The Institute for Research in Citizenship and Applied Human Sciences (IRCAHS) undertakes excellent research in a broad range of areas including contemporary citizenship, evidence-based policy and practice for promoting health, welfare and crime reduction, social and political identities and the development of applied social sciences.

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new Research Colloquia Series to complement our existing Public Lecture Series. The Research Colloquia Series provides a forum for presenting world-class research that captures the interests of IRCAHS members and of the University community more broadly. The aim of this series is to stimulate intellectual discussion, debate and collaboration, as well as highlight the societal benefits and wider impacts of this research.

The series provides an exciting opportunity to learn about national and international research collaborations within the Institute and to hear about cutting-edge research from leaders in their field of expertise. In our inaugural series, we have invited some of the very best research scholars in the world to talk about topical academic and societal issues. Speakers will cover a range of topics including: the psychology of terror; enhancing the quality of user-involved care planning in mental health services (EQUIP); struggles of participation and belonging: a clinical exploration of citizenship, difference and mental health in the inner city; addressing alcohol and other drug use as the health condition it is; and Euroscepticism and the Eurozone crisis.

The lectures are aimed at a general academic audience, are free and open to staff, students, and members of the public. We are looking forward to this exciting new series and to hearing from the engaging line up of speakers. We hope that you will choose to join us and contribute to the discussion.

Professor Paul Ward
Professor in Applied Cognitive Psychology
Director of the Applied Cognition and Cognitive Engineering (AC2E) Research Group at the University of Huddersfield
12 November 2015
6.30pm - 8.30pm
West Lecture Theatre, ground floor, room 54 (WG/54)

Psychology of terror
Shaul Kimhi, Professor and Head of Psychology Department, Tel Hai College, Kiryat Shemoneh, Israel

This lecture focuses on some of the salient psychological aspects of terror:
(a) the problem of an agreed definition for terror and the origin of this concept;
(b) the various explanations for the question of motives of people in becoming a terrorist; psychological, religious, sociological and political approaches;
(c) the salient motives of the perpetrators of terrorism, taking examples from the research of suicide terrorism in Israel: ideology/religious, nationalist, retribution and exploited;
(d) is there a psychological profile for a terrorist?
(e) does the terrorist act as a lone-wolf or are there cultures supporting terrorism?
(f) the road to radicalism: possible socio-psychological factors that enhance or assist people who join terror groups and help them to justify their acts;
(g) the central role of internet and social networks encouraging terror; and
(h) possible conclusions: is there a way to stop terror?

24 February 2016
6.30pm - 8.30pm
West Lecture Theatre, ground floor, room 54 (WG/54)

Struggles of participation and belonging: a clinical exploration of citizenship, difference and mental health in the inner city
Sasha Roseneil, Professor of Sociology and Social Theory, Birkbeck Institute for Social Research

The experience of mental illness is often one of fractured selfhood and ruptured relationships – of loneliness, psychic alienation and almost unbridgeable emotional distance from family, friends and community. People suffering in this way, particularly those from lower socio-economic and minoritised and racialised groups, often lack a sense of themselves as citizens, as full members of society able to exercise agency in intimate, social, economic and political life.

In this talk Professor Roseneil draws on her work as a group analyst in an inner city NHS psychotherapy department, bringing it into dialogue with her sociological research on citizenship, to explore how the struggle to participate and belong is central to the practice of citizenship.

25 January 2016
6.30pm - 8.30pm
West Lecture Theatre, ground floor, room 59 (WG/59)

Enhancing the quality of user-involved care planning in mental health services (EQUIP)
Karina Lovell, Director of Research and Professor of Mental Health University of Manchester

The aim of EQUIP is to improve user and carer involvement in care planning. In this lecture, Professor Lovell discusses EQUIP's programme of work.

In particular, Professor Lovell focuses on how EQUIP was co-developed to improve user and care involvement in care planning in secondary care mental health services, and how it is co-delivered with service users and carers as a training package for health professionals. Professor Lovell examines how multiple sources of data were synthesised to develop the training package and details the subsequent randomised controlled studies.

10 March 2016
6.30pm - 8.30pm
West Lecture Theatre, ground floor, room 59 (WG/59)

Addressing alcohol and other drug use as the health condition it is
Richard Saitz, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health

Alcohol and other drug use is often thought of as a social or moral issue. As a result, policy and care can be ineffective and the condition is stigmatised.

Substance use and disorder are best addressed as a health risk and condition. Clinical terms should be used. Care should be in the same places as that for other health conditions. Clinical science applies. Yet research results are often viewed through a sociocultural lens (eg benefits of drinking) and are often ignored unless they support belief. Science based approaches can and should pave a successful way forward.
5 May 2016
6.30pm - 8.30pm
West Lecture Theatre, ground floor, room 54 (WG/54)

Euroscepticism and the Eurozone crisis

Paul Taggart, Professor of Politics, University of Sussex

The lecture examines the phenomenon of Euroscepticism across Europe. The focus is on what effect the Eurozone crisis and the politics around it has had in fostering Euroscepticism in European states. The lecture offers an overview of the state of Euroscepticism among political parties in EU and non-EU states. It then examines the way in which the ‘European’ issue is framed in different states in a bid to trace the effects of the Eurocrisis in fostering Euroscepticism.

Join us for the Research Colloquia Series being held at the University of Huddersfield. Registration will start 30 minutes before the lectures commence. Light refreshments will be available.

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