

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**Midlands Graduate School Doctoral Training Partnership Annual  
Conference**  
**University of Birmingham, 24th June 2020**

The ESRC Midlands Graduate School Doctoral Training Partnership invites all postgraduate students and early-career researchers to send abstracts for the annual conference to be held at the **University of Birmingham, Alan Walters building**, on **24th June 2020**.

To ensure that all candidates across institutions, disciplines, and research areas feel welcome to present their work, we have elected to proceed without a set theme. We therefore encourage papers to be on any aspect of applicants' research which they find particularly interesting or would like to share with fellow researchers. We ask that these papers be presented in a manner appropriate for an academic audience from a range of different disciplines encompassed by the social sciences. We will also be accepting poster presentations.

The organising committee at the University of Birmingham invites submissions from all postgraduate and early-career researchers. The conference will offer an excellent opportunity to present research to peers, meet fellow researchers from other institutions, and to share ideas, experiences and advice.

The conference is **free** to attend, and the location is **physically accessible to all**. Travel will be covered for ESRC MGS presenters and attendees from the Universities of Warwick, Leicester, Nottingham, Loughborough, Aston, and Birmingham. There will be a keynote speaker, **Professor Danny Dorling**, who will be presenting on '**Surviving In Academia and the Tadpole Philosophy**'. There will also be a free lunch, and refreshments throughout the day. Please let us know in your email if you have any specific dietary or accessibility requirements. Email us if you have any concerns: [MGSconference2020@gmail.com](mailto:MGSconference2020@gmail.com).

You are invited to submit abstracts for consideration as either short presentations or for poster presentations. Abstracts should be no longer than **250 words**, and should be submitted to [MGSconference2020@gmail.com](mailto:MGSconference2020@gmail.com). Please submit abstracts in either Word document or PDF format. Include your name, institution, and paper format (presentation or poster) on the email.

The deadline for submission is **Friday 27th March 2020**. Abstracts will be reviewed by the committee and notification of acceptance will be sent out by **Friday 17th April 2020**. The conference website, including the link to register attendance, is available here: [www.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross\\_fac/mgsdtp/news/seminars/mgsstudentconf2020](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/mgsdtp/news/seminars/mgsstudentconf2020)

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We look forward to hearing from you.  
*The University of Birmingham Organising Committee.*