

Knowledge, Organisations, and Policy Seminar: Call for Abstracts

A Collaborative Event between the University of Edinburgh and University of Liège



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Date: 27th – 28th April 2017

Venue: University of Edinburgh Central Campus Area

Participation: Free of charge (refreshments and lunch included)

What: A two-day symposium for social science researchers, policymakers, and practitioners sponsored by the University of Edinburgh Academy of Government (AoG) and School of Social and Political Science, and the University of Liège Institute of Research in Social Sciences.

During the *Knowledge, Organisations, and Policy* symposium we want to shed light on the production of social policies by policymakers and the translation of social policies into concrete practices by practitioners at both the policy and organisational levels. We intend to examine policymakers' and practitioners' work in using, producing, translating, and circulating knowledge, as well as how social science researchers contribute at the core of social policies.

We are seeking contributions for presentations by PhD or early-career researchers from a variety of disciplines. We invite you to submit an abstract of 250 words or less for a 10 minute presentation that fits broadly within one of the following areas:

- ***The democratisation of social policies:*** who is involved and/or enabled to actively participate in the knowledge work
- ***The concrete practices involved in producing and circulating knowledge for social policies:*** for example, commissioning research, collaborating with academic institutions, internal and external meetings, writing documents, etc.
- ***The influence of different contexts on how social policies are made:*** for example, different countries, organisations, and policy levels. To address divergent contexts, we intend to invite and compare the narratives of policymakers and practitioners from Belgium, Scotland, and possibly other European institutions.
- ***Social science researchers' work in collecting, assembling and disseminating scientific knowledge of social policies:*** more specifically, the kind of impacts social science researchers should and should not have on social policies, and how the way in which social science researchers produce and disseminate scientific knowledge is defining the scope and nature of their possible impacts.

The Call for Abstracts (250 words or less) is now open to PhD or early career researchers for 10-minute presentations. Abstract submission deadline: Monday, 20 February 2017. Please send your presentation title and abstract by email to coralie.darcis@ulg.ac.be or blanca.kao@ed.ac.uk. Successful applicants will be notified no later than Friday, 17 March 2017.