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## [scs-newsletter] Sociological Studies Newsletter: Issue 12 2011/12

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- 1) Feedback

Sociological Studies prides itself on making sure that you get regular and varied feedback on your studies, and our external examiners have praised us for how well we do this. Methods of feedback reflect our wide range of assessment approaches and include:

- \*one-to-one diagnostic sessions on set pieces of work (level 1)
- \*dedicated typed feedback for modules involving poster-design or group presentations (levels 2/3)
- \*supervisory dissertation/ extended essay meetings (level 3)
- \*written mark-sheets and verbal comments in seminars (all levels).

Some modules offer drop-in sessions, others review draft outlines for seen exams. And the Department has recently made arrangements so that you can now view your exam scripts.

In all instances, we let you know how you have done and also what you might do to improve your performance further. But don't forget that, if you still feel unsure about feedback on your work, you can always approach your personal tutor, seminar leader or module convenor for

clarification.

## 2) Congratulations

Congratulations to Vicki Robinson who has been promoted to Reader, and Paul Knepper, who has been promoted to Professor. Also to Lei Jie, who has been awarded his PhD, subject to minor amendments. His thesis is on the topic of China's welfare regime.

## 3) New publications

"Social Quality", edited by Professor Alan Walker and Laurent J. G. Van Der Maesen, was recently published. It provides the most up to date account of the concept of social quality. Its theory, methods and compelling arguments in favour of social justice are essential for students studying a wide variety of social sciences and policy makers and general readers interested in creating a more socially just society. For more details, see [www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=408403](http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=408403).

## 4) SURE scheme

SURE (Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience) provides funded opportunities for undergraduate students in their penultimate year of study to complete short (6 week) research projects during the summer vacation. Academic staff may also nominate potential projects or research activities that students could undertake as part of the SURE scheme.

There will be a SURE Showcase and Briefing event on Tuesday 21st February, between 12pm-2pm in the Abbeydale and Fulwood Rooms in University House. The event will celebrate the success of this year's SURE student projects as well as provide details of the application process for students and academic supervisors for SURE 2012.

Further information about SURE is available at [www.shef.ac.uk/sure](http://www.shef.ac.uk/sure), and from the SURE team, who can be contacted at [surescheme@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:surescheme@sheffield.ac.uk).

## 5) PHD The Movie

The White Rose Doctoral Training Centre and The Department of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences have arranged a showing of PHD The Movie at the University of Sheffield Student Union Auditorium, on 27 February 2012 at 6pm (doors open at 5.30pm). Tickets are £2.50, available at the Student Unions Box Office.

Further details are on the White Rose Social Science DTC website (with a tantalising preview!):

<http://whiterose-social-science-doctoral-training-centre.ac.uk/content/activities-events>.

## 6) Sheffield Marxian Reading Group

The Sheffield Marxian Reading Group will return in February 2012 with fresh material, after an extremely successful Winter Semester in 2011. There are still available places in the group, and we welcome all who are interested in joining.

The text we will be reading between now and Easter will be *The Chase Across the Globe: International Accumulation and the Contradictions for Nation States* by Professor Dick Bryan. The book was first published in 1995, a modern Marxist classic, and deals with contemporary issues of financial globalisation and its impact upon the structures of nation states.

Our group is open to those of all political persuasions; in fact we finished last year with more non-Marxist members than Marxists! Our meetings are defined by high quality discussion on the texts at hand, with an emphasis on intellectual rigour with no room for dogmatism or holy cows.

For further details, see our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/groups/270729159624137/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/270729159624137/). If you wish to join the group and get access to the materials, or you simply require further information, please contact Charlie at [hib08cw@shef.ac.uk](mailto:hib08cw@shef.ac.uk). We hope to hear from you soon!

## 7) Careers Service

Now that we're into the 2nd semester of this year there are a number of careers related issues for you to consider, which ever year of your study this is. For finalists if your future plans are unclear and you haven't so far made use of the Careers Service, it might be a good idea to book a brief appointment with a Careers Adviser, who will help you explore your options (Tel: 0114 222 0910). If you currently have job applications underway our talk on 'Assessment Centres' will be of interest to you, which takes place on Thursday 16th February at 1pm.

Many first and second year students are keen to enhance their future prospects by securing an internship or some form of work experience during the summer vacation. Don't forget to visit our online 'Summer Experience Fair', which runs until the 4th May, which you can use to search for opportunities:

[www.sheffieldcareersfairs.ac.uk/recruitment-fairs/2012\\_sef/visitors/](http://www.sheffieldcareersfairs.ac.uk/recruitment-fairs/2012_sef/visitors/)

If you are searching for an international internship experience, the Mountbatten Institute offers a unique opportunity for recent graduates to gain one year's PAID work experience in one of many top New York

companies while earning a Postgraduate Certificate or MBA in International Business Practice. If you'd like to find out more come along to their presentation on Wed 15th October at 1-00 pm.

For full details of all Careers Service events over the next week, visit our website, [www.shef.ac.uk/careers/events](http://www.shef.ac.uk/careers/events).

## 8) Careers Fairs in Semester 2

### SUMMER EXPERIENCE FAIR

Online until 4th May 2012

The 'online' summer experience fair is the ultimate destination for anyone looking for work this summer.

We're bringing together a range of employers offering a variety of different summer work options including: summer internships, summer vacation work, casual work and opportunities to work abroad. Students can log on, view the vacancies, videos and FAQ pages, get involved in 'live' chats and meet some of the organisations on campus.

### SPRING INTO JOBS FAIR

Wednesday 7th March 2012, 10.30am - 3.30pm, The Octagon Centre

A must for all final year undergraduate and postgraduate students! 45 organisations are coming on campus to promote their current vacancies, with start dates of summer/autumn 2012 it's specifically designed for students looking for their first job after university.

Employers include: 512 (Sheffield) Limited, Abercrombie&Fitch, Aldi, AMRC with Boeing, ATASS Sports, Cummins Ltd, Deloitte, Enterprise Rent A Car, Explore Learning, Greene, Tweed & Co Ltd, IMS Research, Innovative Technology LTD, Jurys Inn, Michael Page International, PwC, Sagar Wright Search & Selection, Schneider Electric, Teach First, TEFL Express, Thales, Zumtobel Group and more.

On-to-one careers advice is available throughout the day, helping students to get their career started.

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