

## CALL FOR PAPERS: DRINK AND THE LIFE CYCLE: THE SECOND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE WARWICK DRINKING STUDIES NETWORK.

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Drinking alcohol plays an important role in the discursive construction of a wide range of identity formations, including those organised around race, ethnicity, social class, gender, sexuality, occupation, generation, community, and region. Drinking also constitutes a socially complex activity, carrying a huge range of different meanings for different individuals and groups of people, for governments, public service institutions, businesses, and regulatory bodies. This interdisciplinary, one-day symposium will explore the significance of drinking alcohol for different groups of people, at different stages of life, in historical, contemporary and cross-cultural contexts. A plenary address will be made by **Prof. Gill Valentine** (School of Geography, University of Leeds) on 'Generational Patterns of Alcohol Consumption: Continuity and Change'.

We are interested in receiving proposals, in the first instance from Network members, on any topic related to 'Drink and the Life Cycle', including but not limited to the following approaches:

- Drinking and rituals that mark important life stages (birth, marriages, funerals etc)
- Generational differences in drinking behaviours
- Generational attitudes towards drinking
- Role of age/generation in marketing of alcoholic drinks
- Role of age/generation in anti-drinking and responsible drinking campaigns
- Drinking, age and health
- Age and the material culture of drinking
- Cultural representations of drinking and different life stages/generations (in literature, film, art, music etc)

The Warwick Drinking Studies Network, established in September 2010, is a Warwick-based interdisciplinary research network for scholars working on any aspect of drinking and drinking cultures, with an explicit focus on alcohol. Our members include current, former and affiliated staff and students, from departments across the University of Warwick, including Medicine, Psychology, Sociology, Law, History, Comparative American Studies, Literature and Classics.

For details see our website:

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross\\_fac/ias/networks/drinkingstudies/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/ias/networks/drinkingstudies/)

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