

ISRF-ReCSS Workshop: Critique & Critiques 12th & 13th May 2014 – University of York

The Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF) provides competitive funding for independent-minded researchers. It supports original work which takes new approaches and suggests new solutions to real-world social problems, and which is unlikely to be otherwise funded.

At the ISRF Annual Workshop the ISRF's Fellows report on their work, to each other and to a wider audience drawn here from its host, the Research Centre for Social Sciences (ReCSS) at the University of York. The Workshop focuses on the ISRF's requirement that the research should be interdisciplinary, innovative and critical. The topic for this year's Workshop is 'Critique and Critiques' and the two-day event will interrogate this theme, in a space where introductory, provocative, exploratory or research-based statements make way for audience participation and discussion by audience members.

What counts as critique varies across the disciplines; critical history, critical anthropology, critical theory and theories, critical philosophy and so on differ in theory and method. All are themselves subject to critique and, of course, the critique of the notion of critique presents a further complication. The Workshop is an opportunity to consider what the truly critical and intellectually research sought by the ISRF, and aimed at by its Fellows, might look like. On Day One there will be short presentations by the ISRF Fellows of projects from across the social sciences, and a Roundtable discussion: 'What is critique and (how) are we doing it?'

Day Two, bringing together researchers from York and beyond, focuses on contemporary forms of critical theory and its application in empirical research. As a body of thinking, analysis and research critical theory problematizes superficial and complacent analyses of our contemporary human, social and economic condition. The day discovers the range of engagement in critical understandings of social change, progress, the impact of technology, our imbrication with economic rationalities and discourses, as well as deepening problems of ecocide, inequality and violence, in the work of the University's social science scholars.

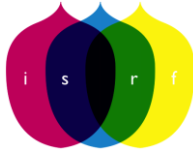
The ISRF funds work across and beyond the social science disciplines, to include literature, anthropology, law, history, politics, sociology, philosophy, finance, economics & psychology. This two-day event brings the ISRF and its Fellows together with York's own scholars and research establishment.

Workshop Title: Critique & Critiques
Dates: 12th & 13th May 2014
Location: Day One - King's Manor, Exhibition Square, York YO1 7EP
Day Two - Law & Management Building, Heslington East Campus,
York, YO10 5GD
Fee: £10/£5 NUS

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ISRF Fellows & Their Projects

ISRF Early Career Fellows

- [Kimberley Brownlee \(Political Philosophy\)](#) – ‘No Entry: The Evils of Social Deprivation’
- [Lara Coleman \(International Relations\)](#) – ‘Discipline, Dissent and Dispossession’
- [Jacob Copeman \(Social Anthropology\)](#) – ‘The politics of names and naming in India’
- [Bregje De Kok \(International Health\)](#) – ‘Loss in Childbearing in Malawi: Interpretations of Accountability and Blame’
- [Oliver Dowlen \(Politics\)](#) – ‘Sortition and the requirement for state impartiality in transitional and developing democracies’
- [Julia Laite \(History\)](#) – ‘The Traffic in Women: Gender, Mobility, and Migration Control in the Twentieth Century World’
- [Audra Mitchell \(International Relations\)](#) – ‘Posthuman Security: An Integrated Ethical Framework’
- [Martin O'Neill \(Political Philosophy\)](#) – ‘Social Justice, Predistribution and the Democratization of Capital: Political Theory and the Future of Social Democracy’
- [Juliane Reinecke \(Organisation Studies\)](#) – ‘“Gold is gold is gold is gold” – Is it? The Politics of Values and Economies of Worth’
- [Andrea Ruggeri \(Political Science\)](#) – ‘Political Entrepreneurs and Civil Wars’

ISRF Independent Scholar Fellows

- [Maja Petrović-Šteger \(Anthropology\)](#) – ‘Coming To Terms: Mental Hygiene in Contemporary Serbia’
- [David Reece \(Development Studies\)](#) – ‘Genomics and Knowledge Management in Innovation Systems for LDC Agriculture’

ISRF Mid-Career Fellows

- [David Graeber \(Anthropology\)](#) – ‘The state as a convergence of heterogeneous elements: a deep historical approach’
- [Jonathan Hearn \(Political/Historical Sociology\)](#) – ‘The Transformation of Competition: a study in the formation of modernity and liberal societies’
- [Derek Hook \(Psychosocial Studies\)](#) – ‘Post-apartheid libidinal economy’
- [Matt Matravers \(Politics\)](#) – ‘Responsibility Without Desert’
- [Pál Nyíri \(History/Anthropology\)](#) – ‘The World Seen From China: How the Emerging Circuit of Chinese Foreign Correspondents Shapes China's View of the World’



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Day One - Monday May 12th 2014

The Huntingdon Room - King's Manor, Exhibition Square, York YO1 7EP

9:00am Coffee/Registration

9:30am Welcome & Introduction – Louise Braddock, ISRF Director of
Research

SESSION ONE

9:40am - 11:25am ISRF Early Career Research Fellows' Presentations

- [Kimberley Brownlee \(University of Warwick\)](#)
- [Lara Coleman \(University of Sussex\)](#)
- [Julia Laite \(Birkbeck, University of London\)](#)

11:25am Coffee

11:45am - 12:15pm ISRF Early Career Research Fellows' Presentations (cont.)

- [Audra Mitchell \(University of York\)](#)
- [Martin O'Neill \(University of York\)](#)

12:15am - 12:45pm ISRF Independent Scholar Research Fellows' Presentations

- [Maja Petrović-Šteger](#)
- [David Reece](#)

12:45pm Lunch

SESSION TWO

2:30pm – 4:00pm Round Table Discussion – ISRF Mid-Career Fellows

4:00pm Tea Break

SESSION THREE

5:00pm – 6:20pm ISRF Early Career Research Fellows' Presentations

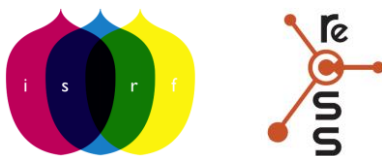
- [Jacob Copeman \(University of Edinburgh\)](#)
- [Bregje De Kok \(Queen Margaret University\)](#)
- [Olly Dowlen \(Queen Mary, University of London\)](#)
- [Juliane Reinecke \(University of Warwick\)](#)
- [Andrea Ruggeri \(University of Amsterdam\)](#)

6:20pm Concluding Remarks

6:30pm End of Day One

7:00pm - 8:30pm Reception

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Day Two - Tuesday May 13th 2014

Law & Management Building, Heslington East Campus, York, YO10 5GD

9:00am	Coffee/Registration
9:20am	Welcome & Introduction – Rowland Atkinson, ReCSS Director
	SESSION ONE
9:30am	Keynote: Werner Bonefeld (University of Warwick) – ‘Bringing Critical Theory Back In’
10:30am	Coffee
	SESSION TWO
11:00am – 12:30pm	Dave Hill (University of Liverpool) – ‘Use It, Deform It, Make It Groan and Protest: Theory under the Conditions of Communicative Capitalism’ Ros Williams (University of York) – ‘The Affirmative Immunitary Logic’ Daryl Martin (University of York) & Gareth Millington (University of York) – ‘Henri Lefebvre’s Critique of Everyday Life’
12:30pm	Lunch
	SESSION THREE
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Tom Rodgers (University of York) – ‘Immaterial Labour and Resistance’ Rowland Atkinson (University of York) – ‘An Academic Statement of Practice: Reactions Against the University as Science Park’ Simon Winlow (Teesside University) – ‘Symbolic Violence’ Dave Beer (University of York) – ‘Measurement, Circulation, Possibility’
2:30pm	Closing Discussion - Louise Braddock, ISRF Director of Research
2:40pm	Coffee & End of Day Two

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