).

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

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

If you have any further queries regarding the conference, please do not hesitate to contact the BSA. Find out more about the [Medical Sociology Group](#) and [previous MedSoc Annual Conferences](#).

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline for abstract submission:

Friday 10th July 2009

Notification of acceptance:

Friday 24th July 2009

Deadline for registration (attendance only):

Friday 28th August 2009

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

where food may be purchased.

THIS FORUM IS FREE TO ATTEND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Applications to participate sought. Deadline 15 May

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

email: exploding@gold.ac.uk

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

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

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

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

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

We welcome abstracts on the following:

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

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

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

N) Announcing an international workshop for PhD students and early career

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

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Professor David Halpin, Institute of Education, University of London

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

Download the call for papers here:

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

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

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

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

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: 15 JULY 2009

3. Funding Opportunities/Job opportunities/Prize awards

1. Tutoring Assistance Required

My name is Jonathan and I work for a Tuition service based in London called Galaxy Learning.

We have a number of private clients whose children are studying Sociology at A/ AS Levels and in strong need of some tutoring assistance.

I was therefore wondering perhaps if there were graduates or post graduates in your Sociology department that would like to tutor or already tutor and perhaps if you could pass on our details or is there a number I can call?

I understand this is probably an unusual request but if you can assist A/ AS Level students in this way, that would be really great.

My contact details are below. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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W: www.galaxylearning.co.uk

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

1. Qualitative Research in Sport & Exercise Call for Papers Special edition on 'Visual Methods in Physical Culture'

Guest Editor: Dr Cassandra Phoenix

Though employed in areas such as visual anthropology for some time, the last decade has witnessed a significant growth in the use of visual data within qualitative research more generally. Such growth reflects a rising appreciation of the ubiquity of imagery and visual culture in every day life. Indeed, scholars working within a number of different disciplines have become increasingly aware that adopting visual methods has the potential to further develop our understanding of the social world. By encompassing a multitude of forms including photographs, videos, maps, diagrams, symbols and so forth, images can provide specific information about our existence. They can also act as powerful indicators regarding the multiple meanings embedded within our culture.

Given these points, it is interesting to note that one domain where the use of visual methods has been less well documented is that of physical culture. Physical culture is taken here to mean human physical movement occurring within recognised cultural domains such as sport, dance and, more broadly, outdoor and indoor recreational activities involving expression through physicality.

Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise invites contributions for a special edition on 'Visual Methods in Physical Culture'. We welcome empirical papers that harness the potential of visual methods to deepen our understandings of physical culture. Theoretical papers that will add to the continued development of theoretical frameworks orientated to visual methods are also invited.

Submission Process

Authors are requested to submit complete manuscripts (maximum **7000 words**) in MS Word to the Guest Editor, Cassandra Phoenix via e-mail sent to: H.C.Phoenix@exeter.ac.uk by **July 1st 2009**. The subject line should read "QRSE Submission".

The first page should contain the title of the paper, along with the contact details of the author(s). The second page should show the title and the abstract. The paper should commence on the third page. Please send artwork (labeled appropriately) as a separate file, but ensure that you have indicated within the text approximately where it should appear. All papers will be subject to a

process of rigorous review and there is no guarantee of acceptance or publication in the special edition.

2. Introducing 'Journal of Economics and International Finance (JEIF)'

The Journal of Economics and International Finance (JEIF) publishes high-quality solicited and unsolicited articles, in all areas of the subject. All articles published in JEIF will be peer-reviewed. The following types of papers are considered for publication:

- Original articles in basic and applied research.
- Critical reviews, surveys, opinions, commentaries and essays.

Our objective is to inform authors of the decision on their manuscript(s) within four weeks of submission. Following acceptance, a paper will normally be published in the next issue.

Instruction for authors and other details are available on our website www.academicjournals.org/JEIF. Prospective authors should send their manuscript(s) to JEIF@acadjourn.org.

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Publication Alert

We will be glad to send you a publication alert showing the table of content with link to the various abstracts and full PDF text of articles published in each issue. Kindly send us an email if you will like to receive publication alert.

5. Other News

1. New website: Academia.edu: 'tree' of academics launches

Hi all,

I'm a prize fellow in philosophy at All Souls College Oxford, where I recently finished my D.Phil on the philosophy of perception.

I've just launched a website, www.academia.edu, which does two things:

- It displays academics around the world in a 'tree' format, according to what university/department they are affiliated with.
- It enables an academic to have an easy-to-maintain academic webpage. My webpage on Academia.edu is here: <http://oxford.academia.edu/RichardPrice>

My hope for the site is that it will list every academic – Faculty members, Post-Docs, and Graduate Students - in the world, and display where they are working. I also hope people will use the site to keep track of what people in their field are working on.

I'm trying to spread the word about www.academia.edu, so, if you have a minute, please visit the site, and add yourself to your department. (Or add your department/university to the tree if it is not there already; it is easy to add a university or department by clicking on the arrows).

And do spread the word to your friends and colleagues if you can.

Many thanks,

Richard

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2. Request for volunteers: Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)

The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), the world's leading multi-disciplinary organization involved in the study of ethnicity and nationalism, is currently seeking London-based students or post-doctoral researchers working in the field to help with organizing its 2010 annual conference.

ASEN was founded by research students and academics in 1990 at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where the headquarters of the Association are based. Its international membership is composed of academics, researchers, students, journalists and others directly concerned with advancing the study of ethnicity and nationalism.

ASEN is unique in that it run nearly entirely by students. All ASEN work is unpaid, but offers a chance to play a pivotal role in shaping debates in the field.

For enquiries, please contact ASEN Secretary Amedeo D'Amore at ASEN@lse.ac.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!

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

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

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All these events are also advertised on the BSA website at:
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/ForthcomingEvents.htm>

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

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/phpbb/>

☛ Check out the 'PGF Corner' in 'Network' for all Postgrad related news and reviews

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