

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### The Humanities Graduate School Student Network (GradNet) 11th Annual Postgraduate Conference

Monday 26th March 2018

Avenue Campus, University of Southampton, Highfield Road, S017 1BJ

GradNet Southampton is pleased to announce the theme for this year's postgraduate conference:

### TRADITION vs INNOVATION

*"Without tradition, art is a flock of sheep without a shepherd. Without innovation, it is a corpse."*  
(Winston Churchill)

As researchers in the Humanities, we are required to challenge previously accepted thinking using innovative approaches, conduct original research by revisiting existing materials, and add our critical voice to historic and current academic discourses. Our projects and practices form a bridge between the past, present and future of our disciplines, revealing and presenting new discoveries to be challenged by others in time. However, we should always consider the precise nature of the relationship between tradition and innovation. Are they in conflict or somehow more symbiotic? How do traditions form and who is responsible for breaking from them? Is progress limited to innovation or can it be underpinned by tradition? Is innovation simply a reaction to learning from the mistakes of the past, or something more radically different altogether? Is tradition typically regressive and innovation its natural solution? Why are either important to us at all?

This day-long, interdisciplinary conference aims to bring together research from across the disciplines of Archaeology, English, Film, History, Modern Languages, Music, and Philosophy. The presentation themes may include, but are not restricted to:

- Examples of convention and experimentation
- Movements and developments within the Humanities
- Changing attitudes to research methodologies
- New theories, practices and/or technologies
- Radicals and reactionaries
- The revival of tradition(s) in the present
- Perceptions of heritage and identity
- Exploring customs, beliefs and ideals

Please submit abstracts of 250-300 words by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to the GradNet conference committee at: [GradNet@soton.ac.uk](mailto:GradNet@soton.ac.uk). We invite abstracts for either 20 minute paper presentations, PechaKucha\* presentations or posters (please specify preference with abstract). Abstracts should be formatted in a Word file and attached to the e-mail; please save them with your full name and name of university/faculty. Please direct all queries to the conference organisers via the email address above.

Please note presenters will also have the opportunity to submit a paper for publication for the Humanities peer-reviewed journal, *Emergence*. For more information, please contact the editor at [GradNet@soton.ac.uk](mailto:GradNet@soton.ac.uk).

\* PechaKucha is a concise form of presentation where you show 20 images, strictly for 20 seconds each so the entire presentation takes 6 minutes and 40 seconds. The images change automatically as part of the 20 images in 20 seconds format. This could be especially interesting for early stage researchers to present an aspect of their research. Further instructions regarding PechaKucha will follow soon. For further information on PechaKucha presentations, please see: <http://www.pechakucha.org>.

To register and find out more visit: [www.gradnetconf2018.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.gradnetconf2018.eventbrite.co.uk)