ARE YOU A VIRTUOUS RESEARCHER?

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF REFLECTION ABOUT ETHICAL RESEARCH: YOUR ROLE AND THAT OF THE UNIVERSITY HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 29th MARCH 2018

10.00-11.00 PRESENTATION BY JOHN OATES: The Virtuous Researcher

Research ethics in the social sciences has become a hot topic in recent years, with the ‘patient protection’ model, developed in medical research, coming increasingly under fire. Resistance by researchers to ethics review processes that can seem more obstructive than facilitative has led to a high level of critical debate about the role of ethics arbiters (RECs, Research Councils, journal editors). Learned societies, researchers and scholars have contributed to the turn to virtue ethics, which challenges pre-emptive ethics review as the primary means of ensuring ethical research conduct, and supplants this with the concept of the ‘virtuous researcher’. This revives and modernises the Aristotelian concept of Eudaimonia; ‘living and doing well’.


11.00-11.20 REFRESHMENTS

11.20-12.20 THE CERD ETHICAL APPRAISAL FRAMEWORK: Alison Fox and Kris Stutchbury

An introduction to a set of resources linked to a framework for ethical appraisal of your study which can be used to prepare for approaching the human research ethics committee and throughout your study - during fieldwork and reporting.

12.20-12.30 ILLUSTRATIVE STORIES OF VIRTUOUS RESEARCH IN ACTION

An introduction to researcher-generated podcasts and videos and invitation to engage with the framework and build further accounts. Amazon vouchers available.