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Seminars and Events

Conference/Call for abstracts/papers

The **TORCH Migration and Mobility Network** and the **Oxford Migration Studies Society** are organising an interdisciplinary **Oxford Migration Conference** on 17-18 May, under the title *Crossing Borders / Crossing Disciplines: Rethinking Inclusion, Exclusion, and Human Mobility* (CfP attached). This conference will appeal to a wide range of researchers at all academic levels from the different divisions who work on themes related to human mobility and migration.

Abstracts should be sent to migrationconference2018@gmail.com by **20 April**.

For more information about the Migration and Mobility Network, please email Lena Rose at migration-mobility@torch.ox.ac.uk, or visit our [website](#).

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION HEALTHY CITIES CONFERENCE

'Changing cities to change the world'
Celebrating 30 years of the Healthy Cities movement

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR NETWORKS AND COLLEAGUES

Submission Deadline: Friday 13 April

The call for abstracts refers to papers submitted by delegates for the Learning through Practice sessions and poster sessions during the 4 days of the conference.

We are inviting abstracts on the 6 main themes of the conference:

People: a human focus to societal development that prioritizes investment in people to improve equity and inclusion through enhanced empowerment.

Place: the social, physical and cultural environments that align to create a place that is actively inclusive, and that facilitates the pursuit of health and well-being for all.

Participation: ensuring the participation of all individuals and communities in the decisions that affect them and the places they live, work, love and play.

Prosperity: enhanced community prosperity and strengthened assets through values-based governance of common goods and services.

Planet: ensuring that the protection of the planet is at the heart of all city policies, both internal and external.

Peace: promoting peace through inclusive societies that focus on places, participation, prosperity and the planet, while putting people at the centre of all policies and actions.

Preference will be given to those papers that address the conference themes and which illustrate 3 or more of the following:

- Strategic approaches
- Comprehensive and systematic approaches
- Intersectoral approaches
- Life course approaches
- Community-based initiatives
- Innovative solutions
- Work that has been evaluated & lessons learnt
- Actions with concrete goals and outcomes

Each abstract must be submitted electronically, clearly and concisely in English. All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee and authors informed of the results by Monday 4 June.

Authors whose abstracts are selected will be required to submit their full papers before the Conference. Specifications for preparing full papers will be sent to successful applicants.

All selected abstracts will be published in the final programme and an electronic book of abstracts.

To submit your abstract, please [click here](#)

CfP: The Non-Death of Neoliberalism

York St. John University, Friday 25th May 2018

Building on the inaugural Crime, Culture and Social Harm conference at York St. John University last year, the 'Non-Death of Neoliberalism' conference invites papers that explore the impact of neoliberalism on social, cultural and political harm. The aim of the conference is to facilitate a range of interdisciplinary antagonisms that push back against nascent forms of neoliberalism – that is, those adapted/adapting manifestations borne of the decade-old financial crisis – and the variety of increasingly destructive problems these approaches create: this might involve new and terrifying financial realities, neoliberal designs on the imagined future of post-Brexit Britain, or tactical interventions that seek to dismantle damaging ideological frameworks. Either way, the intention is to develop a network and space for conversations with critical practitioners and scholars of zemiology, and encourage future collaborative projects stemming from the conference.

We are especially keen to welcome early career researchers who deal with, amongst other things, the following indicative topics:

- Power and political economy
- Government policy, democracy and austerity
- War and technology
- Debt and gambling
- Brexit and freedom
- Public services, the NHS and education
- Gentrification and housing
- The decline of the academy
- The military-industrial-entertainment complex
- Cultural articulations of neoliberal doctrine
- Public Ownership/ Carillion

Submission of abstracts:

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted – alongside a biography of no more than 100 words – to r.smith7@yorksj.ac.uk. Proposed papers can take a variety of forms: we encourage creative thinking around this.

The deadline for submissions is March 30th. Successful speakers will be contacted the following week.

Please see below and attached a *call for applications*:

Migration and Urban Transformations in Latin America and the UK

8 - 10 June 2018

University of Brasilia, Brazil

We are inviting Early Career Researchers from the UK and Brazil to apply to attend a workshop on migration and urban transformations. This workshop aims to cover a wide range of themes, including: housing, health, employment, language, community relations, citizenship, education, subjective well-being relating to migrants in the UK and Latin America. All travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Newton Fund Researcher Links programme. **The deadline for applications is 31 March 2018.**

Further information about the workshop and how to apply is available here:

<http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/event/migration-and-urban-transformations-in-latin-america-and-the-uk/>

This event is co-organised by [Andreza de Souza Santos](#) and [Carlos Vargas-Silva](#)

The British Digital Games Research Association (BDiGRA) is running its [second annual conference on 14-15 June in Staffordshire University](#), Stoke on Trent.

Since the first DiGRA convention in 2003 we have seen a huge change in the ways that Games Studies understands itself and has conveyed itself as a discipline to (and sometimes within) other critical media. This conference takes as its theme the media of the game, playfully repositioning the 2018 DiGRA theme of 'The Game is the Message'.

We actively encourage early scholars and PhD candidates, as well as more established voices.

We welcome submissions that move beyond digital gaming, for example submissions relating to boardgames LARP, pervasive games or other forms of analog gaming.

The theme **Medium is the Game** invites submissions on (but not restricted to) the following topics:

- Revisiting Games as Inter/Multidisciplinary subject
- Gaming as Media
- Representation in Games
- Playfulness and the Medium of Games (Why/Not so Serious...?)
- Building Games
- Pedagogical Practice and Gaming
- Game Design/Development/Theory - the un/holy? trinity
- Changes in gaming culture
- After the Storm (post gamergate theory)
- Games production as critical medium
- Esports theory

We welcome the following submission types:

- Full papers, of 5000 – 7000 words, to be presented as papers in a panel session. A template for full papers is attached. – [BDiGRA Template 2018.doc](#)
- Abstracts of 500 words, to be presented in a series of quickfire round table sessions. Please follow the relevant areas of the template, including Abstract, Keywords and References.
- Workshops to last approx half a day – to be submitted as precis of approx 500 – 1000 words underlining core objectives and aims.
- Discussion panels – to be submitted as precis of approx 500 – 1000 words underlining core objectives and aims.

[See what last year's attendees said about the conference](#)

Please submit work to BritishDigra@gmail.com by **31st March 2018**. Papers and abstracts should be anonymised, but please make sure you identify yourself in the e-mail so that we can respond when the paper has been reviewed.

Acceptance of papers 14th April 2018.

Selected proceedings will be published in a special edition of ToDiGRA, in second quarter 2019.

We have decided to charge a small attendance fee of £25 to cover costs. Any surplus funding will be carried over to future BDiGRA events. An eventbrite with details of this will be forthcoming.

[All attendees are expected to abide by the BDiGRA Inclusivity Policy](#)

Vacancies

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) is delighted to announce admissions for **two open positions** in the newly established ***IZA-BIGSSS-Fellowship Program on Comparative Labour Market Research***.

The IZA-BIGSSS-Fellowship (65% full-time-equivalent, TV-L 13 salary in accordance with tarif regulations of German Public Service) is a research-related doctoral program funded by the German **Institute of Labor Economics** (www.iza.org). In addition to the regular curricular obligations at BIGSSS that will define the first three semesters of the program, the fellowship also provides for a practical, research-oriented part starting with the fourth semester. Fellows will then be working on their own dissertation in combination with thematically related research projects at IZA, raising and analyzing data and getting valuable insights in the functioning of a specialized research institute. The program is fully operated by BIGSSS, granting all fellows unrestricted access to the resources of the graduate school.

We cordially invite all those interested to upload their documents until April 15th, 2018 to our online admissions system: <https://admissions.bigsss-bremen.de/> .

To see the details regarding program and applications requirements please check: <https://www.bigsss-bremen.de/academic-program/regular-phd-program/iza-bigsss-fellowships>.

If you have any further questions regarding the *IZA-BIGSSS Fellow Program on Comparative Labor Research* or admissions to BIGSSS, please contact our Admissions Officer Hristina Gvozdenovic (admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de) or Director of Studies Dr. Mandy Boehnke (director-of-studies@bigsss-bremen.de).

The Department of Sociology at Trinity College Dublin offers two excellent PhD opportunities for outstanding and highly motivated candidates who aim to pursue a PhD in Sociology related to inequality research, using advanced quantitative methods:

PhD Scholarship in Sociology: Social Inequalities, Child Development and Longitudinal Research

Closing date: 31st of March 2018

Contact: Dr Pablo Gracia (graciap@tcd.ie) and Prof. Richard Layte (layter@tcd.ie)

PhD Scholarship in Sociology: Explaining the 'Migrant Gap' Among Children in Ireland

Closing date: 16th April 2018

Contact: Dr Jan Skopek (skopeki@tcd.ie) and Prof. Richard Layte (layter@tcd.ie)

Both PhD scholarships are for 48 months and full time (about 20,000 EU net per annum). Detailed specifications and instructions on the application procedure can be found in the attached calls.

See attached for more details

Opportunities & Information

Cumberland Lodge Scholars.

Designed for doctoral students studying in the UK to fit around their university studies, the scholarship invites the six successful students to take part in the Lodge's conference programme, which focuses on tackling social divisions through promoting creative thinking and inclusive dialogue. Scholars will benefit from the experience of engaging in challenging cross-disciplinary discussions and will receive training in communication and public engagement, working collaboratively, and sharing their experiences and research with different audiences. They also enjoy Cumberland Lodge's excellent facilities and will receive remuneration for travel expenses.

The scheme was successfully launched in 2014 and we are now looking to recruit the fifth cohort of six scholars to join Cumberland Lodge from 2018 to 2020. We would be most grateful if you could share the details of this opportunity with your students. Applicants must have the support of their university and be able to commit to a two year programme which involves attending at least two events at the Lodge each year, as well as our Annual Lecture, and an annual Scholars Retreat. It is likely, but not essential, that candidates will currently be first or second year doctoral students. Students who are studying part-time, on non-traditional pathways and professional doctorate programmes are also most welcome to apply.

In particular, we are looking to appoint scholars who, through their academic work and/or other activities, demonstrate a commitment to working in some way for 'the betterment of society'. We are not looking for candidates who display only academic excellence, but those with a blend of academic ability, interest in ethics and society, and personal qualities which mean they would benefit from an association with the Lodge and its activities.

Please find attached a leaflet about the scholarship. Further information and our application form can be found at cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/scholarshipscheme. Applications open on **Monday 5 March 2018**.

Students4Students is a student run organisation that works to help children reach their potential in Maths and English and we need **you**.

As a committee member, you will be involved in organising our tutors, shaping the training they receive, fundraising for the charity and a whole host of other activities. The roles are hugely rewarding with many of our previous committee members using their experiences to help them land top jobs once they graduate. Furthermore, the time commitment involved is quite little compared to the amount of good you can do. It's an amazing chance to make a wider difference beyond helping individual students, by creating and building on the structures necessary for tutors to help those students.

We are still recruiting for the following committee positions:

1. Chair

You have the job of leading the committee and leading the direction of the Oxford branch. You are the link between the Oxford branch and the trustees and help to represent charity members.

2. Recruitment Officer

You help to recruit new tutors and committee members. This is a fun and dynamic role, and it's a great way to meet new people!

3. Fundraising Officer

You'll help to raise funds for Students4Students through a variety of ways. You'll be supported by the rest of the S4S committee and get to collaborate with other charities from Oxford Hub.

If you're interested, drop an email to tutor.liaison.officer@students4students.org.uk . The email should be titled "**S4S Committee Application**" and should contain a paragraph which briefly states:

- The role(s) you are applying for
- Why you are interested in the role(s)
- What makes you suitable for the role(s)

Do include your CV too. **The deadline for applying to be a committee member has been extended to Sunday Week 0 of Trinity term (23 April 2018).**

International Urban Photography Summer School

13 – 25 August 2018

Goldsmiths University of London

Designed for photographers, artists and researchers whose work address urban spaces and cultures, the international Urban Photography Summer School (iUPSS) provides a highly intensive two-week practical and theoretical training in key aspects of urban visual practice and research. Developed in collaboration with the Urban Photographers' Association (UPA), UrbanPhotoFest and Goldsmiths University of London, the programme helps participants develop a wide range of relevant skills resulting in the production of a photography portfolio drawn from London's urban environments. The summer school has a range of international photographers and urban researchers contributing to the teaching, and results in a final exhibition.

Photo: Paul Halliday

Alongside urban fieldtrips and practical hands-on sessions, the summer school focuses on:

1. Urban Landscapes and Architectures
2. Urban Materialities and Objects
3. Street-based Photography and Portraiture



For further information and to apply please visit: www.iupss.com

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