

## POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

### NEWSLETTER

[www.pesai.ie](http://www.pesai.ie)

The PSAI Executive Committee produces a monthly newsletter for members. If you have any material to contribute – publications, vacancies, appointments, research grants, conferences, etc. - please send it in the first instance to Theresa Reidy at [t.reidy@ucc.ie](mailto:t.reidy@ucc.ie) for inclusion.

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#### PSAI MEMBERSHIP/IRISH POLITICAL STUDIES

Dear Colleague,

PSAI Membership: €50/£35. Students: €30/£21 - includes a print subscription to *Irish Political Studies*. The online membership form can be accessed at <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/offer/fips-so.asp>

An online sample of the journal can be viewed [here](#).

If you are unsure about your current membership status, please feel free to contact Stacey Doran, ([stacey.doran@tandf.co.uk](mailto:stacey.doran@tandf.co.uk))

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## News

### PSAI Graduate Conference

#### PSAI Graduate Conference 2009

#### Department of Government , UCC, April 24-25

The Annual PSAI conference will take place in University College Cork's Department of Government on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Papers are welcome on all areas of politics and international relations, as well as related disciplines. Complete panel proposals will also be considered. Panels and paper proposals are encouraged in the following areas;

- 1) Politics of Northern Ireland
- 2) Politics of the Republic of Ireland
- 3) Peace & Conflict Research
- 4) International Relations
- 5) European Politics
- 6) Political Theory
- 7) Political Economy
- 8) Political History
- 9) Electoral Politics and Political Parties
- 10) Comparative Politics
- 11) Human Rights
- 12) The Politics of Development

#### *Submitting a Proposal*

Please forward abstracts of no more than 300 words as a word attachment, together with an email stating:

- the title of your paper
- institutional affiliation
- contact details (name, address, email address)

Paper proposals should be sent to [psai@ucc.ie](mailto:psai@ucc.ie)

General enquiries can be sent to the same address. Further information will be posted at the PSAI website <http://www.psai.ie>

The submission deadline for abstracts is **23 January 2009**

## **Politics, Economy and Society: Irish Developmentalism, 1958-2008**

To mark the contribution of Professor Tom Garvin to both political science and UCD, a special one-day conference will be held in his honour on 12th March 2009 in UCD.

### ***Call for Papers***

Papers are invited that concern a range of economic, political and social issues relating to the development of Ireland during the 1958-2008 period. Submissions are especially encouraged from public servants and other interested parties from outside academia. It is intended to publish the proceedings in a special issue of the *Economic and Social Review*.

Abstracts and expressions of interest should be addressed before 8th December 2008 to:

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Institute for British-Irish Studies,

School of Politics & International Relations,

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Email: [ibis@ucd.ie](mailto:ibis@ucd.ie),

[www.ucd.ie/ibis](http://www.ucd.ie/ibis)

### **Convenors**

Professor John Coakley (School of Politics & International Relations)

Professor Patrick Paul Walsh (School of Politics & International Relations)

Dr Christopher Farrington (School of Politics & International Relations)

### **Programme Committee**

Professor Jennifer Todd (Politics) Professor Rodney Thom (Economics)

Dr Bryan Fanning (Social Policy) Dr. Andreas Hess (Sociology)

Dr. Shane Whelan (Statistics) Professor Michael Laffan (History)

## **Travel funds available for Women and Politics conference**

Junior scholars (graduate students and assistant professors) are invited to apply to attend the Women in Politics - Global Perspectives conference, Friday April 24, 2009 at Ohio State University. The conference will include sessions such as women and democracy, national security, and conflict; women's global organizing; and women in politics - gaining access, changing institutions. Ten junior scholars will attend the conference and receive lodging, meals, and up to \$350 in travel expenses.

The conference website is <http://www.sociology.ohio-state.edu/wip/>

Interested graduate students or assistant professors should send a vita and a one-page statement on their related research to Pam Paxton, Department of Sociology, 238 Townshend Hall, 1885 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210-1222.

The application deadline is February 1, 2009 and award decisions will be made by mid-February. The conference is sponsored by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at Ohio State University. Additional funding for junior scholar participation was provided by the Ohio State University Departments of Sociology, Political Science, Anthropology, and Women's Studies, as well as the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

## **9th Annual Meeting of the European Civil Society Ph.D. Dissertation Network May 28-31, 2009, Leuven, Belgium**

### Call for Participation

This call is directed towards: PhD students from European universities doing research on civil society and third sector issues.

### What is the Ph.D. network about?

The meeting is a unique opportunity for young academics to get to know fellow researchers from across Europe and to discuss their research in small working groups. In addition, the program consists of plenary lectures addressing both scientific themes and practical issues. The active participation of academic staff and graduated PhD students also allows for informal discussion about academic work and (post-)doctoral life. Former network meetings were held in Windsor (2001 & 2002), Dublin (2003), Stockholm (2004), Rolduc (2005), Vienna (2006), Münster (2007), and Kaunas (2008).

Interested students should send their application to Dr. Lesley Hustinx (Lesley.Hustinx@soc.kuleuven.be) no later than February 2, 2009.

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## **Teaching and Learning in Politics Specialist group of the PSAI**

### **Convenors:**

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Dr. Brid Quinn, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Limerick,

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### **Aims**

This specialist group will bring together scholars (from post-graduates to established academics) that explore innovations in teaching, learning, assessment and curriculum development, and examine different pedagogical approaches within the discipline. It will act as a forum for networking, debate, publication and grant application and as a locus of communication between scholars of teaching and learning in politics in Ireland and similar groupings in this field internationally.

The specialist group aims to provide a network for colleagues who are interested in exploring pedagogic developments within the discipline to share cutting edge approaches and effective techniques in teaching and learning.

### **Activities**

The Teaching and Learning in Politics specialist group will be an active source of scholarship and collaboration in this ever-developing field. The focus of such collaboration will include dedicated panels at the annual PSAI conference. It is envisaged that this will lead into combined proposals for larger conferences (such as the PSA, the ECPR, APSA, and IPSA), annual workshops, and shared research/publishing initiatives. The group will also be a forum for professional networking between those working in the area and it is envisaged that there will be research collaborations leading to publications and research funding bids.

### **Members**

The Teaching and Learning in Politics specialist group welcomes members. To become a member of the group you must be a member of the PSAI. You do not have to belong to an Irish university to be a PSAI member or to join the group.

## **From Learned Societies to Knowledge-Based Society - Call for Applications now open**

**Subject:** PSA News Humanities Spring 2009 I: From Learned Societies to Knowledge-Based Society - Call for Applications now open

The European Science Foundation (ESF) is committed to creating Forums for early career scholars to develop their visions for the European Research Area.

We have developed in particular the format of the “Humanities Spring” workshops, aimed at producing short policy documents authored by the best early career scholars after 3-day debates on identified issues.

This year, one of the selected themes is:

**Humanities Spring 2009 I: “From Learned Societies to Knowledge-Based Society: Towards a European Young Academy?”**

**Deadline for submission of applications: 15 January 2009**

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**New website: [www.ipe-europe.net](http://www.ipe-europe.net)**

We would like to announce to you our new website ?International Political Economy in Europe? ([www.ipe-europe.net](http://www.ipe-europe.net)), which aims to become a hub for students and researchers in IPE from Europe and beyond. Given the renewed interest into IPE topics, we find it useful to provide for more exchange between the various disciplines and academic communities.

The website currently tracks relevant conference announcements, calls for papers, new journal issues and book publications in our field. In

the near future, we plan to also cover academic job openings, helpful information related to the teaching of IPE (e.g. course syllabi) and a list of graduate and doctoral programmes in IPE.

We encourage your announcements and input to make sure that this site is helpful and updated. Feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions or information to be posted on the website. Please circulate this announcement to other colleagues who might be interested as well.

<http://www.ipe-europe.net>

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Our Second Biennial Conference was held at Utrecht University the Netherlands. For more details visit our website:

<http://regulation.upf.edu>

### ISSP Events January 2009

11-23 January		University of Limerick	Free to students from ISSP affiliated departments		Social Science Research Methods  For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.ul.ie/sociology/winter/">http://www.ul.ie/sociology/winter/</a>
22-23 January	Thursday 1:00pm- 5:20pm  Friday 8:30am- 1.30pm	Radisson SAS Hotel, Letterkenny	Conference fee (conference only) €117		ICLRD 4th Annual Conference: Achieving Balanced Regional Development: Dynamic Regions, Spatial Strategies and Collaboration  For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.iclrd.ie/">http://www.iclrd.ie/</a>

### Call Phd Fellowships, BIGSSS Bremen

The \*Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)\* invites applications to its Ph.D. and Post-doc program. BIGSSS is an inter-university institute of the University of Bremen (UB) and Jacobs University. The program is funded by the German Excellence Initiative.

The program provides close supervision of dissertation work within a demand-tailored education and research framework. BIGSSS is part of an international network of highly acknowledged graduate programs. It supports its Ph.D. and Post-doc Fellows in achieving early scientific independence, providing funds for conducting, presenting and publishing their research. The language of instruction is English.

Successful applicants for the Ph.D. and Post-doc Fellowships will pursue a topic in one of BIGSSS' five Thematic Fields:

- Global Integration
- Integration and Diversity in the New Europe
- Social Integration and the Welfare State
- Attitude Formation, Value Change, and Intercultural Communication
- Life-Course and Lifespan Dynamics.

#### 20 Ph.D. Stipends/Fellowships

BIGSSS seeks candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in political science, sociology, psychology, law, economics or other social science disciplines. We offer Ph.D. stipends of ? 1250/month for 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year.

#### 6 - 8 Post-doc Stipends/Fellowships

We seek candidates pursuing English-language publication projects either from their dissertation (by making findings available to an international audience through a book or journal article) or from a new project. Post-doc stipends of

? 1750/month may run from 6 to 24 months. The competition is open to candidates who have received a doctorate in political science, sociology, psychology, law, economics or other social science disciplines within the last 3 years, or who can be expected to finish prior to commencing their post-doc stay.

More information as well as lists of required application materials can be found at [www.bigsss-bremen.de](http://www.bigsss-bremen.de). Electronic application is encouraged.

PhD fellowships will start September 1, 2009, Post-docs may start later. Non-German students are strongly encouraged to apply. BIGSSS strives to increase the share of women in the university and hence also strongly encourages women to apply. Applicants with disabilities

who are equally qualified will be favored. Applications may be sent until March 15, 2009 to the following address:

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences  
Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau, Dean  
Universität Bremen  
PF/PO Box 330440  
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### **NOMINATION HOLBERG PRIZE**

The Board of the Ludvig Holberg Memorial Fund invites you to nominate the Holberg International Memorial Prize for outstanding work in the academic fields of the arts and humanities, social science, law and theology. The prize for 2008 is NOK 4,5 million (approx. 570.000/716.000 US Dollar), and was established by the Norwegian Government in 2003.

Letters of nomination must be sent to us by 20 January 2009.

Holberg Prize Laureates:

2008: Fredric R. Jameson

2007: Ronald Dworkin

2006: Shmuel N Eisenstadt

2005: Jürgen Habermas

2004: Julia Kristeva

How to nominate?

Scholars holding a senior position at universities and other research institutions within the above mentioned academic fields are entitled to nominate candidates for the Holberg Prize. The Holberg Prize's Academic Committee will base its assessment on the letters of nomination which must state the reasons for the nomination (2 to 3 pages). Letters should

also contain a brief CV for the candidate and suggest referees who know the scholar and his/her work. Nominations are strictly confidential.

For more information:

[http://holbergprisen.no/HP\\_prisen/en\\_hp\\_utlysning.html](http://holbergprisen.no/HP_prisen/en_hp_utlysning.html)

## **GEXcel Themes 4 & 5: new invitation for visiting fellowships**

New invitation to apply for GEXcel visiting fellowships

The research theme is "Sexual Health, Embodiment and Empowerment. Bridging Epistemological Gaps" (Theme 4-5), jointly directed by

\* Nina Lykke, Professor of Gender and Culture, Department of Gender Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Linköping University, Sweden,

\* Barbro Wijma, Professor of Gender and Medicine, Division of Gender and Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Linköping University, Sweden.

Apply before Jan 20, 2009 (for Spring and Autumn 2009).

Linköping and Örebro Universities, Sweden, are the base for the "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 and seeks to become the foundation for a more permanent Sweden-based European Collegium for Advanced Transnational and Transdisciplinary Gender Studies.

A Visiting Fellows Programme has been organized to attract scholars at different career stages from Sweden and abroad with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds. The visiting fellows will carry out thematically organized, joint gender research, under the direction of one or two of the professors, responsible for the programme, and collaborate with invited senior researchers.

In 2009, one of the research themes is "Sexual Health, Embodiment and Empowerment. Bridging Epistemological Gaps", directed by

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see: <http://www.tema.liu.se/tema-g>

\* Barbro Wijma, Professor of Gender and Medicine, Division of Gender and Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Linköping University, Sweden,

see: [www.hu.liu.se/ike/genus\\_medicin/amnet](http://www.hu.liu.se/ike/genus_medicin/amnet)

Positions for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers to participate in thematic research on "Sexual Health, Embodiment and Empowerment. Bridging Epistemological Gaps" are now open for competition. Postdoctoral researchers may or may not have graduated recently.

Proposals are invited from doctoral students outside Sweden for up to 8 one or two-month fellowships (in Nov-Dec 2009, including Nov 23-Dec 6, 2009, and a shorter 1-2 weeks stay in Spring 2009, including June 15-17, where a joint kick-off conference for all fellows of Theme 4-5 will take place). Fellowships include salary (with a deduction for existing doctoral salary), housing stipend and travel to Sweden.

Proposals are also invited from postdoctoral scholars (priority given to applicants from Europe, including Sweden) for at least 3-4 fellowships of up to 6-8 months' duration (preferably starting May-June 2009 including June 15-17 + Nov 23-Dec 6, 2009). Applications for periods less than 6 months are also welcome. Fellowships include salary (with a deduction for existing salary), housing stipend and travel to Sweden. For more details on this call, please see: <http://www.genderexcel.org/node/180>

It is also possible for successful doctoral and postdoctoral candidates to extend their stay at Linköping University with their own funding.

Proposals must include a current CV, an abstract of the proposed project, a description (maximum: 5 pages) of the project to be undertaken during the fellowship, and a short bibliography.

Applicants should explain how their project will contribute to the understanding of at least one of the three sub-themes of the "Sexual Health, Embodiment and Empowerment. Bridging Epistemological Gaps" research theme. The three sub-themes are:

- \* sex education and sexual empowerment,
- \* critical sexology,
- \* gendered violence.

Preferably, applicants should also reflect on the ways in which their contribution will interact with the cross-cutting theme:

- \* cross- and transdisciplinary, feminist approaches to gendered, sexualised and racialised bodies and ethics (see detailed description at: <http://www.genderexcel.org/node/101>).

Doctoral Candidates must include the name and contact information for their research supervisor(s). Postdoctoral applicants must include two samples of their work (published or unpublished) on the topic in their application.

All proposals and supporting materials should be submitted electronically to:  
GEXcel Academic Coordinator Katherine Harrison (email: application@genderexcel.org), marked application for GEXcel Research Theme 4-5.

A committee will evaluate all applications and select those who are successful, with the approval of the GEXcel Board.

Application Deadlines:

Jan 20, 2009, for 2009 (Awards Announced in March 2009)

**SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS NOW FOR THE**

**ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize 2009**

*Closing date - 31 January 2009*

**WIN €1,000 and the opportunity to publish a revised version of the thesis in the ECPR Monographs book series**

Each year the ECPR gives its PhD prize for the best thesis in Politics (broadly conceived to include International Relations, Political Theory and Public Administration) awarded at a full ECPR member institution.

### **Guidelines for the submission of entries:**

The thesis must have been examined and been deemed to have passed between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008. However, the doctorate need not have been officially conferred during this period.

Each ECPR full member institution can nominate no more than ONE

**Closing date for nominations:**

**31 January 2009**

**Send the expanded abstract and four hard copies of the thesis, along with a letter of nomination from the ECPR Official Representative or Head of Department to Rebecca Knappett**

candidate for the prize. The candidacy must come via the ECPR Official Representative or the Head of Department. Only full member institutions can nominate candidates for the prize, and the thesis nominated must have been submitted at the institution concerned.

FOUR printed copies of the thesis must be sent by 31 January 2009 to Rebecca Knappett at Central Services (address below). Proof of the date of posting should be retained, as entries post marked after this date will be deemed ineligible. In the case of multivolume dissertations, only a single 'stand-alone' volume should be submitted. Submissions involving more than one volume will not be considered. No electronic submissions will be accepted. However, an electronic version of the thesis must be available on request.

The topic of the thesis should fit broadly within the field of political science. For example, work on political economy should draw substantially on the relevant political science literature as well as on any economics literature, and work on comparative constitutions should draw substantially on the relevant literature from political science as well as from law, and so on.

The thesis should be accompanied by an expanded 15-page abstract in English outlining the main arguments of the work. The abstract should outline the subject of the thesis, its main findings and arguments, as well as its principal conclusions. The table of contents, also in English, should be submitted with the abstract; both documents will be employed for an initial sifting of the theses (the prize committee will normally shortlist five theses at this stage) and therefore must be sent by e-mail to Rebecca Knappett at Central Services ([rknapp@essex.ac.uk](mailto:rknapp@essex.ac.uk)) at the same time as the posting of hard copies.

Shortlisted theses written in languages other than English will first be read by a specialist in the field. Should they feel the thesis is a strong candidate for the Prize, the ECPR will pay for up to 20,000 words to be translated into English, so that it can be judged equally by the panel. Should a non-English language thesis be awarded the Prize and be published in the ECPR Monographs series, the full cost of the translation will be split 50/50 between the ECPR and the candidate or their institution.

The award will be given to the thesis that the Committee believes will make the best research monograph in a political science book series. Although many theses contain material that could be published as outstanding articles, the ECPR already awards the Wildenmann prize for the best paper by a young scholar at the Joint Sessions. The criterion for this prize is that, with suitable amendments, the thesis would make an outstanding book that addresses central themes in the relevant subfield(s) of the discipline and hence would be suitable for inclusion in the ECPR's Monographs series, which is published in English. However, the successful thesis will not necessarily be offered a contract with the book series, and no candidate is under any obligation to accept such a contract if offered it.

The winner of the prize will be announced on 30 June 2009. If it deems that no thesis reaches an acceptable standard, the committee may decline to award the prize in any given year.

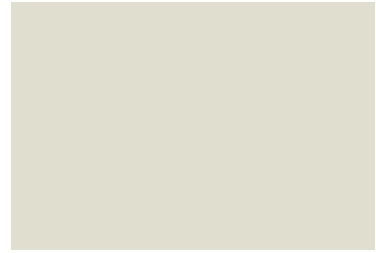
The successful candidate will be awarded a prize of 1000 euro. Candidates will give a presentation of their thesis and receive their prize at the 2010 Joint Sessions of Workshops. Expenses to attend the prize giving will be paid for by the ECPR, which will arrange travel and

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The PhD Prize is judged by a committee drawn from the editorial board of ECPR Press and chaired by the series co-editor, Professor Vincent Hoffmann-Martinot of Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux.

accommodation.



## **HAYWARD R. ALKER POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION**

### **GENDER IN GLOBAL ISSUES**

Deadline: January 9, 2009

CIS invites applications from scholars who specialize in gender and international relations broadly conceived. Gender and international relations spans a wide range of topics but we are especially eager to encourage applications from scholars focusing on gender issues associated with topics related to the global economy, international security, democracy, or human rights.

The competition is open to junior scholars: those who have received a Ph.D. within the last 3 years or who will have defended a dissertation by August 2009. Equivalent experience is not accepted. No English tests are required.

Applications from a variety of disciplines, including the social sciences, humanities and communications are encouraged.

### **EVALUATION**

Applicants will be evaluated on the bases of academic achievements and promise, publications and previous work experience, the quality of the research proposal, and the applicant's potential for making significant scholarly contributions. Awards will be announced in Spring 2009.

### **COMPENSATION**

The Center will provide a stipend, office space, USC library privileges, health insurance, \$1,000 towards moving expenses, and computer support. Fellowships are funded by the Center's endowment.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Applicants must submit:

- 1) a curriculum vitae
- 2) a 5-7 page research proposal
- 3) a list of publications (when applicable)
- 4) a graduate transcript
- 5) 3 (three) confidential letters of recommendation.

Applications without a research proposal will not be considered. The letters of recommendation may be sent directly to the office by the referee.

Applications must be in English.

Application materials must be postmarked on or before January 9, 2008

Please send applications to:

ATTN: Hayward R. Alker Post-Doctoral Fellow Competition

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**The Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES) and the Department of Political Science at the University of Amsterdam invites applications for Assistant Professors of Political Science**

The Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences (FMG) is the largest educational and research

institution in the social sciences in the Netherlands. The Faculty serves 7,500 students in numerous Bachelor's and Master's programmes in Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Communication Science, Psychology, Social Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, and Educational Sciences. The academic staff is employed in education as well as research. There are over 1,100 employees at the Faculty, which resides in a number of buildings in the centre of Amsterdam.

The Department of Political Science currently has an opening for an **assistant professor of political science**

38 hours per week, or 1.0 fte

The new assistant professors are expected to spend 60 percent of their time on teaching and 40 percent of their time on research.

### **Duties**

- strengthening the broad profile of political science in Amsterdam

- developing, carrying out and supervising political science research at a high academic level

- provide general, specialist and methodological education in the Bachelor's and Master's programmes of the Political Science Department and (assist in) supervising graduate students

- acquiring, or helping to acquire, external funding for research

- actively contributing to the development of the discipline in national and international context by publishing and participating in national and international research networks and educational initiatives

### **Profile**

- completed doctoral thesis in the field of the political sciences

- publications in international 'peer reviewed' periodicals and/or in books published by internationally recognised presses

- broad knowledge in the field of general political science

specialist knowledge in radicalism and extremism studies

thorough mastery of social scientific research methods, notably of quantitative methods

capable to teach and motivate students at both basic and advanced levels

in a fairly short term: perfect passive, and adequate active knowledge of Dutch

### **More information**

For more information about this position, please contact the Head of the Department of Political Science, Prof. Dr. Meindert Fennema, e-mail: [m.fennema@uva.nl](mailto:m.fennema@uva.nl), of the Director of IMES, Prof. Dr. Jan Rath, e-mail [j.c.rath@uva.nl](mailto:j.c.rath@uva.nl), telephone +31-20-525-3627.

Information about research can be found on the website:

<http://www.imes.uva.nl/about/vacancies.html>

Information about teaching can be found on the website:

<http://www.fmg.uva.nl/english/home.cfm>

### **Appointment**

Depending on qualifications and experience, between 3129 and 4868 Euros gross per month (UD 1/2)

### **Application**

The Department of Political Science is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Among equally qualified applicants, preference will be given to those applicants who will help to achieve affirmative action goals.

Send applications including a statement of motivation, CV and list of publications no later than January 18, 2009 by e-mail to Ms. Tamar Zijlstra, IMES, [t.zijlstra@uva.nl](mailto:t.zijlstra@uva.nl)

## **RESEARCHER (PART-TIME) IRISH CENTRE FOR SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY**

### **REF. NO. NUIG-113-08**

Applications are invited for a part-time one year fixed term contract researcher at the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG). The Irish Research Council for the Humanities and

Social Sciences (IRCHSS) has recently awarded funding to ICSG to investigate how third sector lobbies use the lifecycle approach in national level partnership agreements. This project is a collaboration between ICSG, the Centre for Innovation and Structural Change, the Child and Family Research Centre and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway.

The successful candidate will work closely with Principal Investigator, Dr. Gemma Carney, at the ICSG. This project uses an innovative research methodology called participatory policy analysis. As such, experience of action research or participatory research methods is essential for the post. Knowledge and experience of social partnership and/or the community and voluntary sector is also essential. The post will involve some travel. The successful applicant will work 3 days/23.5 hours per week.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Candidates should have a doctoral or master's degree in any of the major fields relevant to the research (social policy, sociology, social research, political science or economics) or equivalent experience in public policy analysis. S/he should possess a proven research capacity, especially in public policy analysis and/or third sector research.

Salary: €31,785

### **Job Description:**

The post holder will be expected to recruit participants from the community and voluntary sector to take part in simulated policy games replicating the decision-making strategies of the various pillars of social partnership. The researcher will organise and facilitate the policy games, analyse the resulting data, undertake elite interviews and write up the research results.

### **Policy Games**

- Recruit participants from the community and voluntary pillar using excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Actively liaise with third sector organisations, statutory agencies and government departments.
- Design simulated policy games with principal and associate investigators at NUI Galway.
- Organise and undertake elite interviews with stakeholders from diverse policy-making sectors.
- Undertake literature search and documentary analysis of national agreements and review documents.

### **Research Results and Dissemination**

- Contribute to the publishing of a major report at the end of the research period (2010)
- Initiate, and help organize a national conference on the main research findings with a partner from the Community and Voluntary Pillar (2010).
- Present relevant conference papers at national and international level
- Identify potential additional opportunities for research funding and international collaboration
- Publish final results in peer-reviewed academic journals at international level with principal and associate investigators.
- Represent the university at events relevant to the development of the Lifecycle Research Programme at NUI Galway.

### **Application Procedure**

Applicants should submit three copies of a full CV to include a covering letter and the names and addresses of at least three and not more than five referees either by post or email to: Christine De Largy, ICSG, Cairnes Building, National University of Ireland, Galway, Galway, Ireland

Email: [icsg@nuigalway.ie](mailto:icsg@nuigalway.ie) Tel: +353 (0)91 495461.

Informal enquiries about this position may be made to: Dr. Gemma Carney, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology. Email: [gemma.carney@nuigalway.ie](mailto:gemma.carney@nuigalway.ie) Tel. + 353 (0)91 49 5461

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 5pm**

### **Post-doctorates in political science-the University of Luxembourg/post-doctorat en sciences politiques-Université du Luxembourg**

Please find enclosed three ads for post-doctorates in political science at the University of Luxembourg (<http://wwwen.uni.lu/>).

#### **1) Elect 2009- Convention de recherche avec la Chambre des Députés du Luxembourg (début 15 février 2009)**

Durée : 2 ans

Domaine : sciences politiques, sociologie politique

Spécialisation : méthodes quantitatives

Langues : allemand et français et de préférence l'anglais

Salaire : 3200 euros net

Responsable du projet : Philippe Poirier ([philippe.poirier@uni.lu](mailto:philippe.poirier@uni.lu))

## **2) Demolux- Projet interne à l'Université du Luxembourg (début 1<sup>er</sup> mars 2009)**

Durée : 2ans

Domaine : sciences politiques, sociologie politique,

Spécialisation : processus d'europanisation, politique européenne

Langues : anglais et français et de préférence allemand et/ou portugais

Salaire : 3200 euros net

Responsable du projet : Philippe Poirier ([philippe.poirier@uni.lu](mailto:philippe.poirier@uni.lu))

## **3) Polux- Programme Core du Fonds National de la Recherche (début 1<sup>er</sup> avril 2009 pour deux ans et demi)**

Durée : 2ans 1/2

Domaine : sciences politiques, sociologie politique,

Spécialisation : e-démocratie

Langues : allemand et français et de préférence l'anglais

Salaire : 3400 euros net

Responsable du projet : Philippe Poirier ([philippe.poirier@uni.lu](mailto:philippe.poirier@uni.lu))

Salutations distinguées/Sincerely yours/Mit freundlichen Grüßen

**Philippe Poirier** (Ph.D. Hab.)

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### **Call for Papers**

#### **The Palin Factor: Political Mothers and Public Motherhood in the 21st Century**

Call for Papers

An Edited Collection by Demeter Press

Please see link for more information

<http://www.yorku.ca/yfile/archive/index.asp?Article=11551>

Editors: Andrea O'Reilly and Deirdre M. Condit

The nomination of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as the Republican party Vice Presidential nominee in the 2008 U.S. president election has initiated a public conversation about the meaning and depiction of Sarah Palin and her role as a publicly elected, working "hockey mom."

(Mis) readings of Palin as Pro-Mother; Palin and the (new?) conservative/religious right feminism; Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin.

Please submit a 250 word abstract and 50 word bio February 1, 2009 to

[aoreilly@yorku.ca](mailto:aoreilly@yorku.ca)

(Accepted chapters (of 15-18 pages in length) due July 1 2009)

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Quoting "Dr. Andrea O'Reilly" <[aoreilly@yorku.ca](mailto:aoreilly@yorku.ca)>:

## **Cosmetic Cultures**

Call for papers

Papers and panel sessions are invited for an international, interdisciplinary conference on Cosmetic Cultures to be held in the Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies at the University of Leeds from the 24 to 26 of June 2009.

Papers on any element of 'cosmetic cultures' are welcomed but the conference seeks to move beyond wellrehearsed 'Beauty Myth' arguments.

Themes will include:

- . National beauty cultures and histories and the intersection between local and globalised ideals;
- . Beauty practice ranging from 'spectacular' makeover cosmetic surgery to mundane beauty technologies such as diet and exercise, skin tanning/ lightening, hairstyling, hair removal and tattooing/piercing.
- . Intersections of 'race', class, gender and beauty cultures and practices; men, masculinities and beauty;
- . LGBTI and Trans beauties; surgical tourism;
- . TV makeover shows;
- . Work in the 'beauty industry', including medical practices and cultures, beauty salons and cosmetics marketing and manufacture as well as (fashion and glamour) modelling.

By encouraging participants to explore beauty cultures, practices and politics in their broadest sense we hope to advance current debates and develop an international network of researchers.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

- \* Professor Carolyn Cooper - University of the West Indies
- \* Professor Kathy Davis - University of Utrecht
- \* Dr Debra Gimlin - University of Aberdeen
- \* Dr Meredith Jones - University of Technology, Sydney
- \* Professor Toby Miller - University of California, Riverside
- \* Professor Elspeth Probyn - University of Sydney

200 word abstracts and panel suggestions should be emailed to: Matthew Wilkinson at [m.wilkinson@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:m.wilkinson@leeds.ac.uk) no later than 1 March 2009.

Please mark all emails with 'Cosmetic Cultures' in the subject line.

For further info, visit the conference website:

[http://www.wun.ac.uk/genderstudies/leeds\\_2009/main.html](http://www.wun.ac.uk/genderstudies/leeds_2009/main.html)

**6th Euroframe Conference on Economic Policy Issues in the EU "Causes and Consequences of the Current Financial Crisis: what lessons for European Union countries?"**

**Venue:** London; **Date:** 12/06/2009. [Click for further details.](#)

### **Call for Papers**

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail **before 13 March** to [catherine.mathieu@ofce.sciencespo.fr](mailto:catherine.mathieu@ofce.sciencespo.fr). Full papers should be received by e-mail by 25 May. [Download details \(pdf\)](#)

### **An Irish Model for Peace?**

A Conference of the PSAI specialist group on Peace and Conflict

### **Irish School of Ecumenics (TCD), Dublin, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009**

The Political Studies Association of Ireland specialist group on Peace and Conflict invites proposals for inclusion in this special conference on 'An Irish Model for Peace?'. We welcome papers from a wide range of perspectives that relate to the conference theme, interpreted broadly. Papers can deal with any aspect of peace and conflict in Ireland including the peace process, consociationalism, causes and dynamics of conflict, cross-border relations, policing, political violence and ethno-national identity. We particularly encourage papers with a comparative dimension and papers that seek to engage with broader theoretical debates.

A central purpose of the conference is to strengthen relationships between researchers working on the Irish experience of peace and conflict. Numbers will be limited and the atmosphere will be informal in order to facilitate discussion of the possibilities for future collaboration in this field

Participation is limited to members of the PSAI, but non-members can participate by joining the PSAI at the time of registration.

### **Submitting a Proposal**

Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words as a Word attachment, including:

- the title of your paper
- institutional affiliation
- contact details (name, address, email address)

The submission deadline for abstracts is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

Please send all proposals and enquiries to: [psai.peace@gmail.com](mailto:psai.peace@gmail.com).

### **Organisers**

Niall O Dochartaigh (NUI, Galway)

Katy Hayward (QUB)

Gillian Wylie (TCD)

## **PISTA 2009**

January 15th, 2009 is the new deadline for papers/abstracts submissions and Invited Sessions Proposals for The 7th International Conference on Politics and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications: PISTA 2009 <http://www.ICTconfer.org/pista> (Orlando, Florida, USA. July 10th-13th, 2009)

Authors Notification: March 30th, 2009

Camera ready, full papers: June 4th, 2009

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All Submitted papers will be reviewed using a double-blind (at least three reviewers), non-blind, and participative peer review. These three kinds of review will support the selection process of those that will be accepted for their presentation at the conference, as well as those to be selected for their publication in The Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics (JSCI) (<http://www.j-sci.com/Journal/SCI/>).

Authors of accepted papers who registered in the conference will have access to the reviews made to their submission so they can accordingly improve the final version of their papers. Non-registered authors will not have access to the reviews of their respective submissions.

All accepted papers where at least one author is registered in the conference will be included in the hard copy and the CD versions of the conference proceedings.

For submissions or Invited Sessions Proposals, please go to the conference web site or directly to: <http://www.ICTconfer.org/pista/Organizer.asp>

The best paper of each invited session will also be published in JSCI at no additional cost for the author. Invited session organizers will be co-editors of the proceedings volume where their session's papers are to be included, and they will be guest editors of the Journal issue where the best paper presented at their invited session has been included.

Awards will be granted to the best paper of those presented at each session. The best 10%-20% of the papers presented at the conference will be selected from these session's best papers, and will also be published in Volume 7 of JSCI Journal, with no additional cost for their authors. Libraries of journal author's organizations will receive complimentary subscriptions to at least one volume (6 issues).

## **AFRICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **Call for Papers**

**African Journal of Political Science and International Relations (AJPSIR)** is currently accepting manuscripts for publication. AJPSIR publishes rigorous theoretical reasoning and advanced empirical research in all areas of the subjects. We welcome articles or proposals from all perspectives and on all subjects pertaining to Africa, Africa's relationship to the world, public policy, international relations, comparative politics, political methodology, political theory, political history and culture, global political economy, strategy and environment. The journal will also address developments within the discipline. Each issue will normally contain a mixture of peer-reviewed research articles, reviews or essays using a variety of methodologies and approaches.

Manuscripts must be sent as e-mail attachment to

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## **POLICY AND SOCIETY:**

### **An Interdisciplinary Journal of Policy Research**

Call for Proposals *Special Issue on Regulating Public Risk* Upon his assumption of the premiership of Great Britain, Gordon Brown announced a fundamental review of policy making processes aimed at engaging public policy more robustly in the management and mitigation of public risk. As the UK's Better Regulation Committee noted, "A key role of Government is to protect citizens from harm and disadvantage – to manage "public risk" on behalf of all. Expectations that government will effectively and efficiently manage all forms of public risks are now near ubiquitous and place serious pressures on policy makers and public officials alike. Yet the policy responses they engender and the regulatory forms, monitoring, reporting and compliance protocols devised, vary widely, producing dissimilar regulatory burdens and outcomes. The Editors of *Policy and Society* invite proposals that explore these issues in the context of the broader policy debates surrounding the regulation of risk. How is public risk best managed and how do governments manage the conflicting objectives of regulatory oversight without creating undue regulatory burdens and compliance costs? What patterns are emerging in terms of best practice in the regulation of public risk? Is there policy convergence in the management of public risks between sectors and or between countries? And what lessons are to be learned from recent and on-going efforts to regulate public risks? Proposals that explore these or related issues are welcomed. Proposals should be approximately 3-4 pages in length and include the following information:

1. The name and contact information of the proposer
2. A statement concerning the special issue theme "Regulating Public Risk" and the thematic approach and issues intended to be explored
3. A list of the proposed articles and abstracts
4. A list of the names of potential or confirmed contributors
5. A proposed time-line for manuscript preparation, submission and peer review.

Proposals should be forwarded to the editors at

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Issues normally consist of an introductory review article (approximately 6 - 8,000 words) and 5 - 7 articles (approximately 6,000 - 8,000 words). Each issue is normally overseen by a special guest editor (usually the proposer).

### **Conference Alerts**

**The Religious–Secular Divide: The US Case**

**5 to 6 March 2009**

**The New School, New York, NY**

The conference will explore the tension between religion and secularity in the US, which is long-standing, widespread, and increasingly intense.

Speakers Include:

Noah Feldman, George Kateb, Richard J. Bernstein, and José Casanova on religious, political, philosophical origins of the secular

David Martin, Peter van der Veer, William E. Connolly, and Daniel C. Dennett on religious selves and secular selves

Keynote Address by CHARLES TAYLOR on the polysemy of the secular

John T. Noonan, Jr., Winnifred Sullivan, James A. Morone, and Stephen L. Carter\* on religion, politics, and the democratic state

David L. Chappell, Susan F. Harding, Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad, and James Davison Hunter on moral crusades then and now

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**Feminist Critical Analysis: Feminist Border Crossings Between Post-State Socialist & Postcolonial Studies**

INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTER  
DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

May , 18th - 22rd 2009

Call for Applications

The Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers (The State University of New Jersey), the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, University of Belgrade, and the Department of Gender Studies, Central European University (Budapest) are pleased to announce the 10th annual postgraduate course in

Feminist Critical Analysis entitled, *Feminist Border Crossings Between Post-state Socialist and Postcolonial Studies*. The course will be held at the Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik ([www.hr/iuc/](http://www.hr/iuc/)) on May 18th - 22nd, 2009. The course will be co-directed by Dasa Duhacek of the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, University of Belgrade, Ethel Brooks of the Women's and Gender Studies Department, Rutgers University, and Allaine Cerwonka of the Gender Studies Department, Central European University.

## TOPIC

Postcolonial theory and post-state socialist studies are each rich intellectual fields. Postcolonial theory tends to be focused on relations between former European colonies (the so-called third world) and the "West." It offers a rich interdisciplinary analysis not only of historical global relations (at local and transnational levels), but also provides tools for understanding contemporary economic, political and cultural forms. Scholarly research on post-state socialism is also highly interdisciplinary and includes empirical and theoretical concepts for understanding the transformations occurring in former "communist" nation-states in a global context. Regrettably, however, these fields are rarely brought in critical dialogue with each other.

This course will attempt to think across these two scholarly fields. In this effort, we will explore the extent to which postcolonial theory is a useful tool for understanding the hierarchical relationship between the Soviet Union and less powerful nations in the Soviet bloc; for understanding relations of domination between minorities such as Roma people and dominant groups during and since state socialism; as well as consider how postcolonial theory lends insight into other power relations more directly related to questions of gender. Equally importantly, we will consider how the realities and theoretical insights from (post)state-socialist studies casts new shadows on postcolonial theory. For instance, how does the liminal status of many post-state socialist countries and their citizens challenge the unexamined binary of power relations (found for instance in the formulation of the "Global North and Global South") created by postcolonial studies? How does the liminality of post-state socialist workers in the global economy get configured in post-colonial spaces like London? In such spaces, East European workers, on one hand, are used to further mark the otherness of Muslims and people of color; and yet, on the other hand, are constructed as Other by the dominant culture who use similar orientalizing and gender discourses that are used for migrants from former colonies. Using these considerations as a springboard, we will think these theoretical academic fields through each other with a particular sensitivity to how gender operates as an important analytic for both areas of knowledge

production. Participants in the seminar must have an interest in gender research and undertake research that relates to either postcolonial theory or post-state socialist studies. We invite applications from people who feel that their own gendered research could be enriched by considering these three research fields (feminist analysis, postcolonial theory, and post-state socialist studies) in relation to one another.

The course is built upon the assumption that intellectual dialogue among a diverse body of scholars from different geographical locations will result in a better understanding of the ways in which our particular locations are influencing our own theoretical and political choices. The number of participants is limited to 25-30 students from different countries. The participating faculty are drawn from several different universities from around the world. Daily seminars take place in two 3-4 hours sessions a day. All meetings are conducted in English.

#### ELIGIBILITY

IUC courses are conducted at a postgraduate level. All postgraduate students interested in the topic may apply for participation. Participants should seek funds from their own institutions to cover travel and accommodation costs. Limited financial support is available for participants from Central and Eastern Europe.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A short narrative explaining your interest in the topic and your C.V. with your current contact information should be submitted by e-mail by January 3, 2009. Submissions will be reviewed by the Feminist Critical Analysis Selection Committee. Acceptances to the seminar will be distributed via email by early February 2009.

Please submit applications to Judit Zotter [zotterj@ceu.hu](mailto:zotterj@ceu.hu) with Dubrovnik 2009 in the subject heading.

**The 36th Conference on Value Inquiry “Values in an Age of Multiculturalism”**



## **Democracy and the deliberative society**

**University of York, York, UK**

**24 - 26 June 2009**

'Deliberative democracy' has become a dominant, if contested, paradigm in democratic thought. Political philosophers have investigated the conceptual shape and normative desirability of deliberation, rationality, procedural fairness. Empirical political scientists have explored the forms and availability of deliberation in relation to international negotiations, mediation processes, regional and national legislative processes, and various experimental settings. Among practitioners, the idea of deliberative democracy inspired a surge of experimentation with techniques of public participation in policy making, including citizens' juries, participatory budgeting, electronic town halls, and many other models in environmental, development, health, and planning decisions around the world. Indeed, much empirical work on deliberative democracy has tended to focus on these micro processes, or 'minipublics', and to overlook the larger, macro issues which originally inspired the deliberative democracy project. More generally, political enthusiasm for mechanisms such as citizens' juries has arguably not kept pace with developing conceptual, normative and empirical research.

This conference aims to move forward the research agenda in this area, bringing together different approaches and identifying a set of linked problems and issues for deliberative democracy. [1] Developments in normative theory, empirical work, and practical experiment have tended to work in parallel, with the logic of specialisation tending to minimise incentives to communicate across disciplinary and subfield boundaries. The first aim of the conference is to encourage reflection on the relationship between these different aspects of the deliberative paradigm. What are the distinctive problems of each approach and institutional translation? [2] The different research traditions raise questions about the appropriate level of analysis in considering deliberative democracy. To what extent is deliberative capacity a property only of small groups or of larger social units or structures? Is it the case that micro processes, on their own, are best used to address relatively micro problems, problems that can be fairly easily defined, with a known and containable number of stakeholders? This seems to be the direction in which deliberative practice is heading, with the focus on limited problem-solving. Is this focus justifiable or does it arbitrarily delimit or even undermine the claims made on behalf of deliberation, that it can address problems of mass political disengagement, social exclusion, the formation of political enclaves and the power of small elites? To what extent are genuinely deliberative processes conceivable or desirable on larger scales, such as the national or supra-national level? [3] How we identify and evaluate the deliberative qualities of groups and structures is related to the analytical framework adopted for study. Social choice theory, more institutional orientations, and

approaches grounded in psychology offer different accounts of the character and dynamics of deliberation. These different theoretical approaches in turn suggest different methodologies for investigating deliberation and to some extent different subject matter for inquiry. The third conference objective is to advance debate among these frameworks.

**Confirmed speakers include:**

- Professor James Bohman (Saint Louis)
- Professor Simone Chambers (Toronto)
- Professor Thomas Christiano (Arizona)
- Professor John Dryzek (Australian National University)
- Dr Florence Haegel (Sciences Po)
- Professor Maarten Hajer (Amsterdam)
- Professor Christian List (London School of Economics)
- Professor Jane Mansbridge (Harvard)
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- Dr Aletta Norval (Essex)
- Professor Ioannis Papadopoulos (Lausanne)
- Professor Graham Smith (Southampton)
- Professor Mark Warren (University of British Columbia)

**The Conference is supported by the [British Academy](#) and by the [University of York](#).**

**Further information**

Online registration will be available on the conference website shortly. Meanwhile, for further details, please contact:

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**Changing Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships in Learning and Teaching: The Future of Social Sciences in the University**

*C-SAP 6TH Annual Conference*

*Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 November 2009*

*Jurys Inn Hotel, Broad Street, Birmingham*

The conference brings together people engaging in learning, teaching and assessment in the social sciences and those wanting to enhance the staff and student experience within higher education today.

The central theme of the conference is the recognition that the provision of higher education, and the institutions through which it takes place, as well as the students it serves, are changing rapidly, offering new demands and opportunities for us all. Social scientists are, perhaps, uniquely well placed to research, understand and respond to these changing roles, relationships and responsibilities. At this conference we will examine:

1. The roles of students, the University, of academics, and social scientists in particular in the present era.
2. The rights and responsibilities of teachers, students, Higher Education Institutions and the sector as a whole.
3. The relationships that create learning communities within the sector and determine the engagements of social scientists with both wider politics and our publics.

We welcome papers that address the following themes:

### **Roles**

- The changing role of the academic - how we can manage the role of the traditional researcher with the new opportunities and challenges of teaching in HE today:
- The development of new roles to shape teaching – are social science academics really changing or are our perceptions just shifting?
- The roles social scientists play in Universities - Are we limiting the academics of the future with a model of the past?

- How do we reflect on and respond to recent innovations in learning and teaching?

### **Rights & Responsibilities**

- What are the responsibilities of the student and teacher to each other?
- What responsibilities do students and teachers have in encouraging good learning practice?
- How should social scientists use their critical voice in debates around the changes taking place in HE?
- Do HEI's have a responsibility for developing the critical thinkers of the future?

### **Relationships**

- How do social science academics respond to government and public agendas around HE?
- What are the relationships between the HE sector and the world beyond?
- How do social science teachers respond to the 'personalization of the student experience' agenda?
- What does personalization mean for the student-staff relationship?
- How do we balance the growing recognition of the need for research on student learning and our own teaching with other discipline based research activities?
- How do we create learning communities across the range of students that learn in modern universities?

### **Audience**

The conference welcomes participation from academic and academic

related colleagues in further and higher education, both nationally and internationally. We especially encourage social science students to consider presenting and attending this conference. We are particularly keen to encourage staff to use the conference as an opportunity to disseminate developments in their learning, teaching and assessment practice in the social sciences, and to share and discuss ideas, evidence and learning about pedagogy.

### **Keynote speakers and featured presentations**

We are delighted to announce that Professor Kevin Bonnett, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Student Experience at Manchester Metropolitan University, will offer one of the keynote presentations.

### **Contact Us**

Further information will be available soon through the C-SAP website.

To register an interest in this conference at this stage, please email

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