



Approaches to Inequalities

A one day conference organised by the School of Social Sciences

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A one-day conference on 22 June 2016 at The University of Northampton

This is the second bi-annual conference focusing on responding to inequalities. The conference has a progressive focus on how we address inequalities in all their forms and positive contributions that go beyond merely recognising the existence of inequalities are encouraged.

Just confirmed as a keynote speaker and joining Kate Green MP (Labour Shadow Minister for Equalities and Women) will be:



Roisin Wood Director at Kick it Out

Call for Papers

The Approaches to Inequalities conference welcomes a range of papers about positive responses and reactions to inequalities in all their forms from theoretical or practical perspectives across a range of disciplinary contexts as well as from practitioners and third-sector organisations. Those wishing to propose a paper need to submit an abstract of no more than 350 words to the relevant stream:

Stream 1: Counting the Cost of Disability in an Age of Austerity

Chair: Anjona Roy, CEO of Northamptonshire Rights & Equalities Council

Over the last year inequality in Britain has increased and the means to challenge inequality has decreased. There is more homelessness, low pay and barriers to accessing benefits in an environment where there are recent impositions of Court and tribunal fees and the steady reduction of the access to advice. Against this background this stream seeks to explore the social costs of disability discrimination and the financial costs of living with a disability in an age of austerity - morally and financially how do the books balance.

To submit an abstract or for more information on this stream please contact:

aroy@northamptonshirerec.org.uk

Stream 2: Challenging & Negotiating Inequalities in Health & Social Care, Sport, Physical Activity & Community Development

Chairs: Dr Jim Lusted, Senior lecturer in Sports Studies & Dr Prospera Tedam, Senior Lecturer in Social Work

The provision of health and social care, sport, leisure and physical activity and community development are not immune to the processes of discrimination and social inequalities. Indeed, these sectors offer important – and sometimes overlooked – arenas to explore the manifestation and reproduction of social inequality in all its forms. While we have a growing body of research evidence that documents the nature and extent of these inequalities in fields like health care and sport participation, less attention has been paid to the ways in which such inequalities have been challenged and negotiated.

This stream aims to bring together a wide range of subject areas involved in the study of 'health' in society by inviting papers that explore the issues of social inequality, diversity, inclusion, exclusion and discrimination. In particular, the stream wishes to focus attention towards the ways in which structural, institutionalised inequalities have been both challenged and negotiated.

To submit an abstract or for more information on this stream please contact:

jim.lusted@northampton.ac.uk or prospera.tedam@northampton.ac.uk

Stream 3: Legal Responses to Inequalities

Chair: Kate Exall, Senior Lecturer in Law & Solicitor

Seeking justice is a natural response to injustice and this stream recognises that the law has struggled in some circumstances to counter inequality but that in other circumstances has been hugely successful. This stream is intentionally broad in its focus, welcoming submissions from academic lawyers and practitioners in any field where equality and diversity is an issue.

To submit an abstract or for more information on this stream please contact:

kate.exall@northampton.ac.uk

Doctoral Stream

Chair: Professor Andrew Pilkington, Professor of Sociology

This stream allows those researching the areas of equality and diversity the opportunity to present their research to a supportive audience and we would welcome submissions from researchers at any stage of the process, including those at an early stage. The purpose of this stream is to support researchers to develop their ideas in a constructive way and we encourage submissions in any form, including, but not limited to, an explanation of your emerging findings, an outline of your proposed research methods or a presentation of your review of the literature.

To submit an abstract or for more information on this stream please contact:
nick.cartwright@northampton.ac.uk

The deadline for submissions of abstracts is 3rd May 2016.

There will also be a workshop exploring gendered responses to sexual violence facilitated by Northampton Rape Crisis.

This interactive workshop will demonstrate how NRC offers specific gender-based responses based on the individual experience in order to address and combat the causes and consequences of sexual violence. We will demonstrate this through a presentation of our policies, training, monitoring and our understanding of the effects of trauma on the individual all of which are contained beneath the umbrella of our counselling ethics.

The conference will be immediately followed by a drinks reception to celebrate the work of the Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA)

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Cara was founded in 1933 by Britain's foremost academics and scientists, in response to Hitler's decision to expel hundreds of leading scholars from German universities on racial grounds. Their founders defined their goal as 'the relief of suffering and the defence of learning and science'. Today, Cara helps academics and scientists fleeing from discrimination, persecution, suffering and violence in some of the world's most dangerous places.

Please join us for this reception to recognise and celebrate the important work CARA does at a time when those at risk face prejudice and discrimination.

For more information, or to book your place, [Register your place here.](#)