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

Don't forget to check out:

- **PG Focus**, the PGF Podcast series and **our new blog** – <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>
- The **website** – www.britisoc.co.uk/students for regular updates on PG events
- The **facebook fan page** – 'BSA Postgraduate Forum' – for all the latest PGF discussions
- **Network** for PG relevant news and reviews

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

Allison, Mark, Mike & Tung
PGF Convenors

At-a-glance contents:

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PG Profiles

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

SEEKING NEW SUBMISSIONS FOR PG PROFILES:

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

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this section, please send them to PGForum@britsoc.org.uk



Sandra Abegglen

Institution: Goldsmiths, University of London
Stage of Research: PhD: Year 2 (full-time)
Research Title: The Woman in my Wallet: Photographs as a Mode and a Medium for the Construction of Self through Time and Space
Areas of interest: Sociology, Visual Methods, Photography, Time/Space, Identity, Narratives
Any other activities: I am currently teaching the module 'Drug Education' (BA Educational Studies) at London Metropolitan University. As part of my role as Student Associate at Goldsmiths, I am also doing a placement at Plumstead Manor, a Secondary School with an attached Sixth Form College. In addition, I am involved in a research project at the University of the Arts London.
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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.

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

PG Focus Climate & Society Special 1 (pt.2) - Consumption & Climate Change: Alan Warde in conversation with Mike Bracher.



This is the second in our special series of BSA PG Focus podcasts from the recent 2010 BSA Presidential Event - 'How to put society into Climate Change'. This special run of episodes brings together contributors from the event in order to explore themes related to climate change and society, and to explore the implications that this might have for postgraduate research.

In this episode we are very pleased to welcome Alan Warde, who contributed a speech entitled 'Society, climate change and sustainable consumption: the case of eating'. Alan Warde is Professor of Sociology at the University of Manchester. His current research interests are in the areas of Consumption, food, economic sociology, social networks, & social and cultural capital - topics on which he has published widely.

This episode was produced, edited and hosted by Mike Bracher for the BSA PG Forum.

PG Focus Climate & Society Special 1 (pt.3) - Is society missing? Elizabeth Shove in conversation with Allison Hui



This is the third in our special series of PG Focus podcasts from the recent 2010 BSA Presidential Event - 'How to put society into climate change'. In this episode we are very pleased to welcome Elizabeth Shove, who gave a speech at the event entitled 'Transitions in Practice - Climate Change and Everyday Life'.

Elizabeth took time out to speak to PG Forum co-convenor Allison Hui about her work in this area. Elizabeth Shove is Professor of Sociology at Lancaster University. She currently holds an ESRC 'Climate Change Leadership Fellowship' on Transitions in Practice: Climate Change and Everyday Life. She is also the author of *Comfort, Cleanliness and Convenience: the Social Organization of Normality* and is currently writing *Everyday Life and the Dynamics of Social Practice*.

Allison Hui is a PhD Student at Lancaster University & co-convenor of the BSA PG Forum; whose own project is entitled; 'Enthusiastic Travel: theorizing processes and mobilities of practices in leisure careers'.

This episode was produced, edited and hosted by Mike Bracher for the BSA PG Forum.

PG Focus Climate & Society Special 1 (pt.4) - Climate Change, social science and policy: Malcolm Wicks MP in conversation



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In this episode we welcome Malcolm Wicks MP, who contributed a speech entitled 'Climate Change - what is the question?'.

Malcolm Wicks has been Labour MP for Croydon North since 1992. He is a Sociology graduate from the Polytechnic of North London and the London School of Economics; and also a former Minister of Science and Minister for Energy. His academic background includes tenures as a Research Fellow in the Department of Social Administration at York University; lecturer in Social Policy at Brunel University and the Civil Service College; Director of the Family Studies Centre. He has long-standing interests in family policy, poverty and the elderly, and also in fuel poverty.

This episode was produced, edited and hosted by Mike Bracher for the BSA PG Forum.

What is a 'podcast'?

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

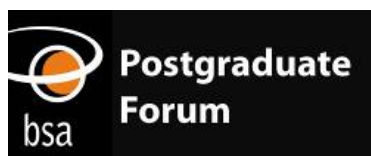
How can I get PG Focus?

There are several ways to get PG Focus:

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

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

PG Forum is now on Facebook!



PG Forum has created a facebook fan page with the intention of sharing information and creating community amongst postgraduates. You can find us by searching facebook for 'BSA Postgraduate Forum'. Check us out, spread the word, and start interacting with other PGs online.

1. Forthcoming events at a glance:

For an archive of many events and calls for papers previously show in our newsletter, please see our blog: <http://pgforum.libsyn.com/>

Events are listed in chronological order:

	Conference	Location	Date
A	Ethnicity & Social Research Development Workshops	Sheffield Hallam University	15 Apr 2010
B	7th Eass Conference - A Social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment	University of Porto	5-9 May 2010
C	PhD day for people conducting research in the field of supportive/palliative and end of life care	University of Nottingham	19 May 2010
D	Researching youth: methodological issues and challenges	University of Southampton	21 May 2010
E	Networking the Globe: Information Technologies and the Postcolonial	University of Stirling	21-22 May 2010
F	Quadrangle conference on technology, organizations and society 2010: Critical innovation studies	London School of Economics and Political Science	21-23 June 2010
G	Not PowerPoint Again! Presenting research on women in popular culture differently	University of York	2 July 2010
H	Theory for a Global Age: The place of Africa?	University of Warwick	5-9 July 2010
I	Doctoral students' workshop "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research"	University of Vechta, Germany	26-27 August 2010
J	EASST_010 Conference: Practicing science and technology, performing the social: Track call for 'Practices on the move: dynamics, circulation and diffusion'	Trento, Italy	2-4 September 2010
K	8th International Qualitative Research Conference	Bournemouth University	6 – 8 September 2010
L	'Managing Uncertainty: A new deal? International challenges and the changing face of work' Work, Employment & Society Conference 2010	University of Brighton	7-9th September
M	6 th Cosmopolitanities Conference: Cultures of Mobilities. Everyday life, Communication, and Politics	Aalborg University	27-29 October 2010

2. Further Information about events listed in section 1.

A. Ethnicity & Social Research Development Workshops, Sheffield Hallam University, 15th April 2010

A series of free workshops is being run in Sheffield and London for researchers and research commissioners to examine issues relating to good ethical and scientific practice when researching ethnic diversity in UK Social & Public Policy Research.

The workshops will explore how to increase the quality of research with ethnic minority groups focussing specifically on ethical and scientific issues. Guidance for good practice will be shared with room for discussion and debate. Findings from an ongoing JRF funded project<<http://research.shu.ac.uk/ethics-ethnicity/index.htm>> will also be disseminated.

Four tailored day workshops (11:00am-4:00pm) are planned. These are aimed at researchers and commissioners.

15th April for researchers in HEIs (particularly junior researchers & doctoral students) and hosted by Sheffield Hallam University

16th April for researchers in government departments and hosted by Sheffield Hallam University

27th April for researchers in private research agencies and hosted by London Metropolitan University

28th April for commissioners and funders of social research and hosted by London Metropolitan University

Places on the workshops are limited. Please complete the attached registration form to register for a place. Venue and programme details will then be sent to you. A flyer with information about all 4 workshops is also attached for your information. These forms are also available from our project website<<http://research.shu.ac.uk/ethics-ethnicity/htm/outputs/Workshops.html>>.

B. 7th Eass Conference - A Social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment, Porto, Portugal, 5-9th May 2010

The 7th Eass Conference - A social Perspective on Sport, Health and Environment, will be held in Porto, Portugal, from May 5th to 9th 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 7th 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/>

C. PhD day for people conducting research in the field of supportive/palliative and end of life care, University of Nottingham, 19th May 2010

The Supportive and Palliative Care Research Group from the University of Nottingham are organising a mini conference for PhD students from around the UK who are doing research in areas of supportive & palliative care. This event first took place two years ago and we now plan to make it a bi-annual event.

We really want to encourage students to attend who are at all stages of the PhD, from starting out to writing up and to present on their topic but with a focus on 'stages' and experiences of the PhD and/or methodological issues. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal and intended to give all students an opportunity to see what other people are doing and share their own work.

Date: Wednesday May 19th 2010

Time: 10:00am-3:30pm

Venue: University of Nottingham

We would welcome abstracts of no more than 250 words from those who would like to present their work. Presentations will be 20mins with 10mins for discussion and questions. We would particularly like to hear about any methodological, ethical or practical issues you are having, at whatever stage you are at in the PhD process. We are also asking that everyone who attends to bring with them on the day an A3 sized poster of their own study (or some aspect of it) in order for us all to see they type of work being undertaken across the country.

If you wish to attend, please complete the application form. If you are interested in giving a presentation, please attach an abstract of no more than 250 words with your application.

Timetable:

Closing date for applications and abstracts is April 30th 2010.

Invitations to present will be emailed out by May 7th 2010

D. Researching youth: methodological issues and challenges

An NCRM training event for early career researchers, led by Sue Heath, Alison Fuller, Cathy Murray and Charlie Walker, University of Southampton, Friday May 21st 2010

This one day workshop will focus on some of the methodological challenges which arise when negotiating various dimensions of difference between researchers and the young people involved in their research, alongside a consideration of the impact of the specific contexts in which research on young people's lives might be conducted. The day will consist of presentations, workshop activities and opportunities for participants to reflect upon their own experiences. It is targeted at researchers who are relatively new to youth research, and will be particularly suited to postgraduate students and early career researchers with an interest in youth research in a variety of settings.

For full details and information on how to book a place, please follow this link:

<http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/TandE/events2010/0521/index.php>

E. '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

F. QUADRANGULAR CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY, ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETY 2010: Critical Innovation Studies

21–23 June 2010 at the London School of Economics and Political Science

The fourth annual Quadrangular Conference on Technology, Organizations and Society will be hosted by the Information Systems and Innovation Group at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Building on the previous years' success, the event provides an exceptional

opportunity for PhD students to get in-depth feedback on their work from senior faculty members outside their own institution. The conference draws together a number of distinguished scholars to help novice academics at different stages of their projects to conduct successful research and develop contributions for the disciplines of information systems and organization studies. This year's conference will be co-chaired by Cambridge (Matthew Jones), Lancaster (Prof. Lucas Introna), University College Dublin (Prof. Robert Johnston, Séamas Kelly) and LSE (Prof. Jannis Kallinikos, Shirin Madon) with a keynote speech by Professor Lucy Suchman.

Invitation and timeline

PhD students are invited to present their preliminary research findings, challenging theoretical or methodological issues concerning their research. We welcome diverse papers across the full spectrum of topics and approaches recognized by the information systems community. In order to dedicate extended period of time for each paper the number of participants is limited to 20. All participants are expected to engage in a constructive dialogue on each other's work.

- 31 March: Deadline for submitting an abstract (see below)
- 16 April: Notification of acceptance
- 31 May: Deadline for submitting a full/short paper or an extended abstract (see below)
- 21-23 June: Quadrangular Conference in London

Abstract submission (deadline 31 March)

Please include your name, email address and institution in your abstract with the information on what kind of final submission you are planning. Submit your abstract by email to: quadrangular2010@gmail.com (please include your surname and a short title for your paper in the message subject)

Final submission (deadline 31 May)

Choose the type of your final submission from the options below.

- Extended abstract (1,000 words) for early stage research plans and reviews of pertinent literature
- Short paper (2,500 words) for work in progress or preliminary theoretical thoughts
- Full paper (5,000 words) for accomplished research results or advanced theoretical discussion

More information at <http://quadrangular2010.is.lse.ac.uk> or email a.marton@lse.ac.uk

G. Not PowerPoint Again! Presenting research on women in popular culture differently

University of York, 2nd July 2010

Are you bored of the traditional conference paper? Tired of watching a presenter stand and read off a script while pointing to an ill thought-out PowerPoint display? Nervous of presenting in a way that feels alien or doesn't support your research?

Then come along to our Day School where we are experimenting with different and alternative ways of presenting research.

Our aim for the day is to encourage participants from all disciplines to deliver research in inspiring ways. By thinking of different ways to present our research we can spark new perspectives, imagining different angles and approaches that we may never have considered before. We hope to attract presenters from a range of disciplines and thus intend to question the rigid lines of disciplinary thought that we so often become constrained by. The day school will facilitate this interdisciplinary integration by providing an atmosphere of experimentation and questioning.

We want to encompass presentations from as many disciplines as possible; the topics may include, but are not limited to:

Music
Sporting women
Representations of weddings, marriage and divorce
Women on film and TV
Magazine culture
Books
Gardening
Representations of religion
The Internet

We hope to encourage discussions around how presenting differently may lead to thinking differently about research in academia; how presenting differently helps the researcher and the audience to engage with 'papers'; and whether experimental presentations really can have a place in traditional academic circles.

As the day is geared to presenting in innovative and engaging ways you may wish to present your paper using, for example: performance art, workshops, short films, live experiments, music, dance or other interactive methods. The design is entirely up to you.

To take part in this Day School please submit a summary of your presentation or a Storyboard (both of which must outline your proposed topic, the mode of your presentation, how long it will take, and what equipment you will need) to notpowerpointagain@yahoo.co.uk by 12th April 2010.

For more information and to view an example storyboard please visit <http://notpowerpointagain.blogspot.com/>.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Julia Carter and Rosemary Hill
Centre for Women's Studies
University of York

H. Theory for a Global Age: The Place of Africa? University of Warwick, 5-9 July 2010

The Institute for Advanced Study at the University of Warwick is organising an advanced summer school for early career researchers and academics, including PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, on: 'Theory for a Global Age: The Place of Africa?'

The place of Africa within theories of the global is usually present only by its absence. Or, if it is present, then Africa is there to provide local colour to an abstract global theory, theorised from elsewhere. Even within theoretical initiatives that primarily address the world beyond Europe and the US, Africa is very often left off the intellectual map. While it is common to describe what is global about processes observed within African societies, it is rare to describe a global process as African in origin. Nor is much consideration commonly given to the implication for global theories of the foregrounding of Africa within them.

In this summer school, we intend to place Africa firmly at the centre of key debates within the humanities and social sciences. We will ask, among other things, how these debates change if the starting point of analysis is located in Africa itself. Participants will also consider whether there is a conceptual language or theoretical framework for addressing Africa's place in the world. This summer school builds on the summer school run last year on 'Theory for a Global Age: Postcolonial and Cosmopolitan Perspectives.'

The summer school is from **5-9th July 2010** and will take place at the Wolfson Exchange, Main Library, **University of Warwick**. The cost of the summer school is **£350** which includes 6 nights accommodation, breakfast and lunch, and all course materials. Travel costs and evening meals are not included in the fee. A limited number of travel bursaries and fee waivers are available on application.

The school is organised around guest lectures, seminars and workshops by faculty from the University of Warwick as well as by invited academics internationally recognised in their fields. For further details please see the attached brochure and the website: <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/placeofafrica> (please cut and paste into your web browser if it doesn't work by clicking)

Application forms are available from the website. The deadline for applications is 12 March 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the organisers, Gurminder K. Bhambra, Daniel Branch, Daniel Orrells at the email addresses below.

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d.orrells[AT]warwick.ac.uk
d.p.branch[AT]warwick.ac.uk

I. 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. If you have any questions, you can contact her under the same e-mail address.

J. EASST_010 Conference: Practicing science and technology, performing the social, Trento, Italy, 2-4 September 2010 ***Call for Track entitled 'Practices on the move: dynamics, circulation and diffusion'***

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.

This track provides an opportunity to move beyond the study of *situated* practices (Suchman 1994; Hutchins 1995), and to develop and explore the theoretical resources required to understand and analyse their spatial and temporal dynamics. The tradition of studying specific sites of practice has tended to obscure vital questions about mechanisms of circulation and diffusion: how do the material, cognitive and symbolic elements of practices travel? How do necessarily local sociomaterial practices relate to path-dependencies and global trends in the elements of which they are

composed? How do related temporalities of circulation affect the transformation and persistence of social practices?

Contributors are invited to fuse concepts from geography, history, management and social theory with science and technology studies in order to understand and capture critical trajectories of practices including those of escalation, reinvention, retreat and erosion. In pursuing these questions, this track seeks to address and confront the multi-sited, multi-scalar and temporal relations involved in the reproduction of practice. The call for proposals for EASST 2010 represents 'science and technology as an ecology of heterogeneous elements and interactions'. This track provides a chance to focus on the ways that diverse elements circulate and on the implications of these distinctive travel patterns for the emergence, durability and distribution of specific socio-material practices.

The track will enable different 'strands' of science and technology studies to come together in new configurations. For example, how do theories of innovation (Von Hippel 2005), diffusion and marketing mesh with notions of sociotechnical scripting (Akrich 1992)? Likewise, how do technologies 'carry' knowledge cultures and vice versa? This deliberately conceptual/theoretically-oriented track puts the geographies, choreographies and dynamics of sociomaterial practices centre stage.

We invite papers that address these fundamental theoretical concerns from contrasting positions and perspectives, and with reference to a range of empirical cases – in particular, detailed analyses of mobile technologies; ICTs; embedded infrastructures; scientific networks; formal and informal communities of practice and distributed material cultures.

Suggested themes include:

- The life of elements: how do the heterogeneous ingredients of practice circulate?
- How are local knowledges/technological configurations abstracted, distributed and 'reversed' or re-enacted.
- Codification, inscription, regulation
- Sites of exchange: exhibitions, internet, media and mediation
- Methodology: how to study paths, projects, processes
- How technologies carry or are carried by practices
- Different temporalities of circulation and how these shape processes of innovation
- How elements and practices become 'stuck'; how they endure and disappear and how they become immobile

Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be submitted online (following the instructions at <http://events.unitn.it/en/easst010/abstract-submission>) by March 15th 2010.

Track convenors: Allison Hui, Elizabeth Shove, Nicola Spurling of Lancaster University

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>

K. 8th International Qualitative Research Conference, Bournemouth University, 6th-8th September 2010

Call for Abstracts

The Centre for Qualitative Research at Bournemouth University is pleased to announce its biennial conference to be held from the 6 to the 8 September 2010 at Bournemouth University, Talbot Campus. We look forward to an exciting three days that are designed to appeal to a broad variety of scholars and practitioners from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds. This concern to support disciplinary diversity is reflected in the choice of our keynote speakers who include:

- Immy Holloway - Bournemouth University, UK
- Janice Morse - University of Utah, USA
- Monica Prendergast - Lesley University, USA
- Nigel Rapport - University of St Andrews, UK

Abstracts are invited from scholars and practitioners engaged in qualitative research from a range of disciplines or perspectives which may include health, social care, psychology, sociology, anthropology, media studies, product design, education, organisational studies and any other areas through which qualitative research is being advanced.

Abstracts of up to 170 words are invited for:

- 30 minute papers (including 10 minutes of questions)
- 90 minute symposia (minimum 3 members)
- Performances of varying lengths (see call for PSS below)
- Posters

On the following themes:

- Performative Social Science
- Humanising Health and Social Care through Qualitative Research
- Qualitative Research and Contemporary Culture
- Philosophical, Methodological and Ethical Perspectives
- Reflections and developments from diverse disciplines
- History of Methods, History as Method

Submission deadline: 30 April 2010

L. 'Managing Uncertainty: A new deal? International challenges and the changing face of work' Work, Employment & Society Conference 2010, University of Brighton, 7th-9th September 2010

The British Sociological Association and the Work, Employment and Society Editorial Board are pleased to announce that the WES conference 2010 will be hosted by University of Brighton Business School. Like the journal, the WES conference is sociologically oriented, but welcomes contributions from related fields. With an international focus, this conference promises to be an exciting, interdisciplinary event for all who are interested in the sociology of work and employment.

Confirmed speakers:

Professor Eileen Appelbaum, Rutgers, USA

Professor Jennifer Klein, Yale, USA

Professor Chris Tilly, UCLA, USA

Professor Enrique de la Garza Toledo, Universidad Autonoma, Mexico

Professor David Lane, University of Cambridge, UK
Professors Premilla D'Cruz and Ernesto Noronha, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
Dr Pun Ngai, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China
Professor Jill Rubery, Manchester Business School, UK
Professor Michel Lallement, CNAM Paris, France
Professor Claus Offe, Hertie School of Governance GmbH Berlin, Germany
Postgraduate Workshop: 6 September 2010
Grand Parade, University of Brighton

Further details coming soon, for all enquiries email the BSA Office.

M. 6th Cosmopolitan 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 Cosmopolitan 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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