

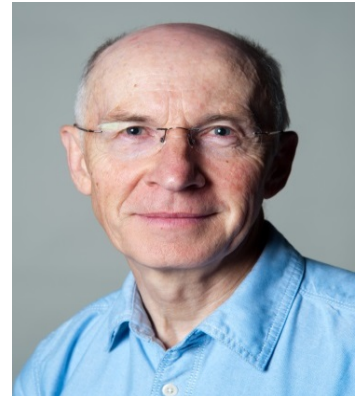
PLENARY

Disparities: Rich and Poor in Times of Austerity

Wednesday 7 September, 11:00-12:30

Western Lecture Theatre

Andrew Sayer is Professor of Social Theory and Political Economy at Lancaster University. He has worked mainly in these areas and on the production and effects of inequalities, and on ethics in everyday life, often through dialogue between social science and philosophy. For example, in relation to the interests of Work, Employment and Society he has written on moral economy, divisions of labour and contributive justice, dignity at work, and economic injustice and the return of the rich. His most recent books in this area are *The Moral Significance of Class* (Cambridge University Press, 2005); *Why Things Matter to People: Values, Ethical Life and Social Science* (Cambridge University Press, 2011) and *Why We Can't Afford the Rich* (Policy Press, 2014).



Tracy Shildrick is Professor of Sociology and Social Policy at University of Leeds. Prior to this she was Professor of Sociology at Teesside University. She has undertaken many years of research in deprived communities, exploring issues around youth transitions to adulthood, youth exclusion and the experience of poverty and the low pay, no pay cycle for both older and younger workers. Her co-authored book *Poverty and Insecurity: Life on Low Pay, No Pay Britain* won the British Academy Peter Townsend Prize in 2013



Imogen Tyler is a social theorist and sociologist of inequalities and borders (of multiple kinds). Her research is concerned with social inequalities, power, injustice and resistance. It examines why inequalities exist, why inequalities are currently growing (for example, patterns of neoliberalism, marketization, privatisation and the erosion of democracy in the transition to postwelfare state formations), the intersections of different histories and forms of inequality (for example, gender, citizenship status, disability). My work is concerned with how inequalities are measured and classified, the ways in which inequalities are reproduced & resisted and the kinds of subjectivities and identities which are constituted through unequal social relations. In 2010 she was awarded a Leverhulme Research Fellowship and the major outcome of this fellowship was the monograph *Revolting Subjects: Social Abjection and Resistance in Neoliberal Britain* (London: Zed, 2013) which was nominated for the Bread and Roses Prize for Radical Publishing. In 2014 Imogen was awarded a prestigious Philip Leverhulme Prize to undertake a new project on stigma and inequality provisionally entitled *Rethinking the Sociology of Stigma*.



Chair: Kate Hardy, University of Leeds.