

Call for papers / booking form

Social Stratification Research Seminar, 2017

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The annual Social Stratification Research Seminar will be taking place on the 7th and 8th September 2017 at the University of Edinburgh (hosted by the Department of Sociology, School of Social and Political Science, Univ. Edinburgh, <http://www.sociology.ed.ac.uk/>).

Paper presentations: Proposals for papers for presentation are invited from any area in the broad remit of research into social stratification and social inequality. Our seminar often features papers based upon the analysis of large scale social science datasets, and we again welcome papers of this form, but as a seminar group we are also keen to involve papers from other relevant traditions as well. We do not anticipate limiting the number of delegates attending, but we do expect to have to enforce an upper limit on the number of paper presentations that we can accommodate.

If you would like to present a paper, **please send a title and short description of your paper (at least 100 words) to Paul Lambert by 12th June 2017** <paul.lambert@stirling.ac.uk>. Confirmation of papers for presentation will be made by 16th June 2017. Paper proposals received after the deadline will only be accommodated if there is space in the schedule. A provisional programme of papers will be published at <www.camsis.stir.ac.uk/stratif>.

Conference organisers:

Paul Lambert & Jennifer Ferguson (Univ. Stirling); Vernon Gayle (Univ. Edinburgh)

Booking arrangements:

Paper proposal deadline:	12 June 2017
Paper notifications:	16 June 2017
Final booking deadline:	23 August 2017

The meeting benefits from the kind support of the Department of Sociology, University of Edinburgh. This allows us to keep the conference fee to the minimal charge of £15 for salaried delegates only.

Papers submitted by the deadline will be reviewed by the organisers in consultation with other regular meeting attendees if necessary. If the meeting is oversubscribed with paper proposals, priority will go to strong papers in the area of social stratification research and to submissions from delegates who will attend for the whole of the meeting and who have a track record of participation in the seminar group.

Location, subsistence, accommodation

During the seminar sessions, coffee/tea/biscuits will be provided at breaks, but lunch and other subsistence is left to delegates' own arrangements. For lunch etc, there are numerous shops, cafés and restaurants in the immediate vicinity. An optional conference dinner will be organised for the evening of 7th Sept. at a venue to be confirmed. A number of us will gather informally on the evening of Wednesday 6th Sept to go for drinks/dinner, to which all delegates are welcome (meeting at 6.30pm outside the seminar venue).

Travel and accommodation is also left to delegates' own arrangements. The seminar venue (Chrystal Macmillan Building, 15a George Square, EH8 9LD) is within the city centre (it is approximately 1km south of Waverley Rail Station, 750m south of the Royal Mile). Edinburgh has many hotels and alternative accommodation options, however the dates of our meeting will be a popular time in the city so we recommend making bookings as early as is feasible. For possible accommodation options, websites include www.visitscotland.com and the University service www.edinburghfirst.co.uk. Chain hotels that are fairly close to the conference venue include the Premier Inn and Novotel (Lauriston Place). Lower cost accommodation in Edinburgh is typically available by searching for 'Bed and breakfast' establishments and 'hostels', and/or by booking accommodation outside the centre of the city and taking advantage of the city's public transport networks (see www.travelinescotland.com).

Please complete and return the booking form overleaf at the earliest opportunity
(or provide the information by email). Further information and updates on the conference are published on the conference website <www.camsis.stir.ac.uk/stratif>.

University of Edinburgh

Social Stratification Research Seminar, 2017 September 6-8

Schedule:

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th September: Registration

Wednesday 6th:

6.30 pm

Informal gathering for meal and drinks

(meet outside Chrystal MacMillan Building, 15a George Square)

Thursday 7th:

9.00am-5.30pm

Session presentations

7.30pm

Conference Dinner

Friday 8th:

9.00am-5.30pm

Session presentations

BOOKING FORM. Deadline: 12 JUNE (presenters); 23 AUG (other delegates)

I WILL ATTEND THE SOCIAL STRATIFICATION RESEARCH SEMINAR,
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, 6-8TH SEP 2017:

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Please mark any of the below as appropriate:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I've submitted a paper proposal</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I'm attending as a delegate only (I'm not submitting a paper)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I'll pay the standard conference fee to the organisers during the meeting*</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I would like to attend the conference dinner on 7th September (est. cost £35pp)**</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I will attend for the whole academic meeting (0900-1730, 07/09/17 and 08/09/17)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I regret that I will not be able to attend the academic meeting at the following times:</i>

*Fee is £15 for salaried; £0 otherwise. **To be paid to organisers at meeting. Please indicate below any dietary requirements for the conference dinner. If relevant, also indicate if you would like to bring a guest to the dinner:

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Other notes/queries:

PLEASE RETURN BOOKING FORM AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO:
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Call for Papers

6. Rhein-Ruhr Promovendensymposium „Arbeit und Soziale Sicherheit“

8./9. März 2018 in Duisburg

Das **Rhein-Ruhr Promovendensymposium** ist eine Veranstaltung, die gemeinsam vom Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftlichen Institut (WSI) in der Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, Düsseldorf sowie dem Institut Arbeit und Qualifikation (IAQ) und dem Institut für Soziologie (IfS) der Universität Duisburg-Essen organisiert wird. Das Organisations- und Programmkomitee besteht aus Prof. Dr. Anke Hassel (WSI), Prof. Dr. Martin Brussig (IAQ) und Prof. Dr. Marcel Erlinghagen (IfS).

Die jährlich ausgerichtete Veranstaltung richtet sich an Promovendinnen und Promovenden unterschiedlicher sozialwissenschaftlicher Disziplinen und angrenzender Fächer (z.B. Soziologie, Wirtschaftswissenschaft, Politikwissenschaft), deren laufende Doktorarbeit einen Zusammenhang mit **mindestens einem der beiden Oberthemen „Arbeit“ oder „Soziale Sicherheit“** aufweist. Im Rahmen des Symposiums besteht für die Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer die Möglichkeit, ihre im Entstehungsprozess befindliche Arbeit vorzustellen und mit erfahrenen Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftlern sowie anderen Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden intensiv zu diskutieren. Dabei sind sowohl theoretisch-konzeptionelle als auch empirische oder sozialpolitische Arbeiten gleichermaßen erwünscht.

Interessierte Promovendinnen und Promovenden können sich für die Präsentation ihrer Arbeit bewerben, indem sie bis zum **15. September 2017** eine Zusammenfassung ihres Vorhabens (maximal 3.000 Zeichen) einreichen. Eine Entscheidung über die Annahme des Vortragsvorschlags fällt spätestens bis zum **15. November 2017**. Angenommene Bewerberinnen und Bewerber müssen den Organisatoren dann bis spätestens **31. Januar 2018** einen zusammenhängenden Aufsatz (maximal 60.000 Zeichen) zusenden.

Die ausgewählten Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer werden auf dem Symposium in maximal 20 Minuten wesentliche Aspekte ihrer Arbeit vortragen. Dieser Vortrag und der zuvor eingereichte Aufsatz werden anschließend durch eine(n) erfahrene(n) Forscher(in) kommentiert und im Plenum diskutiert. Für eingeladene Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer übernehmen die Organisatoren die anfallenden Fahrt- und Hotelkosten.

Bitte senden Sie Ihre Bewerbung in elektronischer Form an:

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Call for Abstracts:
Population indicators and the politics of expectations

XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology: Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities, July 15 - 21, 2018, Toronto, Canada.

Session host: RC41 Sociology of Population

Organizers: Walter Bartl, Reinhold Sackmann

Deadline: September 30, 2017

In the sociology of quantification, the relevance of population numbers in democratic politics and democratic representation was among the earliest issues addressed. A basic assumption in this line of reasoning is that there is an inherently political dimension to what seems to be methodological or technocratic issues in the use of numbers in politics. The planned session picks up this argument by focusing on specific aspects of how population indicators are institutionalized and used in politics.

Population indicators operate largely hidden from public scrutiny—for example, they define the size of electoral districts or the nature of intergovernmental fiscal relations. However, the processes by which population indicators become institutionalized as key elements of collective efforts to achieve larger social goals are still poorly understood. The same can be said about conflicts over alternative indicators.

- How can we systematically describe institutionalization processes of key population indicators?
- Which conflicts arise from divergent practices of using population numbers?

Expectations about the future are often symbolized and narrated in politics by using demographic projections. On the one hand demographic projections belong to the most reliable type of projections that we know. On the other hand, migration movements introduce a notoriously hard to predict element in demographic projections. It has been argued repeatedly that a projection of future demographic developments — such as in shrinking societies — will demotivate genuine political decision-making by suggesting overwhelming factual constraints.

- How do population indicators operate as instruments of imagination?
- How do demographic projections account for the irreducible uncertainty of the future?

Please submit your contribution proposals online via the official ISA conference website:
<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogrampreliminary/Session8795.html>

Please submit your contribution also via e-mail to: walter.bartl@soziologie.uni-halle.de

In case you have any questions please get in touch.