

Deconstructing Donation Study Group Conference

Thurs 7th December 2017, University of Bristol

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Dr Laura Machin invites abstract submissions for this interdisciplinary conference, which aims to deconstruct 'donation'. ***Presentations that provide insight into the relationships that donation produce, with people, technology, body parts, fluids, and tissue are particularly welcomed.*** Theoretical, methodological, and empirical papers will all be considered. Presentations can draw on the concepts and theories within the social sciences and/or humanities and can refer to all types, forms, and purposes of donation.

THEMED SESSIONS

– *The Future of Donation*

The focus of the third Deconstructing Donation conference is on the future of donation. Presenters are encouraged to consider what the future might hold for 'donation', in light of scientific and medical advances, policy and practice developments, and shifts in societal attitudes.

– *A Sociology of Donation*

Papers may wish to contemplate to what extent a Sociology of Donation is feasible, by demonstrating commonalities across the multitude of types and purposes of donation.

Abstract Submission

Please email abstracts of up to 300 words by 5th October 2017 to the Deconstructing Donation Study Group Convenor, Dr Laura Machin: l.machin@lancaster.ac.uk You will be notified out of the outcome of your submission by 26th November 2017.

In the abstract, please include your name, institution, title of presentation, and email address. Abstracts significantly over the word count will not be accepted. Abstracts will be reviewed, taking into account the suitability of the topic, the stage of research process (if appropriate), and the significance of the findings or arguments proposed to the Group.

Conference Details

The conference will take place at Bristol Life Sciences Building, University of Bristol, 24 Tyndall Avenue, Bristol, BS8 1TQ. With many thanks to Dr Maria Fannin, Senior Lecturer in Human Geography at University of Bristol to agreeing to host the conference this year.

Delegates and speakers will be welcome to join Laura and Maria for drinks and/or dinner at a local restaurant on Wed 6th December and/or Thurs 7th December. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Nearby accommodation is available at:

- The Berkeley Square Hotel: [0117 925 4000](tel:01179254000), berkeley.reception@cliftonhotels.com
- The Clifton Hotel: [0117 973 6882](tel:01179736882), clifton.reception@cliftonhotels.com
- The Washington Hotel: [0117 973 3980](tel:01179733980), washington.reception@cliftonhotels.com

The Berkeley Square, The Clifton and The Washington are all within 5 minutes walk of each other and the main University of Bristol campus.

Discounted accommodation has been secured at the above hotels. When booking accommodation, pls state "Deconstructing Donation" as the event name and the receptionists will be able to source out the discount for you. Alternatively, use the promo code "UNIOFBRISTOL" on the website "www.cliftonhotels.com"

The plenary speaker for the third Deconstructing Donation conference will be Annelien Bredenoord, Professor Ethics of Biomedical Innovation, at the Department of Medical Humanities, University Medical Centre, Utrecht. Annelien examines the ethical issues raised by translational medicine, particularly the rapid developments in regenerative medicine, stem cell research, genetics/genomics and biobanking. She will be presenting on the future of donation in light of recent scientific and medical advances in the fields of reproduction and stem cell science.

Registration Fees

- Student British Sociological Association member £30 / Student non-BSA member £35
- BSA member £40 / Non-BSA member £45

Please register online:

<https://portal.britisoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10670>