Cake sale at Manor Road Building

On Monday 24 April 2017 there will be a cake sale in aid of the charity Medecins Sans Frontieres for their work in Yemen, taking place at Manor Road Building Reception from 10am.

If you are able to bring in a cake for this / donate money at the cake sale, it would be much appreciated. Many thanks, Emily.

http://www.msf.org/en/where-we-work/yemen

https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2017/mar/16/yemen-conflict-7-million-close-to-famine

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OTJR@10
Rethinking Transitional Justice:
What Does It Mean Today?

A Workshop for PhD Candidates and Early-Career Researchers
22 June 2017

To mark its 10th Anniversary, OTJR is organizing a one-day workshop to engage PhD candidates, early-career researchers and practitioners working on Transitional Justice in guided discussions about their current work. The workshop will provide an opportunity for networking and exchanging ideas with other postgraduates and practitioners with similar research interests. OTJR encourages applications from a variety of disciplines, including - but not limited to - law, criminology, socio-legal studies, development, political theory, history, anthropology.

OTJR is delighted to welcome Pablo de Greiff, the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, as keynote speaker of the event. Alongside him, other participants will include renowned scholars and former members of OTJR such as Phil Clark, Nicola Palmer, Miles Jackson, and many more.

About the workshop

The workshop aims to create a discussion on the meaning of transitional justice today and the new challenges and perspectives of transitional justice practice and research. Each participant will be given an opportunity to reflect on and discuss how his or her own research relates to these broader questions, in the format of a guided discussion with the assistance of senior academics acting as facilitators. Various roundtable discussions will be structured around the following thematic areas:

1. Giving meaning to ‘Justice‘ in Transitional Justice
Potential topics can include:
   • International vs regional vs local justice mechanisms;
• The role of international law in shaping the concept of justice;
• Judicial, extra-judicial, and quasi-judicial mechanisms;
• Truth-seeking mechanisms: a unique concept?;
• Which actors determine what ‘justice’ means?;
• Victims’ participation in the design and implementation of transitional justice measures.

2. ‘Transition’ ... from where to where?
Potential topics can include:
• Is peace a priority over other considerations?;
• Relationship between transitional justice and development;
• Transitional Justice and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
• Guarantees of non-recurrence as part of a comprehensive transitional justice strategy;
• Legitimacy of transitional justice measures.

3. Methodology and Ethics in Transitional Justice Research
Potential topics can include:
• Dialogue between legal, theoretical, empirical qualitative and quantitative research;
• Ethical dilemmas: engaging with human suffering;
• Engagement between TJ researchers and practitioners.

Application process
If you would like to apply, please send an application with your CV and a 300-word abstract of your research. In your application, please specify the thematic area which you are interested in, indicating which particular topics of those listed (or other falling under the broader overarching themes) are relevant to your research. All applications must be sent to OTJR’s Convenor Daniel Franchini at daniel.franchini@law.ox.ac.uk by Sunday 23 April 2017.

This event will take place at the University of Oxford with no charge. However, there are no travel bursaries available for participants.

About OTJR
Oxford Transitional Justice Research (OTJR) is an inter-disciplinary network of academics and students working on issues of transition in societies recovering from conflict and/or repressive rule. Founded in 2007, it is now the largest and most diverse academic community conducting research in this field. OTJR is dedicated to producing high-quality scholarship that connects intimately to practical and policy questions in transitional justice, including research within the following themes: domestic and international prosecutions, institutional reform and the rule of law, truth commissions, reparations, amnesty processes and new topics in transitional and post-conflict justice.

While we focus on transitional justice, broadly defined, we do so from a variety of angles and perspectives. Our members, students and academics alike, have a great variety of expertise including from the disciplines of law, criminology, socio-legal studies, development, political theory, history, anthropology, area studies and many more. We pride ourselves of our interdisciplinarity, which allows our research and work to be up-to-date with the most current developments in the field and we are a truly, unique group within Oxford University’s academic and professional community.

You can find more information about OTJR at law.ox.ac.uk/otjr

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Marie Jahoda Summer School 2017 - Call is open!

www.soz.univie.ac.at/marie-jahoda-summer-school-2017

Exile and Memory – Interdisciplinary Perspectives
In 2017 Marie Jahoda Summer School invites young scholars working on the issue of exile and memory. The aim of the summer school is to establish an environment for intellectually open and interdisciplinary exchange of research projects. Research may be related to historical experiences of exile or to forms and types of exile in current contexts of forced migration. We encourage in particular projects focusing on individual or collective forms and practices of doing memory and its social and institutional conditions. This includes scientific work on artistic forms of exile-related ‘memory work’, research on group-specific and private memory practices and questions of intergenerational transmission, projects on institutionalised remembrance practices carried out in conflicting fields of tension with dominant forms of memory and discourse (associations, archives, museums), and research on marginalised, informal and invisible experiences of exile and memory which may provide access to counter memories.

The summer school offers seminars and lectures, field trips and workshops with researchers and practitioners. The faculty brings together an international and multi-disciplinary faculty of distinguished scholars: Prof. Marianne Hirsch (Columbia University, NYC), Prof. Smain Laacher (Université de Strasbourg), Dr. Breda Gray (University of Limerick), Dr. Marie Rodet (SOAS University of London), Prof. András Kovács (Central European University, Budapest).

The Marie Jahoda Summer School is open to 22 young scholars, advanced master students, PhD-candidates and early stage researchers from humanities and social sciences. The participating PhD students are required to present their research (PhD) projects and receive feedback from faculty members.

Applicants shall submit a description of their research/dissertation project (max. 2 pages) and a CV (max. 1 page) by 30 April 2017. The applicants will be informed of the faculty’s decision by 20 May 2017. Accepted papers need to be submitted by 15 August 2017 (maximum 7000 words).

The fee payable to those attending will be 140 Euro, and it includes the Summer School Dinner. Travel and accommodation costs have to be covered by the applicants. If low budget accommodation is needed, please contact the organisers. A total of 6 ECTS points are awarded for the participation.

For more detailed information please consult the Marie Jahoda Summer School website.

Organizers: Dr. Maria Pohn-Lauggas, Prof. Christoph Reinprecht
Administration: Camilo Molina

Organized with the support of: Zukunftsfonds der Republik Österreich, National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism, Österreichische Forschungsgemeinschaft.

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Conference/Call for abstracts/papers

Call for papers
Ethnic inequality on the labour market:
cross-national perspectives and causal analysis
28-29 September 2017
University of Amsterdam, Department of Sociology
Amsterdam Centre for Inequality Studies (AMCIS)
In the past decades, an extensive body of literature has emerged that investigates the labour market performance of ethnic minorities in comparison to the majority population. Researchers have focused on characteristics of job seekers, such as their ethnic origin, skills, motivation, and work experience. Similarly, scholars have studied employers, mainly focusing on ethnic
discrimination and workplace characteristics. A third avenue of research is to study how national institutions affect ethnic inequalities on the labour market. This conference brings together scholars studying the causes and consequences of ethnic disparities in the labour market. We especially invite contributions that are crossnationally comparative, and contributions that focus on the causal analysis of ethnic inequalities, for example, using experimental designs. 

Confirmed speakers include:

- Michael Gaddis, University of California (UCLA), Los Angeles
- Ruud Koopmans, WZB Berlin Social Science Centre
- Kevin Stainback, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- Doris Weichselbaumer, Johannes Kepler University Linz

The event is organized by the Department of Sociology at the University of Amsterdam, in collaboration with the Amsterdam Center for Inequality Studies (AMCIS). During the workshop, each paper will be discussed by a discussant and participants will be asked to act as a discussant for one of the papers presented. There is no conference fee; lunch and a conference dinner will be provided.

Please send your proposal for a contribution no later than 15 May to the organizer, Bram Lancee (B.Lancee@uva.nl) with amcis@uva.nl in cc. Abstracts of a maximum of 300 words should include the title, name(s) and affiliation(s) of authors as well as specifying the main research question, methods and findings.

Venue: De Burcht, Amsterdam (http://www.deburcht.nl)

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DEADLINE 10 APRIL 2017

London Centre for Social Studies is delighted to announce that the 5th LCSS PhD Methodology Conference will be held on 15 June 2017 with the partnership of University of Westminster, Law School. This conference series is an invaluable opportunity for PhD and early-career researchers from different disciplines to meet and share their precious knowledge and research experiences. The conference provides an excellent opportunity for researchers to present their approaches to research designs, methodologies, methods and data analysis and in so doing to reflect and gain feedback on their studies. It also provides a forum in which research challenges can be explored and, hopefully, overcome.

We invite contributors to address one or more of the following topics and discuss these in relation to their own research:

- Research paradigms and designs;
- Research methods and techniques;
- Research technology and tools;
- Datasets, data collections and data archiving
- Research philosophy
- Epistemological and ontological approaches

Abstract Submission Link: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=phdmethodology2017

Submissions should be in the form abstracts (not full papers) and they shouldn't be more than 400 words.

Important Dates
10 April 2017 - Abstract registration deadline
30 April 2017 - Paper notification
21 May 2017 - Presenter registration deadline
6 June 2017 - Attendee only registration deadline
15 June 2017 - Conference

Keynote Speakers:

Prof Lisa Webley Professor of Empirical Legal Studies, University of Westminster, UK

Professor Will Harvey Associate Professor of Management Studies, Director of 'Business, Institutions and Policy' research cluster, University of Exeter, UK

Dr Maria Iacovou Director of Social Science Research Methods Centre, Reader in Quantitative Sociology, University of Cambridge, UK
The conference will take place at Westminster University on 15 June 2017, London, UK. There will be free lunch and coffee breaks on the conference day.

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Mobilising Militant Pasts: Histories of Protest, Unrest and Insurrection in Politics and Culture

King's College London

31 August – 1 September 2017

Call for Papers

The extent of retrospection in culture and politics is a topic oft-commented upon and lamented. Public engagements with history and heritage are frequently lumpenly categorised as ‘nostalgia’: sanitised, selective, reassuring. Yet this obscures the sheer diversity of militant pasts in the present, and of the contexts and processes that facilitate their re-manifestation. Che Guevara’s face adorns posters and t-shirts worldwide, while Garibaldi gets dunked in tea. Historic campaigns for racial and gender equality have been regularly dramatized, including in the recent films Selma (2014) and Suffragette (2015). Internecine violence is frequently documented, and its martyrs commemorated, in the fabric of the physical environments where it occurred, as the murals of Belfast and Derry testify. Such remembering and half-remembering of histories of divided societies, of protest, unrest and insurrection, is far from inherently safe, nor easily categorised.

This conference seeks to thrust treatments and legacies of the militant past into the academic spotlight. We seek papers on retrospective representations of themes including (but not limited to):

· Industrial action
· Campaigns for women’s rights
· Campaigns for gay rights
· Campaigns for religious tolerance and freedom
· Campaigns for racial and ethnic equality
· Intercommunal violence
· Protests, riots and revolutions

There exists a vast array of models available for unpicking our individual and social relationships with the past: Freud’s conception of repeating, remembering and working through; Baudrillard’s of collecting and of retro; de Certeau’s of memory and place; Hobsbawm’s of invented tradition; Boym’s of restorative and reflective strains of nostalgia. Following on from these examples, we seek papers that address the role of format-specific and contextual dynamics and accompanying motivations in shaping the way militant pasts are represented and used. When and where are different modes of representation and appropriation – such as the reproduction of imagery and motifs, re-narration, preservation of heritage, adaptation, re-enactment, anniversaries, remembrance and commemoration – employed? How are these shaped by the contexts in which they appear, whether in popular cultural forms, high politics, heritage sectors, social movements, educational institutions, biographies and autobiographies, or the internet? What purposes do they serve: nostalgia; entertainment; commodification; education; calls to action; warning or pacifying gestures? How have these narratives, images and artefacts diffuse across time and space, and across formats and forums? How have their meanings contested, and by whom?

We welcome proposals for twenty-minute presentations from all disciplines and concerned with any time-period, including those with a contemporary focus. Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words, along with a short CV, to conference organisers Ruth Adams, Dion Georgiou and Andrew Smith at militantpasts@gmail.com by 31 May 2017.
**Populism and ‘Constructing a People’**

**Ideology and Discourse Analysis International Conference 2017**

**2nd – 3rd June 2017**

**University of Essex**

[Call for Abstracts]

Deadline: 22nd April 2017

Contact: IDAconference2017@gmail.com

**KEYNOTE:**

William E. Connolly (Johns Hopkins University)

**Confirmed Speakers:**

Jorge Lago (PODEMOS)
Jane Bennett (John Hopkins University)
Aletta Norval (University of Essex)
David Howarth (University of Essex)
Paolo Gerbaudo (King’s College London)
Mark Devenney (University of Brighton)

“The construction of the ‘people’ is the political act par excellence”

— Ernesto Laclau

In these turbulent and divisive times, democratic societies face a series of emerging problems: increasing opposition to globalization; the legitimacy crisis of the European Union qua the electoral success of anti-establishment and populist politics; the resurgence of nationalism and an accompanying rise in violence towards women, ethnic and religious minorities; unprecedented migrant and refugee geographic displacements; skepticism towards democratic and parliamentary institutions; challenges to neoliberal hegemony, to name a few. In 2016, a shocking and unpredictable year for international politics, the global democratic polity witnessed a drastic set of changes and upheavals. In light of these developments, how can perspectives from different disciplines offer new insights and analytical tools that successfully thematize current manifestations of ‘the political’?

Ernesto Laclau, founder of the Ideology and Discourse Analysis (IDA) programme at the University of Essex, argued that the creation of any truly political project necessarily involves the symbolic construction of a ‘people’. In this articulatory practice, a heterogeneous set of demands are unified together into equivalential chains; antagonistic frontiers that constitute the terrain of ‘the political’. Might this theoretical logic offer a tool to analyse current political events and lay the ground for alternative political projects? Or do such claims merely represent what Slavoj Žižek once pejoratively referred to as the ‘populist temptation’?

At this conference, we intend to set up a meeting place for academics, activists, students and the public to debate the form, content and theoretical underpinnings of conventional and alternative political projects, particularly with reference to various competing notions of the term ‘populism’.

We welcome 15-minute presentations with abstracts of 250-300 words (max.) in the fields of philosophy, political theory, political science, psychoanalysis, sociology, and cultural studies related to:

- Populism
- Radical Democracy
- Post-Structuralist Discourse theory
- Radical Politics
- New Social Movements (NSMs)
- Feminism(s)
- Cognitive/Affective theory
- Rhetoric
- Critique(s) of Neoliberalism
- Media and Political Communication

Attendees are welcome to join for one or both of the 2 days of the conference. A free social will be held on the evening of the first day (2nd June).

Attendance is free however a secured place can be reserved.
OxTALENT is a prestigious event in the Oxford calendar when we recognise innovation and best practice in the use of technology in teaching, learning, outreach and research. To identify worthy projects and activities, OxTALENT hosts a series of competitions.

One of these is a **POSTER COMPETITION**.

If you and/or colleagues have created a poster about your research or project **why not enter your poster into the competition**? The entry criteria are light touch – essentially, the poster should have undergone some form of peer review, for example by submission to a conference, or as part of a taught course.

There is a **prize** (and **kudos**) for the best poster.

Full details of the competition are at: [http://blogs.it.ox.ac.uk/oxtalent/how-to-enter/research-posters/](http://blogs.it.ox.ac.uk/oxtalent/how-to-enter/research-posters/)

The closing date is April 28th

The IT Learning Centre Team

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The Spring 2017 edition of the *International Migration Review (IMR)* — the premier interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal in the field of international migration, ethnic group relations, and refugee movements — is now available online for **FREE** until the end of 2017. It is also available in print through paid or institutional subscription.

This edition includes a series of papers on immigrant integration. Other articles explore health-related issues of immigrants in the United States.