



Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement (DDB) Study Group

Friday 14th November 2014, 10.00am – 4.30pm
BSA London Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf

Venue details can be found at: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/meetingroom.htm>

Theme: Death, Inequality and Social Difference

Death and bereavement are considered universal experiences. Death is one of the few certainties in life and something which will inevitably affect us all. But this common adage can also mislead. Whilst many might expect to experience loss and we all face our own eventual demise, we do so in diverse cultural, societal, institutional, political and material contexts. We die differently, and in some cases with inequity as a defining feature of this experience. This year's symposium will critically explore this diversity and ask timely and pertinent questions about a range of issues related to social divisions at the end of life.

We invite papers that theoretically and empirically engage with the theme of this year's symposium. It is anticipated that topics covered by this call could include, but are not limited to: how groups experience disadvantage, on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, social class, disability and/ or circumstances such as imprisonment, homelessness, drug use, poverty and disease/ condition 'status'; identity and intersectionality; implications for, and the implications of, social policy decisions relating to end of life; challenges for practice and service provision, including equity of access and organisational structures; global perspectives on and experiences of death and social difference; austerity and neo-liberalism; attitudes, prejudice and assumptions; concepts of stigma, vulnerability and marginality; and ethical and/or methodological issues of studying these areas.

Please send 250 word abstracts for 20 minute presentations to Erica Borgstrom, Julie Ellis and Kate Woodthorpe (BSADDB@gmail.com).

Deadline for abstract submission is **5pm GMT Friday 19th September 2014**.

Symposium fees: Early Bird Registration for the symposium closes on **Friday 24th October**. Fees are £25 for Postgraduates, £35 BSA members, £40 for non-members. Registrations after 25th October incur a £5 late booking fee.

Please visit the event website to register at <http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10364>

For more details about the study groups please visit <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/specialisms/DDB.htm> or contact BSADDB@gmail.com

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