Our events

Monday 6 November

Why do we see images of death, disaster and trauma every day?

Why do the media use shocking images? What impact do these images have on our relationships and our understanding of human conflict? Professor Eamonn Carrabine from our Department of Sociology addresses the use of violent images. He explores how some of the most famous photographers of violence, including Don McCullins’ war images and Weegee’s crime scenes, have covered carnage and tragedy in their work.

- Find out more and book your place.

Putting big data to good use

Join SAGE Publishing, The Public Data Lab and the Essex Institute of Data Analytics for this panel debate to discuss challenges of big data, explore examples of progress being made and address what more we, as an academic community, could be doing to better understand and utilise big data for optimum impact.

- Find out more and book your place.

Tuesday 7 November

What works for work incentives: moving off benefits

What can policy makers do to move people off benefits and into work? The ESRC Research Centre on Micro-Social Change (MiSoC) presents new research about work incentives in the UK and Europe.

- Find out more and book your place.

Finance for all

The 2017 House of Lords Select Committee on Financial Exclusion report indicates that 1.71 million adults in the UK do not have a bank account. The problem is particularly severe for 18 to 19 year-olds, with around 8% not having a bank account. The report further reveals that 40% of the working age population have less than £100 in savings. Join us at this event, which consists of lectures, visuals, games, and discussions that highlight the seriousness of the situation and look at ways to promote financial inclusion.

- Find out more and book your place.

Big data can…empower society

What is big data? How does it affect you? The decisions you make? The services you receive? And, the environment that you live in? Hear experts from our Business and Local Government Data Research Centre (BLG), as well as the public and private sectors explore what Big Data can do to enhance the environment, evolve business, and empower society!

- Find out more and book your place.

How has the 2017 General Election affected Brexit?

What effect has the General Election had on the Brexit process currently being negotiated in Brussels? Has it impacted the separation agreement? How have public attitudes towards Brexit changed over the year? Professor Paul Whiteley from our Department of Government addresses these questions.

- Find out more and book your place.
Wednesday 8 November

Modern motherhood – new evidence for better policies

How does maternal depression influence women’s empowerment, and parenting decisions? Does time spent with mums make a difference to children’s development? Do our childcare policies support mums back into work? Hear about new research from the ESRC Research Centre on Micro-Social Change (MiSoC).

- Find out more and book your place.

Making the UK a good place to work

How should we tackle low pay and precarious work – a dynamic or damaging force? Is lack of working hours at the heart of UK’s low pay? Is low pay a springboard to higher pay? In some circumstances does it pay to take on low paid work? Does growing self-employment indicate entrepreneurship or casualisation of work? Understanding Society, the UK Household Longitudinal Study, hosts a topical debate on this major issue.

- Find out more and book your place.

Thursday 9 November

The effectiveness of evaluation

Improve your business by learning how to evaluate it. Organisations and business employees learn how they can enhance their practices and processes through effective evaluations. Social science researchers with experience of conducting practical evaluations discuss why evaluation is valuable, and how you can use it to deliver better products and services.

- Find out more and book your place.

How does digital media affect our intimate lives?

People of all ages use the internet and social media in search of romantic and sexual experiences. Does this change the way we love? Can it improve our intimate relations? And what are the risks? Researchers from our Department of Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies and our Centre for Intimate and Sexual Citizenship give their insights on digital media.

- Find out more and book your place.

Friday 10 November

What are the benefits and challenges of speaking more than one language?

It ties us to where we’re born, to our families, local communities and our cultures. We know there’s many social, economic and health benefits to learning languages, but we know less about how learning new languages influences the way we use our home languages. Researchers from our Department of Language and Linguistics, Birkbeck, University of London, Mothertongue, and Bilingualism Matters present their insights.

- Find out more and book your place.