

**The Plymouth Postgraduate Symposium:
Building Bridges in
Social Science Research**

Faculty of Social Science & Business with Geography

Programme of Events

**Friday 15th May 2009 – Robbins Conference Centre,
University of Plymouth**

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10.15	Welcome to the symposium (plenary) [Lecture Theatre]
9.30 – 9.45	<i>Dr. Adrian Barton (Associate Dean)</i>
9.45 – 10.00	<i>Deborah Shenton (The PhD Experience)</i>
10.00 – 10.15	<i>Dr. Nick Johns (Life after death?: 10 top post-viva tips)</i>
10.15 – 10.30:	Refreshments
10.30 – 11.50:	Morning Session [Lecture Theatre/ SR1/ SR2/ SR3]
11.50 – 12.45:	Lunch, Posters and PG Chat
12.45 – 13.40:	<u>'Communicating Knowledge Talks'</u> [Lecture Theatre]
12.45 – 13.05	<i>Dr. Troy Heffernan– Publishing Part 1</i>
13.05 – 13.25	<i>Prof. James Sidaway & Prof. Jon Shaw– Publishing Part 2</i>
13.25 – 13.40	Q & A
13.40 – 14.40:	Afternoon Session, part 1 [Lecture Theatre/ SR1/ SR2/ SR3]
14.40 – 15.00:	Refreshments
15.00 – 15.40:	Afternoon Session, part 2 [Lecture Theatre/ SR1/ SR2/ SR3]
15.40 – 16.00:	Award of prize for poster presentation & Closing Session [Lecture Theatre]
6.30pm:	Boat Trip (evening social)

Stream 1: Management and Organisational Behaviour
[Lecture Theatre - Robbins Centre]

Morning Session

10.30 – 11.50

Facilitator: Ricky Lowes

10.30 – 10.50

Elizabeth Pearson (*University of Plymouth*)

'Equity, Organisational Justice and Human Resource Management (HRM)'

10.50 – 11.10

Hamilton E. Ekeke (*University of Aberystwyth*)

'Knowledge Management: Does it exist in the Nigerian Public Service?'

11.10 – 11.30

Mohamed Briouig (*University of Plymouth*)

'Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Supply Chain Risk Management; The case of LNG Ports and Marine Terminals'

Afternoon Session (Part 1)

13.40 – 14.40

Facilitator: Beryl Badger

13.40 – 14.00

Smita Tripathi (*University of Plymouth*)

'Governance and Leadership in the Public Sector: The Paradoxes and Challenges'

14.00 – 14.20

Jeremy Walding (*University of Plymouth*)

'Integrating 'Value for Money': Exploring the Beliefs and Attitudes of Frontline Managers in the NHS'

14.20 – 14.40

Wang Huijuan (*University of Durham*)

'Effect of organizational change on performance: Managerial characteristics, inertia and niche expansion'

Afternoon Session (Part 2)

15.00 – 15.40 No Presentations

Stream 2: Banking, Finance and Corporate Governance
[Seminar Room 1 - Robbins Centre]

Morning Session

10.30 – 11.50

Facilitator: Atul Mishra

10.30 – 10.50

Igwe Paul Agu (*University of Plymouth*)

'Strategies for Boosting Rural Economic Growth And Poverty Reduction In Nigeria'

10.50 – 11.10

Shafie Mohamed Zabri (*University of Plymouth*)

'Financing Preferences and Determinants of Capital Structure among Malaysian SMEs'

11.10 – 11.30

Animesh Kumar (*University of Plymouth*)

'Automating the Stock Markets'

Afternoon Session (Part 1)

13.40 – 14.40

Facilitator: Jonathan Moizer

13.40 – 14.00

M. Karim Sorour (*University of Plymouth*)

'Towards a safer banking sector in Egypt: A corporate governance approach'

14.00 – 14.20

Amr Ezat (*University of Plymouth*)

'The impact of corporate governance on the timeliness of corporate internet reporting by Egyptian listed companies'

14.20 – 14.40

Abdallah Alkhaldeh (*University of Plymouth*)

'Impact of corporate governance on the credit ratings of listed Jordanian corporations.'

Afternoon Session (Part 2)

15.00 – 15.40

No Presentations

Stream 3: Criminology, Methods & Law

[Seminar Room 2 - Robbins Centre]

Morning Session

10.30 – 11.50 *Facilitator: Lesley Simmonds*

- 10.30 – 10.50 **Jennifer Murray** (*University of Glasgow*)
'The Influence of Internal Versus External Attributions of Crime Causality: A Comparison between Experts, Semi-Experts and Lay-People'
- 10.50 – 11.10 **Clare Gunby** (*University of Liverpool, John Moores*)
'Exploring experiences of, and perspectives towards, voluntary alcohol intoxication and non-consensual sex among the student population'
- 11.10 – 11.30 **Alice Chanter** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Dilemmas in Postgraduate Research: A Frontline View from the Field'

Afternoon Session (Part 1)

13.40 – 14.40 *Facilitator: Luke Sloan*

- 13.40 – 14.00 **Tina Wilkinson** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Conditions, Outcomes and Configurations: Exploring the Value Of Qualitative Comparative Analysis (Qca) In Understanding Complex Cases'
- 14.00 – 14.20 **Tarek Kandil** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Modelling Multivariate Chaotic Time Series based on Neural Networks: Predicting of UK Mergers' Failure'
- 14.20 – 14.40 **Steven Boyne** (*University of Bournemouth*)
'The critical thinking approach in the literature review'

Afternoon Session (Part 2)

15.00 – 15.40 *Facilitator: Kim Stevenson*

- 15.00 – 15.20 **David Moore** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Parliament Act 19 11: Constitutional Treason or Democratic Inevitability?'
- 15.20 – 15.40 **Victoria Jane Hamlyn** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Climate Change Regimes in the Context of Renewable Energy and some Potential Legal Difficulties facing marine renewable energy development in the United Kingdom'

Stream 4: Politics, International Relations & Geography

[Seminar Room 3 - Robbins Centre]

Morning Session

10.30 – 11.50 *Facilitator: Luke Sloan*

- 10.30 – 10.50 **Jeremy Johns** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Asylum seekers and Voter Behaviour'
- 10.50 – 11.10 **Benjamin Schurig** (*University of Bangor*)
'The reform of the federal system in Germany'
- 11.10 – 11.30 **David Roberts** (*University of Durham*)
'Qatar: The Gulf's Untold Story'
- 11.30 – 11.50 **Kathryn Ashcroft** (*University of Durham*)
'Are there any birds in Dr Mahathir's gilded cages?'

Afternoon Session (Part 1)

13.40 – 14.40 *Facilitator: Lauren Perry*

- 13.40 – 14.00 **Geoffrey Mead** (*University of Sussex*)
'Scattered squalor' and 'Downland homes' - Brighton's interwar suburbia'
- 14.00 – 14.20 **Andrew Seedhouse** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Did the University of Plymouth save the rural branch line network of the UK?'
- 14.20 – 14.40 **Md. Nadiruzzaman** (*University of Durham*)
'Understanding Cyclone Hazard in the Bay of Bengal from a Bottom-Up Approach'

Afternoon Session (Part 2)

15.00 – 15.40 *Facilitator: Till Paasche*

- 15.00 – 15.20 **Sally Murrall** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Policy Learning and change in UK renewable energy policy'
- 15.20 – 15.40 **Shabnam Delfan Azari** (*University of Plymouth*)
'Carbon management and scenario planning at landscape scale with GIS at the Southwest England'

Poster Presentations

[Main Foyer]

Laura Allen (*Open University*)

No Title – Summary: A presentation of the methods, aims and findings associated with an examination of the gap that exists between academic interpretations of the history of the criminal justice system and how it is displayed in museums.'

Faye Sutton (*University of Plymouth*)

'Researching midwives, researching mothers: insider or outsider?'

Mansi Desai (*University of Oxford Brookes*)

'Phytoextraction as a tool for restoring land degraded due to mining'

Kerryn Husk (*University of Plymouth*)

'The Celtic whinge – A contextualised model for Cornish Ethnicity and suggested research links to Social Exclusion.'

Sardar Zaheer Khan (*University of Birmingham*)

'Technology Transfer to Pakistan through Foreign Direct Investment: Evidence from the Automotive Industry of Pakistan'

Darrell Teaves (*University of Wolverhampton*)

No Title – Summary: an exploration of the constraints on career flexibility in modern Britain, exploring the factors which inhibit the achievement of significant career change among a sample group of people aged 30- 55.

Hossam Othman (*University of Plymouth*)

TBC

Emma Whittlesea (*University of Plymouth*)

'Stepping towards a low carbon future: development and application of a tourism ecological and carbon footprinting tool to inform regional policy and decision-making in the South West'

Liliane C. Mouan (*University of Coventry*)

'Human Security and the oil industry in Post-Conflict Angola'

Fariba Sotoudehnia (*University of Leicester*)

'The Role of Urban Parks on Human Health: Perceptions, Physical and Psychological Benefits'