

## SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS 2012

### BEST POSTGRADUATE PAPER

For the 2012 Awards, the SPA's Postgraduate Officers – Lorenza Antonucci and Sarah Brooks-Wilson – have contacted authors of all eligible papers submitted to the 2011 conference to invite self-nomination. Nominations have now closed. All nominations received will now be submitted for judging as part of the 2012 Annual Awards process. The winning paper will be announced at the SPA Annual Conference, which in 2012 will be at the University of York, 16-18<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The winner of the 'Best Postgraduate Paper' award will have their paper published in *Social Policy Review*, subject to the usual editorial process.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Eligible papers are restricted to those submitted and presented at the 2011 UK SPA Conference held at the University of Lincoln.
2. A full paper must have been submitted according to the conference deadline (abstracts and/or power point presentations are not acceptable).
3. The subject matter of the paper must be directly related to and promote a greater understanding of the discipline of Social Policy.
4. Eligible papers must not have been published or be under consideration for publication.
5. Eligible persons are those who were postgraduate members of the UK SPA at the time of paper submission.
6. Co-authored papers are eligible only if all the authors were postgraduates at the time of paper submission and at least the first author was a member of the UK SPA at the time of paper submission.

#### **Procedure**

1. For the 2012 Awards, author/s of all eligible papers will be contacted and invited to nominate their paper. Those wishing to nominate their paper must email the SPA Executive Postgraduate Representatives, Lorenza Antonucci ([L.Antonucci@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:L.Antonucci@bristol.ac.uk)) and Sarah Brooks-Wilson ([sarah.brooks-wilson@york.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.brooks-wilson@york.ac.uk)), **by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011**. Emails should confirm that the nomination meets all the eligibility criteria set out above.
2. The award will be judged by the Awards Judging Panel, which for the purpose of this award only will also consist of the SPA Executive Committee's Postgraduate Representative/s.
3. The judges' decision is final and the judges will not enter into any correspondence about their decision.
4. The award winner will be informed of the result once the judging process for the full 2012 SPA Annual Awards is completed, which is usually in May.

Any enquiries about this award should be directed to the SPA Awards Officer: Majella Kilkey  
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