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Director's Note

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The CDAS 2020 Conference CFP ***CLOSES*** on February 28, 2020!

I'm really excited about this year's conference and encourage everyone to submit an abstract by February 28.

More information about the conference is ^[1]below, inside the newsletter, and here:

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/announcements/the-centre-for-death-and-society-announces-its-2020-conference-theme-mortality-and-technology/>



We'll release the conference fee information as soon as we can --- it's taking longer than expected to organise everything and I apologise for the delay.

As with DDD14, I look forward to seeing many friends and colleagues here in Bath in June.

In the Year 2020: Death, Dying, Technology and Human Mortality

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The full conference CFP can be viewed [here](#).

Please send a 300 Word abstract to cdas@bath.ac.uk by 28 February 2020.

CDAS NEWS

Early Careers Visiting Fellowship

Applications have been coming in for the NEW CDAS Early Career Visiting Fellow's Programme. This opportunity extends our programme of welcoming visiting scholars from around the world. Applicants must be an ECR in Death Studies (broadly defined) **without permanent employment** in a University.

To apply please send a one-page research proposal (no more) and a current CV to cdas@bath.ac.uk.

CDAS Community News

Death in the Modern World – a new book by Tony Walters, CDAS

Death comes to all humans, but how death is managed, symbolised and experienced varies widely, not only between individuals but also between groups. What then shapes how a society manages death, dying and bereavement today? Are all modern countries similar? How important are culture, the physical environment, national histories, national laws and institutions, and globalization? This is the first book to look at how all these different factors shape death and dying in the modern world.

Written by an internationally renowned scholar in death studies, and drawing on examples from around the world, including the UK, USA, China and Japan, The Netherlands, Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. This book investigates how key factors such as money, communication technologies, the family, religion, and war, interact in complex ways to shape people's experiences of dying and grief, The book is available to purchase [here](#).

Palliative Care Project Evaluation Job Opportunity

An opportunity has arisen to play a key role in the evaluation of a new community development project in Scotland – the Truacanta Project.

Launching officially in April 2020, the Truacanta Project will support five different communities to undertake local work aimed at improving people's experiences of death, dying, loss and care. The communities will be supported with community development expertise and advice from the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care.

We are currently looking to commission support to help us evaluate the project over a period of 25 months (March 2020-May 2022). More information about this opportunity, including how to apply, is available here:

<https://www.palliativecarescotland.org.uk/content/opportunity---evaluate-truacanta/>

Good Death Week 2020

Good Death Week runs each year in May across Scotland. Led by [Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief](#) the week gives individuals and organisations the opportunity to promote the positives of living in a society where people can be open about dying, death and bereavement.

In 2020 it runs May 11-17. More information can be found here:

<https://www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk/content/awareness-week/>

Events

Histories of Death: An International Symposium

19 – 21 February 2020, University of Turku, Finland

Our understandings of death come with long and complex histories, shaped by culture, place, time, power, and identities. Historical analysis allows us to better understand the paths that have led to the recent move toward "death positivity," and the popularity of death doulas, "death cafes," alternative and ecological burial solutions, and new understandings of grief. The interdisciplinary and rapidly growing field of Death Studies raises awareness about how we die and mourn, and the ways social factors – class, migrant background, and gender, among them – can result in unequal access to "good death" in many countries and communities today. This International Symposium seeks to delve into the many varied and interwoven Histories of Death to further explore the traditions, ideologies, and institutions that shape our experiences with death.

Death sets people into action, caring for the dying, the deceased, and the grieving in ways that range from the intimate to the professional. The Histories of Death Symposium invites researchers to share their work and engage in dialogue about the different ways people have approached dying, death, and mourning from everyday, cultural, and structural perspectives.

The Symposium is hosted by the John Morton Center for North American Studies at the University of Turku's Department of Philosophy, Political Science, and Contemporary History. The Symposium is funded by the Academy of Finland.

More information here: <https://sites.utu.fi/jmc/histories-of-death/>

[Bishop Grosseteste University Academic and Creative Responses to Death and Dying 2020 Conference 'How do we tell the Children?'](#)

27-29 Feb 2020

In the UK, it has been observed that too many taboos and anxieties cloud the way in which many communities respond to death and dying – and these intensify when, inevitably, children are involved. In this year's conference – as in previous years – we hope to explore some of the enormously rich resources on offer to help us gain insight and confidence when confronted by what the poet and priest, John Donne, called, "The issues of death". Our conference will have contributions from both the secular and the religious traditions, it will offer creative workshops and multidisciplinary academic panels and it will aim to offer something of value to pastors and teachers, writers and artists, as well as to students and independent learners.

More details can be found here: www.bishopg.ac.uk/deathconference

[PABBS Evidence-based Suicide Bereavement Training](#)

10 March 2020

PABBS evidence-based suicide bereavement training, was informed by a three year study, conducted by Dr. Sharon McDonnell and her team, at the University of Manchester. The study was funded by the National Institute for Health Research and the first of its kind internationally. The research team have recently published three papers, which are directly associated with the PABBS training and are noted below (please click on [blue text](#) to take you to the article).

1. [GPs' Experiences](#) - GP's experiences responding to parents bereaved by suicide.
2. [Parents' Experiences](#) - Parents bereaved by suicide experiences of support received from primary care.

3. [Evaluation](#) - Evaluation of PABBS Suicide Bereavement Training.

Our fourth PABBS paper, will focus on ambulance staff perspective of responding to suicide, and will be published later this year. See [here](#) for more information about the PABBS training.

Dr. McDonnell is also an author in an [Editorial](#) which reflects on the progress being made in postvention internationally.

For more information contact: Paul Higham email:
paul.higham@suicidebereavementuk.com

[Awareness of Trauma & Dissociation Continued Professional Development \(CPD\) Course](#)

28 March 2020

The day will cover:

The link between trauma, attachment & dissociation

- Understanding the spectrum of dissociation & dissociative disorders (incl. Dissociative Identity Disorder)
- Identifying & responding to dissociation when it happens in the room
- Working with trauma related-dissociation
- Understanding the perspective of someone who experiences dissociation/DID
- How we can help in counselling

For who: Counsellors/therapists & other mental health practitioners who want to develop their understanding of trauma & dissociation & how to work most effectively with people affected by it. When: March 28th 2020 10 am – 4 pm

Where: All CPD courses are held at GCS, Alma House, Stroud, Glos, GL5 1AP *
We require proof of your volunteer work & role at application stage.

Fees: Trainee/Volunteer*: £60, GCS staff: £70, External: £110, Groups of 3 or more: £95 per delegate

For more information visit: www.gloscounselling.org.uk/product/cpd-workshops-and-short-courses

[The Good Grief Conference](#)

11 – 17 May 2020

Join our multidisciplinary three-day Conference at the University of Bristol and learn about the many facets of grief and bereavement.

Come to listen to cutting-edge scientific research, fresh perspectives from literature and music, and the voices of those who have become expert through personal experience.

The Good Grief Conference is accompanied by Loved+Lost, a photographic exhibition from Simon Bray. Reserve your tickets online from 27 February.

For more information take a look at the programme [here](#).

[Dying Matters Awareness Week 2020 – Dying to be Heard](#)

11 – 13 May 2020

The 2020 theme of **Dying To Be Heard** will focus on how to help by listening. How many people want to talk about death, but feel they have no one to talk to about it? How many people are Dying To Be Heard?

We'll have some tips on active listening, and reassure people that you don't need to be an expert on wills, funerals or advance care planning: [the Dying Matters website](#) has signposts to all the relevant information.

[Active Grief Weekend](#)

15 – 17 May 2020, Manifold Farm, Derbyshire

Registrations for our next ACTIVE GRIEF WEEKEND are now open.

Run by and for the bereaved, these retreats are available to all who have suffered the death of a child of any age, from any cause and no matter how long ago. They are also extremely popular and we recommend early booking.

For more information, please visit: <https://thegoodgriefproject.co.uk/active/>

[Cremation and Burial Communication Education \(CBCE\)](#)

29 June 2020

The Cremation and Burial Communication and Education (CBCE) event is the national forum which brings together local councils and Private companies from

across the UK. CBCE is jointly organised by The Cremation Society of Great Britain and the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities.

As the bereavement sector continues to grow, this key annual event provides a unique opportunity to acquire the most up-to-date and relevant information. Keynote speakers will equip you with insights into the issues facing your services, exhibitors will show you the latest services and products available and networking opportunities will provide the space to engage with fellow professionals.

Who should attend?

- Managers and staff of local authority cemeteries and crematoria.
- Owners and operators of private sector cemeteries and crematoria.
- Funeral directors, bereavement related charities and representatives from other kindred organisations wishing to have a better understanding of the services provided at cemeteries and crematoria.

Why should you attend?

- **Learn** - Hear about new legislation that will bring about **Death Certification** changes and amendments to the **Cremation Regulations** that are to be introduced. These legislative changes will impact upon all local authority service providers and the private sector and we want you to be fully prepared.
- **Connect** - Network with industry-leading practitioners, share views with the most experienced service providers in the UK to learn from their insights and forge new partnerships.
- **Discover** - Explore the most effective way of providing your service by seeing and discussing the most up-to-date technology and tools available within the sector
- **Professional Development** - The Cremation and Burial Communication and Education 2018 Event offered all attendees evidence of **Continuous Professional Development**, with certificates from the CPD Certification Service awarded to all attendees.

For more information, please visit: <http://cbce.org.uk/>

[12th International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society](#)

13-17 July 2020

Every three years, the International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society acts to foster international and multidisciplinary collaboration in research and clinical and community practice, across cultural and geographical boundaries. In July 2020, the conference will be hosted in Melbourne, Australia and will offer an opportunity to share the latest developments in grief, research, clinical and community work. More information at www.icgb2020.com

[Suicide Bereavement UK's 9th International Conference 'Suicide Bereavement: Using Our Collective Voice'](#)

24 September 2020, Manchester

Suicide Bereavement UK and Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust are collaborating for the 9th year running to host Suicide Bereavement UK's International Conference. This conference will focus on vulnerable subgroups amongst those bereaved by suicide and taboo issues directly associated with such deaths. Please note, over 400 people from 9 countries usually attend this annual event and it is always over-subscribed.

Registration is now open for the 2020 Conference. Programme and Speakers: TBC

Cost - £140 + Booking Fee + VAT – To book, please visit

<https://suicidebereavementuk.com/suicide-bereavement-conference>

[Call for Papers](#)

[Deconstructing Donation Study Group Conference](#)

19 June 2020, City, University of London

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Dr Laura Machin is inviting abstract submissions for this interdisciplinary conference which aims to deconstruct 'donation'. Presentations that provide insight into the relationships that donation produce, with people, technology, body parts, fluids and tissue are particularly welcomed. Theoretical, methodological, and empirical papers will all be considered. Presentations can draw on the concepts and theories within the social sciences and/or humanities and can refer to all types of bodily, tissue, and fluid donations for a variety of purposes such as education, treatment, art, and research. The conference will have a number of themed sessions, which we invite potential speakers to consider.

THEMED SESSIONS

Contextualising Donation We are inviting contributions which critically address the contexts, politics and practices which both construct and transform donation. Donation does not happen in a social vacuum and contributors are asked to consider how various forms of donation are shaped, maintained and developed in particular contexts and at particular times, through, for example, considerations of political, economic, socio-cultural and policy concerns.

Researching Donation: Methodological Considerations and Contingencies We are interested in papers which address the particular methodological and ethical approaches and challenges to researching donation. Contributors may wish to consider the particular issues involved in gaining access to and studying donation in the 'field', and the research relationships that shape and make these activities possible.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please email abstracts of up to 300 words by 27th March 2020 to the Deconstructing Donation Study Group Convenor, Dr Laura Machin: l.machin@lancaster.ac.uk . You will be notified out of the outcome of your submission by 24th April 2020. In the abstract, please include your name, institution, title of presentation, and email address. Abstracts significantly over the word count will not be accepted. Abstracts significantly over the word count will not be accepted. Abstracts will be reviewed, taking into account the suitability of the topic, the stage of research process (if appropriate), and the significance of the findings or arguments proposed to the Group.

PLENARY SPEAKER AND PANEL EVENT

The plenary speaker for the fourth Deconstructing Donation conference will be Rosamund Scott, Professor of Medical Law and Ethics at the Dickinson Poon School of Law, Kings College, London. Rosamund's research centres on ethical, legal and policy issues in reproduction, with an emphasis on new reproductive technologies.

We will also be hosting a panel event with speakers working on donation from diverse perspectives. The panel will be addressing the question: 'What does donation mean to you?' Confirmed Panel Members include:

- Rachael Buchanan: Science and health journalist at BBC News
- Alexa Wright: Artist who has produced works on the psycho-social effects of heart transplantation
- Katie Morley: Lead nurse – Recipient coordinator at NHS Blood and Transplant

CONFERENCE DETAILS

The conference will take place in the Tait Building at City, University of London, Northampton Square, Clerkenwell, EC1V 0HB and is being hosted by Dr Jessie Cooper, Lecturer in the Sociology of Health.

Delegates and speakers will be welcome to join Laura and Jessie for drinks and/or dinner at a local restaurant on Thursday, 18 and/or Friday, 19 June. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Nearby accommodation within walking distance of the conference is available at: Travelodge London Farringdon

REGISTRATION FEES

- Student BSA Member: £35
- Student Non-BSA Member: £40
- BSA Member: £45
- Non-BSA Member: £50

[In the Year 2020: Death, Dying, Technology and Human Mortality CDAS Conference 2020. Call for Papers](#)

26-27 June 2020, University of Bath

We are delighted to announce that we are now inviting abstracts for oral and poster presentations for next year's CDAS conference to be held at the University of Bath, on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June 2020.

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Possible topics could include:

Assisted dying
Activism and death politics
Science and Technology Studies of Death and Dying
Death Technologies across time
Feminist critiques of death politics across time
The history of death focussed activism (e.g., AIDS and ACT-UP, Black Lives Matter, etc.)
Power relationships between the state and the individual
The economics of death and poverty
Future Technologies for Death and Dying Past/Present/Future Dead
Body Disposal Technologies
The politics of death nostalgia
Death and social class
Debates around life and death and personhood
State ordered executions and capital punishment
Death technologies of power, control, discipline, and preservation
Cultural appropriation and commodification
Isolation at the end of life

The commodification of death experiences
Political protests and dead political leaders
(Neo)colonialism and death politics
The politics of post-mortem evidence in policy making and with policy makers
Human Rights Law and genocide
Urban planning and deathscapes

Please send a 300 Word abstract to cdas@bath.ac.uk by 28 February 2020.

[Public Health Research in Palliative Care: Towards Solutions for Global Challenges, 2nd International Seminar of the European Association for Palliative Care \(EAPC\) Research Network and the EAPC Reference Group on Public Health and Palliative Care](#)

15-16 October 2020

This research seminar will take place in the Titanic Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland. It is organised by All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIHPC), the EAPC Research Network and the EAPC Reference Group on Public Health and Palliative Care.

The call for abstracts is open until Monday 1 June 2020. Please visit www.professionalpalliativehub.com/research/events/seminar2020 for further information including the seminar's research themes and guidance on submitting abstracts. Please note the early bird rate for registration is available until 4 September 2020.

This international seminar will bring together an audience of researchers, policy makers and clinicians from academic institutions, hospice and palliative care providers, government and health agencies and people with palliative care needs and their family carers; all focused on developing solutions to inform and improve the delivery of palliative care globally.

The invited speakers for the research seminar include:

Mark Hazelwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

- Rebecca Patterson, Director of Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
- Prof Sonja McIlpatrick, Head of School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing and Palliative Care, Ulster University
- Sally Paul, Lecturer in the School of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

- Prof Samar Aoun, Professor of Palliative Care, La Trobe University, Australia
- Prof Joachim Cohen, Professor of Public Health and Palliative Care, End-of-Life Care Research Group of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Ghent University

[Palliative Care, Women's Health and Gynecology – Building Patient Care for Prolonging the Life Span of Individuals](#)

Rome, Italy – November 23-25, 2020

The Conference will be organized around the theme "Building Patient Care for Prolonging the Life Span of Individuals" Palliative Care 2020 anticipates more than 500 participants around the globe to experience thought provoking Keynote lectures, Oral & Poster presentations. This year conference will offer ample opportunities for all stakeholders working on Palliative Care to expose their research work. Our conference aims to gather the Researchers, principal investigators, experts, Professors and researchers working on Palliative Care from both academia and health care industry, Business Delegates, Scientists and students across the globe to provide an international forum for the dissemination of original research results, new ideas and practical development experiences.

Goals

- The conference program emphasizes evidence-based practice, educational innovation, practical application, and peer to peer networking and collaboration.
- The goals of the conference is to provide a transformative professional development experience through
- Bringing together the world's scientific experts to catalyze and advance scientific knowledge about Palliative Care to present the most recent research findings, and promote and enhance scientific collaborations around the world.
- Bringing together community leaders, scientists, and policy leaders to promote and enhance programmatic collaborations to more effectively address Palliative Care Research and Quality in Healthcare and overcome barriers that limit access to care and services.

Objectives

After participating in this meeting, attendees should be able to

- Discuss emerging issues in Palliative Care;
- Discuss and apply recent research findings related to Palliative Care;
- Disseminate the diverse voices of breakthrough innovators with visionary and practical solutions.

For more information please visit: <https://palliative.alliedacademies.com/>

Visit the [CDAS website](#) to view a full calendar of events

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