18th -19th July 2016

Call for Papers

University of York, UK.

Key Dates

Please submit title, abstract

and brief biog for consideration to brian.loader@york.ac.uk by Monday 7th March, 2016.

Contemporary Political
Youth Culture and Communication

Notification of decision Monday 14th March, 2016.

A two-day Symposium

For further information on CPAC, please visit york.ac.uk/CPAC.

Marking the launch of the Centre for Political Youth Culture and Communication (CPAC) this two-day international symposium explores the socio-cultural factors influencing the civic engagement of young people and its means of communicative expression. Young networking citizens in many parts of the world today play a crucial role in shaping the future prospects for democratic societies. The styles, nature and means of their political engagement is therefore of increasing importance to policy-makers and academics alike. This event is focused upon the communicative, emotional, embodied, and aesthetical modes of youth citizenship. It examines the social construction of the political identities of young people within the context of widening social inequality, climate change, reflexive individualism and a networked social media ecology.

We welcome papers drawing upon research and theory that address questions of contemporary political youth culture including, but not limited to, such topics as:

Citizenship norms Precarious employment Identity politics Political socialisation Transnational politics Migration politics Political talk
Celebrity politics
Social movement protest
Civic education
Populist parties
Electoral engagement

Social networking Personalisation Community politics Political education Youth Campaigns

Keynote Speakers

Prof. Henrik Bang
University of Copenhagen and Canberra University

Prof. Donatella della Porta European University Institute, Florence Prof. Lance Bennett
University of Washington

