

**Call for Papers – Joint East Asian Social Policy Research Network (EASP) and United Kingdom Social Policy Association (SPA) Annual Conference 2012, ‘Social Policy in an Unequal World’, 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July 2012, University of York, UK.**

EASP ([www.welfareasia.org](http://www.welfareasia.org)) and SPA ([www.social-policy.org.uk](http://www.social-policy.org.uk)) will be holding a joint annual conference in July 2012, bringing together two of the largest academic social policy conferences within a single event for the first time.

The theme for the conference will be **‘Social Policy in an Unequal World’**. We particularly wish to invite paper proposals that reflect on this theme, however interpreted, and hope to encourage debate on: inequality globally; inequality within countries; cross-national comparisons of inequality; the impact of international institutions and processes on inequality and on the delivery of welfare; the increased concentration of income and wealth amongst the rich; the ongoing impact of the financial crisis on national social policies and welfare reform processes. However, **we invite papers on any aspect of social policy within any country/countries of the world** and stress that papers from outside of this theme will be accommodated, as is the usual practice for the EASP and SPA annual conferences.

In addition to single papers, **we are also strongly encourage proposals for symposia**, whereby three or more abstracts linked to a particular theme are submitted together for consideration. Symposia will potentially allow participants to engage more deeply with their special interests and create a space for focused debate on a specific theme.

For papers, abstracts of 200 to 400 words should be submitted as a Word or .rtf email attachment to [york2012@social-policy.com](mailto:york2012@social-policy.com). Proposals for symposia should consist of a 200 word outline of the aims of the symposium together with contributors’ abstracts. Proposals will be reviewed by a Programme Committee prior to acceptance. The closing date for the submission of abstracts and proposals is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Full papers must be submitted electronically to the same address by 30 June 2012.

Postgraduates are also invited to attend the conference. Options for participation include: a presentation in a regular conference stream; a presentation in a session closed to postgraduates only; and showcasing your research in a poster presentation. You can also join forces with your peers and submit a proposal for a symposium, with three or four abstracts linked to a particular theme. Please follow guidelines for submission as outlined above. On your submission, it is essential that you record your status as a postgraduate and mark your chosen option

as: 'Presentation'; 'Symposium'; 'Postgraduate presentation'; or 'Poster'.