

## Call for Papers

# Work, Employment & Society Conference 2018

### Putting Sociology to Work: Interdisciplinarity, Intersectionality and Imagination

Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 September 2018, Belfast

(Pre-conference Doctoral Workshop - 11 September 2018)

Since the classic sociological theorists, analysis of modern work has been a lynchpin of sociology. The 2018 Work, Employment and Society Conference seeks to revisit the origins of the discipline and advance current sociological understandings of work. WES 2018 will provide an imaginative space for sociology and cognate disciplines to consider what work is and to develop our interdisciplinary understanding of today's increasingly intersectional sites of paid and unpaid work. Hence, the theme of the conference: 'Putting Sociology to Work – interdisciplinary, intersectionality and imagination'.

WES 2018 is organised by the WES Conference Committee and supported by the British Sociological Association (BSA) and the Work, Employment and Society Editorial Board, with local support from Queen's University Belfast.

#### Location

Belfast's rich political, cultural and social history makes it an excellent place for sociologists and other scholars of work. Belfast is easily reached by air from most European hubs and for those who do not fly, there are regular ferry connections. For more travel information, see the [Visit Belfast](#) website.

WES 2018 will be held at the [Europa Hotel](#), located in the centre of Belfast and famous for many years as the most bombed hotel in Europe. Additional social events will take place at Queen's University Belfast, Belfast City Hall and the SS Nomadic.

#### Deadlines

- For paper submissions - Friday 16 February, 2018.
- For special session submissions - Friday 2 February 2018.
- For pre-conference doctoral workshop submissions - Friday 16 February, 2018.

#### Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted electronically via the [BSA website](#).

## Categories for abstract submissions:

- **Conference papers:** Abstracts should be up to 500 words. While the organising team particularly encourages papers reporting research findings, they also welcome abstracts related to sociological theory, social policy, 'work in progress' or those testing out new and imaginative ideas. All abstracts are refereed and papers **must not** have been previously published or presented elsewhere. Abstract contents should enable the referees to determine what issue, development or problem is being investigated, how it is being investigated, what the findings are and what contribution is being made to knowledge in this field. Please provide information about the theoretical position of the paper, the methodology, data set (if relevant) and the stage of the research. In addition to regular paper sessions, WES 2018 will include round table discussions and poster presentations. At time of submission please indicate whether you are interested in presenting your paper at a round table or as a poster.
- **Special sessions:** Abstracts should be up to 500 words. These may offer theoretical, empirical, methodological or policy-related contributions. The sessions will last for 1.5 hours and, while the team anticipates that most special sessions will involve three speakers, with or without a discussant, more creative formats are welcome. Please indicate in your application whether speakers are confirmed or provisional.
- **Pre-conference doctoral workshop (11 September 2018):** This is free to doctoral students who have registered for the main conference and will take place at Queen's University Belfast. Abstracts submitted to the pre-conference workshop should be up to 250 words. There will be opportunities for feedback and to meet fellow students and academics in the field, before the conference starts. Papers submitted to the doctoral pre-conference workshop may also be submitted to the main conference.

The 2018 conference committee are keen to ensure that the conference is inclusive and all venues will be fully accessible. The format of the conference is designed to accommodate academics at all career stages, with career development and networking events as well as paper presentations, round table discussions, special sessions and poster presentations.

## Bursaries for PhDs and post-Docs in Insecure Employment

To encourage the participation of early career researchers in WES 2018, we are offering ten bursaries to PhD students and recent post-Docs currently in insecure employment. Please see website for further information.

## Childcare

To support those with childcare or other care obligations, and to enable the participation in the WES conference, we are providing two different types of support: Childcare places at the conference venue and bursaries to cover care organised independently. Please see website for further information.

**WES 2018 Conference Committee:** Emma Calvert (Queen's University Belfast); Rachel Cohen (City, University of London); Abigail Marks (Herriot Watt); Silke Roth (University of Southampton)

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