SML PHD POSTER COMPETITION

CRoWW Success

The School of Management had a Poster Competition on the 4th of December. It was open to all SML PhD students and this produced quite a range of attractive posters covering topics from Accounting and Finance to Business Management to Languages.

Both members of staff and students were well-represented at the event and were on hand to give feedback to the poster presenters.

We are delighted to announce that CRoWW members were well-represented amongst the winners of the competition.

Isla Kapasi was the overall winner of the competition. Lakshman Wimalasena’s poster was among one of the five highly commended posters by the judges and staff and secured the prize for the 3rd year and continuing student category best poster.

It was a fantastic experience to participate in the PhD Poster Competition. It was a great opportunity for me to receive a lot of feedback on my research. It was also an opportunity to challenge and defend my ideas as well as to gain new ideas – Rafal – 1st Year PhD Student.

CRoWW SEMINAR SERIES

On the 20th November, Dr Vaughan Ellis presented his research exploring the nature of academic working life within Scottish Higher Education: The managed academic. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. This was a very well attended session, drawing an audience from across the Heriot Watt Riccarton Campus. The following debate was a lively discussion of the changing nature of academic work, relationships with students and academic workloads. We look forward to future CRoWW research seminars.
RESEARCH FUNDING ...

**CRoWW member Dr. Kathy Waite has secured research funding**

The source is Research Councils UK and the award is a NEMODE (New Economic Models in the Digital Economy) +3K open call.

Award title is "Banking in a Digital Economy: A Systematic Literature Review and a Strategic Framework for Research!

This project is a review of research within and across discipline concerning conditions at key points of the supply network for new business model implementation (i.e. provider, intermediary and consumer).

The output will be a research framework that will be refined by a Delphi panel of financial services practitioners.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION (BUIRA) SYMPOSIUM ...

**Two of our CRoWW members participated in BUIRA Symposium**

The BUIRA PhD Symposium held in Leeds on the 24th and 25th of October, offered the opportunity to discuss key issues in employment relations research and the attendees were able to discuss career issues and current research with fellow PhD students and academics with similar interests and passions. The major themes covered include:

- Interdisciplinarity, comparative research and impact in employment relations research.
- Methodological perspectives in employment relations.
- Preparing for publication in employment relations.

Overall, the Symposium had quite a positive feedback from the attendees.

RESEARCHING WORK AND ORGANISATION ONLINE ...

**Dr. James Richards speaks at British Academy of Management (BAM) seminar**

The increased use of the Internet, social media and other virtual sites for discussing and accomplishing work and organization raises both new possibilities and new challenges for conducting organizational research. We have the opportunity to view work in a different way, to access the previously inaccessible and to gain insight into virtual organization through the utilisation of on-line research methods but we still know very little about how we might effectively and usefully do this. In this workshop speakers will discuss their own specific experiences of on-line research, revealing both their successes and the issues that arise. (This event was held on the 16th of December, 2013).

- See more at: http://www.bam.ac.uk/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=2131#sthash.mek6l1xk.dpuf
CAMPAIGN FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES ...
Campaign for social sciences has launched the following report..

- Social science graduates more likely to be in work than other graduates, report says

- The report has received coverage in today’s Independent and ‘i’ newspapers.

- Our key findings are:

  - Social science graduates are more likely to be in work than STEM or arts-humanities graduates, 3.5 years after graduating.

  - Of those in work, social science graduates are more likely to be ‘managers, directors and senior officials’ at the same point in time.

  - Social science graduates are also more likely to be employed in the professional and scientific industries.

- Please help us spread the message far and wide by sharing the news on email, Twitter and Facebook!

RESEARCH METHODS EVENT ...
ISBE Gender and Enterprise Network Event...

- As a member of the ISBE Network we thought you would be interested to hear about our upcoming ISBE Gender and Enterprise Network (GEN) event Innovating Method: Researching Gender and Entrepreneurship

- To book visit https://www.eventsforce.net/isbe/42/home

- There is a growing recognition that exploring entrepreneurship through gender theory will positively impact the entrepreneurship discipline. Addressing masculinities and femininities rather than men and women, a gender lens can encompass the breadth and depth of entrepreneurship studies, informing research on the entrepreneur, the entrepreneurial process, the entrepreneurial organisation and entrepreneurship theory.

- This one day event is part of a GEN series of events co-sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Management Studies (SAMS), and will focus predominantly on innovating research methodologies through the gender theory lens. This event will be of interest to scholars undertaking research across the business and management disciplines e.g. entrepreneurship, innovation, strategy, human resource management, and marketing. In addition, the event will be of interest to scholars researching entrepreneurship within other disciplines such as geography, sociology, economics, education, science and technology. The day's programme has been carefully constructed and, through involving prestigious international entrepreneurship scholars, will benefit established academics as well as doctoral students and early career researchers seeking to get established in the field, wanting to build contact networks and to produce high quality research of impact that will be published in reputable journals. The methods discussed will also be of interest to those undertaking management and small business research without a gender focus.

- The event will take place Thursday 13 March 2014 (09:00-16:30), Ulster Business School, Belfast Campus

- Presentations include:

  - The Contribution of Mixed Methods - Dr Julia Rouse, Manchester Metropolitan University & Professor Joan Ballantine, Ulster Business School
  - Innovative Qualitative Research Methods Overview - Professor Helle Neergaard, Aarhus University, Denmark
  - Personal Interviews, Life History and Narrative Approaches - Dr Maura McAdam, Queen's University Management School
  - Discourse Analysis - Dr Sally Jones, University of Leeds
  - PhD Research Methods Clinic
GENDER AND DISABILITY - ASKING DIFFICULT QUESTIONS...

The Interdisciplinary Centre of the Social Sciences (ICOSS) Discussions...

The ICOSS, University of Sheffield is holding a series of discussions on the 10th of May, 2014 around the theme: Gender and Dis/ability. The event is to create a space for conversations and debate between communities who share an interest in gender and disability. Ideas on sharing of skills, stories, arts, performances, poetry, workshops, round-table discussions, papers and presentations are welcome.

Some ideas for topics/themes include:

- (Dis)ableism, discrimination, exclusion and (in)accessibility
- 'Abnormal', 'Normal' and Normalcy
- Activism and protest (disability, feminist, LGBT, 'race', queer)
- Austerity/welfare cuts
- Autonomy and interdependence
- Body image, fetishisation, and the medicalization of bodies and minds
- Desire, Sexuality, intimacy and relationships
- Freakery, the abject and the politics of disgust
- Health and Illness
- Identities and identity politics
- Life-course and ageing
- Mental health and mad pride
- Post-humanism
- Queer and crip histories
- Sex, sex educators and sex workers

Anyone interested should send their ideas (around 200 words or half a page of bullet points) by 24th February 2014 to gender.disability@shef.ac.uk. And to book a place please go to: http://genderanddisability.wordpress.com.