Visual Dialogues

RESEARCHING INEQUALITY: A THEORY FOR EVERYTHING?

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Faculty of Health and Social Care, The Open University, Milton Keynes
Key Note Speakers   Professor Mary Maynard (University of York)   Dr Val Gillies (London Southbank University)

We are pleased to announce this call for attendees to participate in a one day event on the theory and practice of researching inequalities. As well as the keynote speakers, and postgraduate student presentations, there will be opportunities to participate in plenary discussion and to share work and ideas relating to the following conference themes:
> *The state of sociological inquiry into inequality*:
> - What are the current trends and future directions in sociological theories on inequality? How can we theorise the intersection between different social and economic inequalities?
> - Is it useful to theorise 'inequality' or do we risk creating a 'theory of everything' that lacks specific and contextual relevance?
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> *Putting theory into research practice:*
> - How useful are theories of inequality for social research? How can postgraduate students put theories on inequality to work in their research design, practice and analysis?
> - How can methodological developments provide innovative ways for better understanding inequality?

This interdisciplinary event will be of interest to postgraduate and career researchers working in the broad field of inequality, policy analysts, and practitioners in services which address the consequences of social inequality. The conference is sponsored by the British Sociological Association as part of a series of events for postgraduate students and hosted by the Faculty of Health and Social Care at The Open University.

Key Note Speakers:

Professor Mary Maynard (University of York) **-** *Conducting Research on Social Inequalities: Do Qualitative Research Methods Travel?*

Dr Val Gillies (London Southbank University) - *From Theory to Practice: Methodological Reflections on Researching Inequality through Ethnography.*

Postgraduate student presentations:

- Doyin Atewologun (Cranfield University) - *Advancing Racio-Ethnic and Diversity Theorising Through Intersectional Identity Work*

- Ben Baumberg (LSE) - *The need for an overarching 'theory of inequalities' in Sociology and Social Policy*

- Kate D'Arcy (Sheffield University) - *Home education and Traveller Families*

- Jaimie Ellis (Southampton University) - *Young People with Autism: A case study of methodological innovation in researching socially excluded groups*

- Mark Green (Sheffield University) - *Visualising Inequality in London: A Different Approach*

- Natalie Gupta (Manchester University) - *The Impact of a Declining Wage Share on Income Inequalities in a Heterogonous Production Set-up: The Relevance of Drawing on the Classical Framework*

- Sumi Hollingworth (London Metropolitan University) - *Social mixing in urban schooling: exploring the processes of power and inequality*

- Beatrice Lam (Manchester University) - *Inequalities in education with reference to a study on parental educational involvement in Hong Kong*

- Marian Peacock (Sheffield University) - *Women's Lives in Unequal Societies*

- Konstanze Spohrer (Strathclyde University) - *Adopting a "Foucaultian" approach to researching socio-economic inequality in education*

Conference information

Places are limited so early booking is advised.
The conference is free for BSA members and £10 for non-members. To reserve a place please book on line at the BSA website or contact one of the conference organisers:

http://bsas.esithosting.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10118

The conference will be held at The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. For advice on travelling to The Open University campus please go to:

http://www3.open.ac.uk/contact/locations.aspx

For information on accommodation close to The Open University campus please go to:

http://www.mkweb.co.uk/accommodation/home.asp

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