

Seminar 1: What are you working on?
The state-of-the-art of complexity method

Friday 21 February 2014

Chancellor's Suite, Rootes Building,
Main Campus, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL
Format: 10.30am-5.30pm

10.30: Coffee / Arrival

PART 1: HELLO / INTROS

11.00 – 11.15: Welcome: Intro seminar series

Prof. David Byrne (School of Social Science, Durham)

Prof. Brian Castellani (Sociology, Kent State, US)

Dr Emma Uprichard (Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, Warwick)

11.15 – 12.15: Quick round of intros/names (Chair: Uprichard)

ALL - Everyone one speak to the following questions, followed by discussion:

- 1) What methodological approaches are you working with/thinking about/stuck on?
- 2) What are the main issues/problems/limitations with that/those approaches?

12.15 - 1.00: Lunch

PART 2: INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL COMPLEXITY (Chair: Castellani)

NB. Using examples from their work, each speaker (in 20-30mins plus questions) to bring out what the main exciting aspects and/or obstacles to studying complex social systems from their particular disciplinary perspective.

1.00 - 1.40: Perspectives from Engineering/Health

Dr Robin Purshouse (Automatic Control & Systems Engineering, Sheffield)

Daniel Moyo (Automatic Control & Systems Engineering, Sheffield)

Prof. Alan Brennan (School of Health & Related Research, University of Sheffield)

1.40 – 2.20: Perspectives from Computing/Biology

Prof. Susan Stepney (Computing, York)

Dr Leo Caves (Biology, York)

2.20 – 3.20: Perspectives from Sociology

Prof. Sylvia Walby OBE (Sociology, Lancaster)

3.20 – 3.30: Coffee

PART 3: DISCUSSION (Chair: Uprichard)

3.30 - 4.30: Open Discussion

4.30 – 5.00: Prof. David Byrne: Reflections

5.00 – 5.30: Castellani / Uprichard – plan for next seminar

5.30: End

PART 4: DRINKS / DINNER

6.00: Drinks/Dinner at Xanana's, Main Campus (above Cost Cutter)

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