



Call for participants
6th Public Management and
Administration Postgraduate Conference
10th September, 2018
Northumbria University

While austerity has meant public services, public management and public administration are almost unfashionable labels to attach to any field of research, Brexit perhaps offers a glimmer of hope. Debates about borders and their control, about policies on trade and agriculture and about membership of international institutions all place in sharp focus themes in which we have always been interested. If we include discussions surrounding Carillion and, even, Oxfam, the interest in and the scope for research in public policy and administration is undergoing a revival. Research students, however, remain scattered across disciplines, attending social policy, management, political science and sociology conferences, to name but a few. The Public Administration Committee of the Joint Universities Council is sponsoring this sixth doctoral workshop to bring together students who find themselves in many different communities and schools to share their work with others.

We invite papers from doctoral students on any theme related to the broad disciplines of public administration, management and policy. The workshop will be an opportunity to present research in its early stages, to report on progress in your fieldwork or to deliver a more developed paper outlining your emerging findings. There will also be sessions on preparing for your viva, careers and research funding. To maximise the value of the conference and the doctoral stream, we will be asking participants to submit papers in advance. In return, we will undertake to read your papers and to provide detailed and constructive feedback in a supportive environment.

If you wish to attend or for more information, please email mikerowe@liv.ac.uk with a 500 word abstract for a paper relating to your PhD (this could be a summary of your PhD project or of one of your chapters) by midday on **Friday 29th June, 2018**.

Timings

The workshop will run from 10:00 to 17:00 on Monday 10th September 2018. Participants should forward a full paper of 6-8,000 words by Friday 24th August for circulation.

Fees

Attendance at the workshop is **free** and will include dinner on the evening after the workshop. Acceptance also brings with it free registration for the PAC Annual Conference which will take place at Northumbria University on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th September, 2018. Finally, for those

doctoral students who are registered with institutions that are members of the JUC¹, we will further reimburse you for all reasonable travel and accommodation costs.

Further details about the conference will be posted on the conference website.

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¹ For information about institutions that are members, please contact Dr Mike Rowe (mikerowe@liv.ac.uk).