Randomised Controlled Trials in the Social Sciences
Thirteenth Annual Conference

Registration brochure and call for abstracts
5th, 6th and 7th September 2018

Keynote speaker

Donald P. Green is J. W. Burgess Professor of Political Science at Columbia University. Much of his current work uses field experimentation to study the ways in which political campaigns mobilize and persuade voters. With Alan Gerber, he conducted the first large-scale randomized field experiment on the effects of voter mobilization tactics on voter turnout and the development of long-term voting habits. He later collaborated on the first large-scale randomized study of television advertising in the context of a gubernatorial election campaign. His recent projects use field experiments to assess the effects of education-entertainment in the developing world. With Alan Gerber, he co-authored the textbook Field Experiments: Design, Analysis, and Interpretation (W.W. Norton, 2012).

Invited speakers

Michael Sanders is Chief Scientist at the Behavioural Insights Team. Michael and his team support the rest of the behavioural insights team with the design of randomised controlled trials, which are widely considered to the ‘gold standard’ in working out what works. Michael is also a member of BIT’s ventures team, working on Test & Build - BIT’s online platform to help to streamline the process of developing behavioural insights informed interventions in the areas of fraud, error and debt. Michael is an associate fellow of the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford, where he teaches behavioural science, and a fellow of Harvard University’s Behavioural Insights Group.

John Jerrim is Professor of Education and Social Statistics at the UCL Institute of Education. John’s research interests include the economics of education, access to higher education, intergenerational mobility, cross-national comparisons and educational inequalities. He sits on the Evaluation Advisory Group for the Education Endowment Foundation.
Thirteenth Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce the thirteenth annual RCTs in the Social Sciences conference. The conference will be an opportunity for delegates to share expertise, interests and concerns about conducting trials in all fields of social sciences.

The conference will be held on 5th and 6th September 2018 at King’s Manor, University of York.

This conference aims to:

- Facilitate sharing and collaboration between academic disciplines in this area
- Discuss the methodological, practical and ethical challenges of undertaking trials in the social sciences.

Call for abstracts

Abstracts are now invited for refereed oral contributions relevant to RCTs conducted in the social sciences.

Abstracts should:

- Follow a structured format - such as Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusion;
- Be no longer than 250 words, excluding references;
- Include no more than three references.

This year the planning committee will award a prize for the best contributed presentation. The prize will be presented by the keynote speaker.

Please send submissions by Friday 20th July by email to:

sally.baker@york.ac.uk

or by post to:

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ARRC Building,
York Trials Unit,
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Faculty of Science,
University of York,
York
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The conference is jointly organised by Professor David Torgerson (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences), Professor Catherine Hewitt (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences) and Dr Ben Styles (National Foundation for Educational Research).

The half-day workshop will be organised by Caroline Fairhurst (Senior Statistician, University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences) and Catherine Hewitt (Professor of Trials and Statistics, University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences).

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Main Conference

Wednesday 5th September and Thursday 6th September 2018
King’s Manor, University of York

The Conference will open on Wednesday 5th September at 9.30 am and will close on Thursday 6th September at 4.30 pm. The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments on both days. The conference dinner will be held on the evening of Wednesday 5th September 2018.

The Conference will include one keynote presentation and two invited presentations and contributed presentations on all aspects of randomised trials in the social sciences. There will be an opportunity for delegates to discuss their own trials at a one-hour ‘surgery’.

The above details are correct at the time of going to print. The organisers reserve the right to make amendments to arrangements where necessary.

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Workshop

Friday 7th September 2018, King’s Manor, University of York, 9.00am - 1.00 pm

The half-day conference workshop will be organised by Caroline Fairhurst (Senior Statistician, York Trials Unit) and Catherine Hewitt (Professor of Trials and Statistics, York Trials Unit) and will include a presentation from James Carpenter who is a leading methodologist in missing data (Professor of Medical Statistics at LSHTM and Programme Leader in Methodology, MRC Clinical Trials Unit).

This workshop will explore the topical issue of “Missing data in randomised controlled trials - what are the causes, and what can we do about it?” There will be several presentations on aspects of the circumstances in which missing data in trials may occur, practical interventions to try to minimise missing data, the implications of missing data, and potential statistical approaches to missing data analysis. Delegates will have the opportunity to share and discuss their own experiences and queries.

The workshop will start at 9.00 am and will finish with a sandwich lunch at 1.00 pm.

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Venue

The conference will take place at King’s Manor, University of York. King’s Manor is situated in York City Centre approximately a 10 minute walk away from the railway station.

Visit www.york.ac.uk/media/abouttheuniversity/maps/kings-manor-and-city-map.pdf for a location map.
Registration Form

Title _______________ First name ___________________ Last name ___________________

Email ______________________________________________________________________

Organisation _______________________________ Department __________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________

City _______________________________________________________________________

Country _____________________________________________________________________

Postcode ____________________________________________________________________

Telephone ___________________________________________________________________

Dietary and Special requirements (e.g. vegetarian/vegan/kosher/halal/other) ____________

Registration Fees: (please tick)

Early Registration
(payment received up to and including Friday 17th August 2018)
Conference fees (three days, 5th, 6th and 7th September and conference dinner) £350
Conference fees (two days: 5th and 6th September) £290
Conference fee (one day only: 5th September) £145
Conference fee (one day only: 6th September) £145
Conference Dinner (5th September) £30

Student Registration
Conference fees (three days, 5th, 6th and 7th September and conference dinner) £175
Conference fees (two days: 5th and 6th September) £145
Conference fee (one day only: 5th September) £75
Conference fee (one day only: 6th September) £75
Conference Dinner (5th September) £30

Workshop
Workshop (7th September) £30

Standard Registration
(for payment received after Friday 17th August 2018)
Conference fees (three days, 5th, 6th and 7th September and conference dinner) £400
Conference fees (two days: 5th and 6th September) £340
Conference fee (one day only: 5th September) £170
Conference fee (one day only: 6th September) £170
Conference Dinner (5th September) £30

Student Registration
Conference fees (three days, 5th, 6th and 7th September and conference dinner) £175
Conference fees (two days: 5th and 6th September) £145
Conference fee (one day only: 5th September) £75
Conference fee (one day only: 6th September) £75
Conference Dinner (5th September) £30

Workshop
Workshop (7th September) £30

Accommodation
For accommodation information visit the Visit York website www.visityork.org/book/
If you require any help with your booking or would like any further information about accommodation in York please contact Sally Baker (sally.baker@york.ac.uk).

Method of Payment

Online registration with individual credit/debit card payment only https://tinyurl.com/bookrct2018
If you would like to pay by invoice, please contact Sally Baker (sally.baker@york.ac.uk)

Please send your completed registration form to Sally Baker, Lower Ground Floor, YTU, ARRC Building, Department of Health Sciences, University of York, York Y010 5DD.

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