September 2015 newsletter

YorNight programme published

The programme for this year’s YorNight has been published. Highlighting the impact of research, the event is part of European Researchers’ Night on Friday 25 September, with simultaneous events taking place in several hundred cities all over Europe and beyond.

This year, York will also celebrate the International Year of Light with a showstopping Music and Light finale in the Museum Gardens.

See the full programme at YorNight.com.

Formal launch of the Graduate Research School

You are invited to the formal launch event of the Graduate Research School on Wednesday 23rd September from 11.15 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. in the Central Hall.

We are delighted to have as our guest speaker the eminent sinologist Dame Jessica Rawson, Fellow of the British Academy, Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the only female Warden in the 750 year history of Merton College, Oxford.

The event will also include speeches from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Koen Lamberts, and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, Professor Deborah Smith. Three current PhD students will each explain their research in three minutes and some of our alumni will talk about their careers. There will be musical performances by some PhD students from the Department of Music and a display of poster presentations.

Residential for research students who wish to teach

The next intensive residential for postgraduate students who teach will run on 4 - 5 November.

The two day programme is for research students with little or no teaching experience and will provide an opportunity to develop basic facilitation skills and have an opportunity to do a mini teaching session and get feedback from peers. The residential is free to all research students registered at the University.

Deadline for applications: 5 October. Please note, this is only available to those students who have NOT already completed the Introduction to Learning and Teaching.

More information on how to apply is on the HR website.

Research in Disaster Zones and Conflict-Affected Societies training

Starting in October, the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit is offering a 16-week training seminar designed to prepare doctoral researchers to conduct work within environments characterized by complexity, fluidity, uncertainty and volatility.
Any doctoral student working in or on disaster and conflict-affected contexts is welcome - inside and outside of the social sciences. Please note: spaces are very limited due to the intensive seminar format.

For further information, contact Dr Janaka Jayawickrama: janaka.jayawickrama@york.ac.uk. To apply, send a personal statement of interest, and letter of support from your supervisor, to Sally Clark: sally.clark@york.ac.uk

**Fulbright Awards for UK Citizens now open**

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce the opening of the 2016-17 Awards competition for UK Citizens. **Applications will be accepted until 6 November 2015.**

Fulbright offers a variety of awards for individuals to pursue study, research, and teaching in any academic subject at any US higher education institution.

More information is on the [Fulbright Awards for UK Citizens](http://www.york.ac.uk/YGRS) web page.

**Date for your diary: PhD Comics**

The creator of [PhD Comics](http://www.phdcomics.com), Jorge Cham, will be visiting York on 4 November to screen his new film and give a talk.

Look out for information about how to get a (free) ticket to this event in the October newsletter.

**Question of the month: Would you like more training in any of the following areas?**

*Answer this quick question to be entered into a prize draw for a £20 Amazon voucher*

Last month’s prize winner: Wayne Paes

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