

Final Call for Papers

Deadline extended to 21st May 2012

School of Languages and Social Sciences

Aston University, Birmingham

1st Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference

Making Research Count

Thursday 28th June 2012

The School of Languages and Social Sciences (LSS), Aston University, is pleased to announce the 1st Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference (IPC), due to take place on Thursday 28th June 2012.

The aim of the IPC is to bring together LSS postgraduate students and offer an intellectually motivating and supportive platform for the exchange of ideas. The IPC will also include contributions from keynote speakers [Dr Nathaniel Copsey](#) – head of the politics and international relations department and co-editor of the Journal of Common Market Studies Annual Review, [Professor Anne Burns](#) – Director of the Centre for Language Education Research at Aston, and [Professor Gertrud Reershemius](#) – Associate Dean for Research. The IPC will be based on the theme of making research available to the wider world.

We welcome contributions from postgraduate students across LSS (on-campus and distance learning). You are invited to submit abstracts of up to 250 words, via the attached application form. Completed applications should be returned to lss_ipc@aston.ac.uk, by **Monday 21st May 2012**. Students will have the opportunity to present in one of the following proposed formats:

Classic Presentation - Individuals papers will be allocated a 20 minute presentation slot. Presenters will be expected to participate in a Q&A session following their presentation. In addition presenters will receive in depth feedback from both academics and delegates.

Mini Presentation - Students will be allocated a 5 minute presentation slot. Presenters are advised to present five PowerPoint slides at one minute per slide. Students will also receive feedback.

Poster Presentation - Posters will utilise graphics and charts, alongside text, to visually describe research. Posters will be displayed throughout the IPC, and postgraduates will have the opportunity to discuss their posters with other delegates during the poster session. Distance learning postgraduate students will also have the opportunity to submit posters in .pdf format.

Those close to completion are advised to give oral presentations. Please note that presenting at the IPC will count towards research training hours. Furthermore, following the IPC, abstracts and selected exemplary working papers will be published on the Aston University LSS IPC webpage. There will be a small registration fee of £10 which can be paid on the day.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 1st IPC in June at Aston University.

LSS_IPC Committee 2012.