

Work, Employment & Society PhD Showcase Writing Workshop Call for Applications

Monday 2 - Tuesday 3 June 2025
University of Nottingham

Deadline for Applications: 19 March 2025, 17:00 GMT

The [PhD Showcase](#) is a new and thriving part of the journal – with PhD Showcase articles published in most issues of the journal. The aim of the section is to a) showcase the excellent PhD research being undertaken within the sociology of work; and b) provide developmental support for that scholarship. We are organising this workshop to further contribute to the second of these aims.

We are inviting people who are aiming to submit to the PhD Showcase section of the journal to apply to attend a 1.5 day writing workshop. The workshop will be led by four WES editors who will facilitate interactive, developmental sessions in the following areas:

- Overall paper development, involving bespoke engagement with each individual participant's draft paper (participants will be asked to submit a full draft paper 2 weeks in advance of the workshop);
- How to craft a clear, engaging introduction to a paper;
- Developing a strong discussion section for a paper.

A key philosophy of the workshop asks for the active involvement of participants in engaging with each other's work. Peer learning will be as important as learning from the editors.

Eligibility

This workshop is designed for authors aiming to submit to the PhD Showcase, with the same eligibility as PhD Showcase submissions. Applicants will meet the following criteria:

- PhD candidate or recent PhD candidate, with work done during the PhD (MA student work is not eligible);
- Within three years from degree award not including sick, parental or bereavement leave;
- Workshop applicants may be working with co-authors, but must be the first author on the paper developed through the workshop.

Submission of Applications

To apply for the workshop, please submit a 1500 word abstract of your paper covering key research questions, broad field in which the study is embedded, research methods, and overview of main findings and contribution. Your submission should also include the following: working title, at least 5 keywords, details about your PhD and award date. PhD information, keywords, title and any references are not included in the word count.

Email all applications to Alison Danforth, BSA Publications Manager
Alison.danforth@britsoc.org.uk

To be eligible, applications will be received by email to the above address by 19 March 2025, 17:00 GMT

Key Dates

- Application Submission Deadline: 19 March 2025
- Application Decisions: 4 April 2025
- Submission of draft paper: 16 May 2025

Important information for Applicants

- The event fees for accepted delegates will be as follows:
 - BSA Member fee £15.00
 - Non-member fee ECR £88.00
 - Non-member fee PGR £55.00

Please note there is no fee to *apply* for the workshop.

This event is subsidized by the Work, Employment and Society journal through the BSA. Successful delegates are charged a fee in order to secure places.

- Accepted participants will submit a draft paper 2 weeks before the session; this will enable individual advice and feedback on their work during the workshop.
- 1.5-day workshop – starting at noon on 2 June, with an evening activity and finishing on 3 June at end of day.
- £250 will be offered towards travel costs for accepted delegates.
- Accommodation will be provided by the workshop at the University of Nottingham; breakfast (x1), lunch (x2), and dinner(x1) are included in the cost of the workshop.
- BSA Membership is included in the workshop registration for non-members. As members of the BSA, the delegates will have access to many benefits beyond this workshop such as reduced conference rates, free conference places and the mentoring programme, which the BSA runs every January. WES is including BSA membership in the registration for this workshop to provide further support to those who attend in the hopes that they will get a lot from the wider benefits of being involved in the WES and BSA community.

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