

May 2016 edition

DTC Summer Conference 2016

Registration is still open for the ESRC Summer Conference, which will be held on the **13th June from 10:00-16:00 and hosted by the Department of Education**. All the speaking slots are now taken, but we'd like to encourage everybody to come along if they're able to do so

Plenary and parallel sessions will run through the day. Confirmed sessions so far include:

- 'Three minute thesis' presentations
- Keynote speakers
- Developing your visualisation literacy - Workshop on data visualisation
- Fieldwork in difficult places/spaces - reflexivity and dealing with secondary trauma during and after fieldwork
- Knowledge, learning and communication - research perspectives
- Internships - more than just cheap labour?

To register for the conference please contact Robin McGahey (robin.mcgahey@socsci.ox.ac.uk). Please state any dietary requirements when you do so.

ESRC National Conference

The next ESRC National Conference will take place on **16th-17th June 2016**, and will be hosted by the North West DTC and take place at [ACC Liverpool](#). Please visit the [conference website](#) for further details including how to book your place, and do note that **booking closes on 1st June**. Enquiries can be sent to nwdtc@liverpool.ac.uk.

Funding guidance reminders

Full funding guidance is regularly updated at <http://researchtraining.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>.

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Training

For information on available training courses, please see the training website at <http://researchtraining.socsci.ox.ac.uk/>.

Don't forget to check the ESRC's National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) portal at <http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/training/> for training courses available nationally.

NCRM Research Methods Festival 5-7 July

The National Centre for Research Methods will be holding their 7th biennial Research Methods Festival from the 5-7 July at the University of Bath. Bookings are now open and the programme and further information can be found [here](#).

Assessing the Impact of Cabinet Decision Making on Public Policy

University of Kent, 8th July 2016

What is the influence of the cabinet and the processes surrounding it on public policy making?

Much political science literature links governmental policy choices to voter preferences, the electoral strategies of parties and the influence and perspectives of interest groups, technocratic and civil service expertise.

These perspectives leave little room for the role of cabinet-level processes and decision making to influence policy-making outcomes. This workshop aims to open up cabinet decision making to scholarly scrutiny and examine how cabinets and ministers make policy decisions, and how these decisions shape policy outcomes.

This one-day interdisciplinary workshop will bring together researchers to explore these questions and investigate the under-researched link between cabinet level decision-making processes and policy outcomes.

For further information, please see the attached flyer and contact Dee Goddard (rg363@kent.ac.uk) to register.

Thinking of doing an Internship? Where do you start?

We want your research to have influence and relevance beyond your immediate discipline and this university. To help you with this, the DTC actively encourages 'knowledge exchange', and in particular promotes internships. Since 2011, over 70 ESRC-funded students have participated in collaborative activities with non-academic partners, and 33 have carried out internships in a wide range of organisations, from the United Nations to Oxfam, from Goldman Sachs to Locus Analytics, from the International Criminal Court to Thames Valley Police, and from the Japanese Ministry for Health, Labour and Welfare to the Scottish Government.

There are three ways you can go about organising one funded internship of up to 12 weeks.

i) Your own personal or professional contacts and networks, or those generated through your research. To apply for funding to support the additional costs of an internship, and to find out more about our expectations, fill in our internship application form at <http://researchtraining.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>

(ii) a bespoke service provided by Oxford's Careers Service, called the Doctoral Internship programme. Their trained advisors can help you identify internship possibilities and facilitate every step, from applications to signing contracts to follow-up. For further information, see the Doctoral Internship Programme website, or contact the Doctoral Internship Programme team at doctoral.internships@careers.ox.ac.uk. They ask you to follow their application process in order to process funding

(iii) nationally advertised internships scheme, such as the Policy Internships organised by the [Research Councils](#) themselves. You can apply for these in addition to our own funded internships.

Want to know more? Our summer conference has a session dedicated to internships, with a number of students speaking about their experiences and the things they have learnt.

ESRC funded Bayesian data analysis workshops: June 16, 17, 2016

A series of ESRC-funded Bayesian data analysis workshops will be held in Nottingham Trent University on June 16 and 17, 2016.

These are part of the ESRC's Advanced Training Initiative and are aimed at PhD students and researchers (postdocs, lecturers, etc) in social sciences.

The fees are £30 per workshop (£20 for PhD students).

Full details about the workshops, as well as the online booking system can be found [here](#).

South East DTC Training Opportunities

A range of ESRC-funded Advanced Training Initiative training opportunities are currently available at the South East DTC—please see the attached PDF for further information, or contact the South East DTC directly at studentships@southeastdttc.ac.uk.