



-BSA Postgraduate Forum Regional Event

Public sociology and the role of the researcher:
engagement, communication and academic activism

Wednesday 29 March 2017, De Montfort University, Leicester

What is the role of the researcher outside the academy? This event invites Postgraduate and Early Career Researchers to innovate and critically reflect on three related areas of public sociology: academic activism, public engagement, and participation and co-production. It encourages researchers to articulate and address diverse challenges, such as neutrality, networking, and whether activism can be considered a form of public engagement.

This event includes a **keynote lecture** from distinguished speaker **Dr Mark Carrigan, Digital Fellow, The Sociological Review**, presentations by invited speakers, a film created using participatory methods, a participatory session, and the chance to network and discuss work with fellow researchers. The aim is to provide an environment in which participants have the space to be questioning, to have a lively exchange of ideas, and to be inspired to explore the potential of these ideas in their own research.

Call for abstracts and posters

We would like to invite Postgraduates to take part in a five-minute PechaKucha presentation and/or a poster presentation: the call for abstracts is now open. Given the brevity of the presentations, abstract submissions should be no longer than 200 words. **Abstracts for presentations are due on February 24th, 2017** and poster confirmation is needed **by 1st March 2017**. There are small prizes for the best poster and the best presentation.

Oral presentations and posters may cover any aspect of Public Sociology, including, but not limited to:

- dissemination of knowledge beyond academia;
- participatory research methods and challenges;
- positionality of the researcher and relationships of power;
- approaches and practice in the co-production of knowledge;
- academic activism.



Registration closes on March 15th, 2017.

To book please visit:

<https://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10624>

£10 BSA Members, £25 Non-BSA Members. Includes lunch and refreshments.

For further information and to submit your abstract, please contact Sasha Loyal

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