

**November 2016 edition**

## DTC Annual Conference—Friday 21st April 2017—save the date!

The DTC Annual Conference will be held this year on **Friday 21st April 2017 at the Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens**. More details will follow in due course, but for now, please could all DTC students put this date in your diaries.

## Pathway reps meeting

Every term the student representatives of each pathway meet over lunch to discuss issues and share ideas. This term's meeting is on Thursday 1st December. We are always keen to get your feedback on your studentship and training experience.

Please get in touch with your pathway rep or email [dtc-director@socsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:dtc-director@socsci.ox.ac.uk) directly.

A full list of pathway reps is available at: <http://www.granduniondtp.ac.uk/student-representatives>.

To note: if your pathway does not have a rep and you would like to become one, please do let us know.

## GSS Reporting

All ESRC students are strongly encouraged to upload their Training Needs Analysis when writing their GSS reports this term. This is a way to remind your supervisors of your training plans for the year ahead. The GSS window for this term closes **this Friday 25th November**. From next year, submission of Training plans will be an obligation on all ESRC-funded students.

## What do social scientists have to say about Brexit?

Feel free to come along to this informal seminar tomorrow (24th November) at 5pm at Kellogg College in the No 62 Seminar room

<http://www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/events/social-sciences-seminar-3/>

## Mentoring potential applicants for doctoral studentships next year

Please get in touch with Daniel if you are willing to help out with supporting applicants applying for Grand Union DTP scholarships at OU, Brunel or Oxford with developing their research proposals. We are keen to encourage a broader range of applicants, some of whom may benefit from advice and guidance.

## ESRC Writing Competition 2016-17 in partnership with SAGE publishing

Are you an ESRC-funded student, or have you been in the past four years? Are you keen to communicate your research to a wider audience? Then the ESRC writing competition, in partnership with SAGE Publishing, is for you. We want you to tell us about how your research is making sense of society, and why your research matters. Your article should be based on your PhD research. It should not be a general overview of the topic. The winner will receive £1,000 cash prize and two runners-up will receive £500 cash prize each.

All shortlisted entrants, including the winner and runners-up, will receive a SAGE master class on 'how to get published' and their articles will be published in print and online. The deadline for entries is 16.00 on 30 November 2016. Please see the [ESRC website](#) for further details, or contact [writinqcomp@esrc.ac.uk](mailto:writinqcomp@esrc.ac.uk).

## ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize

The Celebrating Impact Prize, now in its fifth year, is an annual opportunity to recognise and reward ESRC-funded researchers and ESRC associates. It celebrates outstanding ESRC research and success in interdisciplinary, collaborative working, partnerships, engagement and knowledge exchange activities that have led to significant impact. There are six categories, including one for outstanding early career impact, in partnership with SAGE publishing. This prize will recognise social scientists at the beginning of their academic careers who have achieved or show potential in achieving outstanding impacts in any of the above categories. Applications are welcome from current ESRC doctoral students, and past students whose ESRC studentship funding ended on or after 1 December 2012.

Deadline for applications is 16.00 on 1 December 2016. Further information on the prize and application process can be found [here](#).

## Weekly Researcher's Café

All DPhil students in the Social Sciences are most warmly invited to join us for our weekly Researcher's Café every Wednesday in the Manor Road Building Common Room. The purpose of the café is to promote interdisciplinary exchange, collaboration, and friendships amongst DPhil students. Most importantly, we serve free tea, coffee, and cake. The Researcher's Café runs every Wednesday from 0-9th week throughout the year.

**When:** Every Wednesday, 3pm to 4.30pm, from 0 to 9th week

**Where:** Manor Road Building Common Room

**Who:** All DPhil and post-doctoral students in the social sciences. Admin staff with responsibility for DPhil students are also welcome to attend.

**What:** Free tea, coffee, cake and chat

**Cooperating Departments:** Anthropology; Archaeology; SIAS; Said Business School; Criminology; Economics; Education; Geography and the Environment; Blavatnik School of Government; International Development; Oxford Internet Institute; Faculty of Law; Politics and International Relations; Social Policy and Intervention; Sociology; The Oxford Martin School

**Contact:** You do not need to let us know in advance of attending. However, if you have any questions or suggestions about the café and its location, feel free to contact us at: [silvia.spodaru@stx.ox.ac.uk](mailto:silvia.spodaru@stx.ox.ac.uk); [verity.robins@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:verity.robins@sant.ox.ac.uk).

## Government Office for Science – Internship opportunity

The Government Office for Science is pleased to offer a six-month internship opportunity for ESRC-funded PhD students. Please note that is separate to the RCUK Policy Internship scheme. GO-Science will be contributing £6,000 towards the cost of the internship and will make this payment directly to the DTC.

Further details on the project can be found in the attached advert. In order to apply, and for any queries, please contact [colin.armstrong@go-science.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:colin.armstrong@go-science.gsi.gov.uk). The deadline for applications is 25 November 2016.

## JSPS Summer Programme 2017 and Pre/ Postdoctoral Fellowships for Foreign Researchers

The JSPS Summer Programme provides the opportunity for current MPhil or PhD students to receive a one week orientation on Japanese culture and research systems on arrival and then move to a host institution in Japan of their choice and approved by JSPS, to conduct collaborative research activities for 2 months during the summer. Eligibility: Applicants must be a British national and a current MPhil or PhD student based at a UK university or research institution at the time of application. Eligible research fields are not limited.

Application Deadline: Sunday 15th January 2017 Fellowship to take place during fixed period: 13 June to 23 August 2017.

Applications should be sent to the British Council Tokyo. Application guidelines and form are available on their website here:

[www.britishcouncil.jp/en/programmes/higher-education/support-researchers](http://www.britishcouncil.jp/en/programmes/higher-education/support-researchers). Any enquiries should be sent to: [science@britishcouncil.or.jp](mailto:science@britishcouncil.or.jp)

JSPS London Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term)

Application Deadline: Thursday, 1st December 2016. Fellowships must start between 1st May 2017 to 31st March 2018.

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is the leading research funding agency in Japan, established by the Japanese Government for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science. Our Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term) provides the opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Research Institutions for visits of between 1 to 12 months. Eligible applicants need to be either within 2 years of finishing their PhD at the time of applying to start their fellowship in Japan or have obtained their PhD after 2nd April 2011. Eligible research fields are not limited.

Please visit the JSPS London website here for further information:

<http://www.jspso.org/funding/2016/10/jspso-london-call-for-the-short-term-prepost-doctoral-fellowship-for-foreign-researchers-first-of-two-calls-in-fy2017.html>

## Nine Dots Prize

The Nine Dots Prize is a new prize for creative thinking that tackles contemporary societal issues. Its heartland is the social sciences, but it welcomes entrants from all disciplines and cross-discipline thinking. Entrants are challenged to submit 3,000 word responses to a question set by the 12-strong Board – the inaugural question is 'Are digital technologies making politics impossible?' The Prize is US\$100,000, which will support the winner to write a short book expanding on their ideas to be published by Cambridge University Press in a variety of formats, including open access, meaning the book can be downloaded free of charge. It will be judged anonymously.

Further information on the attached and can be found at [www.ninedotsprize.org](http://www.ninedotsprize.org).

<http://dtc.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>

## Funding guidance reminders

Full funding guidance, covering all of the schemes available to DTC students such as RTSG, OFE, DLT, OIVs, etc, is regularly updated at <http://dtc.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>.

## 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.

## Interdisciplinary Funding

The DTC provides funding for interdisciplinary projects - such as workshops, seminars or small conferences (or whatever is specifically covered) – on a rolling basis, and you can apply for funds at any point. Now is the time to plan an event for next year.

Full guidance is available under the interdisciplinary funding section on the DTC website at <http://dtc.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>.

Applications should be sent to Daniel Meacoe ([daniel.meacoe@socsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:daniel.meacoe@socsci.ox.ac.uk)). Please note that the scheme is open to applications from students currently enrolled on DPhil programmes only.