



SOCIAL SCIENCE...
THE WIDER PICTURE

Programme of events

The ESRC Festival
of Social Science

9–18 March 2007

A week long celebration
of the social sciences



FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE 2007

FOREWORD



Social science is not just academic, it's something that all of us can use. It helps us to make sense of the changing world around us and the challenges we're facing, for instance the implications of climate change, or stem cell research; or social issues such as crime, identity, the family and ageing.

Social science also impacts on the world of business and the economy with research into innovation, productivity and work life balance helping to steer our direction in these fields. Education also receives a considerable contribution from the social sciences.

I am delighted therefore to support the Economic and Social Research Council's Festival of Social Science, which brings together some of the UK's top Social Scientists to give social science a voice and raise its profile.

The events, being staged around the country, will give vital insights into the 'why' surrounding issues at the forefront of life in today's global society. The variety of debates, drama, exhibitions, seminars and workshops is such that there are events to engage people from all walks of life, from those studying for A-Levels, leading business or designing policy for the 21st Century.

This Festival provides an excellent illustration of how social science really is making a difference.



Malcolm Wicks MP
Minister of State for Science and Innovation

WELCOME

Welcome to the Festival of Social Science 2007. This celebration of the social sciences is an exciting opportunity to show everyone what the UK's social scientists are doing and how their work makes a difference to all our lives.

The Festival, which runs from Friday 9 March to Sunday 18 March, is organised by the Economic and Social Research Council as part of the National Science and Engineering Week. It's our aim that everyone – from politicians to schoolchildren – can take part in and hear about social science research at one or other of the Festival's very varied events.

More than 25 UK towns and cities, from Aberdeen to Hove and Cardiff to Belfast, are hosting events during the Festival. These events range from conferences to workshops and debates, exhibitions, film screenings, plays, policy briefings and much more.

Whether it's schoolchildren tramping through the Peak District on a 'Moorland Walk' or Members of the Scottish Parliament getting to grips with genomics, this Festival has something to capture everyone's interest.

Come and experience one of the Festival's 70 or so individual events. We believe we can surprise you with just how big a part social science plays in our lives.

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FRIDAY 9 MARCH

12.30pm – 2.00pm **KEY: 4**

Launch of the ESRC Festival of Social Science 2007

Venue: The Bishop Partridge Hall, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London

This reception will launch the Festival and see the publication of *Britain Today*, a new ESRC magazine celebrating the diversity of ESRC funded research around the theme of Britain in 2007. *Britain Today* will be available in WH Smith and is an entertaining, useful, accessible, challenging and informative magazine. Malcolm Wicks MP, Minister of State for Science and Innovation will launch the Festival along with Professor Ian Diamond, Chief Executive of the ESRC. By invitation only.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 8542 7622

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Website: www.esrcfestival.ac.uk

Organised by: ESRC

KEY: 1

For schools and/or college students

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10.00am – 1.00pm **KEY: 3**

Tilapia: a barn full of fish?

Venue: Perth Agricultural Centre, Huntingtower, Perth

The tilapia is a hardy, adaptable, warm water fish with considerable potential for solving the protein problems of developing countries while satisfying the increasing demand for fish in the developed world. This event, which includes fish tasting, will demonstrate the tilapia production system, market considerations and health implications, and highlight its potential for farm diversification.

Further information:

Telephone: 01786 467388

Email: kg10@stir.ac.uk

Website: www.aquaculture.stir.ac.uk/Systems/tilapiaProject.htm

Organised by: Rural Economy and Land Use Programme

10.30am – 4.30pm **KEY: 3**

Cooking numbers and eating words: using data to investigate food, lifestyle and health

Venue: Leeds Town Hall, The Headrow, Leeds

This day aims both to present evidence and foster debate on the key social policy issues surrounding the current debates on food, lifestyle and health. The focus of the day is to learn more about how empirically-derived data sources can provide evidence on aspects of this topical policy and media issue.

Further information:

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Website: www.esds.ac.uk/news/ESDSforthevents.asp

Organised by: The Economic and Social Data Service



12.30pm – 3.15pm **KEY: 1**

Youth – a waste of space? Is the media's portrayal of UK youth accurate?

Venue: Scotland's National Stadium, Hampden Park, Glasgow

This is one of three A-level debates on the subject of 'UK Youth Today' held in three different regions in the UK during the ESRC Festival of Social Science 2007. These events offer students the chance to express their opinions and explore the perspectives of panel members including community leaders, academics and other young people. Lunch at 12.30pm and the debate at 1.30pm.

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6.00pm – 8.00pm **KEY: 2**

The environment would be fine, if only scientists were in charge

Venue: The Royal Academy of Engineering, 29 Great St Peter Street, London

High profile speakers from policy, research and the media will debate this major topic as part of the UK Rural Economy and Land Use Debates under the theme of *Power and Responsibility – Who Decides: You Decide*. The debates will be of interest to a general audience, policymakers, and A-level and university students. Drinks reception after the debate.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 8542 7622

Email: esrc@vistaevents.co.uk

Website: www.relu.ac.uk

Organised by: Rural Economy and Land Use Programme

6.30pm – 10.00pm **KEY: 2**

The art of remembering: photography, art and anthropology in Ghana

Venue: The October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London

A unique evening of film screenings, art and anthropology. After the main screening of the documentary *Future Remembrance: Photography and Image Arts in Ghana*, visitors can explore the gallery's current exhibition of work by three leading artists from West Africa, watch short films about Ghana by anthropology students or simply relax with a free glass of wine!

The event will also launch www.anthropologistabouttown.blogspot.com, a guide to accessible anthropologically flavoured events around the country. Places are limited so please book.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 7387 0455

Email: education@therai.org.uk

Website: www.therai.org.uk/education

Organised by: Royal Anthropological Institute



MONDAY 12 MARCH

From 9.00am

KEY: 3

A virtual preview of *Wellbeing in Developing Countries: From Theory to Research*

Venue: Online activity:
www.welldev.org.uk/wedbook



This is a website preview of the ESRC Research Group on Wellbeing in Developing Countries (WeD) book: *Wellbeing in Developing Countries: From Theory to Research*, edited by Ian Gough and J Allister McGregor, to be published by Cambridge University Press in April 2007. The website preview will include summaries of chapters and comments by previewers.

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Website: www.welldev.org.uk

Organised by: Wellbeing in Developing Countries Research Group

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Engaging with practice: doing strategy as practice research

Venue: Room G6-8, Main Building, Aston Business School, Aston University, Birmingham

This workshop aims at capacity building in doctoral and early career researchers, who are interested and/or already engaged in doing research within the practice turn in strategic management. The workshop will be held in an interactive manner; with doctoral presentations to the whole group in the morning and smaller presentations at round table sessions in the afternoon.

Further information:

Telephone: 0870 734 3000

Email: aimevents@london.edu

Website: www.aimresearch.org

Organised by: Advanced Institute of Management Research

10.00am – 2.00pm

KEY: 1

Surveying the social world: how social surveys can help us understand everyday life

Venue: Council Chamber and Canada Room, Queen's University, Belfast

This seminar will explore the ways in which social surveys can aid our understanding of our social world. It will examine how researchers can take advantage of the numerous social surveys that are already carried out in the UK and why these social surveys are of interest and importance.

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Organised by: Question Bank, University of Surrey



10.00am – 4.00pm **KEY: 3**

1987-2007: Brundtland and beyond?

**Venue: Main Building Council
Chamber, Cardiff University,
Cardiff**

This event marks 20 years since the groundbreaking Brundtland Report by assessing progress and learning along the path to a more sustainable society. The day will create engagement and discussion among members of the public, policymakers, academics, local government and others to explore perceptions and progress concerning the sustainable development agenda.

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Website: www.brass.cf.ac.uk

**Organised by: Centre for Business
Relationships, Accountability,
Sustainability and Society**



10.30am – 4.00pm **KEY: 4**

Using the Internet for social welfare

**Venue: Wolfson Suite,
Edinburgh University Library,
Edinburgh**

This is a hands-on seminar for social work and social care researchers, lecturers and practitioners who are interested in using the Internet to enhance their research and teaching. Participants will receive an overview of the Web for research and an introduction to some of the key Internet resources in this subject area.

Further information:

Telephone: 0117 938 7117

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Website:

**[www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/
events.html](http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/events.html)**

Organised by: Intute: Social Sciences

12.00pm – 8.00pm **KEY: 2**

Art in the dock, science in the stocks

**Venue: Gallery Terracina, Piazza
Terracina, Haven Banks, Exeter**

This one day public symposium brings together artists and scientists from the South West to share practice and critique of each other's work in an engaging setting. The day will include elements of exposition, confrontation, debate and performance against a backdrop of politics, philosophy and contemporary trends.

Further information:

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Website: www.ex.ac.uk/egenis

**Organised by: Centre for Genomics
in Society**



MONDAY 12 MARCH

4.00pm – 5.15pm

KEY: 2

Upstairs @ the Royal Anthropological Institute: screening of *Adhiambo-Born in the Evening*

Venue: Meeting Room, Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy Street, London

Medical anthropology, the study of health, sickness and suffering, is a growing sub-discipline of anthropology. This film is an intimate account of a woman's life, motherhood, children and illness in rural western Kenya, as well as an insight into the nature of ethnographic fieldwork. Wenzel Geissler and Ruth Prince will talk about the making and use of the film. Places are limited so please book.

Further information:

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Website: www.therai.org.uk/education

Organised by: Royal Anthropological Institute

4.30pm – 6.30pm

KEY: 2

After Blair: tax, spend and the shape of the State

Venue: The Jeffrey Hall, Institute of Education, London

How much should we spend on our public services? And what are we prepared to pay for through taxes?

Robert Chote, Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, will set out forthcoming Budget challenges facing the Chancellor; followed by a panel debate with speakers from the Institute for Public Policy Research, Policy Exchange and CentreForum.

Further information:

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Email: bonnie_b@ifs.org.uk

Website: www.ifs.org.uk

Organised by: Institute for Fiscal Studies



5.00pm – 7.00pm

KEY: 3

What is scientific about social science?

Venue: Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London

The Academy of Social Sciences' Annual Debate will explore how challenges facing 21st Century societies demand innovative theory and research from natural and social sciences. Speakers including Professor Richard Jones FRS and Professor Social Whatmore AcSS will address the importance of scientific thinking for policymaking. Tea served at 4.30pm and debate followed by wine and canapés.

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Organised by: Academy of Social Sciences

5.30pm – 8.00pm

KEY: 2

/Salon 03: Social/ Science

Venue: ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

ESRC Genomics Forum Artist in Residence and host, Alistair Gentry, will lead his guests and the audience in a discussion about how scientific ideas make their way into the public realm via the arts and media. He will also consider how ideas can be transformed both negatively and creatively.

Further information:

Telephone: 0131 651 4747

Email: genomics.forum@ed.ac.uk

Website: www.genomicsforum.ac.uk

Organised by: Genomics Forum

6.00pm – 8.00pm

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Consumers cannot be left to themselves to decide what to eat

Venue: The Royal Academy of Engineering, 29 Great St Peter Street, London

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6.00pm – 8.00pm

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Perspectives of globalisation

Venue: Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London

This evening event will discuss aspects of globalisation as an input to the Tomorrow Project's study for the ESRC on the future of globalisation. This study will be published in November 2007. The event is organised by the Tomorrow Project for members of its own and other networks.

Further information:

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Website: www.tomorrowproject.net

Organised by: The Tomorrow Project

6.30pm – 8.30pm

KEY: 2

Transport swap – Aberdeen

Venue: The Belmont Picturehouse, Belmont Street, Aberdeen

Prior to this event, local employers will be asked to change the way they travel to work – those who usually drive will travel by bus, for example – and then create a video diary of their experience. In this evening debate, participants, local councillors and bus operators will explore the results.

Further information:

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Website: www.rgu.ac.uk

Organised by: The UK Energy Research Centre



TUESDAY 13 MARCH

TBC

KEY: 1

What do young people know anyway? Learning to be critical of the media's views on the young

Venue: TBC, London

In a society saturated with information, it's vital for young people to be critical of information in the media that is relevant to their lives. This workshop will provide a group of young people with the opportunity to identify, locate and evaluate information on an issue of importance to them.

Further information:

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Email: a.hempel-jorgensen@ioe.ac.uk

Website: www.eppi.ioe.ac.uk/cms

Organised by: The EPPI-centre, Social Sciences Research Unit

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For professionals as part of their work

9.30am – 1.30pm

KEY: 3

Diversity and participation in volunteering

Venue: Research Beehive, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne

An interactive workshop to examine how volunteering can help to combat discrimination, social exclusion and isolation faced by many older and disabled individuals. Speakers from Age Concern England, the Disability Rights Commission and small community groups will share experience and participants will work together to explore challenges, lessons learned and new ideas.

Further information:

Telephone: 0191 222 5031

Email: susan.baines@ncl.ac.uk

Website:

www.ncl.ac.uk/ipp/events/index.htm

Organised by: Institute for Policy and Practice, Newcastle University

9.30am – 4.00pm

KEY: 4

Assistive technologies for social care

Venue: I Lab, University of Essex, Essex

This forum will provide local authorities, academics and policymakers with an opportunity to share news and views from projects and research aimed at the application of technology to care management.

Further information:

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Email: j.mcwilliams@open.ac.uk

Website: www.i10.org.uk

Organised by: i10



10.00am – 3.30pm **KEY: 3**

Does local food drive development locally and overseas?

Venue: Welsh Assembly Government Buildings, St Asaph Business Park, St Asaph

This symposium will consider if, and how, provision of local food can enhance social and economic development. Presenters will discuss the benefits to the regional economy of sourcing local food, the practicalities of establishing local food supply chains, and the trade-offs local food presents between local and international development.

Further information:

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Email: g.ejones@bangor.ac.uk

Website: www.bangor.ac.uk/relu

Organised by: University of Wales Bangor

10.00am – 3.30pm **KEY: 1**

Discover economics in the laboratory

Venue: ESRC Centre for Economic Learning and Social Evolution, UCL, Gordon Street, London

Aimed at schoolchildren, the morning session of this all day event will comprise actual experiments in the laboratory for experimental economics of the ESRC Centre for Economic Learning and Social

Evolution. The afternoon session will comprise presentations by researchers on further aspects of their work.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 8852 3457

Email: g.bowness@ucl.ac.uk

Website: www.else.econ.ucl.ac.uk/newweb/index.php

Organised by: Centre for Economic Learning and Social Evolution



10.15am – 4.00pm **KEY: 4**

Evidence for excellence: bringing research communities closer together

Venue: University of Bath in Swindon, Walcot, Swindon

This conference brings together local authorities, academics and Research Councils to showcase excellent research, debate common issues and promote future collaborations. Emphasis will be on a) meeting a local government need for information and debate on research issues, focusing on public services, and b) facilitating links between local authorities and the Research Councils.

Further information:

Telephone: 01793 413121

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Website: www.larci.org.uk

Organised by: The Local Authority Research Council Initiative and Swindon Borough Council, with the New Local Government Network

12.00pm – 2.00pm **KEY: 3**

Means testing retirement benefits – is there an ideal taper rate?

Venue: National Institute of Economic and Social Research, 2 Dean Trench Street, London

In terms of the future of UK pensions, public consensus appears to be coalescing around the Pensions Commission's recommendations for freezing means testing at levels applicable under the Pension Credit. This seminar presents the findings of sophisticated modelling techniques, which have strong implications for current policy reform, and the welfare of individuals in work and retirement.

Further information:

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Website: www.niesr.ac.uk

Organised by: National Institute of Economic and Social Research

TUESDAY 13 MARCH



12.00pm – 4.00pm **KEY: 3**

Researching employment and workplace issues: Department of Trade and Industry postgraduate data workshop

Venue: Department of Trade and Industry Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London

This event will provide an introduction to the wide range of periodic employer and employee surveys conducted by the Employment Market Analysis and Research Branch of the DTI. It will also launch a new series of scholarships aimed at postgraduate students using DTI employment datasets as a core element in their research proposals.

Further information:

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Email: barbara.kersley@dti.gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.dti.gov.uk/employment/research-evaluation/emar-events/index.html

Organised by: Department of Trade and Industry

12.30pm – 3.15pm **KEY: 1**

Youth – a waste of space? Is the media's portrayal of UK youth accurate?

Venue: Newcastle United Football Club, St James' Park, Newcastle upon Tyne

This is one of three A-level debates on the subject of 'UK Youth Today' held in three different regions in the UK during the ESRC Festival of Social Science 2007. These events offer students the chance to express their opinions and explore the perspectives of panel members including community leaders, academics and other young people. Lunch at 12.30pm and the debate at 1.30pm.

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Email: esrc@vistaevents.co.uk

Website: www.esrcfestival.ac.uk

Organised by: ESRC

2.00pm – 4.00pm **KEY: 2**

Assessing the costs and benefits of regulation

Venue: Theatre U8, Tower 1, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London

Public debates about regulation increasingly focus on red tape and burdens. Yet we also hear widespread calls for protection from risks, and for increased fairness and accountability in corporate and public life. The panel will explain and debate the costs, benefits and nature of regulation in contemporary society.

Further information:

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Email: risk@lse.ac.uk

Website:

www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CARR

Organised by: Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation

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4.00pm – 5.00pm

KEY: 2

Upstairs @ the Royal Anthropological Institute: screening of Trobriand cricket – an ingenious response to colonialism

Venue: Meeting Room, Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy Street, London

Calling all cricket fans! This multi-award winning film documents the transformation by Trobriand Islanders (Papua New Guinea) of the game of cricket first introduced by British Missionaries into a political ritual. By turns fascinating, playful and thought-provoking, this film explores the sometimes surprising interconnections between sport and politics. A discussion will follow the film. Places are limited so please book.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 7387 0455

Email: education@therai.org.uk

Website: www.therai.org.uk/education

Organised by: Royal Anthropological Institute



5.00pm – 7.00pm

KEY: 3

The challenges of Industry-University collaboration in a globalising economy

Venue: Fairbairn Room, London Business School, London

Drawing on research conducted as part of the Advanced Institute of Management Research programme and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council funded Innovation and Productivity Grand Challenges, as well as practical experience from the Research Councils and the business sector; this seminar will explore the challenges of Industry-University collaboration. This event will be followed by drinks.

Further information:

Telephone: 0870 734 3000

Email: aimevents@london.edu

Website: www.aimresearch.org

Organised by: Advanced Institute of Management Research

6.00pm – 8.00pm

KEY: 2

Climate change and energy security – what role for the citizen?

Venue: Brighton Library, Brighton

What is the role of the citizen and the consumer in addressing climate change? What are the conflicts between energy security and sustainability? What's the role of technology? What should politicians be doing? These questions will be addressed in a *Question Time*-style debate chaired by Faisal Islam from *Channel 4 News*.

Further information:

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www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/

Organised by: University of Sussex Energy Group

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH

TBC

KEY: 1

What do psychological scientists do?

Venue: Stopford Lecture Theatre 2, University of Manchester

What do scientists working in the psychological sciences do? Most people do not know about the breadth of research and work carried out in this area. Our event asks researchers from the School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester to present aspects of their working life to children aged 14+.

Further information:

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Organised by: School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester

9.30am – 1.00pm

KEY: 3

Tilapia: a barn full of fish?

Venue: Stirling Auction Mart, Kildean, Stirling

The tilapia is a hardy, adaptable, warm water fish with considerable potential both for solving the protein problems of developing countries while satisfying the increasing demand for fish in the developed world. This event, which includes fish tasting, will demonstrate the tilapia production system, market considerations and health implications, and highlight its potential for farm diversification.

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Telephone: 01786 467388

Email: kg10@stir.ac.uk

Website: www.aquaculture.stir.ac.uk/Systems/tilapiaProject.htm

Organised by: Rural Economy and Land Use Programme

10.30am – 5.00pm

KEY: 4

Low wage work in Europe

Venue: Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Cardiff

The US-based Russell Sage Foundation has financed five European studies on the future of low wage work. This event will present and compare results from research on the UK, Denmark, France, Germany and the Netherlands. During the day speakers from all five countries will discuss their findings.

Further information:

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Organised by: Centre on Skills, Knowledge and Performance

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11.00am – 1.00pm

KEY: 1

Who do you think you are? A workshop on identity

Venue: The Poly, 24 Church Street, Falmouth

Questions of identity are particularly relevant to teenagers who are redefining their identity as adults. This workshop, in considering questions of background, heredity, race, class, preferences, choices and personality, will give pupils a springboard to consider issues of conformity and individuality and where they place themselves in our complex society.

Further information:

Telephone: 01392 269138

Email: g.russell@ex.ac.uk

Website: www.ex.ac.uk/egenis

Organised by: Centre for Genomics in Society



11.15am – 5.00pm **KEY: 3**

Global citizenship education: sharing perspectives

Venue: Centre for the Study of Education in an International Context, University of Bath, Bath

The objective of this workshop is to stimulate debate and discussion about global citizenship education practice. It aims to bring together those linked to international education initiatives (International schools/the International Baccalaureate) with those more rooted in development education (Non-governmental organisation work/Department for International Development-funded projects). Key individuals from both fields will contribute.

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Email: h.marshall@bath.ac.uk

Website: www.bath.ac.uk/ceic

Organised by: Centre for the Study of Education in an International Context

12.00pm – 2.00pm **KEY: 3**

Annuities and uncertain life expectancy

Venue: Prudential Offices, High Holborn, London

This seminar will look at the financial implications of aggregate mortality risk. The research on which it is based has examined how much people are prepared to pay for retirement products which protect them from the fact that the life expectancy of their cohort is uncertain.

Further information:

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Email: k.kellawan@niesr.ac.uk

Website: www.niesr.ac.uk

Organised by: National Institute of Economic and Social Research

this is one of several Kim Longinotto films held in the RAI film collection and library. A discussion will follow the film. Places are limited so please book.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 7387 0455

Email: education@therai.org.uk

Website: www.therai.org.uk/education

Organised by: Royal Anthropological Institute

4.00pm – 6.00pm **KEY: 2**

Evolution and the social sciences

Venue: University of Bath, Bath

A debate between eminent social scientists on whether evolutionary thinking, specifically Darwinism, has anything to offer the study of society, followed by open discussion. Reading materials, providing background on the main strands of current thinking, will be available before the debate. Refreshments will follow the debate.

Further information:

Telephone: 01225 386738

Email: i.r.gough@bath.ac.uk

Website: www.acss.org.uk

Organised by: Academy of Social Sciences

4.00pm – 6.00pm **KEY: 2**

Upstairs @ the Royal Anthropological Institute: screening of *Sisters in Law*

Venue: Meeting Room, Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy Street, London

To mark International Women's Day (8 March), the RAI brings you another chance to see the critically acclaimed *'Sisters in Law'*, recently screened as part of More4's True Stories series. A warm, involving portrayal of the work of two female lawyers in Cameroon,



WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH

5.00pm – 6.30pm

KEY: 4

Launch of *Jigsaw Cities*

Venue: CASE Room R505,
Lionel Robbins Building,
London School of Economics,
Houghton Street, London

This seminar will launch a new book covering major issues in urban and housing policy, *Jigsaw Cities*, by Anne Power and John Houghton. Anne Power, Deputy Director of the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, will present the main findings, with responses from well-known speakers and general discussion, followed by an informal reception.

Further information:

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Email: l.lane@lse.ac.uk

Website: www.sticerd.lse.ac.uk/case

Organised by: Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion

5.30pm – 7.30pm

KEY: 4

Genomics and social science: a briefing for Members of the Scottish Parliament

Venue: ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

This evening reception will brief Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and senior members of the Scottish Executive on the key emerging social and economic considerations relating to genomic science and

technologies. There will be short presentations, Q&A/discussion sessions and the opportunity to network. Printed materials will be distributed.

Further information:

Telephone: 0131 651 4747

Email: genomics.forum@ed.ac.uk

Website: www.genomicsforum.ac.uk

Organised by: Genomics Forum

6.00pm – 7.30pm

KEY: 2

Who's creating knowledge?

Venue: Queen's University, University Road, Belfast

Is 'the university' the primary site for the creation and authorising of knowledge? In practice large numbers of non-academic researchers are engaged in the production and establishment of knowledge outside university walls. But do such researchers challenge the monopoly of the university over the production and validation of knowledge? Speakers include Dorothy Noyes of Ohio State University.

Further information:

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Email: u.reid@qub.ac.uk

Website: www.qub.ac.uk and

www.britac.ac.uk

Organised by: The British Academy and Queen's University, Belfast

6.00pm – 8.00pm

KEY: 2

Farmers should be responsible for controlling livestock diseases

Venue: The Royal Academy of Engineering, 29 Great Peter Street, London

High profile speakers from policy, research and the media will debate this major topic as part of the UK Rural Economy and Land Use Debates under the theme of *Power and Responsibility – Who Decides: You Decide*. The debates will be of interest to a general audience, policymakers, and A-level and university students. Drinks reception after the debate.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 8542 7622

Email: esrc@vistaevents.co.uk

Website: www.relu.ac.uk

Organised by: Rural Economy and Land Use Programme



6.00pm – 8.00pm

KEY: 4

Mental health and public policy

Venue: The Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh

Mental illness affects one in six people in the UK. Only one quarter of those affected receive treatment, even though evidence-based psychological therapies can cure half of those treated. This lecture will discuss the cost-effectiveness of a proposed new national policy to make these therapies available, as well as which forms of organisation are desirable.

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Website:

www.davidhumeinstitute.com

Organised by: David Hume Institute

6.00pm – 10.00pm

KEY: 2

Involving stakeholders in the management of food chain risks

Venue: Institute of Food Research, Norwich Research Park, Colney, Norwich

This event comprises a series of workshops to investigate the best ways to involve people in decision-making regarding food risks and to help improve the way that food risks are considered and communicated. The workshops will concentrate on a particular scenario based on food poisoning and the consumption of chicken.

Further information:

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Email: clare.bayley@mbs.ac.uk

Website: www.relu-risk.org.uk

Organised by: Institute of Food Research and Relu-Risk

7.00pm – 9.00pm

KEY: 2

Is human culture special?

Venue: Cottrell Building, University of Stirling, Stirling



Come and participate in a demonstration of human social learning! Some fun group tasks will be used to illustrate what is different and unique about how humans learn from one another; compared with other animals. We will discuss cultural behaviour in monkeys and apes, and highlight contrasts with human culture.

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Website: www.external.stir.ac.uk

Organised by: University of Stirling

KEY: 1

For schools and/or college students

KEY: 2

Suitable for a general audience

KEY: 3

For people with a specific interest and some knowledge of the topic

KEY: 4

For professionals as part of their work

THURSDAY 15 MARCH

TBC

KEY: 1

Ready or not? Using drama to explore issues in transferring from primary to secondary school

Venue: University of Wales Institute, Cardiff

The Cardiff-based theatre company Theatr Iolo will present *Ready or Not?* a drama voicing hopes and fears about transition from primary to secondary school, followed by breakout sessions and interactive discussions with speakers Professor Martin Hughes, Bristol University, and Dr Steve Killick, author of *Emotional Literacy at the Heart of the School Ethos*.

Further information:

Telephone: 0117 928 7038

Email: wan.yee@bristol.ac.uk

Website: www.bris.ac.uk/education and www.theatriolo.com

Organised by: Bristol University Graduate School of Education and Theatr Iolo

8.45am – 10.30am

KEY: 3

Managing complex commuting and working patterns in the 21st Century: the case of Nottingham

Venue: 308 Bass Management Centre, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham

This seminar will disseminate emerging findings from a study of changing commuting and working patterns in Greater Nottingham, and stimulate debate between policymakers and the business community. Important findings

on work-time, labour flexibility, the continuing dependency on motor vehicles for commuting, proposed car park levy and sustainability issues will be presented.

Further information:

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Email: daniel.wheatley@ntu.ac.uk

Website: www.ntu.ac.uk

Organised by: Nottingham Trent University

2.00pm – 4.00pm

KEY: 2

Unfair and unjust? Discrimination, bullying and harassment in British workplaces

Venue: Department of Trade and Industry Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London

This event will launch the main report of the Fair Treatment at Work Survey 2005, Britain's first large-scale survey of unfair treatment, perceived discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment in the workplace. Professor Ralph Fevre will present some of his research on bullying and discrimination in the workplace drawing on DTI data.

Further information:

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Email: heidi.grainger@dti-gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.dti.gov.uk/employment/research-evaluation/index.html

Organised by: Department of Trade and Industry

2.00pm – 4.30pm

KEY: 2

Social and clinical implications of stem cell research: what's possible, what's likely

Venue: National Centre for Early Music, St Margaret's Church, Walmgate, York

The ESRC funds a major social science initiative on stem cells that fosters both capacity building and awareness-raising. This half-day event showcases some of the results and opens up the area to broad public debate. A poster exhibition of stem cell projects accompanies the debate.

Further information:

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Email: ajw25@york.ac.uk

Website: www.york.ac.uk/res/sci

Organised by: Stem Cell Initiative

2.00pm – 5.30pm

KEY: 3

Polices for clusters, networks and regional development: what should Regional Development Agencies do?

Venue: Palmer Building, Room 1.06, University of Reading, Reading

This half-day seminar will present a portfolio of research evidence that considers current policy for the establishment and support of regional clusters and networks. The Advanced Institute of Management Research has made various policy recommendations about clusters and regional development based on academic literature and discussions with policy-makers. This seminar consolidates that

conceptual work by drawing together a portfolio of empirical evidence.

Further information:

Telephone: 0870 734 3000

Email: aimevents@london.edu

Website: www.aimresearch.org

Organised by: Advanced Institute of Management Research

4.00pm – 5.00pm

KEY: 2

Upstairs @ the Royal Anthropological Institute: screening of *Steel Lives*

Venue: Meeting Room, Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy Street, London

A common misconception about anthropology is that it is only concerned with 'far away' places and people. In fact, anthropologists work in all different kinds of places and contexts, from tribal communities to multi-national corporations. This film looks into the working lives of men who earn a living in what remains of the Sheffield steel industry. A discussion will follow the film. Places are limited so please book.

Further information:

Telephone: 0207 387 0455

Email: education@therai.org.uk

Website: www.therai.org.uk/education

Organised by: Royal Anthropological Institute

5.00pm – 7.30pm

KEY: 3

Policymakers only pay lip service to evidence: a debate

Venue: King's College London, Strand, London

Despite the Government's declared commitment to evidence informed policy, the House of Commons Science

and Technology Committee has been critical of current practice in its recent report on scientific advice, risk and evidence based policymaking. Others, too, remain sceptical about the role of research in policymaking. The motion 'Policymakers only pay lip service to evidence' will be debated.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 7848 3057

Email: trepp@kcl.ac.uk

Website: www.evidencenetwork.org

Organised by: UK Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice

5.00pm – 8.00pm

KEY: 1

Capturing social inequality

Venue: The Hartley Suite, University of Southampton, Southampton

This event features the prize-giving of a photography competition targeted at A2-level sociology students from three local colleges. The competition theme is 'Capturing social inequality'. Students are invited to submit one image each. Up to 50 entries will be exhibited at this prize-giving event.

Further information:

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Email: r.a.wiles@soton.ac.uk

Website: www.ncrm.ac.uk

Organised by: National Centre for Research Methods

5.30pm – 7.30pm

KEY: 3

Service innovation: challenges for research, practice and policy

Venue: Tanaka Business School, Imperial College London, London

As the UK economy becomes more dominated by services, innovation in services is set to become a crucial driver of UK competitiveness. This event brings together research into service innovation from a variety of perspectives: IT enabled innovation, new business models, servitisation of manufacturing and innovation in areas such as experiential services and the performing arts.

Further information:

Telephone: 0870 734 3000

Email: aimevents@london.edu

Website: www.aimresearch.org

Organised by: Advanced Institute of Management Research

6.00pm – 8.00pm

KEY: 2

Free our data?

Venue: University of Manchester, Manchester

Should social researchers have unlimited access to the data that Government collects about individual UK citizens? Would the benefits of better evidence on which to base social policy outweigh concerns about privacy? Experts from academia and government will offer their views and respond to questions from the audience. Reception at 6.00pm. Panel debate at 6.30pm.

Further information:

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Email: Gillian.Sinclair@ncess.ac.uk

Website: www.ncess.ac.uk

Organised by: ESRC National Centre for e-Social Science in association with *The Guardian*

TBC

KEY: 1

What do young people know anyway? Learning to be critical of the media's views on the young

Venue: TBC, London

In a society saturated with information, it's vital for young people to be critical of information in the media that is relevant to their lives. This workshop will provide a group of young people with the opportunity to identify, locate and evaluate information on an issue of importance to them.

Further information:

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Email: a.hempel-jorgensen@ioe.ac.uk

Website: www.eppi.ioe.ac.uk/cms

Organised by: The EPPI-centre, Social Sciences Research Unit

9.30am – 12.00pm

KEY: 1

Making humans better: now and in the future

Venue: The Conference Centre, Lancaster University, Lancaster

What are the present and future possibilities for enhancing humans, beyond medical treatments? This event aims to give a voice to the young people these innovations may well affect. The event will be led by an

experienced public educator using multimedia in a world café style and begins at 9.30am and will include lunch. A follow-up public event showcasing young people's thoughts will be advertised locally.

Further information:

Telephone: 01524 510848

Email:

makinghumansbetter@lancaster.ac.uk

Website: www.cesagen.lancs.ac.uk

Organised by: Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics

10.00am – 4.00pm

KEY: 2

Vicarious learning: learning by watching other people learn

Venue: Hove Centre, Hove Town Hall, Hove

This hands-on exhibit and poster display is a fun opportunity for visitors to experience vicarious learning. Participants can try and solve a computer-based puzzle having first viewed another's attempt. Posters will outline the basic ideas and theory and illustrate applications in fields such as health science and architecture.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 8542 7622

Email: esrc@vistaevents.co.uk

Website: www.sussex.ac.uk/informatics

Organised by: Informatics, University of Sussex

11.00am – 1.00pm

KEY: 1

What is wellbeing in developing countries?

Venue: University of Bath, Bath

This morning event comprises an exhibition and interactive event aimed at schoolchildren from local schools. It aims to explore how wellbeing is achieved in developing countries and how different cultures pursue their own wellbeing. These broad themes will be further explored in an afternoon session aimed at a general audience.

Further information:

Telephone: 01225 384511

Email: j.french@bath.ac.uk

Website: www.welldev.org.uk

Organised by: Wellbeing in Developing Countries Research Group

KEY: 1

For schools and/or college students

KEY: 2

Suitable for a general audience

KEY: 3

For people with a specific interest and some knowledge of the topic

KEY: 4

For professionals as part of their work

12.30pm – 3.15pm **KEY: 1**

Youth – a waste of space? Is the media's portrayal of UK youth accurate?

Venue: Hove Centre, Hove Town Hall, Hove

This is one of three A-level debates on the subject of 'UK Youth Today' held in three different regions in the UK during the ESRC Festival of Social Science 2007. These events offer students the chance to express their opinions and explore the perspectives of panel members including community leaders, academics and other young people. Lunch at 12.30pm and the debate at 1.30pm.

Further information:
Telephone: 020 8542 7622
Email: esrc@vistaevents.co.uk
Website: www.esrcfestival.ac.uk
Organised by: ESRC



2.00pm – 4.00pm **KEY: 2**

What is wellbeing in developing countries?

Venue: University of Bath, Bath

This public lecture will consider means of defining wellbeing in developing countries. It will bring together themes discussed in an event held earlier in the day aimed at schoolchildren from local schools. That earlier exhibition and interactive event will explore how wellbeing is achieved in developing countries and how different cultures pursue their own wellbeing.

Further information:
Telephone: 01225 384511
Email: j.french@bath.ac.uk
Website: www.welldev.org.uk
Organised by: Wellbeing in Developing Countries Research Group

4.00pm – 5.30pm **KEY: 2**

Upstairs @ the Royal Anthropological Institute: screening of *Duka's Dilemma*

Venue: Meeting Room, Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy Street, London

Did you watch the Hamar episode of the BBC2 series, *Tribe*? Here is a chance to see a film about the Hamar from a more anthropological, in-depth perspective. Filmmaker and anthropologist Jean Lydall returns to

film the Hamar community of southern Ethiopia and follow the continuing life story of Duka. Candid interviews reveal the complex family dynamics when Duka's husband, Sago, takes a second wife. A discussion will follow the film. Places are limited so please book.

Further information:
Telephone: 0207 387 0455
Email: education@therai.org.uk
Website: www.therai.org.uk/education
Organised by: Royal Anthropological Institute

5.00pm – 6.00pm **KEY: 3**

The critical period hypothesis: evidence from sign language learners

Venue: Chadwick Lecture Theatre, University College London, London

In this research seminar, Rachel Mayberry investigates critical period effects on language development and processing. Her talk will focus on factors of experience in early life and sensory-motor modality on proficiency in ASL (American Sign Language) and LSQ (Langue des Signes Québécoise).

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Website: www.dcal.ucl.ac.uk
Organised by: Deafness, Cognition and Language Research Centre

SATURDAY 17 MARCH

9.30am – 1.00pm

KEY: 1

Film training with a global edge

Venue: Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne

This is a practical documentary film-making workshop for young people. In this challenging, exciting session, educational charity WORLDwrite's documentary crew will share top tips on no to low budget broadcast quality production and help participants launch themselves on youtube.com. The session will include a practical shoot to be uploaded onto youtube.com during the day.

Further information:

Telephone: 0191 265 9713

Email: c.j.m.hewitt@ncl.ac.uk

Website: www.thegreatdebate.org.uk

Organised by: The Great Debate and WORLDwrite

11.00am – 1.00pm

KEY: 2

Debate on baby signing

Venue: Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, University College London, London

Many parents of hearing babies and toddlers are involved in baby signing – either as part of classes or through buying products. What are the real benefits of baby signing for children's development? This debate will include invited speakers and the general public.

Further information:

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Website: www.dcal.ucl.ac.uk

Organised by: Deafness, Cognition and Language Research Centre

11.00am – 3.00pm

KEY: 2

Illuminating the social brain

Venue: Manchester Museum, Oxford Road, Manchester

Psychology lecturers, a science communicator and an artist will work with pupils from a local school to demonstrate how social interaction shapes our brains. They will explore social networking whilst building a giant model brain from bubble wrap, which will be displayed at the Manchester Museum.

Further information:

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Organised by: School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester

KEY: 1

For schools and/or college students

KEY: 2

Suitable for a general audience

KEY: 3

For people with a specific interest and some knowledge of the topic

KEY: 4

For professionals as part of their work

SUNDAY 18 MARCH

8.30am – 6.00pm

KEY: 3

Livelihoods and wellbeing in developing countries: multidisciplinary approaches

Venue: St Catherine's College, Manor Road, Oxford

This Global Poverty Research Group conference addresses the issues of livelihoods and wellbeing in developing countries. It will draw on data from several developing countries and includes presentations on poverty; income opportunities and inequality; human and social capital and governance.

The conference will close with a panel session.

Further information:

Telephone: 01865 271084

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Website: www.gprg.org

Organised by: Global Poverty Research Group

MULTI-DAY EVENTS

TBC

KEY: 1

Friday 9 – Saturday 17 March

What's your carbon footprint?

Venue: Oxford secondary schools, TBC

The UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC) will hold these lively interactive workshops in a number of secondary schools in Oxford. Pupils will discuss their own carbon footprints and debate whether children and young people should get their own personal allowance under a future personal carbon-trading scheme. Pupils' views will feed into ongoing research on carbon allowances.

Further information:

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Website: www.eci.ox.ac.uk

Organised by: UK Energy Research Centre

All day

KEY: 2

Friday 9 – Saturday 17 March

Visualising social identities and action

Venue: London, TBC

The exhibition combines images and words from seven major research projects funded under the ESRC Identities and Social Action Programme. Working with photographer Chris Clunn each of the projects have tried to capture elements of their study using visual approaches ranging from Somali communities in Sheffield, through contemporary aspects of work identity to aspects of mothering.

Further information:

Telephone: 020 8542 7622

Email: esrc@vistaevents.co.uk

Website: www.identities.org.uk

Organised by: ESRC and Identities and Social Action Programme

Online activity

KEY: 4

Friday 9 – Sunday 18 March

Free access to the International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

Venue: Online activity

One month's free access to IBSS online is being offered to UK businesses and not-for-profit organisations and to European universities. Why not try out the IBSS database, view the wide range of social science material available and judge its potential benefits for your organisation? At the end of the month institutions will be asked to complete a short online questionnaire. All completed questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw to win one year's free access to IBSS.

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Website: www.ibss.ac.uk and click ESRC Social Science Festival link.

Organised by: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

9.00am – 2.00pm

KEY: 1

Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 March

Moorland perspectives

Venue: The Moorland Discovery Centre, National Trust, Longshaw Estate, Sheffield

This event comprises fun and informative guided visits to the Peak District National Park moorland on three consecutive days. These visits aim to promote understanding and debate around some interesting and complex moorland management issues. The event is aimed at secondary and higher education students and will be led by people involved in moorland management.

Further information:

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Website:

www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk

Organised by: Moors for the Future Partnership

All day

KEY: 2

Friday 16 – Sunday 18 March

Neo-tribes and electronic dance culture

Venue: Paintworks Exhibition Centre, Bath Road, Bristol

This multi-media exhibition examines electronic dance culture (clubbing, raving, partying) through the lens of Maffesoli's neo-tribal theory. Text, photographs and installations that convey key themes of neo-tribal theory (such as proximity, emotionality and tribalism) will be used to explore youth culture, identity and participation in electronic dance culture.

Further information:

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Organised by: University of Bath



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