

Research Methods in the Study of Religion

Intensive Training Programme, 8th-11th March 2016

Canterbury, Kent

We are pleased to announce that the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Kent is again offering its annual intensive methods training programme which is open to doctoral researchers based at any university within the EU. The sessions will run at the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge conference centre, in the grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, and will cover:

- * Key elements of research design
- * The politics and ethics of research
- * The role of social theory in social research
- * Rigour and validity in research
- * Public engagement with research on religion
- * Conceptualising religion for research
- * Conducting research interviews
- * Ethnographic research
- * Using visual methods
- * Researching religion and media
- * Researching objects and spaces
- * Reflexivity and the role of the researcher's 'self'
- * The process of research supervision

Sessions will be delivered by researchers who have engaged with these issues specifically in the context of research on religion. Confirmed speakers are: Prof Gordon Lynch, Dr Abby Day and Dr Anna Strhan (University of Kent), Dr Jasjit Singh (University of Leeds), Dr Steph Berns (University of Lancaster), Dr Ruth Sheldon (Birkbeck College) and Dr Katherine Robinson (Goldsmiths)

This is the fifth year that this programme has been run with more than 70 doctoral and early-career researchers having previously undertaken this training from across the UK and continental Europe.

To apply for this programme, please email Gordon Lynch (g.lynch@kent.ac.uk) stating where you are currently studying, giving a brief description (no more than 150 words) of your current research project and a short explanation of how this training would be relevant to it by **Friday 5th February**.

The registration fee for this programme is £100. Meals and accommodation are not included in this. The Cathedral Lodge is in the centre of Canterbury and there are a number of good hotels and guest-houses within a short walking distance. Canterbury is less than an hour from London by train and so daily commuting to the programme from London would also be possible.

If you have any further questions on this, please email Professor Gordon Lynch.