



Deconstructing Donation Study Group Conference

Monday 27th June 2016, Lancaster University

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

In recent years, there has been increased political and social interest in the donation of body parts, fluids, and tissue. As a result, the concept of donation and the related activities of procurement, collection, processing, banking, and allocation, are emerging as the focus of studies once again. Dr Laura Machin invites abstract submissions for this interdisciplinary conference, which aims to deconstruct 'donation'. Papers should aim to explore how donation is understood today, and how donation can be viewed by drawing on the concepts and theories within the social sciences and/or humanities. 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. Finally, papers 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.

THEMED SESSIONS - *New*

Courtesy of funding from The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, the theme for abstracts can be extended to incorporate the following topics:

- Exploring the influence of culture in understandings of donation Cross-cultural comparisons of donation practices, policies, and processes are welcome.
- Gaining insight into understandings of donation by considering how the donation is used e.g. transplantation, art exhibitions, transfusions
- Focusing on the notions of risk and/or quality and how these shape donation policies, practices, and processes.

Abstract Submission

Please email abstracts of up to 300 words by 11th April 2016 to the Deconstructing Donation Study Group Convenor, Dr Laura Machin: l.machin@lancaster.ac.uk

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.

People may be invited to submit a poster presentation for the conference. Time will be allocated during the conference for delegates to view the posters, and delegates will decide the best poster. A prize for the best poster will be awarded at the end of the conference.

Conference Details

The conference will take place in Furness College, Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YG (<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/>) Delegates and speakers will be welcome to join Laura and other speakers for drinks and/or dinner at a local restaurant on Sunday 26th June and/or Monday 27th

June. Nearby accommodation is available at Lancaster University or Lancaster House Hotel. City centre accommodation is available at Travelodge, The Sun Inn, or The Toll Inn.

Three invited speakers will be presenting at the conference:

- Reverend Canon Dr Paul Denby, St John Ambulance
- Amy Sharrocks, Museum of Water
- Alison Ireland, Hour of Writes international writing competition

Registration Fees

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

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