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## **July 2016 Director's Note:**

Since CDAS's earliest days, we've seen a number of significant 'outputs.' An 'output' is University lingo for what any research centre actually produces, so articles, conferences, seminars, world leading research, etc.

But CDAS has heretofore missed out on one of our core outputs, namely all of our Alumni. Credit for bringing this to our attention goes to CDAS Ph.D. students Renske Visser, Jana Kralova, Chao Fang, Andreia de Sousa Martins, and Joshua Graham, all of whom met with me the day before June's conference to brainstorm ideas for CDAS's future.

We agreed that a CDAS Alumni Network was an exceptionally good idea, and I'm using this Director's Note to formally launch the Network.

The Alumni Network will include anyone from the MSc in Death and Society, the Foundation Degree in Funeral Services, and Ph.D. graduates. I'll also gladly include any Undergraduates who successfully completed the Sociology of Death final year Unit.

In the coming weeks, any and all Alums should send their preferred e-mail address to Caron Staley at [cdas@bath.ac.uk](mailto:cdas@bath.ac.uk) and we'll start building the network. If you're an Alum who knows that another Alum isn't keeping up with what CDAS is doing, then please pass the message on and ask them to get in touch.

Alumni Networks can be very useful tools, for many different kinds of reasons. It would also be great to know where everyone is and what they're doing now. As the Network develops and expands, we can start sending out Alumni-specific messages and hopefully even planning events.

More than anything, I hope that the Alumni Network will help people reconnect with what's happening in the Centre for Death and Society.

John Troyer, Director

## **News from CDAS**

### **CDAS Conference 2017: Call for Papers**

#### **Death at the Margins of the State**

09-10 June 2017 (probable dates, tbc)

The Edge, University of Bath

Human beings typically grant appropriate death rites to those deemed members of the community; withholding of proper rites often reflects or symbolises exclusion from the political or moral community. The history of dissection, for example, bears witness to this.

Today, the concept of 'human' extends in theory to everyone regardless of nationality, gender, abilities, etc., yet in practice citizenship (legal or moral) may for many be precarious or lacking. The stateless and/or those lacking full citizen rights may include asylum seekers, undocumented migrants, those on the wrong side in civil wars, victims of genocide, prisoners, travellers, foetuses, and those deemed to lack mental capacity: their deaths may be endorsed, ignored, stigmatised, or manipulated by the state or powerful institutions. By contrast, those who die to create or defend the state become sacred heroes of the nation. Death and the state are intimately connected, each helping – through inclusion and exclusion - to define the other.

- What deaths and whose deaths are denied respect?
- How, why, and with what consequences for defining 'us and them', 'human and non-human'?
- How do those without citizenship die and how are they disposed of and mourned?
- How do funerals mark lives deemed worthless?
- How are marginalised deaths and the bodies of the marginalised dead exploited – by politicians, media, medicine, museums, and the global trade in body parts and ancient human remains?

Abstracts are invited for contemporary or historical papers from any discipline or profession exploring the relationship between death and exclusion from community or state. The conference will interest those in a wide range of fields, including, for example, death studies, politics, anthropology, history, archaeology, international relations, international development, refugee & migration studies, social policy, photography, cultural studies, psychology and funeral celebrancy.

CDAS annual conferences bring together research and knowledge that has hitherto been fragmented. We invite scholars and practitioners from around the world willing to engage openly with and learn from different disciplines and perspectives.

20 minute papers are invited - abstracts (up to 250 words) to be emailed to [cdas@bath.ac.uk](mailto:cdas@bath.ac.uk) by 27 February 2017.

Further details about the conference and how to book will be made available in the New Year. Prices are likely to be £135 for 2 days and £75 for a single day, but this is subject to confirmation.

### **CDAS PhD student Filipa Alves-Costa writes for The Conversation**

#### **Nice attack: how to help those who lose loved ones in traumatic acts of violence**

The world is collectively grieving again after a man driving a lorry killed at least 84 people in an attack on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice on Bastille Day. This tragedy, which follows similar attacks in [Paris](#), [Bangladesh](#), [Istanbul](#) and [Baghdad](#), has [provoked](#) a wave of terror, shock, sadness and frustration internationally.

But what about those more intimately affected – those families and friends currently dealing with the immediate aftermath of the attack in Nice and the loss or injury of a loved one?

Read the full article: <http://theconversation.com/nice-attack-how-to-help-those-who-lose-loved-ones-in-traumatic-acts-of-violence-62561>

### **CDAS Seminar: End of Life Care**

Thursday 10 Nov 2016, 14.15 – 17.15

University of Bath, 3 East 2.20

This seminar examines end of life care in a variety of settings.

- *End of life decisions in a general hospital: findings from doctorate*  
[Jo Wilson](#), Consultant Nurse (Palliative Care), Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust and CDAS PhD student
- *Reporting on findings from summer 2016 visit to North America*  
Anna Magnowska, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Palliative care, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust and [Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship on Legacy Projects in end of life care](#)
- *The role of care homes in end of life care: findings from 2016 research for Public Health England*  
[Malcolm Johnson](#), Visiting Professor of Gerontology and End of Life Care, University of Bath
- *Living and dying with a learning disability: Findings from a UK study on the last months of life of 240 people with a learning disability.*  
[Stuart Todd](#), Reader in Intellectual Disability Research, University of South Wales

The seminar is free and open to all, please just register via Eventbrite so that we know you are coming: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cdas-seminar-end-of-life-care-tickets-26279373313>

## **Death Studies Community News**

### **National Commitment on end of life care**

The Government announced their new National Commitment on end of life care at a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Hospice and Palliative Care on 5th July.

This new National Commitment is at the heart of the Government's response to "What's Important To Me", the 2015 report of the independent choice review on end of life care chaired by Claire

Henry MBE, NCPC's CEO. It contains six specific commitments made by the government to the public which aim to end variation in end of life care across the health system by 2020. These are:

- honest discussions between care professionals and dying people
- dying people making informed choices about their care
- personalised care plans for all
- the discussion of personalised care plans with care professionals
- the involvement of family and carers in dying people's care
- a key contact so dying people know who to contact at any time of day

NHS and care professionals will be expected to reflect these commitments in their work. New measures will be developed to ensure local health and care leaders are meeting the high standards expected of them.

Tackling variation in care across the week is key to meeting these commitments and the government says that it is determined to support the NHS and local authorities to do this. Plans include ensuring experts can provide specialist support on end of life care by acting as a first point of contact for anyone who needs them, as part of the newly developing urgent and emergency care hubs in all local areas. These experts will be available to help dying people or the families of dying people, who may need support with symptom control or deteriorating conditions late at night or at the weekend, as well as clinicians who have questions or need additional support 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The full Government response, and details of the review, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/choice-in-end-of-life-care-government-response>

### **Contribution to Openness about Death Award Winners**

The Contribution to Openness about Death Award is awarded by the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care (SPPC), as part of its ongoing Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief initiative to promote more openness about death, dying and bereavement in Scotland. The winners of this new award which recognises individual contributions towards promoting more open and supportive attitudes to death and bereavement in Scotland have been revealed as Robert Peacock, volunteer Director of [Death on the Fringe](#), and film-makers Jane Harris and Jimmy Edmonds.

Robert Peacock runs Death on the Fringe, a series of events exploring death and bereavement which takes place during the Edinburgh Festival. Now in its third year, Death on the Fringe brings together into one programme death-themed comedy, theatre and musical performances, as well as academic lectures and experimental 'death cabarets'. Robert undertakes the role in a voluntary capacity, and Death on the Fringe brings a unique approach to exploring these difficult issues which has drawn attention from national and international media.

Jane Harris and Jimmy Edmonds have been recognised for their work challenging societal reluctance to talk about the death of children and the grief of parents. Jane and Jimmy's son Josh was killed in a

road traffic accident in Vietnam in 2011. Through film and other media Jane and Jimmy have shared their painful journey through grief, encouraging other parents in similar situations, and challenging society more widely to be more open about death, loss and grief, particularly in circumstances of traumatic or sudden death.

**Links:**

Death on the Fringe: <https://deathonthefringe.wordpress.com/about/>

The Good Grief Project: <https://thegoodgriefproject.wordpress.com/>

Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief: <https://www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk/>

## **Events, seminars, symposia and conferences**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Tourism Studies Association**

17-19 August 2016

University of Greenwich, London

Booking deadline: 05 August 2016

We have accepted more than 150 papers, from 29 countries, and put together an exciting programme of keynotes, paper sessions and social activities. You can view all the details of the conference here: <http://www.gre.ac.uk/bus/events/itsa2016>

Special sessions:

A key feature of ITSA 2016 is the bringing together of tourism scholars at different stages in their careers. The conference will feature special sessions on 'Dark Tourism and Cities' and 'Communist Legacies and Tourism'.

Full registration details are available here: <http://www.gre.ac.uk/bus/events/itsa2016/register>

### **Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference**

30 August – 02 September 2016

Royal Geographical Society, London

Reflecting geographers' growing interest in loss, this year's Royal Geographical Society annual conference includes a stream on 'Geographies of loss, grief and carrying on: the nexus of death, diversity and resilience'. <http://conference.rgs.org/AC2016/f4569a96-bd27-4392-a94a-5de91e921b09>

Full details of the conference and registration at:

<http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Annual+international+conference.htm>

## **Life. Death. Whatever**

Sutton House & Breaker's Yard, 2 & 4 Homerton High Street, Hackney, London, E9 6JQ  
03 -30 October 2016

In collaboration with the National Trust's Sutton House, the 'Mary Poppins of Death' Louise Winter, Artist and Creative Director Laura Drake Chambers and Anna Lyons present: Life. Death. Whatever.

Throughout the month of October, Sutton House will host an eclectic lineup of events, installations and workshops curated by the trio, encouraging creative reflection on life, death and everything inbetween.

Sutton House, the oldest residence in east London, features a Tudor kitchen, Jacobean and Georgian interiors, an Edwardian chapel, medieval foundations, 1980s graffiti under the roof and an urban oasis with an edible garden.

The house and garden will play host to a playful and lively lineup. Think chemists, cemetery angels, poets, perfumers, puppeteers and DJs meeting to celebrate the inevitable - wherever it is we're all going to end up and our journey to getting there.

There'll be cocktails, cake, tea, tears and much more. Expect the unexpected.

Web: <http://www.lifedeathwhatever.com/>

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house/features/things-to-see-and-do-at-sutton-house>

### **Get involved**

If you've got an idea about how we can celebrate the inevitable - wherever we end up and the journey we take to get there – the organisers want to hear from you. If you're interested in hosting an event, workshop, party, lecture, film night or anything else on the theme of life, death and everything in-between, please get in touch.

They're looking for the unusual, the progressive and the unexpected.

Email: [louise@lifedeathwhatever.com](mailto:louise@lifedeathwhatever.com)

### **Working with Loss, Sage & Thyme Course**

17 October 2016

The Rowans Hospice, Waterlooville

Course fee: £70 per person

Join us for this one day workshop on 'Working with Loss, Sage & Thyme' that we hope you will find interesting and stimulating. This workshop is an opportunity to stand back, take some space and contemplate on the work we are all involved in, and to also learn valuable communication skills.

These courses are suitable for anyone who works in a place where you might need to support people who are bereaved; facing some form of loss; or who for some reason are anxious or worried. This includes all sorts of environments, clinical and non-clinical.

The morning session will give you an opportunity to explore how people respond to loss and change, and some of the challenges this creates that you may face. The afternoon session is a 3-hour SAGE and THYME foundation level workshop helping us to support people that are worried or distressed.

For more information contact Grace Ellert at the Rowans Hospice.

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Web: <https://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/index.php?id=94>

## **Jobs and training opportunities**

### **Cruse Bereavement Care Loss and Bereavement Awareness workshops:**

In any business environment, even staff who are confident and competent can find themselves worrying when they have to talk to a bereaved client or colleague. For some companies this happens as a routine part of work, and in every workplace staff will be affected by bereavement.

Our one-day loss and bereavement workshops will help staff and managers to make a caring and professional response, which can make a real difference to the service and support you give to clients and staff.

- Learn how to support bereaved clients and colleagues.
- Gain a strong understanding of bereavement issues and the factors affecting the grieving process.
- Learn about how different cultures view grief.
- Improve your communication and inter-personal skills.
- Ask questions and share your experience.

Next workshops:

Cardiff 12<sup>th</sup> September

London 15<sup>th</sup> September

Manchester 29<sup>th</sup> September

Birmingham 11<sup>th</sup> October

Bristol 13<sup>th</sup> October

Manchester 16<sup>th</sup> November

London 29<sup>th</sup> November

[Book online here](#), or email [training@cruse.org.uk](mailto:training@cruse.org.uk) for more information.



## **The National Council of Palliative Care are currently recruiting for trustees**

We are looking for individuals with skills and expertise in ethical issues, spirituality, clinical, marketing, fundraising, IT and finance experience. You'll agree with our mission and strategic direction and be able to advise us on the best route to achieve them. You'll recognise our strengths and achievements but also act as a critical friend and make suggestions for improvement and change. This is an exciting opportunity to support a growing, influential organisation and to improve end of life care for all.

Board meetings take place quarterly and there are other opportunities to support our work at events and meetings throughout the year. An induction and support programme will be provided to all new Trustees.

These positions are voluntary, travel and out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed. The deadline for applications is 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

If you would like to find out more or would like to apply, please visit our NCPC webpage:

<http://www.ncpc.org.uk/news/ncpc-looking-trustees>

## **Dead Good Guides: Rites of Passage Autumn School 2016**

21-24 October 2016

Swarthmoor Hall, Ulverston, Cumbria

Are you interested in the art of ceremony and celebration? Do you welcome surprising challenges? Would you enjoy hands- on creativity and time for reflection in the Cumbrian landscape? If you are at a moment of transition in your life, or if you want to expand your personal practice, this Autumn School is an opportunity to examine the *Hows* and *Whys* of ceremony in a safe environment. Together we will investigate how both positive and negative life events can be distilled into myth and poetry and how we can create meaningful rituals to contain them.

For further information and to book, contact:

Sue Gill: 01229 869 769, [foxandgill@btinternet.com](mailto:foxandgill@btinternet.com)

Gilly Adams: 02920 552389, [gillyadams@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gillyadams@tiscali.co.uk)

The fee of £430, payable by instalments, covers tuition, materials and meals. Accommodation is available on site but is not included in the fee.

## Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Contact/Information
29-31 July 2016	Is Heaven for Real?	University of Winchester	<a href="http://store.winchester.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&amp;modid=2&amp;catid=94&amp;prodid=298">http://store.winchester.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&amp;modid=2&amp;catid=94&amp;prodid=298</a>
05-29 Aug 2016	Death on the Fringe	Multiple venues, Edinburgh	<a href="https://deathonthefringe.wordpress.com/">https://deathonthefringe.wordpress.com/</a>
08-12 Aug 2016	Death & Meaning Making in Europe	Radboud University, The Netherlands	<a href="http://www.ru.nl/radboudsummerschool/courses/history-philosophy-religion/vm-more-courses/death-and-meaning-making-europe/">http://www.ru.nl/radboudsummerschool/courses/history-philosophy-religion/vm-more-courses/death-and-meaning-making-europe/</a>
17-19 Aug 2016	6 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Tourism Studies Association	University of Greenwich, London	<a href="http://www.gre.ac.uk/bus/events/itsa2016">http://www.gre.ac.uk/bus/events/itsa2016</a>
29-31 Aug and 22-23 Oct 2016	End of Life Doula Training	New Oriel Hall, Bath	<a href="http://www.lwdwtraining.uk/events/doula-training-part-1-foundation-bath-somerset/">http://www.lwdwtraining.uk/events/doula-training-part-1-foundation-bath-somerset/</a>
30 Aug – 02 Sept 2016	Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference	Royal Geographical Society, London	<a href="http://rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Annual+international+conference.htm">http://rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Annual+international+conference.htm</a>
31 Aug – 01 Sept 2016	Bioethics in Theory: Bioethics in Practice	University of Bristol	<a href="http://www.postgradbioethics.com/?page_id=27">http://www.postgradbioethics.com/?page_id=27</a>
01-03 Sept 2016	Death and Culture	University of York	<a href="http://www.york.ac.uk/sociology/about/news-and-events/department/2016/deathandculture/">http://www.york.ac.uk/sociology/about/news-and-events/department/2016/deathandculture/</a>
05 Sept 2016	Doing Death	University of Sheffield	<a href="http://www.deathandsociety.org/pages/events-deatil.php?news_id=120">http://www.deathandsociety.org/pages/events-deatil.php?news_id=120</a>
06 Sept 2016	Death, Dying and Social Work	University of Sussex	<a href="http://www.sussex.ac.uk/socialwork/newsandevents/events?id=35368">http://www.sussex.ac.uk/socialwork/newsandevents/events?id=35368</a>
16 Sept 2016	Dark Leisure and Music	Leeds Beckett University	<a href="http://darkleisureandmusic.mselimyavuz.com/">http://darkleisureandmusic.mselimyavuz.com/</a>
20 Sept 2016	Cruse Masterclass	Holborn Bars, London	<a href="http://www.cruse.org.uk/training/masterclass">http://www.cruse.org.uk/training/masterclass</a>
27 Sept 2016	Sudden death and breaking bad news	Newcastle upon Tyne	<a href="http://childbereavementuk.org/studydays">http://childbereavementuk.org/studydays</a>

28 Sept 2016	Suicide Bereavement: Working together to make a difference	Manchester Conference Centre	<a href="http://www.suicidebereavementuk.com/">http://www.suicidebereavementuk.com/</a>
03-30 Oct 2016	Life. Death. Whatever	Sutton House, London	<a href="http://www.lifedeathwhatever.com">http://www.lifedeathwhatever.com</a>
04 Oct 2016	Children and young people – loss, death and grief	Child Bereavement UK, Bucks	<a href="http://www.childbereavementuk.org/courses">www.childbereavementuk.org/courses</a>
17 Oct 2016	Working with Loss, Sage & Thyme Course	The Rowans Hospice	<a href="https://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/index.php?id=94">https://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/index.php?id=94</a>
21-24 Oct 2016	Dead Good Guides: Rites of Passage	Swarthmoor Hall, Cumbria	<a href="mailto:foxandgill@btinternet.com">foxandgill@btinternet.com</a> <a href="mailto:gillyadams@tiscali.co.uk">gillyadams@tiscali.co.uk</a>
05 Nov 2016	Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement	Glasgow	<a href="https://event.iwgscotland2016.co.uk/IWG/Glasgow">https://event.iwgscotland2016.co.uk/IWG/Glasgow</a>
10 Nov 2016	CDAS Seminar: End of Life Care	University of Bath	<a href="http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0132.html">http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0132.html</a>
02 Dec 2016	Death, Dying, Bereavement and Technologies in the 21st Century	University of Sheffield	<a href="http://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/112390/DDB_021216.pdf?1464011179015">http://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/112390/DDB_021216.pdf?1464011179015</a>
03-04 Mar 2017	Transmortality 2017: The Materiality and Spatiality of Death, Burial and Commemoration	Luxembourg City	<a href="https://transmortality.uni.lu/">https://transmortality.uni.lu/</a>
06-08 Mar 2017	Death Online Research Symposium and PhD workshop	Aarhus University, Denmark	<a href="mailto:nordrc@cc.ac.dk">nordrc@cc.ac.dk</a>
29 Mar – 02 Apr 2017	Manipulated bodies: investigating post- mortem interactions with human remains	Vancouver, Canada	<a href="mailto:e.craig-atkins@sheffield.ac.uk">e.craig-atkins@sheffield.ac.uk</a>
08-14 May 2017	Dying Matters Awareness Week 2017	Nationwide	<a href="http://www.dyingmatters.org/page/AwarenessWeek2017">http://www.dyingmatters.org/page/AwarenessWeek2017</a>
09-10 June 2017	CDAS Conference 2017, 'Death on the Margins of the State'	University of Bath	<a href="http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0135.html">http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0135.html</a>

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](http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas)