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# BSA POSTGRADUATE FORUM NEWSLETTER

## February 2010



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

Don't forget to check out:

- **PG Focus**, the PGF Podcast series and **our new blog** – <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>
- The **website** – [www.britsoc.co.uk/students](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/students) for regular updates on PG events
- The **forum** - <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/phpbb> for all the latest PGF discussions
- **Network** for PG relevant news and reviews

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

Allison, Mark, Mike & Tung  
PGF Convenors

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### *PG Profiles*

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

The launch of this initiative generated an unprecedented response from the PG community, and we are just nearing the end of the initial mountain of profile submissions. Since these profiles were submitted in the previous academic year, we apologize if information regarding stage of research is now inaccurate. We are also currently in the process of establishing a format for adding these profiles to the BSA website so that the full archive will be available online.

**If you would like to be featured as part of PG Profiles, please email us and we will send you details on what information is required.** If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this section, please send them to [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk)



*Robert Kulpa*

**Institution:** Birkbeck College, London  
**Stage of Research:** PhD: Year 3 (part-time and ongoing)  
**Areas of interest:** queer theories, sexuality and gender, power/knowledge, post-communist transitions, post-communism as post-colonialism, postmodernism, discourses as power relations, academic globalism, non-scientific (non-Western) possibilities of knowledge accumulation  
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**Stage of Research:** PhD: Year 3  
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# PG Focus

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

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

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

In the first episode:

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

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



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

In the second episode:

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

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

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



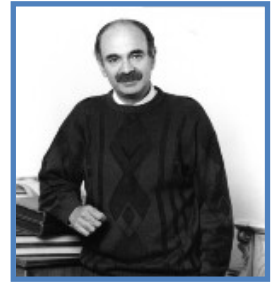
Professor de Sousa Santos holds a chair at the University of Coimbra (Portugal) as well as a directorship of the Center for Social Studies; and is a Distinguished Legal Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA). He is also Global Legal Scholar at the University of Warwick (UK).

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

[In the third episode:](#)

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



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

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

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

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

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

[What is a 'podcast'?](#)

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A podcast is an audio or video series, like a radio or TV show; except that you can carry it with you on your own media/mp3 player.

In the near future, you will also be able to use iTunes or other podcast management software to subscribe. This means that your computer will automatically look for new episodes, download them and then put them onto your portable player when you connect it to the computer automatically.

[How can I get PG Focus?](#)

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There are several ways to get PG Focus:

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

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

### ***The Postgraduate Forum is now on Facebook!***

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**Are you a fan of the PG Forum and the BSA? Then make it official and join us on facebook!**

The BSA has created facebook fan pages with the intention of sharing information and involving sociologists in its development. Check us out at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Events are listed in chronological order:

	Conference	Location	Date
A	Conference on sport and diaspora	University of Lisbon	12-13 Feb 2010
B	Playing the game – Changing the game	Institute of Education, London	12th March 2010
C	Networking the Globe: Information Technologies and the Postcolonial	University of Stirling	21-22 May 2010
D	EASST_010 Conference: Practicing science and technology, performing the social	Trento, Italy	2-4 September 2010
E	Doctoral students' workshop "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research"	University of Vechta, Germany	August 26-27, 2010
F	7th Eass Conference - A Social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment	University of Porto	May 5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> 2010
G	"Cultures of Mobilities. Everyday life, Communication, and Politics"	Aalborg University	October 27-29 2010

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

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### *A. Sport and Diaspora Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, 12-13 February*

There is a growing interest among scholars in sport and leisure studies to focus on issues related to the globalization of sports and on the impact of international migration. Social scientists who work in the area of international migration, again, are getting interested to study athlete migration and to view the impact of sport and leisure among diaspora communities.

The international conference Sport & Diaspora provides a platform for interdisciplinary exchange by focusing on two major aspects which derive from the title: The migration of athletes and the role of sports in the everyday culture of migrants. Twenty-one scholars, among them pioneering and leading authors in the field, from the areas of anthropology, sociology, history, geography, political science, sport and exercise sciences, as well as anthropology and sociology of sports will present data and case studies in order to discuss the developed concepts of their areas across disciplines.

What does the biography-marking experience of migration really mean for young talents and professional athletes?

Which impact has the international migration of athletes in sending and receiving countries, and for (the management of) sports at the local, national and international level? What is the importance of sport as a leisure activity and commodity, of sporting celebrities and mediated spectacles in diasporic life?

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### *B. Playing the game – Changing the game: Success for early career Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) education researchers, Institute of Education, London 12th march 2010*

The British Educational Research Association (BERA) is pleased to announce a one-day conference for Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) early career researchers in education. The conference will be opened by Professor John Gardner, BERA President.

The conference will create a space for the voice of BME researchers to be heard in higher education and promote career development and networking amongst BME researchers. It will consider the issues that affect early career BME researchers, explore experiences and develop ways of helping participants effect individual and collective change, as well as inform BERA about what it might do to support BME researchers further.

### **Keynote Presentation**

Professor Gargi Bhattacharyya, Aston University.

### **Discussion Panel**

The conference will include a panel to discuss 'mapping identities of success'. Inputs from speakers will be followed by questions and discussion.

#### **Panellists:**

Professor Heidi Mirza Institute of Education, London  
Professor Cecile Wright Nottingham Trent University  
Dr. Kalwant Bhopal University of Southampton  
Dr. Paul Warmington University of Birmingham  
Professor Ann Phoenix Institute of Education, London (TBC)

### **Workshops**

A series of workshops will provide time to consider specific issues and will be run twice to enable delegates to benefit from different sessions.

#### **Getting published**

Professor Patricia Thomson, Nottingham University

#### **Being coached and mentored**

Dr. Victoria Showunmi and Dr. Jacqui MacDonald, Institute of Education, London

#### **Writing research proposals**

Professor Shirley Dex, Institute of Education, London (TBC)

#### **Building successful research careers**

Dr. Caroline Williamson, University of Birmingham

### **Venue**

Nunn Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL ([www.ioe.ac.uk](http://www.ioe.ac.uk))  
BERA would like to thank the Institute of Education, London for assistance in hosting this event.

### **Registration**

Conference registration is FREE including a light lunch and refreshments.

To register for this innovative conference please email a booking form to the BERA Office. Places are limited so confirmations will be on a first come, first served basis.

### ***C. 'Networking the Globe: Information Technologies and the Postcolonial', University of Stirling, 21-22 May 2010***

Contemporary events with catastrophic global ramifications, such as the current economic crisis or ongoing conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, are not only mediated by super-fast digital communication and information networks but also conditioned by these rapidly advancing technologies. From the social networking site Facebook to the Middle Eastern satellite news channel Al Jazeera, digital

forms of culture have multiplied in recent years, proliferating conduits and connections across the globe which shape our lives in multifarious ways. In the light of this, a postcolonial perspective on information and communication technologies is pressing. How far is cyberspace mediated by metropolitan centres of knowledge production, and how might new media entrench existing structures of inequality, by serving corporate capitalist interests or by saturating consumers with hegemonic representations of global events? Conversely, to what extent can technologies operate as tools of empowerment or resistance for marginalised peoples, by bypassing forms of censorship and facilitating access to global arenas of debate and alternative communities? How have new technologies impacted on issues of identity, place and nation, and shifted the parameters of postcolonial thought?

This inaugural postgraduate conference of the Postcolonial Studies Association will consider the cultural, political, and practical effects of information and communication technologies on postcolonial peoples and spaces. The PSA invites papers from postgraduates working in the disciplines of literature, history, cultural studies, film, human geography, linguistics, politics, psychology, religious studies, art, music, media & communication, and informatics, among others. Our aim is to bring together a wide variety of scholarly interests and methodological approaches.

Papers may focus on, but are not limited to, the following conceptual intersections:

- \* Technologies and neo-imperialism: cultural imperialism and homogenization, digital media and hegemony, technological warfare and its virtual representations (computer games);
- \* Technologies and capitalism: commodification of information, web marketing and advertising, uneven access to technology, uneven development of technologies (industrial and agricultural);
- \* Technologies and resistance: alternative virtual communities, 'indigenous' media and self-determination, sustainable technologies, open-source software communities, hackers and cybercrime;
- \* Technologies and communication: new forms of language, literacy, transnational social networking sites, censorship and its circumvention, 'freedom of speech', media as social and political commentary;
- \* Technologies and place: spatial dislocation, the erosion of national boundaries, cosmopolitanisms (tele-technologies such as mobile phones, email, internet telephony, webcams);
- \* Technologies and youth identities: music as sub-cultural expression (downloads and MP3 players), virtual subjectivities and transnational communities (computer games, YouTube, chat rooms);
- \* Technologies and text: new filmic and literary genres, the production of alternative modernities, textual representations of technologies;
- \* Technologies and knowledge: education and e-learning, data and surveillance, globalisation and the idea of 'democratised' or 'universal' knowledge (web-based search engines);
- \* Technologies and the 'new': new uses of old technologies, modernity and cultural innovation.

Panels will normally comprise of three 20-minute papers. Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words to Brian Rock by 15 March 2010: [brian.rock@stir.ac.uk](mailto:brian.rock@stir.ac.uk)

***D. EASST\_010 Conference: Practicing science and technology, performing***

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social, Trento, Italy, 2-4 September 2010;*

The EASST\_010 conference is the biennial forum of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) for contributions on topics from the range of disciplines found within science, technology and innovation studies.

As in previous years, the EASST010 conference combines a broad platform for contributions along with a particular focus. The 2010 conference turns its attention on the performativity of technoscientific practices and, more generally, on science and technology as situated practices rooted and grown in the connections of a sociomaterial ecology.

The notions of "social construction" and "social shaping" of science and technology have been crucial for the development (and success) of science & technology studies. Increasingly, however, the "social" is seen as a question rather than as a distinctive explanatory category. The "social" begins to be viewed as the result of the connections that take place in an ecology of elements and heterogeneous relations, as well as of the scenarios these connections depict. Moreover, terms such as "construction" and "shaping" are frequently replaced by concepts, verbs and metaphors drawn from the cultures of performance. Science and technology, are seen as performative domains of the "social"; choreographies of sociomaterial relations where realities and representations are enacted simultaneously.

One approach recognizes the performative character of science and technology, understanding when, where and how a "thing" arises, and explores the ways in which science and technology "do things". Another approach addresses the "doing" of things: namely, that the performances and the performativity of scientific and technological practices are embedded and embodied in material, symbolic and textual artefacts.

Through practicing science and technology, and in scientific and technological practices, so, "doing things" and the "doing of things" find a common ground of expression. A key characteristic of contemporary worlds, in fact, is the role played by knowledge practices in the production and reproduction of the sociomaterial configuration which is often called "society". STS and the concepts of practice and performance enable a unique perspective for studying and observing scientific and technological innovations, as well as the articulation of different forms of sociality and ideas of the social. This is the challenge nowadays addressed in key areas such as medicine and genomics, body and gender, work and organizations, communication & technology, consumption & markets, geographies and space.

New organizational procedure:

In contrast to previous EASST conferences, the 2010 conference involved a first stage call for track convenors. Thus, the EASST010 conference is organized in 40 thematic tracks (plus one 'Open Track'), grouped in 15 parallel groups that run throughout the whole conference (please, have a look at the 'Abstract Submission' section for the submission guidelines and deadline).

Each thematic track has a Convenor (or a team of): Track Convenors will manage their theme within the call for abstracts, and will be responsible for reviewing, accepting/rejecting and organising submissions into their track. Convenors will independently set the session topics and overall organization of the track (in case a track collects less than 10 abstracts, there will be a discussion with the Programme Committee to decide whether to run the track anyway or join another track) and they are supposed to join the track they are organizing for its entire duration.

Important dates and deadlines:

- 2010, March 15: deadline for abstracts submission;
- 2010, May 15: Communication of acceptance/rejection of abstracts to

authors and opening of online registrations;

- 2010, June 15: early registrations deadline

For more information and to see the list of thematic tracks:

<http://events.unitn.it/en/easst010>

### ***E. Doctoral students' workshop "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research", University of Vechta, Germany, August 26-27, 2010,***

**Qualitative methods** have a long and outstanding tradition in the field of **ageing research**. They attend closely to the context and interactions of everyday life, thereby enhancing our understanding of the experience and interpretation of ageing. The topics studied are inter alia the social representations of aging as well as issues of gender, paid work, health and care-giving. The methods employed range from in-depth and narrative interviews to qualitative content analysis and ethnography.

We invite PhD-students specialized in sociology, gerontology and methodology to submit abstracts related to the topic "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research". The contributions may focus either on methodological or on content-related questions. **Abstracts** with a maximum of 200 words should be **submitted before May 30, 2010**. The participants will need to submit a complete version of their papers by the beginning of August 2010.

**During the workshop**, participants will have the opportunity to present their papers and receive feedback from senior researchers and the other participants. Senior researchers acting as discussants will be inter alia Harald Kuenemund (University of Vechta, Germany), Ricca Edmondson (National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland), Tünde Turai (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary, t.b.c.) and Krzysztof Konecki (University of Lodz, Poland, t.b.c.).

The **participation fee** is 50 Euros. It includes the material for the workshop, two lunches, one dinner, and tea and coffee on both days. The participants are expected to provide for their own travelling and accommodation (special rates available on request).

To **apply** for the workshop, please submit your abstract to Kathrin Komp at [k.komp@fsw.vu.nl](mailto:k.komp@fsw.vu.nl). If you have any questions, you can contact her under the same e-mail address.

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

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

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

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

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

### ***G. 6th Cosmobilities Conference 2010: Cultures of Mobilities: Everyday life, Communication, and Politics, Aalborg University, Denmark, October 27-29 2010***

Abstract submissions are invited for the 'The Cultures of Mobilities: Everyday life, Communication, and Politics' conference, to be held in Aalborg, Denmark, on October 27-29 2010. The conference is

open to students, scholars, and professionals from various fields interested in the theoretical or applied study of mobilities.

Different forms of mobilities have increased dramatically in recent decades and are today essential for many spheres of contemporary societies. In various research disciplines mobility is still often thought of as a matter of rational organization, an important competitive feature in a global world, or as a dominating stratifying factor. As such, mobility is immanently connected to material practices of movement and access - or its opposites. However, what is less discussed in the recent debates on mobility research is that mobilities are not just material, but also *signifying practices*. Mobilities have just as much to do with the production of meaning and culture. The 2010 'Cultures of Mobilities' conference therefore takes up the challenge to theorize and analyze mobilities from the vantage point of a cultural perspective. The conference suggests that mobilities are understood with a particular emphasis on how they produce and re-produce *norms, meanings and cultures*.

The conference focuses particularly on the perspective of '*Cultures of Mobilities*' within 3 different themes: Everyday life, Communication and Politics. The *Everyday life perspective* considers how the organization of everyday life mobilities produces and re-produces particular sets of values and norms relating to mobilities? It explores the ways in which everyday life mobilities are being organized, and ask if they are giving birth to new social communities and perspectives on social interaction, or eroding social connectivity? The *Communication perspective* considers how new digital communication technologies influence mobility practices and how they may create affordance to particular ways of engaging with mobilities? This part may also involve intercultural/cross-cultural perspectives on mobility as well as representation of mobilities in for example, literature, media, documentary, cinema, computer games and fiction. Finally the *Politics perspective* addresses how the new mobilities are being perceived politically; Are the political perceptions particularly encouraging or discouraging particular forms of mobility? Are there specific norms and cultures related to the ways states and governmental systems create policies for mobilities? Under this theme, critical perspectives, 'the environment', 'mobility as a right' and power/social stratification at scales from the neighbourhood to global mega-regions, are also encouraged.

Authors are invited to send in abstracts of maximum 300 words within these themes; however contributions that moves beyond these themes may also be considered. The conference is jointly organised by the Centre for Mobility and Urban Studies (C-MUS) at Aalborg University, Denmark and the Cosmobilities Network. The registration process will open in February 2010. The conference registration fee is 165 EUR (for faculty and other professionals). Reduced rate for students: 80 EUR.

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

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#### **1. *PhD Studentship: Barriers and facilitators to weight loss in post-partum women: a qualitative study***

Supervisors: Dr Julia Lawton, Dr Nina Hallowell

Overweight and obesity increases the risks of many common chronic diseases including diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and some cancers. Many women experience weight gain during pregnancy and struggle to lose this weight after childbirth, even though they are motivated to do so and tend to be receptive to health promotion messages at this time. Whilst some research has highlighted psychological (e.g. lack of confidence) and practical (e.g. childcare commitments) barriers to undertaking physical activity and dieting in the post-partum period, we know very little about the perceptions and experiences of women at this point in the lifecourse.

The aim of this doctoral work will be to develop a better understanding of the barriers and facilitators to weight loss (including dieting and undertaking physical activity) amongst, and from the perspectives of, post-partum women. A key objective will be to inform the information and support offered to post-partum women in the future, in order to help them to lose weight gained during pregnancy. Depending on the student's background and interests, this studentship could also be used as an opportunity to provide a recommendation for developing a specific weight loss intervention. Alternatively, it could be used as a vehicle to engage with, and develop, key (medical) sociological concepts and theories, in areas such as embodiment, risk, gender/identity and the lifecourse.

An appropriate qualitative methodology will need to be selected and/or developed for this doctoral work (e.g. focus groups, (serial) in-depth interviews, ethnography). While it is anticipated that most study participants will be post-partum women, the student may also decide to explore the perspectives of other respondent groups, such as partners and healthcare providers.

This studentship would be supervised by Dr Julia Lawton and Dr Nina Hallowell, both of whom are experienced medical sociologists, based in Public Health Sciences at Edinburgh University.

For application details, please go to:

<http://www.chs.med.ed.ac.uk/cphpcr/researchTraining/studentships.php>

## ***2. Residential Awards for Research in the Archaeology, History, Art History, Society and Culture of Italy from Prehistory to the Modern Period 2010–11***

Applications are invited for a number of residencies at the British School at Rome. These awards, tenable for three or nine months, give scholars at different stages of their careers a valuable opportunity to pursue their research in Rome. They offer accommodation, board and a research grant.

Application deadline: 12 January 2010

For further details and application forms, please visit [www.bsr.ac.uk](http://www.bsr.ac.uk) or contact The Registrar, The British School at Rome, at The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH; E [bsr@britac.ac.uk](mailto:bsr@britac.ac.uk)

## ***3. GEXcel Fellowships for for doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars***

Research Theme 10: Love in Our Time -- A Question for Feminism

Extended Deadline: 10 January, 2010

Örebro University and Linköpings University of Sweden are pleased to announce the continuation of the five-year project supported to establish a Centre of Gender Excellence-- Gendering Excellence (GEXcel): Towards a European Centre of Excellence in Transnational and Transdisciplinary Studies of Changing Gender Relations, Intersectionalities and Embodiment. With support from the Swedish Research Council GEXcel is carrying out new research as part of its development of a more permanent Sweden-based European Collegium for Advanced Transnational and Transdisciplinary Gender Studies.

A Visiting Fellows Programme has been organized to attract scholars from Sweden and abroad with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, who will carry out thematically organized, joint gender research, under the direction of one of the six professors in Sweden who are responsible for the programme and working in collaboration with invited senior researchers.

In 2010, one research theme will be "Love in Our Time -- A Question for Feminism," directed by Anna G. Jónasdóttir, Professor of Gender Studies at Örebro University. Positions for doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars to participate in this research are now open for competition.

Proposals are invited from doctoral students outside Sweden for one-month fellowships in Fall 2010 (one or two fellowships will be available). Fellowships include salary (with a deduction for existing doctoral salary), housing stipend and travel to Sweden. Fellows selected for the program will be expected to participate in a workshop launching the theme of research in late May 2010 in Örebro, and then return in Fall 2010 for their residency.

Proposals are invited from postdoctoral scholars (priority given to applicants from Europe, including Sweden) for one or two fellowships of four -- eight months' duration (Fall 2010). Fellowships include salary (with a deduction for existing salary), housing stipend and travel to Sweden. Fellows selected for the program will be expected to participate in a workshop launching the theme of research in late May 2010 in Örebro, and then return in Fall 2010 for their residency.

Proposals must include a current cv, an abstract of the proposed project, a narrative description (maximum: five pages) of the project to be undertaken during the fellowship, and a short bibliography. Applicants must explain specifically how the work will contribute to understanding the research theme (<http://www.genderexcel.org/node/220>). Doctoral Candidates must include the name and contact information for their research supervisor. Postdoctoral applicants must also include two samples of their work (published or unpublished) related to the research topic. All proposals and supporting materials should be submitted electronically to [GEXcelTheme10@oru.se](mailto:GEXcelTheme10@oru.se). A committee will evaluate all applications and select finalists.

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

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

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

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

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

**Deadline for tenders: Monday 22 February 2010**

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

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### 2. *East Asia Forum Call for Submissions*

The East Asia Forum is a refereed multi-disciplinary journal published annually by the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Toronto, Canada.

With contributions from graduate students the world over, the EAF enjoys a reputation for producing original graduate-level research that is at the forefront of the field of East Asian Studies.

We are currently seeking original academic papers surrounding the topic of desire', which address the many ways in which desires are produced, structured, regulated, and mobilized through various institutions and discursive formations. We encourage submissions from graduate students in all disciplines within and beyond the field of East Asian Studies, including history, sociology, anthropology, economics, art history, literature, cultural studies, and philosophy.

Possible topics for papers include:

- theories of desire and their complications in the East Asian context
- literary and cultural representations and mediations of desire
- the mobilization of desire within art and cinema
- intersections of nationalism, identity, and desire
- the interplay of desire with capitalism, socialism, and commodity culture
- gender and sexuality
- the construction of East Asia as a space of fantasy, and its consequent structuring as object of desire

Sponsored by the Department of East Asian Studies, whose aim is to promote interdisciplinary research relating to East Asia while encouraging a cross-regional approach, the EAF seeks submissions that strive to go beyond the cultural idioms traditionally used in discussions of East Asia.

All contributions are peer-reviewed and are subject to final approval by the editorial committee. The deadline for submissions is April 5, 2010.

Please consult the section "Notes to Contributors" given in the link below for stylistic and submission requirements:

[http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/eaf/Notes\\_to\\_Contributors.html](http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/eaf/Notes_to_Contributors.html)

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

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

Submission date is rolling, but authors interested in ensuring their submission is considered for the 2010 volume should plan on submitting no later than **January 15, 2010**. Papers submitted after that date are not guaranteed consideration for the 2010 volume but may be for the 2011 volume.

For more information on submission and the journal, please see the PPST website:

<http://www.bu.edu/sociology/ppst> and/or contact:ppst@bu.edu.

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

Editor: Michael T. Martin

Published semiannually by Indiana University Press

Black Camera is devoted to the study and documentation of the black cinematic experience and is

the only scholarly film journal of its kind in the United States.

The editor invites submissions of essays, interviews, film and book reviews, programmatic statements, and announcements relevant to the following areas:

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

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

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

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

Guest Editors:

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Dr. Michael E. Gardiner, University of Western Ontario, Canada, e-mail: [megardin@uwo.ca](mailto:megardin@uwo.ca).

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

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

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

This special issue of *Space and Culture* will concern itself primarily with two key aspects of Lefebvorean thought: The first would be to engage his ideas with a variety of current theoretical currents and developments; second, to extend his thought into the analysis of particular aspects of sociocultural life in our contemporary, and increasingly globalised world, including appropriations of

Lefebvorean categories and concepts in areas of intellectual production on the ostensive margins of the Western metropole. This may include public interventions, non-traditional submissions and visual or multi-media pieces for inclusion on our website [www.spaceandculture.org](http://www.spaceandculture.org). Lefebvre's work on the colonization of space and the natural world in particular challenges prevailing orthodoxies vis-a-vis globalization. What vital tools has Henri Lefebvre left us that might provide us critical insights for confronting the demons that haunt our new century?

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

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

## 5. Other News

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

Dear postgraduate

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many thanks

Rachael Dobson (postgraduate representative, SPA Executive)

Rebecca Johnson (learning and teaching advisor, SWAP)

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

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

The link is:

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

## **3. Promoting Cultural Competence**

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

8 weeks duration - £525

For more information [click here](#)

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

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

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

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

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- ***Got a Postgrad event you want to advertise? Let us know about it!***  
Email us at: [PGForum@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:PGForum@britsoc.org.uk) and we will include it in the next edition of the PGF Newsletter: The newsletter is distributed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, therefore submission deadlines are the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.
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