Call for Papers

Philosophical enquiry has enriched our understanding of hospitality – providing intellectual legitimacy to its study while broadening interest in the topic (Barnett, 2005; Derrida, 2001; Dikeç et al., 2009). However this has led to abstract re-conceptualisations of hospitality and a tendency to use notions of hospitality to view relations at national, regional and city scales rather than at the level of everyday micro-geographies involving transactions of food and drink. Moreover, this body of work has tended to treat philosophical debates surrounding hospitality and society separately from commercial practices. Meanwhile, academics concerned with commercial hospitality have largely ignored abstract philosophical debates and perspectives. Several studies have attempted to create links between abstract and more mundane, tangible conceptions of hospitality and between its social and commercial manifestations (Bell, 2007; Germann Molz and Gibson, 2007; Lashley et al., 2007; Lugosi, 2009; Lynch et al., 2011) and this event seeks to build on this emerging body of work. We invite colleagues to explore the complex interactions between food, drink and hospitality, and to make explicit connections between the abstract and philosophical dimensions of hospitality and its material, embodied and sensual practices. We are keen to develop cross-disciplinary dialogue and we encourage contributions from colleagues working in sociology, anthropology, geography, history, philosophy, cultural and media studies, gender studies, business and management, design, literary studies, health and nutrition and psychology, as well as related fields.

We welcome empirical and theoretical works adopting a variety of different theoretical approaches and methods, including, but not limited to: Ethnographic, Symbolic Interactionist, Actor-Network Theory, Discourse Analysis, Visual Methods, Phenomenological, Post-Colonial, Critical Theory and Gender Studies Perspectives. Papers may examine historical and contemporary contexts, and comparative, cross-cultural studies are particularly welcome. We strongly encourage contributions from emerging as well as established scholars, and the presentation of works-in-progress as well as more advanced studies.

The event will take place at the British Sociological Association’s London Meeting Room on Friday 14th of June 2013, Suite 2, 2 Station Court, Imperial Wharf, Townmead Road, Fulham, SW6 2PY. Please follow this link for directions and travel advice: http://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/25083/BSA_Imperial_Wharf_directions041209.pdf

The cost of the event, which includes lunch and refreshments, is: £45 (Standard) and £35 (Students and BSA members). Participants can register online: http://shop.brookes.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=81&deptid=27&catid=34
Please send initial expressions of interest or enquiries to Peter Lugosi (plugosi@brookes.ac.uk). Those wishing to present a paper at the workshop should send an abstract, approximately 500 words in length, to Peter Lugosi by Friday the 28th of February 2013. Presenters of accepted papers should register by Friday the 26th of April 2013.

Contributors will be invited to submit full versions of their papers to a future edition of the Hospitality & Society Journal: http://www.intellectbooks.co.uk/journals/view-Journal,id=194/view,page=2/

References


