



6th midterm Conference of the European Sociological Association's

Research Network Sociology of Culture (RN7)

16-18 November 2016, Exeter, United Kingdom

CALL FOR PAPERS:

*"Emergent Culture"*

The ESA Research Network Sociology of Culture announces its 6th midterm conference, which will take place from 16-18 November 2016 at the University of Exeter, UK.

The European Sociological Association's Research Network on the Sociology of Culture provides a global network for scholars working within Cultural Sociology. Through collaboration in the Network, RN7 aims to develop the sociological understanding of how human meanings, symbols, cultural structures and practices play a defining role in building social lives.

#### Conference Theme

The theme of the 6<sup>th</sup> midterm conference, 'Emergent Culture', focuses on the diverse pathways of how *emergence*, as a theoretical framework and empirical phenomenon, enters into the sociological study of culture. *Emergence* is a key lens that captures core cultural sociological processes of action, meaning and transformation. As such, *emergence* is understood in relation to events and materiality; access, skills and technology; clusters and bundles; history, memories and associated social practices. It is in this sense that the Conference casts a wide intellectual net to catch the numerous ways emergence enters and shapes social relations between people, spaces, symbols and objects. The 6<sup>th</sup> midterm conference is seeking papers on the following sub-themes, yet is open to others beyond the core theme of 'Emergent Culture'.

1. Post-humanist and socio-technical emergence
2. Spaces and places
3. Memory
4. Aesthetics, symbols and performance
5. Cosmopolitanism and transnationalism
6. Health, wellbeing and everyday life
7. Creativity and cultural capital
8. Social movements and culture wars
9. Experiential, non-representational and sensory methods
10. Migrant cultures
11. Cultural sociology, open format

### Conference features

The conference will feature keynote plenaries and parallel sessions (each session will have 4 papers with total duration of 90 minutes). The language of the conference is English. Confirmed Keynote Speakers (more plenaries to be announced):

Professor Anna Lisa Tota, University of Roma Tre, Italy

Professor Paul Atkinson, University of Cardiff, United Kingdom

Professor Antonio Strati, University of Trento, Italy

Special PhD Session: Professor Tia DeNora & Professor Emeritus Robert Witkin, University of Exeter, “From Thesis to Book”

ESA features: exploratory business meeting for ESA Memory Studies Research Stream

Gala Dinner, Thursday 17 November

### Notes for authors

- Please submit abstracts of approximately 300 words in English with full contact details no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the conference website: <http://esa-2016-rn7.weebly.com>

The information requested during abstract submission include: 1) the name(s) of the author(s), the institutional affiliation (both university and department), mailing address and email(s); 2) title of proposed presentation or round-table/workshop; 3) area of presentation; 4) up to 3-5 keywords. Each author cannot submit more than two abstracts.

### Calendar timeline

- The deadline for abstract submission is June 22, 2016.
- Notification of acceptance by July 7, 2016.
- Registration opening: July 7, 2016.
- Registration deadline for presenting authors: October 1, 2016.

Please note that there will be a conference fee (to cover all catering services and conference rooms), with discounts for all students and ESA members. Proof of status or affiliation should be presented during the online registration process.

### Registration fees:

	Student	Current ESA Member	Non ESA Member
Early Bird Rate 7 July – 15 August	£95.00	£135.00	£160
Normal Rate 16 August – 1 Oct	£140.00	£180	£200

### Venue Location:

Exeter is located in Devon, at the South-West coast of England, known as a holiday destination due to its good weather, picturesque coastline and beautiful landscape. The area is also famed for local organic food and award-winning sparkling wines. Devon is the homeland of Agatha Christie, and is conveniently located for exploring other famous spots, such as the Jurassic Coastline, Stonehenge and Cornwall.

The conference will take place at Reed Hall, Streatham Drive, University of Exeter.

<http://www.reedhall.co.uk/blog/an-exeter-meeting-venue-with-a-colourful-past/>

All rooms will have a computer, projector and WiFi.

Exeter St Davids train station is located approximately 2 hours from London Paddington, 3.5 hours from London Waterloo, and 1 hour from Bristol Temple Meads station. Exeter is served by a small airport that accommodates budget airlines. Bristol airport hosts a range of airlines and offers flights to a large number of European destinations.

### Organizing Committee:

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