

Dedicated workshops

26th June 2017

Researching Social Practices

With Elizabeth Shove, Sociology, and Katy Mason, Management School.

This workshop focuses on methods of working with theories of practice in empirical projects. Starting with an exploration of different interpretations of practice theory, we will collectively consider a series of fundamental questions: what are the ontological and epistemological implications of practice theories? What are the challenges of researching, collecting and analyzing data in these terms? What types of insight can be generated from such research? The workshop – which is open to participants from any disciplinary background – provides a supportive environment in which to develop a deeper and richer understanding of practice theories as they are used in PhD research.

Day 1: June 26th

9.30-10.00:	Welcome – to the whole intellectual party
10.00-11.00	Short presentations on theories of practice and methodological implications (Elizabeth Shove and Katy Mason).
11.00-11.30	coffee break
11.30-12.30	Mapping and positioning ideas: In this session we will collectively produce a map depicting the 'landscape' of practice theoretical concepts and approaches.
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.30	Comparing strategies: After lunch, participants will work in groups: each will have three minutes to explain their own theoretical approach and method Participants' approaches to working with theories of practice, and of conducting research, will be compared, analysed and recorded on the 'map' developed above.
15.30 – 16.30	Floorball/ extended coffee break for all intellectual party participants
16.30-17.30	Comparing projects: based on the exercise above, the day will end with a series of focused discussions involving participants whose projects were located in similar part of the map of ideas. These discussion sessions will be based on the 4,000 word readings and will provide a chance to focus on the practicalities of working with theories of practice in greater detail.
17.30-18.30	Three minute thesis presentations: all intellectual party participants
19.00 -	Wine reception and BBQ dinner: all intellectual party participants

Those who take part in this workshop are free to participate in any of open sessions and themed panels underway on 27th June. You can also apply to present your own work in an open session on 27th June. If you want to do this, tick the relevant box when applying for this workshop.

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How to apply

If you want to take part in this workshop, you need to apply for the intellectual party but submitting a 250 word abstract by 1st March 2017.

Those who are selected will be required to submit a 4000-word summary of their approach and method of working with concepts by 1st June 2017. These summaries will be circulated in advance to all those taking part in this workshop

See <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/intellectualparty/> for more information and to submit an abstract.

Note: Places are only available to those students whose abstracts are accepted.

27th June

Researching Health and Care

With Norman Crump, Beverley Evans and Yvonne Latham, Management School

This dedicated workshop (27th June) focuses on the changing landscape of health and care. In the UK NHS England is in crisis and is in the middle of the biggest reorganisation since its creation with new organisations and relationships being created and others being abolished. Within this reorganisation one thing that remains certain is that there continues to be an increasing ageing population and in turn decreasing funds. There are many stories to be told as we learn to think about health and care and its changing nature in contemporary times.

Questions need to be asked such as: how can an ageing population be cared for as funds decrease; how might the introduction of digital technologies change interactions of health and care; how does the reorganisation of health and care affect workers and organisations within this arena?

These are just some of the questions we hope to explore and we are open to responses from researchers from differing disciplines, using different methods and working in different countries.

The aim of this workshop is to provide a supportive environment in which to develop a deeper and richer understanding of health and care. We welcome your abstracts!

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How to apply

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9:30 – 10:00	Opening day 2 – for the whole intellectual party
10:00 – 11.00	Introductory activity looking at the tensions and debates within health care. and
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Paper presentation session 1.
12:30 – 14:00	Faculty book launch and lunch (for all intellectual party participants)
14:00 – 15: 30	Paper presentation session 2.
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	Closing session bringing together the different topics and debates discussed in Health and Care
17:00 – 18:00	Grand Finale for all intellectual party participants

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Urban infrastructures: space, time and scale

With Elizabeth Shove, Melissa Fernandez and Torik Holmes from Sociology, Simon Guy, Dean of FASS and Jochen Monstadt, Geography and Spatial Planning, Utrecht.

This workshop is designed for PhD students working on aspects of urban infrastructure and especially on those which touch on broader questions about how infrastructures are designed, how they operate, what they are for, and how they fail at different spatial and temporal scales. This day-long event (27th June) provides a chance to learn about the work of other PhD students working on related topics, and to focus on the challenges of studying infrastructures from different theoretical angles.

To apply:

If you want to take part in this workshop you will need to submit a 250 word abstract of your research via: <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/intellectualparty/>

Those who are accepted will have to provide a 1000 word statement outlining their research questions, their research methods and one topic that they are puzzling over at the moment. Accepted participants will also have to read and be prepared to discuss two papers – as outlined in the programme below.

9:30 – 10:00	Opening day 2 – for the whole intellectual party
10:00 – 11.00	<p>Introduction to the workshop on urban infrastructures: space, time, scale and breakdown: Jochen Monstadt (Utrecht); Elizabeth Shove, Torik Holmes (Lancaster).</p> <p>Presentation on failing infrastructures: Melissa Fernandez (Lancaster). (all participants to have read: https://www.academia.edu/8584142/Unmaking_public_housing_towers_The_role_of_lifts_and_stairs_in_the_demolition_of_a_Puerto_Rican_project</p> <p>Discussion of Melissa's article/presentation with reference questions about space, time, and scale.</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Encounters in space and time: a session in which participants talk with each other about first the spatial and then the temporal aspects of their research – there will be three short discussions on aspects of space and scale; followed by three on time and scale.
12:30 – 14:00	Faculty book launch and lunch (for all intellectual party participants)
14:00 – 14:30	Where are urban infrastructures? A debate about whether there is anything distinctly urban about infrastructures – Jochen Monstadt and Elizabeth Shove argue with each other about this topic.
14.30 – 15.30	A session in which small groups of participants compare and discuss each other's research statements. These pre-prepared statements (approximately 1000 words) outline the participant's core research questions, the methods they are using to capture or describe infrastructures from different points of view; and a puzzle that they are worrying about now.

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	Living without electricity: a session in which participants review a report on the 2015 Lancaster power cuts (Kemp 2015), http://www.raeng.org.uk/publications/reports/living-without-electricity and hear about the experience of infrastructure breakdown first hand (Simon Guy).
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