



UK SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019, 8 - 10 JULY

Durham University, England

FINAL Call for Papers – Extended deadline

Conference Theme: Securing the Future: the Challenge for Social Policy

We are delighted to be hosting the 2019 Social Policy Association Annual Conference at Durham University. Durham is a small, but highly significant city, in terms of its historical and cultural heritage. The university has a very long tradition of engagement with key social issues, and hosts a thriving body of scholarship with an interest in policy and its impacts.

This year's theme is 'Securing the Future', and we aim to bring together a wide variety of leading thinkers and progressive ideas to enable us to connect current experiences and challenges with possibilities for change and improvement in crucial area of contemporary social policy.

The conference will be held near the centre of the city, which has good transport links from all major UK cities, as well as local airports (Edinburgh and Newcastle).

Confirmed plenary speakers:

Plenary Round Table "Race, Racism and Social Policy" on 8th July *

Claire Alexander is Professor of Sociology in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Manchester. She has researched, written and published on issues of race, ethnicity, youth and migration in Britain for over 25 years.

Gary Craig is a Professor of Social Justice. He is a visiting Professor at both the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne and York St John University, and an Honorary Professor at the University of York. His major research interests are in 'race' and ethnicity, social justice, community development, poverty and inequality and local governance. He chairs the North East Regional Race Crime and Justice Research Network, co-convenes the Modern Slavery Research Consortium and is a Trustee of the Tutu UK Foundation.

Nasar Meer is Professor of Race, Identity and Citizenship at the University of Edinburgh. He was previously Professor of Comparative Citizenship and Social Policy at Strathclyde University, and a co-Director of the Centre for Civil Society and Citizenship (CCSC) at Northumbria University. He is Co-Chair of the Young Academy of Scotland (YAS) and both a Trustee and Director of Publications of the British Sociological Association (BSA).

Coretta Philips is Associate Professor (Reader) in the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics, where she has worked since 2001. She is involved in teaching both Social Policy

and Criminology in the department and is a member of the Mannheim Centre for Criminology. Coretta's research interests lie in the field of race, ethnicity, crime and social policy.

Plenary Speakers on 9th and 10th July *

Daniel Béland is Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada and Professor of Political Science at McGill University (Montreal, Canada). He has held visiting positions at Harvard University, the University of Bremen, the University of Southern Denmark, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Professor Béland currently serves as Editor (French) of the Canadian Journal of Sociology, Co-Editor of the journal Global Social Policy, and President of Research Committee 19 (Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy) of the International Sociological Association.

Ellen M. Immergut is Professor of Political Science at the European University Institute in Florence and Humboldt University Berlin, having previously held professorships at the University of Konstanz and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research interests include the impact of electoral and political competition on social policy outcomes, policy responsiveness and policy feedback effects, health politics in Europe, and the consequences of right-wing populism for social policies. She has published on *Health Politics*, *Pension Politics*, and more generally on welfare state reform, and institutionalist theory.

Call for Papers:

In view of the approaching deadline, this is a final reminder and invitation to submit a paper for the Social Policy Association Conference 2019. As indicated, the overall theme of the conference will be 'Securing the Future', so we are particularly interested in papers which are forward-looking, and consider policy issues in terms of the opportunities provided for improvements or transformation in one field or another.

We expect to organise a number of specific streams for presentations, including one concerned with policy responses to violence and abuse, one on the state of and prospects for youth policy, and another picking up the theme of 'race' and social policy, which will be the focus of the opening plenary session.

Other streams will be determined according to the submissions we receive, but are likely to include incomes and poverty, health and housing, given the prominence that these issues currently occupy in the social policy arena. This is not an exclusive list, however, and submissions on any aspect of national or international social policy are welcome.

However, we invite papers on any aspect of social policy within any country/countries of the world and stress that papers from outside the conference theme will be accommodated, as is the usual practice for the SPA annual conferences.

In addition to single papers, we would especially welcome proposals for symposia, whereby three or more papers linked to a particular theme, are submitted together for consideration. Symposia will allow participants to engage more deeply with their special interests and create a space for focused debate on a specific theme. Ideas for symposia will need to be submitted by the panel organiser in the first instance.

For papers, abstracts should be 200-400 words and proposals for symposia should consist of a title and 200 word outline of the aims of the symposium as well as details of both the organiser and

contributors' names and email addresses. All abstracts and symposium proposals will be reviewed by reviewers from our Programme Committee prior to acceptance.

Abstracts and Symposium proposals can be submitted electronically using the following link

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/event.durham/eventmanagement/spa/>

The deadline for the submission of abstracts and proposals has been extended to:

Monday 11th March 2019 at 12noon.

Best Wishes

The Durham Conference Team

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(* Scheduling of plenary talks may be subject to change)