BSA Regional Postgraduate Event

Tuesday 3rd June 2014
Hosted by The Open University, Milton Keynes
Library Seminar Rooms 1&2

Exploring narrative approaches to research and re-presentation in the late postmodern era

Keynote Speakers:
- Professor Gayle Letherby, Plymouth University
- Professor Dan Goodley, Sheffield University
- Professor Andrew Sparkes, Leeds Metropolitan University

This conference seeks to equip emerging scholars with the skills to enact high quality narrative research. The commonly cited narrative turn in research has opened up the possibility for the use of a variety of (narrative) methodological approaches in the social sciences. However, throughout the academy there remains much skepticism at their use. Words and phrases such as self-indulgence; narcissism; bias and generalisability haunt the imaginary of many narrative scholars.

This conference will celebrate this turn in research and re-presentation as well as outlining situations where narrative approaches can be employed. This conference also seeks to explore some of the ways that future scholars can maintain the relevance of narrative approaches in the ever-mobile social world.

This conference seeks to demystify all aspects of narrative research and re-presentation to enable contemporary scholars to add narrative ‘techniques’ to their research toolkit.

This one day event will be of interest to researchers who have an interest in using narrative approaches to research. This conference provides an ideal opportunity for early career and postgraduate researchers to learn about the use of narrative methods in a supportive environment and under the guidance of established academics in the field of narrative research. As well as hosting three plenary speakers, separate time will be dedicated to the discussion of issues that researchers feel relevant in their employment of narrative methods.

Registration costs £10 for BSA members and £25 for non-members and is handled by the BSA events team (events@britsoc.org.uk); early registration is advised as there are a very limited amount of places.

Please contact the Open University Events team at HSC-RE-events@open.ac.uk for any queries.