

Welcome to the **May 2011** edition of the BSA PGF newsletter. It includes the at-a-glance contents list, details of forthcoming events and a call for notification for future events.

Don't forget to check out:

- **PG Focus**, the PGF Podcast series and blog   
<http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>
- The **website** – [www.britsoc.co.uk/students](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/students) for regular updates on PG events
- The **facebook fan page** – 'BSA Postgraduate Forum' – for all the latest PGF discussions (even if you aren't on facebook, you can access our page by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/pages/BSA-Postgraduate-Forum/264420952459>) 
- **Network** for PG relevant news and reviews

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

Allison, Mark, Mike, Tung & Ursula  
PGF Convenors

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### *PG Profiles*

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


#### **SEEKING NEW SUBMISSIONS FOR PG PROFILES:**

**If you would like to be featured as part of PG Profiles, please email us and we will send you details on what information is required.**

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this section, please send them to [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk)

# POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITY

## POSTGRADUATE FORUM CO-CONVENOR



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

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

### **Are you interested in being a Postgraduate Forum Convenor?**

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

### **The Convenors' tasks include:**

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

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

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

If you have questions about what being a convenor entails, please contact us at [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk). If you would like to join the PGF team, please send an email to [enquiries@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@britsoc.org.uk). **Include a letter explaining why you want to co-convene the PGF and attach a CV. Submission deadline: Friday 13 May 2011**



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*The podcast of the BSA PG Forum*

This series will bring together a variety of audio and video content, including; interviews, news, and workshops relevant to the PG community. It will also serve to showcase PG innovation in research, teaching, and events.

**SEEKING CONTRIBUTORS FOR FUTURE PODCASTS!** Maybe you would like to speak about your research or interview a guest speaker at your university. Maybe you have some advice to offer about getting through a PhD or how to develop professional skills. If you have a great idea for a future podcast, get in touch with us and we'll try to help you make it a reality.

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

**What is a 'podcast'?**

A podcast is an audio or video series, like a radio or TV show; except that you can carry it with you on your own media/mp3 player. You can use iTunes or other podcast management software to subscribe. This means that your computer will automatically look for new episodes, download them and then put them onto your portable player when you connect it to the computer automatically.

**How can I get PG Focus?**

There are several ways to get PG Focus:

- 1) **In the embedded player on the web page** – simply go to the web page of the episode you want to listen to, and click 'play' on the player in the top right hand corner of the page.
- 2) **Via direct download** - you can go to the bottom of the page of the episode you want to download, and click the 'Direct download' link to save a copy to your hard drive.
- 3) **Subscribe via iTunes** - Click here if you have iTunes already:  
<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=339855447> – or go here for further instructions - [http://pgforum.libsyn.com/index.php?post\\_id=548852](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).

## 1. Forthcoming events at a glance:

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Events are listed in chronological order:

	<b>Title of event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date(s) of event</b>	<b>Deadline for submissions</b>
<b>A</b>	Methods @ Plymouth 2011 Methods and Methodology: Innovations, influence, impact and ethics	University of Plymouth, UK	19-20 May 2011	Closed
<b>B</b>	BERA BME Conference 2011	Institute of Education, University of London, UK	25 May 2011	n/a
<b>C</b>	ACSIS Conference: Current Issues in European Cultural Studies Conference	Norrköping, Sweden	15-17 June 2011	Closed
<b>D</b>	ECAS 2011 – 4 <sup>th</sup> European Conference on African Studies	Uppsala, Sweden	15-18 June 2011	Closed
<b>E</b>	Gatekeepers and Social Research: Hindrance or Facilitation?	Birkbeck College, London	16 June, 2011	Closed
<b>F</b>	Interdisciplinary Free Conference: The Evolution of Research: Adapting to Survive in the Changing World?	Canterbury Christ Church University, Kent.	17 June 2011	13 May 2011
<b>G</b>	Democracy, Governance and Development: Between the Institutional and the Political	St Antony's College, University of Oxford	27 – 28 June 2011	Closed
<b>H</b>	New Frontiers in European Studies. UACES Student Forum Conference	University of Surrey	30 June – 1 July 2011	Closed
<b>I</b>	Lancaster Sociology Summer Conference	University of Lancaster	4 – 5 July 2011	n/a
<b>J</b>	British Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Society (BELMAS) Annual International Conference	Wyboston Lakes near Cambridge, UK	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	n/a
<b>K</b>	Rethinking the Modern: Colonialism, Empire, and Slavery	Birmingham Midland Institute	11-12 July, 2011	Closed
<b>L</b>	Interdisciplinary Disability Research Conference	University of Warwick	13 July, 2011	Closed

<b>M</b>	Understanding the Social World Conference	University of Huddersfield	13 – 15 July 2011	Closed
<b>N</b>	International Association for Time Use Research Conference	University of Oxford	1-3 Aug 2011	Closed
<b>O</b>	The Future of Testimony Conference	University of Salford	11-12 Aug 2011	Closed
<b>P</b>	Britain and China: Pasts, Presents, and Futures from the Nineteenth Century to the Twenty-first	University of Bristol	24-26 Aug 2011	Closed
<b>Q</b>	British Sociological Association Medical Group Annual Conference	Chester University, UK	14th - Friday 16th September 2011	6 May 2011
<b>R</b>	International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility Conference	Berlin, Germany	6-9 October 2011	9 May 2011
<b>S</b>	CRFR 10th Anniversary National Conference Influencing society: the Role of Social Research	John McIntyre Centre, University of Edinburgh	Wednesday 30th November 2011	Closed
<b>T</b>	First Fictions: <i>Festival &amp; Academic Conference</i>	Pavilion Theatre and the Dome Concert Hall, in the heart of Brighton, Sussex, UK	January 19-22, 2012	Closed

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

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

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

**19-20 May 2011 University of Plymouth**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Methodological Innovations research group will be held at the University of Plymouth on 19 and 20 May 2011. A conference programme is now available by following the link (see below).

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

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

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

Key notes: Dr. Gill Clarke MBE, School of Education, University of Southampton.  
Professor Edwin van Teijlingen, School of Health & Social Care, University of Bournemouth

The themes for Methods @ Plymouth 2011 are:

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

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

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

***B. British Educational Research Assoc. (BERA) BME Conference 2011, 25<sup>th</sup> May, Institute of Education, London***

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

**Date: 25th May 2011 Time: 10am to 4.30pm Venue: Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL**

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

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

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

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

June 15-17 2011 Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden (AC SIS) will arrange its fourth biannual conference on cultural research in Norrköping, Sweden. This will be an international conference on "Current Issues in European Cultural Studies" that aims to provide an updated inventory of main issues in European cultural studies and give a

perspective on Europe today through the spectrum of cultural studies. A series of plenary sessions will deal with key current issues for cultural studies that partly connect to European issues and partly reach beyond this geographic scope. In addition to the plenary sessions, a set of spotlight sessions will open up for presentations and debates on the state of cultural studies in different regions of Europe.

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

Deadline for submissions has now closed. Abstracts of all parallel session can be found on: <http://www.isak.liu.se/acsis/conference-2011/sessions-2011?l=sv>

You can read the entire program at our conference site: <http://www.isak.liu.se/acsis/conference-2011?l=sv>

For questions, please contact the conference organisers at: [acsis-konferens@isak.liu.se](mailto:acsis-konferens@isak.liu.se)

#### ***D. ECAS 2011 – 4<sup>th</sup> European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala Sweden, 15-18 June 2011***

AEGIS, the African Studies in Europe Network, convenes a biennial European Conference on African Studies (ECAS). Previous conferences have been held in London (2005), Leiden (2007), and Leipzig (2009). The fourth ECAS will be hosted by the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden on 15-18 June 2011. The overall theme of ECAS 4 is “**African Engagements: On whose terms?**”. The ECAS 4 Organising Committee warmly invites scholars and students in the field of African Studies to Uppsala to make ECAS 4 a significant and memorable event.

AEGIS was founded in 1991 as a network of African Studies in Europe. AEGIS is a network of university and non-university centres of African Studies based in Europe. It aims to create synergies between experts and institutions. With its primary emphasis on Social Sciences and Humanities, the main goal of AEGIS is to improve the understanding of contemporary African societies. AEGIS members include Barcelona, Basel, Bayreuth, Birmingham, Bologna, Bordeaux, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Göteborg, Hamburg, Leiden, Leipzig, Leuven, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Mainz, Naples, Oxford, Paris, Porto, Trondheim and Uppsala. For further details see <http://www.aegis-eu.org>.

The conference is open to all disciplines and methodological approaches in the Social Sciences and Humanities. The Organising Committee strongly encourages panel proposals that look into how the world can study and engage a resurgent Africa on the basis of mutual respect. Critical questions relate to how Africans can define their own priorities and partnerships, and with which voice(s)? Who are, and can be Africa’s real partners in the quest for mutually beneficial (re)engagements and on whose terms? This perspective highlights topics such as the cultural representation and misrepresentation of Africa; media, information and communication in Africa in the age of globalization; visual arts: re-creating

Africa in the image(s) of the times; Africa in global sports; trade and regional integration; the changing nature of Africa's international relations; Euro-African relations; Africa and the emerging powers; Africa in the global financial crisis; the agrarian question; social policy and development in Africa; globalization and manufacturing; managing fast growing African cities; human rights and human security; democracy, peace and conflict resolution; economic growth and poverty reduction; gender relations in Africa; migration, diaspora and development, to name a few. Presentations should explore the means of expanding opportunities and spaces which can allow for multi-disciplinary knowledge production. ECAS 4 thus seeks to promote a dynamic and more diverse and understanding of contemporary Africa which does not necessarily entail talking with one voice.

Deadline for submissions is now closed.

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

### ***E. Gatekeepers and Social Research, June 16<sup>th</sup>* BIRKBECK INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH**

**London WC1E 7HX**

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

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

The deadline for the call for papers has now closed.

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

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

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

***F. Canterbury Christ Church University, Postgraduate Research Association 10th Annual Conference "The Evolution of Research: Adapting to Survive in the Changing World?" North Holmes Campus, Canterbury, Kent.***

**Friday 17th June 2011, 09:30-16:30**

Canterbury Christ Church University's Graduate Research Association will be hosting its 10th Annual Conference on Friday 17th June 2011. Following-on from the great successes of last year's event, this FREE Conference invites papers and audience from a nationwide demographic for the first time this year. We encourage all research students from various disciplines to present to a non-specialist audience in a comfortable environment for debate.

The theme "The Evolution of Research: Adapting to Survive in the Changing World?" has been chosen to encourage an interdisciplinary range of perspectives regarding the changing nature of the world, and to explore how we as researchers have adapted in order to ensure that our research and their approaches avoid extinction.

For more information on this conference and its theme please refer to the outline at: <http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/research/pgra/CCCU%20PGRA%20Call%20for%20Papers%202011.doc> or contact the PGRA Representatives at Canterbury Christ Church University (email below).

Please email your **200-300 word abstract** (for 20 minute papers), or any questions to the organisers of the conference:

Miss Laura Doherty ([l.doherty111@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:l.doherty111@canterbury.ac.uk))

Mr Robert McPherson ([r.mcpherson147@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:r.mcpherson147@canterbury.ac.uk))

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Friday 13th May 2011** (Applicant submissions will be reviewed and outcomes will be notified by 27th May 2011)

***G. Democracy, Governance and Development: Between the Institutional and the Politics?***

***June 27-28***

**For Doctoral Students/ Post-doctoral Scholars**

June 27 & 28, 2011 St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

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

Deadline for submission of papers is now closed.

***H. New Frontiers in European Studies, New Frontiers in European Studies: UACES***

**Student Forum conference, University of Surrey,  
30 June - 1 July 2011.**

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

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

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

The deadline for submission of proposals is now closed.

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

For further information about abstract submissions please contact: Simon Orth, University of Manchester: [Simon.Orth@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Simon.Orth@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk) Or Elise Rietveld, University of Cardiff: [RietveldE@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:RietveldE@cardiff.ac.uk)

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

***1. Lancaster Sociology Intellectual Party, Lancaster University, Department of Sociology Intellectual Party 2011***  
**July 4<sup>th</sup> – 5th**

The summer conference, held on the 4th- 5th July 2011, is a great opportunity to present your work at Lancaster, collaborate with other research students, and have a lot of fun. You will be able to join 'sociological challenges' involving John Urry, Monika Buscher, Andrew Sayer, Brian Wynne, Claire Waterton, Maggie Mort, and Elizabeth Shove. You are also invited to join us on the 6th July for a sociological expedition to the world-famous Lake District. For further information please visit: <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/events/sociology/summerconference/>

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

***J. British Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Society (BELMAS) Annual International Conference 2011***  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The British Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Society (BELMAS) Annual International Conference 2011 will take place at the Robinson Executive Centre at Wyboston Lakes near Cambridge, UK. This event has become a fixture in the calendar for those interested in 'Leadership in Education', and it attracts professionals from a broad spectrum of educational interests along with delegates from around the world.

This year promises to be no exception, and this is demonstrated in the outstanding quality of our three guest speakers. Themed around the title of 'Educational Leadership in an Age of Globalisation' there are contributions from <<http://www.kc-jones.co.uk/rsm/6/event-page/226/3/>> Professor **Michael Apple**, who is the John Bascom Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Madison, Wisconsin, <<http://www.kc-jones.co.uk/rsm/6/event-page/226/3/>> Professor Tony Bush of Warwick University and <http://www.kc-jones.co.uk/rsm/6/event-page/226/3/>> Maggie Farrar, Strategic Director of Policy and Research at the National College.

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Enrol by May 9th 2011 and save up to £90 ...click here to register:  
<http://www.kc-jones.co.uk/rsm/5/booking-form/226/>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact: Chair of Conference Colin W Russell Dedicated Belmas enquiry line: 01332 227775, website at :  
<http://www.kc-jones.co.uk/belmas>

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

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

**11-12 July, 2011**, Birmingham Midland Institute

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

In recent times, a number of academics and commentators have sought to offer a revisionist history of colonialism. This history presents colonialism as either something that was not as bad as some others make out, something that actually made the modern world and so was essentially a good thing from which the current search for a new global order should have much to learn; or as something to be understood simply in terms of networks of circulation and distribution. The sense of colonialism as a wretched episode of human history that continues to distort the life chances of those unfortunate enough to live under its legacies is slowly being eroded. Similar attempted revisions seek to alter public understandings of

modern transatlantic slavery and its continuing legacies. We believe that the historical processes of imperialism, colonialism and slavery shaped, and continue to shape, our common world in ways which have been and continue to be problematic. This conference seeks to confront head-on these new revisionist histories and provide the space for a more adequate understanding of these processes and their legacies as they continue into today.

There will be 12 key streams in the conference:

1. Imperial Enlightenment and Critical Thought
2. The Place of Minorities in Modernity and Coloniality
3. Decolonial Thought and Other Philosophies
4. Migration and Empire: Voluntary and Forced
5. Is Global History / Sociology Possible?
6. Reassessing Anti-Colonial and Liberation Movements
7. Coloniality / Modernity
8. Recovering Forgotten Histories
9. Slavery and its Legacies
10. Colonial Desires and Eastern Empires
11. From Empire to Neo-Imperialism
12. The Colonial Context of the European Integration Project, Past and Present

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

The deadline for submission of abstracts has now closed.

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

### ***L. Postgraduate Disability Research Conference, 13<sup>th</sup> July***

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

### **CONFERENCE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

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

disability researchers might we 'be' and how should critical disability studies research be 'done'?

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

Deadline for submissions has now closed.

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

### ***M. Understanding the Social World.***

***July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>***

## **UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL WORLD 13-15 July 2011, University of Huddersfield**

### **Keynote speakers:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

This conference builds on the success of previous Understanding the Social World conferences held in 1995 and 2001, which supported the development of critical interdisciplinary scholarship. The conference will provide a forum for critical thinking across a range of disciplines, with a view to informing the development of the Social Sciences over the coming period.

Deadline for submissions has now passed.

Full details available here: <http://www2.hud.ac.uk/hhs/research/conf/criss/index.php>

- Deadline for Early Bird Registration/payment of fees: **15 May 2011**
- Deadline for Conference Registration/payment of all fees: 30 June 2011

#### Registration and fees

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

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

> The later registration fee is £300 payable by 24 June.

> We offer a reduced registration fee to students (£200) payable by 24 June

Details about Bed and Breakfast and hotel accommodation will soon be available via the links on our website <http://www2.hud.ac.uk/hhs/research/conf/criss/index.php>

The website also provides information about local attractions.

#### ***N. International Association for Time Use Research 33<sup>rd</sup> annual conference, University of Oxford, 1-3 August 2011***

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

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

Abstract submission deadline has now passed

- \* Early registration deadline (for lower fees): **15 May 2011**
- \* Registration deadline: 15 July 2011

Full details available here: <http://iatur2011.timeuse.org/>

#### ***O. The Future of Testimony Conference, University of Salford, Manchester, UK 11-12 August 2011***

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

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

This international conference comprises the final event in the AHRC-funded research network 'The Future of Testimony' and invites speculation on the possible future constitution of, and critical responses to, the interdisciplinary nature of testimony. The study of testimony was pioneered by Holocaust scholars, but in what ways will critics respond to the testimony

of more recent genocides? Do the insights generated in respect of the historical trauma of the Holocaust translate into contemporary contexts? And how should we understand the recent turn to perpetrator testimony: Who are these perpetrators? And how is s/he modulated in relation to the concepts of complicity and collaboration? The conference also invites reflection on the ways in which testimony is demanded by a range of institutions, including not only the law and clinic, but increasingly immigration and asylum centres. To what degree is the imperative to testify to one's suffering now a question of bureaucratic threat? Papers might address the following issues: What is the relationship between pleasure and testimony? Does testimony provoke prurient interest? How long will the current discourse about dialectics of in/articulacy be re-iterated? What accounts for the popularity of 'mis lit'? Why have victim statements accrued significance in a judicial context? In what ways will false testimony proliferate, and how will we account for it? Is the volume of testimony a symptom of neo-liberalism and a radical entrenchment of the logic of identity politics? Who will be able speak in the future and of what? What are the future crises?

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

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

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

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

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

The deadline for the call for papers has now passed.

***Q. British Sociological Association MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY GROUP ANNUAL CONFERENCE Chester University***

***Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th September 2011***

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The deadline for Abstract submission for the BSA Medical Sociology Annual Conference is approaching. The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 6th May 2011** - entries received after this date will not be considered.

Please review the Call for Papers, Abstract Submission Guidelines and Abstract Review and Selection Process before completing an Abstract Submission Form available from our website:

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/medsoc/>

The Programme: Organisers wish to encourage the presentation of suitable material by either oral presentation; poster or for a special event. Poster presentations are an ideal opportunity for those who are more comfortable with visual presentation methods to present preliminary work or to display complex findings. Poster presentations also allow delegates more time to study and reflect on the work, often resulting in thought-provoking questions and comments. For further guidance on poster presentations please visit the website.

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

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

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

The call is not limited to the history and future of transport museums and exhibitions but intends to explore different exhibitions of mobility: for instance advertising, car design,

transport fairs, mobility “Luna park” as motor show or car race. In a broader perspective, all transport infrastructures, e.g. railway stations, motorways, bridges or traffic signs, are “Transport and mobility on display”, offering mobility and landscape experiences.

For the full details see: [www.t2m.org](http://www.t2m.org)

**S. CRFR 10th Anniversary National Conference Influencing society: the Role of Social Research John McIntyre Centre, University of Edinburgh  
Wednesday 30th November 2011 Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm**

Cost £150 (A reduced fee will be granted to those delegates who have their contributions accepted) <http://www.cfr.ac.uk/events/nationalconference.html>

This one day conference explores the role of social science in influencing policy, practice, public and wider debates about issues in contemporary society. A central element of the day will be to showcase innovative practice in engaging a range of audiences with social science ideas and asks the following key questions about what social science can bring to other sectors:

- What does it mean to use social research?
- How can social science research impact on society?
- How do people engage with ideas from social research?
- Are new social media good ways to communicate?
- What are the latest innovations?

The conference is an opportunity to share innovative ideas and learn from people pushing the boundaries in engaging and communicating social sciences. Cost £150

Who should attend?

Academics and other researchers interested in social science, knowledgeexchange practitioners, people who use research to influence policy or practice, government analysts, voluntary or public sector employees with an interest in using social research in their work.

**Deadline for the call for papers has now passed.**

For full details see: <http://www.cfr.ac.uk/events/nccontribution.html>

Please contact [L.marshall@ed.ac.uk](mailto:L.marshall@ed.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

Tel: 0131 651 3001 (Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9am-4.30pm)

[www.cfr.ac.uk](http://www.cfr.ac.uk)

***T. FIRST FICTIONS: Festival & Academic Conference: Pavilion Theatre and the Dome Concert Hall, in the heart of Brighton, Sussex, UK  
January 19-22, 2012***

Confirmed delegates include:

Kate Mosse, Jackie Kay, Elleke Boehmer, Steve Bell, Michael Prodger, Bryan Cheyette, Scott Pack, Nicholas Royle and Isabel Ashdown.

Supported by Myriad Editions, and Textual Practice a conference on innovations in creative

and critical writing.

The conference takes place as part of the First Fictions literary festival, and is a collaborative venture between Sussex University, Myriad Editions, Creative Brighton, and other partners in the creative arts. Conference panels will take place in conjunction with literary events and readings. The event will also include a new graphic novel competition (winner to be published by Myriad Editions), and a series of creative writing workshops run by new authors. Both conference and festival events will take place in the Pavilion Theatre and the Dome Concert Hall, in the heart of Brighton.

The aim of First Fictions is to explore the production of new thinking, in a range of creative and critical modes. This will involve the reading and discussion of first fictions by new authors, alongside the reflection of established authors on their own early work, and on innovation in fiction more generally.

The discussion and performance of new fiction will take place alongside a series of reflections on the relationship between creative and critical writing, and the role of this relationship in the generation of new creative possibilities.

Areas for discussion might include:

- Twenty-First Century Fiction
- Modernism Postmodernism and after
- Originality and innovation
- The graphic novel
- Experimentation and new directions in realism
- The novel and the academy
- Literary Prizes and the new author
- Publishing, markets and creative innovation
- New fiction 'after' theory
- New directions in fiction, ethics and politics
- Fiction in translation
- First fictions after 9/11
- Reviewing, literary Journalism, and the new author
- Early, middle, and late style

Call for papers has now closed, however further information is available at <http://www.myriadeditions.com/first-fictions-home>

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

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***3a) Postdoctoral JOB OPPORTUNITY: Changes in eating habits in Britain and France.***  
***Research Associate*** School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester  
Closing date: **09/05/2011** Reference: HUM/12072

The Sustainable Practices Research Group (SPRG) is a collaboration between eight Universities with its hub at the University of Manchester. The Group's research focuses on the multi-level analysis of three environmentally-sensitive practices - eating, water-use and sheltering - and seeks to explain how environmentally problematic social practices are

formed, reproduced, modified and changed. One of the component research projects is 'Changing Eating Habits: an international comparison'. Using qualitative interviews and focus groups in four cities in the UK and France, this project will compare a sample of people whose recent and longer term experiences have offered the potential for radical change of diet.

The Research Associate will work with Professors Alan Warde and Dale Southerton on this 21-month project and will carry out most of the 60 interviews and 6 focus groups. S/he will be responsible, with assistance, for setting up the fieldwork, preparing and analysing the data, and writing research results and dissemination. S/he will also be involved in the general activities of the SPRG, particularly by identifying the relevance of changing eating habits to wider issues of sustainable consumption.

Applicants should have a research degree in Sociology or relevant related discipline, and be familiar with qualitative research methods in the social sciences. The successful candidate will be sufficiently fluent in both English and French to be able to conduct the fieldwork and translate transcripts where required. Previous relevant fieldwork experience, particularly working in comparative national contexts would be an advantage. So too would prior knowledge of research of one or more of the topics of eating, sustainable consumption, behaviour change and theories of practice.

Further details available at:

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/jobs/vacancies/research/vacancy/?ref=126339>

Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 25 May 2011**.

Salary: £29,099 - £30,870 p.a.

### ***3b) School of Humanities & Social Sciences: Two PhD studentships***

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is one of the largest schools of its kind in London and contains ten internationally renowned research centres and one research institute. Much of its research has been classified by the 2008 RAE as either 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

The School is one of the leading centres of postgraduate education in London, offering supervision across both traditional and emergent areas of Humanities, Media, Performing Arts and Social Sciences research. For further information on the School's research profile, please visit [www.uel.ac.uk/hss/research](http://www.uel.ac.uk/hss/research) .

The School is pleased to invite applications for 2 PhD Studentships in Humanities and Social Sciences SCHSS2011: This is a major award, for a period of THREE years, for UK and EU students' covering the full cost of fees, plus a living allowance of £13,590 per year.

To obtain application information, contact the research office - Tel: +44 208 223 4125/2743. Please visit our website for further information about the University and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences: [www.uel.ac.uk/hss](http://www.uel.ac.uk/hss)

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

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#### **4a. Hospitality & Society Journal: Call for Papers**

Hospitality & Society is a **new international multidisciplinary social sciences journal** that focuses upon academic perspectives on hospitality and addresses all aspects of hospitality and its connections with wider social and cultural processes and structures.

##### **Aims and scope:**

- To consider issues associated with hospitality leading to its advancement and understanding, including developing new approaches to the study of hospitality.
- To serve as a multidisciplinary forum encouraging interdisciplinarity with contributors coming from a wide variety of disciplinary bases.
- To be international in scope and inclusive in its coverage addressing hospitality from the macro to the micro level.

Articles should be 5-8000 words long but can be longer in exceptional cases. The journal will publish empirical and conceptual research articles, state-of-the-art reviews, discussion papers, shorter research notes, viewpoints, letters to the editor, book reviews, and reports on conferences. Conference proceedings and other reports should be up to 1,000 words long and include both a description and a critical analysis. The journal welcomes reviewers at all stages of their careers to write single book reviews (c.800 words in length) and multiple book reviews of up to three books (c.2500 words in length).

Editors' email: [hospitalityandsociety@googlemail.com](mailto:hospitalityandsociety@googlemail.com)

Controversies and reviews editor: [plugosi@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:plugosi@bournemouth.ac.uk)

**Journal website** (including submission guidelines):

<http://www.intellectbooks.co.uk/journals/view-Journal,id=194/view.page=2/>

(Click on side menu for 'Resources for Journal editors and contributors' and scroll down, for the Intellect style guide that explains the format that is required.)

#### **4b Comparative Education Review - Call for Papers - Special Issue in Volume 57**

Access to Higher Education: "Fairness" in Comparative Perspective

<http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublication?journalCode=compeducrevi>

##### **Guest Editors**

Dr Anna Zimdars, King's College London, [anna.zimdars@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:anna.zimdars@kcl.ac.uk)

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Access to affordable government-aided higher education is limited, despite rapid expansion. Because higher education remains a scarce public good with valuable benefits for graduates, we must ask: what criteria should - and do - different countries use to allocate student places and subsidies? "Fair" selection and financial assistance are being debated as never before. With a global recession prompting cuts to education budgets, universities and colleges often seek to sustain their funding through increased user fees or by marketing degrees to older age groups, overseas students, and off-shore campuses, as well as seeking to sell services and products to businesses.

Higher education produces more than degrees and graduates; its charter often includes research, innovation, and dissemination. But most publically-funded institutions (including some that are autonomously governed and quasi-private) assume central responsibilities for meeting the aspirations of citizens or members of a community (as in Europe). In many contexts, higher education access is also intended to restructure unequal social situations through the explicit use of selection criteria based on class, race, gender, ethnicity or language.

The Comparative Education Review invites contributors to consider the dilemmas faced by institutions and governments when deciding on admissions criteria and financial assistance. We also invite contributions from researchers who can illuminate country-specific or transnational responses to the problem of selection. Contributors are invited to address topics related to any of the following questions concerning access. First, who should be admitted and funded? Second, who is admitted and funded? Third, what do different societies - today or historically - consider "legitimate" as criteria for admissions and financial support? Finally, why do these criteria vary across nations or over time?

These questions are often addressed separately by philosophers, social scientists, policy makers, or practitioners. This special issue seeks to bring together these different perspectives in order to address a broad readership. The CER welcomes theoretical, normative, or empirical manuscripts focusing on the criteria for allocating scarce higher education. We encourage new work on either the institutional, national, or cross-national level (including large-scale quantitative studies as well as qualitative studies). The CER editors and the special issue guest editors hope that this issue will contribute to the ongoing discussion on access to higher education.

The deadline for submission is **1 December 2011**, and the text (exclusive of tables and references) should be no more than 9,000 words. All submissions will be assessed through the usual double-blind review process. We anticipate offering comments to authors within 3 months of submission. Authors should create a log-in identification and submit their manuscripts using the Editorial Manager interface: <http://www.editorialmanager.com/cer/> For more information, contributors can contact either of the guest editors or the regular editors ([cer@psu.edu](mailto:cer@psu.edu)).

#### ***4c. The Sociological Imagination:***

The Sociological Imagination is an online magazine which aims to provide an intellectual and social space for the emergence of a publically engaged social science. At a time when the university is in crisis our hope is that the Sociological Imagination will provide a forum for the development of networks and the articulation of ideas between those inside academia who hope for social change both within and without the university system. It is currently seeking submissions on two themes:

##### **Social Research in an Age of Austerity**

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

## Public Scholarship and Private Commitment

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

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

### 4d. Inequalities: a new blog, and a call for contributors

We are pleased to introduce INEQUALITIES, a new online forum dedicated to cross-national research and debate around different kinds of inequality [<https://inequalitiesblog.wordpress.com/>]. The blog will be updated three times a week (Mon/Wed/Fri) with a mixture of articles, shorter posts and interviews focused on the labour market, social security, health, politics, education, crime, and other areas of inequality.

We are hoping to attract both readers and contributors – with contributions ranging from comments on existing posts, through to writing articles for the site. If you're interested in writing something for Inequalities, then see our guidelines for contributors [<https://inequalitiesblog.wordpress.com/guide-for-articlesposts/>] and then just get in touch through the site.

We look forward to an exciting and engaging conversation!  
Best wishes, Brendan Saloner & Ben Baumberg

*A glimpse at the articles being posted in the first couple of weeks...*

*'Statistical Catfights' on the Effects of Inequality - Ben Baumberg (already posted)*

*Why Can't the United States be a European Health Care State? - Brendan Saloner (Sep 24<sup>th</sup>)*

*Why progressives in Europe should learn to love high tuition fees - Timo Idema (Sep 27<sup>th</sup>)*

*Are They Right? Further Thoughts on Wilkinson and Pickett - Rob De Vries (Sep 29<sup>th</sup>)*

*The Recession's Youngest Victims - Brendan Saloner (Oct 1<sup>st</sup>)*

## 5. Other News....

### 5a) HEFCE Consultation about Postgraduate Research Funding

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

The BSA has asked for a contribution from the PG Forum regarding these changes, and so

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please read the consultation document, available here:  
[http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2011/11\\_09/](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2011/11_09/)

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

### ***5b) Campaign for the Public University***

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

Follow the campaign at [www.publicuniversity.org.uk](http://www.publicuniversity.org.uk) and [www.twitter.com/public\\_uni](http://www.twitter.com/public_uni)

### ***5c) Critical Issues in Irish Society Network***

University College Dublin have hosted a successful seminar series this year on "Ireland in Crisis" looking at critical issues from a range of disciplines and perspectives - from the labour market to health. Their website features podcasts, working papers, abstracts and photos from the sessions.

See: <http://ciisn.wordpress.com>

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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>

Even if you aren't on facebook, you can still read about the latest news by visiting

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

☛ ***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 and PG Forum Facebook Fan Pages***

☛ ***Look out for Postgrad related news and reviews in "Network"***

☛ ***Check out PG Focus, which features interviews, master classes and a blog addressing other interesting issues facing PGs today:*** <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>