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News from CDAS

CDAS Conference 2015: Death and its Futures

05-06 June 2015

University of Bath, UK

To paraphrase Marx, social science tells us not only how society works now, but also how it could be different and how it can be changed! So, a programme of 20 minute mind-expanding papers or other contributions will be presented that:

- envisions 21st century futures of death, dying and bereavement, e.g. predicted trends, scenarios to be avoided, future living and dying that we and our descendants can embrace
- radically re-thinks end-of-life policies and practices
- sets out future research agendas
- showcases innovative research, teaching, practice, or public engagement
- reflects on the interdisciplinary field of death studies – past, present and future.

A [draft programme](#) is now available; please note that this is still subject to alteration.

We are delighted to announce that [Prof David Clark \(University of Glasgow\)](#) will give the keynote address on, 'The Global Future of Dying'.

Booking for the conference is now open, details at http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0082.html

CDAS 10th Anniversary – Booking now open

05 June 2015, 16.00 – 19.00

University of Bath

In June 2015, CDAS will be 10 years old! On Friday 5th June, the CDAS Conference will include a birthday celebration at which CDAS Founding Director Prof Glennys Howarth and her successors, Profs Alan Kellehear and Tony Walter, will speak.

We would like to invite you all to join us for an afternoon of celebration. Displays and exhibits will showcase the work of CDAS from the past 10 years, and will feature staff, associates and students past and present.

Tickets are free but places are limited, so book today at: http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0097.html

Conference delegates will automatically be allocated a ticket with their conference package and do not need to book a separate ticket.

The celebration event will be followed by a conference/birthday dinner. We are honoured that Colin Murray Parkes has agreed to be our after-dinner speaker; reflecting on some

of the lessons he has learned in a long acquaintance with death and bereavement. Tickets for the dinner are also now on sale, priced £35.

http://store.bath.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=1&catid=199&prodid=2974

Death & Dying in the Media, Print and Internet

How the digital age has changed our approach to death and grief Prof Tony Walter in The Conversation

CDAS Director Prof Tony Walter talks about how the last 30 years have seen a change in the level of our exposure to death and dying due to technological advances.

<http://theconversation.com/how-the-digital-age-has-changed-our-approach-to-death-and-grief-38207>

Dying Better – new consumer report on costs at the end of life from Which?

The end of life is a time when people have to navigate a host of unfamiliar and confusing private markets and public services, face an often unexpected hike in their essential spending, and shoulder new and demanding administrative burdens.

Which?'s new report, 'Dying Better', draws on detailed qualitative and quantitative research into the experience of people who are dying and of their friends and family members. It outlines the structural, societal and subjective barriers that individuals and carers face, and identifies steps that companies, government bodies and professionals could take to improve people's experience in this challenging time.

Access the full report at: <http://www.which.co.uk/about-which/who-we-are/quarterly-consumer-reports/dying-better---the-consumer-experience-at-the-end-of-life/>

Events, seminars, symposia and conferences

A Good Death: Caitlin Doughty and John Troyer in conversation with Claudia Hammond

15 April 2015, 19.30 – 20.30
The Barbican, London

Caitlin Doughty is a mortician, author of *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*, and presenter of the hugely popular online series *Ask a Mortician*. She is also the founder of The Order of The Good Death - a community of artists and academics who are committed to changing the

way we think about death and dying. John Troyer is the Deputy Director of the Centre for Death and Society at The University of Bath.

Speaking to Claudia Hammond, presenter of *BBC Radio 4's All in the Mind*, they will take a fascinating look at how we deal with death and make the case for a healthier and more enlightened attitude towards our mortality.

For tickets:

Web: <http://www.barbican.org.uk/education/series.asp?id=1409>

Tel: 0845 120 7511

Sue Ryder Care Centre Annual Public Lecture 2015

06 May 2015, 18.15 – 19.15

A30 Lecture Theatre, Lakeside Arts Centre

The Sue Ryder Care Centre for the Study of Supportive, Palliative and End of Life Care is pleased to announce the Annual Public Lecture 2015:

Palliative and end of life care: an essential component of the global health agenda

The field of global health has grown enormously as a discipline to identify and meet the health needs of the world's population. However, how to meet the global need for advanced care is rarely investigated. This lecture will draw on multidisciplinary research and clinical innovation to consider the state of science in this core health systems requirement.

Dr Richard Harding is Reader in Palliative Care at the Cicely Saunders Institute, Faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine, King's College London. He also holds a Chair in Palliative Care at the University of Cape Town. His research programme has focused on building the quality of evidence and improving outcomes for people with incurable, progressive conditions in sub-Saharan Africa.

For further information please see the [event flyer](#) (PDF) or web page

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/srcc/events/annual-lecture-06-may-2015.aspx>

For directions to the event, please see the [directions sheet](#) (PDF).

To register your attendance please email: ann.gibbons@nottingham.ac.uk

An Honourable Death: a doctoral and ECR conference

09 May 2015, 09.15 – 17.15

Birkbeck, University of London

This conference explores where and when a positive value has been placed on dying and death. How and why are certain ways of dying admired or even desired? In the name of religion, ideology, nation or emotion, some people have accepted or even sought death. In some instances, the ultimate sacrifice of life is thought to serve the greater social

good; such deaths may be seen as honourable, noble and altruistic. Yet placing a positive value on death can be deeply problematic; these deaths are also condemned and regretted. This conference explores the many ways honourable deaths may be lamented, deplored, praised or embraced.

Keynote : [Dr Christian Goeschel](#) (Manchester), author of *Suicide in Nazi Germany*(Oxford, 2009), will speak on 'Honour, Suicide, and Defeat in Nazi Germany'

Closing Remarks

- [Dr. Amber Jacobs](#) (Birkbeck), author of *On Matricide: Myth, Psychoanalysis and the law of the mother* (New York, 2007)
- [Professor Lynne Segal](#) (Birkbeck), author of *Out of Time: The Pleasures and Perils of Ageing* (London & New York 2013)

To see the full programme, more information and to book places, please visit our website: <https://anhonourabledeath.wordpress.com/>

Please book by Monday 27 April, 2015

The 1st Annual Digital Legacy Conference

Exploring death, digital legacy and bereavement in today's increasingly digitised World

23 May 2015

UCL Partners Conference Room, London

Welcome to the Digital Legacy Conference 2015 (#DigitalLegacyCon). The first ever digital legacy conference will take place in London and will be free for all to attend. The conference will explore how the internet has changed the way in which we remember and grieve forever. It will also examine how our digital footprint will ultimately help determine both our legacy and our digital legacy when we die.

Subject matters addressed

- The world 'before the birth of Facebook' (before Facebook/ BFB)
- Digital legacy
- Digital grief
- Utilising technology to deal with death
- Digital memory loss
- Death in today's digital world
- MND, communication and digital legacy
- Funeral streaming
- UK Laws around digital assets and digital legacy
- Preparing for our own digital death

The conference will take place during Dying Matters Awareness Week to help support the great work [Dying Matters](#) and the National Council for Palliative care carry out.

If you work within a relevant field and would like to present, get in touch. The second batch of speakers will be announced on 15th April and there is still room for one / two more speakers.

Further details and book tickets: <http://digitallegacyconference.com/>

The Ideal Death Show, including the Good Funeral Awards 2015

04-06 September 2015

St John's House, The Broadway, Winchester

The Ideal Death Show is a weekend gathering of entrepreneurs, pioneers and progressives from the funeral industry.

Attendees can talk about bereavement, funeral planning and the more unusual ways that people are choosing to mark their own passing.

- We pick the best lecturers to talk about topics like what it feels like to die, what an embalmer does and how to write an obituary.
- We invite people who work in 'funeral world' to tell us what's new, what goods and services they're offering and what they've observed in their work.
- We host Death Cafés where people can speak honestly about their experiences of bereavement and loss.
- We also invite keen bakers to make a funeral cake to take part in our competition. The bakers are asked to explain their motivation behind the cake's design.

This will be the fifth year we've organised an event. Many people feel uncomfortable about the idea, but our weekends always have more laughs than tears.

There will be a reception on the Friday, an exhibition and lectures on the Saturday and the unique [Good Funeral Awards Gala Dinner](#) on the Saturday night.

Nominations are now open for the Good Funeral Awards, so go to the website and vote for an individual or company really making a difference. <http://goodfuneralawards.co.uk/>

Further information at: <http://www.idealdeathshow.co.uk/>

Call for papers

12th International Death, Dying and Disposal (DDD12)

02-06 September 2015

Alba Iulia University, Romania

The deadline for abstract submission for the 12th International Death, Dying and Disposal (DDD12) conference is looming. Please submit abstracts of between 250 and 350 words by 1st April 2015. For more details about the call for papers and submission procedure go to:

<http://death-studies.ro/ddd12/call-for-papers/>

This year the conference is being hosted by Alba Iulia University, Romania (2nd-6th Sept) and the theme is: 'Eastern and Western Ways of Dying and Death'.

Please note that information about bursary support to attend the conference for The Association of Death Studies (ASDS) members and students will be available soon.

BSA Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement Study Group Annual Symposium 2015

Methodology: Researching Death, Dying and Bereavement

13 November 2015

BSA Meeting Room, London

Drawing on discussions from previous events where people have shared their personal experiences, this year's DDB symposium will focus on conducting research in the field of dying studies. We invite papers that will encourage the audience to learn and reflect on any of the following areas:

- Using research methods - including innovative methods (e.g. visual and sensory methods); mixed method studies; the use of quantitative approaches to research; and auto-ethnography
- Boundaries of research - such as what is regarded as a death and dying study (or not), and how these vary according to discipline; role(s) of the researcher and the researched; and the use of the 'd' word
- Emotion(al) work - for example raising questions about whether researchers can grieve for their participants, and/or memorialise/ remember them; how researchers manage sudden death; the impact of bereavement on the researcher
- Reflexivity - such as what this actually means in practice; how this can benefit/limit research findings; and issues of credibility
- Identity - including that of the researcher and research participants
- Cultural context - including different understandings of death, dying and bereavement and how these might impact on doing cross-cultural/comparative research
- Research ethics - including gate-keeping; the perceived vulnerability of people in receipt of end of life care services; intrusion; issues of confidentiality; capacity and consent
- Political context - such as funding (lack of?) for research on end of life care services/ issues
- The power of medicine - such as the challenges of conducting research on death, dying and bereavement in a medical/clinical environment

Abstracts of up to 250 words are to be submitted by 5pm Monday 14th September 2015 to BSADDB@gmail.com. Presentations will be 20 minutes long with additional time for questions.

More details about the study group can be found here:

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/specialisms/DDB.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: We are also organising a special issue for the journal *Mortality* on the theme of doing research. There will be a separate call for papers for the special issue and we would encourage people interested in the symposium to consider submitting a paper to the special issue. More details to follow in late 2015.

Heritage of Death: Landscapes, Sentiment and Practice

10-11 September 2015

Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden

www.erg.su.se/heritageofdeath

An international conference organized by Department of Ethnology – Stockholm University, CHAMP/Collaborative for Cultural Heritage Management and Policy – University of Illinois.

Death. We all face it. It is the greatest of the life crises and since time immemorial all human societies have devised ways to cope with and explain death. Around the world death is being reconceptualized as heritage, replete with material markers and intangible performances. These heritages of death are personal, national, international and global. They are vernacular as well as official, sanctioned and alternative. The heritage of death has religious, political, economic, cultural, and aesthetic aspects as well. This conference explores the many dimensions of death as heritage.

Among the topics for consideration at this conference are:

- cemeteries; architecture of death (at private and public scale); Day of the Dead and other celebrations
- conflict and conflict reconciliation; legacy of war and catastrophes; battlefields
- memorials; commemoration; heritage of death as popular culture death rituals; pilgrimage
- dark tourism; treatment of human remains; exhibiting death at museums

Keynote Speaker

- Mike Robinson (Ironbridge International Institute for Cultural Heritage, UK)

Abstracts should be 100-150 words. Include your name, affiliation, and email. Submit by email to: deathconference@gmail.com

Abstract deadline: 15 April 2015

Notification of acceptance: 01 May 2015

More information on the website: www.erg.su.se/heritageofdeath

Hospice UK's annual conference 2015: The Art and Science of Hospice Care

10-12 November 2015
ACC Liverpool

The themes for this year's conference cover: the arts and holistic care, science and innovation, policy into practice, and the business and culture of care. We're currently putting the programme together, and are publishing regular updates on our website: www.hospiceuk.org/conference

If you want to receive regular updates about the programme and other news on: the Call for Papers, our AGM and the Hospice Awards over the coming months please register your interest in the conference on our website

Call for Papers: an opportunity to share research, innovation and good practice

If you work in hospice or end of life care, you could contribute to this year's conference by displaying a poster or giving an oral presentation. We are especially interested to hear about work that acknowledges and addresses changing needs, preferences and opportunities for hospice care - now and in the future.

[Visit our website for more information, and to submit an abstract.](http://www.hospiceuk.org/conference) Abstracts can be submitted until 26 May.

Jobs and study opportunities

Conference Bursaries Application Invitation International Cremation and Burial Conference and Exhibition 2015

One of the objectives of the Cremation Society is to advance public education in the practice and ethics of cremation. To this end it invites applications from individuals for bursaries of £598.80 being the delegate's fee for the International Cremation and Burial Conference and Exhibition 2015 being held on 6th, 7th and 8th July 2015 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

The conference is arranged by the Cremation Society, the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities and the Association of Private Crematoria and Cemeteries. This year we are delighted that the International Cremation Federation (ICF) has decided to incorporate its General Council Meeting with our conference and exhibition. This will bring an added international dimension to the conference.

Bursaries will cover the conference fee which includes 3 nights' accommodation. Individuals will be expected to meet their own travelling costs to and from the conference headquarters.

Persons awarded bursaries will be required to attend all working sessions of the conference. Applicants must not presently work or have held a position within the cremation industry for at least the last 12 months.

Those awarded bursaries will be given one year's subscription to the Society's quarterly journal *Pharos International* in which many of the conference presentations are reproduced. They will also be given the opportunity to contribute an article.

This year's programme can be accessed at www.cbce.org.uk and past years' conference programmes can be viewed on the Society's website www.cremation.org.uk.

Applicants should write to The Secretary, The Cremation Society of Great Britain, Brecon House (1st Floor), 16/16a Albion Place, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5DZ, or e-mail info@cremation.org.uk, with their CV and an explanation of why they would like to attend the conference. The Society's decision on whether or not to grant a bursary is final.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 29th May 2015.

Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Contact/Information
08 Jan – Oct 2015	Good Grief Training	London	www.griefencounter.org.uk/professionals/training/
08-11 Apr 2015	ADEC 37 th Annual Conference	San Antonio, USA	http://www.adec.org/Annual_Conference_Home.htm
15 April 2015	A Good Death: Caitlin Doughty and John Troyer in conversation with Claudia Hammond	The Barbican, London	http://www.barbican.org.uk/education/series.asp?id=1409
16-18 April 2015	When is Death?	University of Leicester	http://shop.le.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?compid=1&modid=1&catid=711
06 May 2015	Sue Ryder Care Annual Public Lecture	University of Nottingham	http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/srcc/events/annual-lecture-06-may-2015.aspx
09 May 2015	An Honourable Death	Birkbeck, University of London	https://anhonourabledeath.wordpress.com/
11-16 May 2015	4 th International Public Health & Palliative Care Conference	Bristol, UK	http://www.phpci.info/#!/about1/c1f7j

15 May 2015	Cemeteries Colloquium	University of York	http://www.york.ac.uk/spsw/research/cemetery-research-group/colloquium/
15 May 2015	Trauma, Grief, Loss: The Art of Bereavement Conference	UCA Farnham, Surrey	http://www.ucreative.ac.uk/artofbereavement
16 May 2015	The Cruse Buckinghamshire Annual Seminar	High Wycombe	Anthony Tagent (01494 433266) or Mike Muller (01628 662372)
18-24 May 2015	Dying Matters Week	Nationwide	http://dyingmatters.org/
20-22 May 2015	Archaeology and Anthropology of Death	Rome	http://www.romarche.it/the-convention
23 May 2015	First Digital Legacy Conference	UCL Partners Conference Room, London	http://digitallegacyconference.com/
31 May – 05 June 2015	Residential Research Retreat	Ammerdown Conference Centre, Bath	http://www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/rrr.htm
05 June 2015	CDAS 10 th Anniversary Celebration	University of Bath	http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0082.html
05-06 June 2015	CDAS Annual Conference, 'Death Studies – past, present and future'	University of Bath	http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0082.html
18 June 2015	Centre for Spirituality Studies Research Day: Spirituality and Popular Culture / Arts	University of Hull	http://www2.hull.ac.uk/fass/centre-spirituality-studies/research-days/popular-culture.aspx
06-08 July 2015	Cremation & Burial Conference and Exhibition	Holiday Inn, Stratford on Avon	http://www.cbce.org.uk/index/html
07-08 July 2015	The Cruse Bereavement Care National Conference	University of Warwick	http://www.cruse.org.uk/conference
08-10 July	7th International Cardiff Conference on Paediatric Palliative Care	Cardiff University	http://www.icpcn.org/cardiffppc2015/

10-14 Aug 2015	Death & Meaning Making in Europe	Radboud University, The Netherlands	<a href="http://www.ru.nl/radboudsummer
school/courses/philopsophy-
religion/@969980/death-and-
meaning/">http://www.ru.nl/radboudsummer school/courses/philopsophy- religion/@969980/death-and- meaning/
17-18 Aug 2015	2 nd International Death Online Research Symposium	Kingston University	http://deathonlineresearch.net/
02-05 Sept 2015	Death, Dying and the Disposal of the Body (DDD12)	"1 December 1918" University of Alba Iulia, Romania	<a href="http://death-
studies.ro/?page_id=292">http://death- studies.ro/?page_id=292
02-04 Sept 2015	Reflections on Revenge: an International Conference on the culture and politics of vengeance	University of Leicester	revenge@le.ac.uk
04-06 Sept 2015	The Ideal Death Show and Good Funeral Awards	Winchester	http://www.idealdeathshow.co.uk/
09-12 Sept 2015	5 th International Conference on Advance Care Planning and EoLC (ACPEL)	Munich, Germany	<a href="http://www.acpel2015.org/home.
html">http://www.acpel2015.org/home. html
10-11 Sept 2015	The Heritage of Death: Landscapes, Sentiment and Practice	University of Stockholm, Sweden	www.erg.su.se/heritageofdeath
16 Sept 2015	Family Troubles Symposium: Care and Change in Diverse Contexts	University of Reading	<a href="http://blogs.reading.ac.uk/deathin
thefamilyinsenegal/">http://blogs.reading.ac.uk/deathin thefamilyinsenegal/
23-26 Sept 2015	The Worlds of Violence	Giardini Naxos, Sicily	www.paneuropeanconference.org
24 Sept 2015	Suicide Bereavement Conference	University of Manchester	www.suicide-bereavement.co.uk
04-06 Nov 2015	Material traces of mass death: the exhumed object	Marseille, France	objetsfosses@gmail.com
10-12 Nov 2015	Hospice UK's annual conference 2015: The Art and Science of Hospice Care	ACC Liverpool	www.hospiceuk.org/conference

13 Nov 2015	BSA Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement Study Group Annual Symposium 2015	BSA, London	http://www.britsoc.co.uk/specialisms/DDB.aspx
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Please do let us know of any events you think would be of interest to other subscribers. You can find more details on all of these events, and events featured in previous newsletters, on the CDAS web pages

www.bath.ac.uk/cdas