

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

'Removing the Divide: Respecting and Understanding Cultures'
Cardiff University, Wales; 20th June 2014

Deadline for the receipt of all abstracts has been extended to Wednesday, 9th of April 2014.

Confirmed speakers:

Professor Iain Borden (Vice-Dean of Communication, Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment, UCL and Professor of Architecture and Urban Culture, Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL)

Her Excellency Mrs. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba (Jamaican High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and former Minister of Tourism Entertainment and Culture, Jamaica)

We invite abstracts of no more than 200 words for presentations of 20 minutes in length, for this forthcoming interdisciplinary conference. The purpose of the conference is to bring together postgraduate scholars undertaking research on varying aspects of culture within the Commonwealth. Despite complex and varying developments across a vast range of nation-states the Commonwealth still provides a unifying bond linking together a fairly disparate set of countries. Through the exploration and dissemination of research transgressing singular disciplinary boundaries, the aim is to learn from varying disciplinary approaches and to break out of a Western ethnocentric approach to avoid pitfalls of both 'orientalism' and 'occidentalism'. As such, there is a focus on the commonalities and specificities of responding to contemporary challenges facing Commonwealth countries.

Abstracts addressing any of the following themes are more than welcome:

Science and Culture

Climate change

Visual cultures

Sustainable development

Culture, landscape and the environment

Cultural ecology

Sociology of Culture

Multiculturalism, respect, tolerance and understanding

Race, ethnicity and culture

Culture and gender

Information and communication technologies for development

Sports and culture

Political and Cultural Science

Democracy and good governance

Small developing states in a global world

Cultural heritage of ex-colonial states

Diasporic culture

Endangered cultures

Research Methodologies

Interdisciplinary research

Mixed-method approaches to research

Researching culture

**Awards will be given for the best oral presentation and conference poster

Further information is available on the conference website:

<http://removingthedividepgc.wix.com/removingthedivide-pg-conferencejune2014#!abstract-submissions/cbw>

Please send abstracts and direct all inquiries to removingthedividepgc2014@gmail.com.

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