

ESRC Scholars Newsletter - August 2017

I hope that peoples' Summer fieldwork and writing plans are going well.

I know that there's at least a month more to go before Michaelmas beckons, but here are some August updates.

Together with Ivo Gruev, Will Allen and the Scholars' Association, we've been busy planning lots of networking events this coming term, and even the odd party.

See below also for news on Shut up and Write, a reminder of your student reps, more internship opportunities, and a reminder of how to claim back RTSG!

Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Grand Union DTP launch event at the Cherwell Boat House.

Have a good September,

David and the DTP team.

Diary Dates for Michaelmas term

- 1) **Grand Union DTP Launch Party** Friday 2nd Week, 20th October 6-9pm, Cherwell Boat House
- 2) **Half Term Lunch** Publishing Workshop with OUP Friday 3rd November 1- 3 pm (Social Sciences Lecture Theatre)
- 3) **9th Week ESRC Social** hosted by the Scholars' Association Merton College MCR Tuesday 5th December 7 -9pm
- 4) **'Shut Up and Write!' Sessions for ESRC Students: Michaelmas Term 2017** (see below)

Shut up and Write

Trying to get motivated to write that coursework essay, thesis chapter, conference/journal paper, or any other bit of writing? Would peer support - and a bit of pressure - from your fellow ESRC students help? The ESRC Scholars Association is offering regular 'Shut Up and Write!' sessions during Michaelmas term (weeks 3 through 8). This is a dedicated time where like-minded students get together for a period of writing (no Facebook allowed!), usually about 2.5 hours which includes a break in the middle and introductory chats about our goals. Coffee and snacks will be provided by the association, and a member of the Scholars Committee will always attend to lead each session. Although regularly attending will help you build an accountable writing community, you can drop in for as many sessions as you find helpful: you do not need to sign up beforehand.

This term, the sessions are typically scheduled for Monday mornings, 9.30-12.00, in Seminar Room E in the Manor Road Building (the one that contains the Social Science Library). There are a couple of exceptions, though, so the full schedule appears below:

Week 3: Monday 23 October, Room E

Week 4: Monday 30 October, Room E

Week 5: Monday 6 November, Room E

Week 6: Monday 13 November, Room D

Week 7: Tuesday 21 November, Room E

Week 8: Monday 27 November, Room E

If you have any questions, please email either of the co-chairpersons: Will Allen (william.allen@compas.ox.ac.uk) or Ivo Gruev (ivo.gruev@merton.ox.ac.uk).

More internship opportunities: Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology placements

The ESRC/POST fellowship scheme is now open for applications for ESRC-funded PhD students in their second and third year. The closing date for applications is 17:00 hours on Friday 13th October 2017. More information about the scheme and guidance for applicants is available on the POST website: <http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/offices/bicameral/post/fellowships/esrc/>

RTSG: The all-important small print

Please can Mel (and I) remind all of you to use the correct claim form when claiming back using RTSG expenses

https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/finance/epp/expenses/expenses_process/

A gentle reminder also to ensure that you read the RTSG small print:

- Don't forget to sign the claim form and submit hard copy (electronic copies will not be accepted)
- Your supervisor signs the claim form or emails Mel Goodchild to confirm authorisation
- Include original receipts and not copies
- Use the currency converter at www.xe.com for the date you incur the cost and print this off to submit with the claim
- Be frugal: do everything possible in order to keep costs down, especially with accommodation