

Space, place and social justice in education – Notice of event and call for papers

Friday 13th July 2012

One day international seminar
Education and Social Research Institute
Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
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About the event: As the drive for uniformity in the European and global education project increasingly abuts against spatialities of deepening social injustice as well as widening and spatially novel forms of protest, questions of how we might deepen our interrogations of space, place and social justice with respect to education are of paramount importance.

This seminar, which is jointly sponsored by the Education and Social Research Institute (ESRI) at Manchester Metropolitan University, the European Education Research Association (EERA), the British Education Research Association (BERA) and the journal *Ethnography and Education* was generated initially from discussions between ethnographers and geographers of education and will bring together an audience from those sub disciplines of education research as well as a broader, multi-disciplinary, audience interested in exploring these issues. Participants will have an opportunity to hear internationally acclaimed keynote speakers whose work is concerned with these questions and to take part in dialogue and discussion around presented papers. Those offering papers will have their contributions considered for publication in a book-length edited collection to follow on from the event.

Keynote Speakers:

Professor Valerie Walkerdine – School of Social Science, Cardiff University.
Professor Danny Dorling – Professor of Human Geography, University of Sheffield.

Call for papers

Papers on all aspects of space, place and social justice will be considered for inclusion in the programme, but ones which focus upon the following themes will be particularly welcome:

- Interactions between geography and ethnography around social justice
- Relationships between global and local spaces of education
- Impacts of space and place on educational inequalities
- New spaces and places of education

- Policy encroachments on places and spaces of education
- Spaces and places of education protest
- Theoretical conceptualisations of space and place

We recognise that many of these themes are inter-related, and presenters are encouraged to explore these intersections in their proposals. Each paper will be around 6,000 in length and that presentations on the day should last for 20 minutes. Postgraduate research students are particularly encouraged to submit proposals.

To propose a paper, please email the following to

spaceplace@mmu.ac.uk: proposed title and an abstract (350 words maximum), name, institutional affiliation (if appropriate), postal address, and email contact. Abstracts from those offering papers should be sent by **31st January 2012**. Please note: if an abstract is accepted the **full paper** will be required by **31st May** for distribution to all those attending the research seminar.

For those wishing to attend but **not** intending to offer a paper, the **registration form** is available to download via the links on the right-hand side of this page.

Fees

Standard delegate fee: £110; Student fee: £90 (both inclusive of lunch and refreshments). Please note, there will be a reduced overall fee for anyone also wishing to attend the Summer Institute in Qualitative Research at MMU during the following week commencing July 15th 2012.

Bursaries for travel, accommodation and attendance

A number of bursaries will be available, and will be offered in the first instance to those offering papers. EERA are offering eight bursaries (of up to 400 Euros each) to help cover conference fee, travel and accommodation for four established scholars and four new researchers from low GDP European nations. The journal *Ethnography and Education* is also offering a bursary to support conference fee, travel and accommodation for a contribution based on an ethnographic research project. The British Education Research Association (BERA) Special Interest Group in Social Theory and Education is also offering a support bursary for a student. Specific conditions for the award of bursaries vary. Details will be provided on request from

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