Faculty of Humanities
Researcher Development Bulletin

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Inside this bulletin you will find information and events of interest to postgraduate researchers and research staff within the Faculty of Humanities. This bulletin and previous issues can also be downloaded from the bulletins page of the Researcher Development website.

For all regular researcher development updates please follow our Twitter page.

Useful links
Researcher Development site PGR Development Calendar PGR Resources methods@manchester artsmethods@manchester eProg Vitae

News

Hi All
As you know, I have taken over the role of Researcher Development Officer (PGR). It was great to meet you all at the Induction sessions for new PGRs I hope to see you all again at some of the forthcoming training sessions scheduled for this semester. The core sessions are already booking up, so if you are keen to do any of them this semester you should go on to eprog and book your place. If you find yourself on the waiting list please wait to be told of a cancellation. If you can't make a session you have booked on to please let us know with as much notice as possible so that your place can be given to someone else. Don't worry if you don't manage to do all these sessions this semester, there are repeat sessions in the second semester. I should also remind you about the methods@manchester Methods Fair http://www.methods.manchester.ac.uk/events/2013-10-09/index.shtml which will be a great opportunity to meet some of your colleagues and staff, see what others are doing and start thinking about your methodology. Finally I wanted to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Researcher Development Team, to wish you all every success with your PhD programme!
Best, Dr Ian Fairweather, Researcher Development Officer

Postgraduate development workshops

October workshops with available places (at the time of bulletin production):
Re-activating Your Writing Skills - 15/10/2013
Writing Your Literature Review – 22, 23, 29/10/2013
Academic Writing 1 - 22/10/2013
Academic Writing 2 - 29/10/2013
Speed Reading and Managing Information for Your Research - 30/10/2013
GTA Training various dates

For more information or to book on a course please go to the PGR Development Calendar – please click on the course you want to attend and book through eProg. You can check the status of your bookings, register and cancel workshops through eProg. Please see the information on our website about assessing your professional needs.
Before booking onto a course please make sure that you can abide by our code of professional etiquette.

Please **only** attend sessions when you have booked a place. We keep track of numbers to make sure classes are not too full, and attending without registering is also unfair to those who have booked or are on a waiting list. Contact humaties-training@manchester.ac.uk to cancel a place on workshop.

Please also make sure you can arrive to the session on time and that you can attend the whole session: late arrivals and people leaving halfway through the session create disruption.

Other Workshops

The University of Manchester Library

The Library offers a range of information skills sessions throughout the year to help you with your research. Courses cover literature searching, citation analysis, reference management, keeping up-to-date and a range of workshops on specialist resources and research information issues.

Research Staff

Information about research staff events is sent out in an e-mail bulletin. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients please contact Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk. Alternatively you can visit the Research Staff blog.

University-Wide Development Opportunities

methods@manchester - *What is…?*

A regular series of lunch-time talks which provide short, accessible introductory guides to key research methods. These talks are ideal for research students, or their supervisors, who want to find out what the method does and whether it might be useful in their research. The talks take place on Thursdays from 1 - 2pm in room 1.69/1.70, Humanities Bridgeford Street. No booking is required, just turn up on the day.

artsmethods@manchester

artsmethods@manchester is a programme of talks, workshops and events running throughout the year that explore approaches to arts research and the breadth of methodological expertise in arts and languages at the University of Manchester. artsmethods also works closely with cultural partners across Manchester and the North West to enhance the impact and dissemination of arts and languages research. The website contains useful resources both at the University of Manchester and nationwide. Workshops are available to book through eProg.

Training Courses for Research Computing

IT Services is running a series of courses aimed at staff and postgraduates undertaking or interested in computational research. The courses are staged to lead you from understanding basic principles such as accessing high performance computing facilities to programming using parallel languages/extensions. Understanding the masses of data we collect is also covered via a selection of visualization courses.

Faculty Seminars

To keep updated about what's going on in the Faculty check out the Humnet Seminars and Events web page. You can also use the online form to submit details of discipline specific seminars which you are organising.

Don't forget to check out Vitae events in the North-West.

Opportunities

Methods Fair **9 October 2013,** 1pm - 6pm University of Manchester, Roscoe Building
This year's Methods Fair will feature a range of workshops, PhD talks and exhibitors, and the annual methods poster competition. Find out about the range of research methods being used at the University of Manchester. An essential event for researchers, PhD students and supervisors.
 Book here

Methods@manchester invites PGRS to take advantage of 1-2-1 sessions with the British Library's lead curator of digital social sciences, John Kaye, and content specialist in Law and Socio-legal studies, Jonathan Sims, as part of this year's Methods Fair.

If you are planning to undertake any research with the British Library, you should consider booking a face-to-face session with these visiting experts, particularly if you are conducting research into digital collections, social sciences, or law.

John and Jonathan can help with: research datasets, data management, research methods, general social science topics. They can also assist with access to online content including: digital theses, web archives, conference proceedings, manuscripts, legislation and other government documents, policy proposals and scrutiny

email emma.fraser@manchester.ac.uk to book a ten-minute time-slot. Include your full name and area of interest. You will be allocated a time based on availability, unless you specify a particular time (1pm-3pm). Places are filling fast, so please register soon to avoid missing out!

Simon and Hallsworth poster showcase **23/10/2013**
This poster showcase event is intended to familiarise the University Community with the work currently being undertaken by the Simon and Hallsworth Research Fellows. Successful applicants will speak about their research and how they are using the Fellowships to further their careers. A light lunch buffet will be provided.

Policy@Manchester - **New Researchers Network (NRN)**
The Policy@Manchester New Researchers Network (NRN) is an interdisciplinary initiative offering all postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers with an interest in policy the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas in an informal atmosphere.

NRN members work in different fields, ranging from the social sciences to engineering and from health to law. Interests range from policy evaluation to contribution to policy, covering themes such as the processes of doing research, communicating research and also research methodologies.

For more information about forthcoming events, join the mailing list (http://www.policy.manchester.ac.uk/networks/nrn/join/) or follow the NRN on Twitter (@PolicyNRN)

Bloggers wanted for new Manchester Policy Blogs Policy@Manchester has launched Manchester Policy Blogs (http://blog.policy.manchester.ac.uk), providing insight and analysis on a range of policy topics, and is looking for postgraduate researchers to contribute.

In particular, we are looking for people to review books that deal with the latest policy issues across a range of disciplines. Reviews only have to be 500-800 words, and in most instances reviewers will be entitled to keep the books they review. Policy@Manchester can assist with obtaining new titles for review. If you are interested please email policy@manchester.ac.uk