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## Call for Papers: Youth Transitions in Troubled Times

A BSA Youth Study Group one-day event for postgraduates, co-sponsored by The British Library

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at [SSPSSR, University of Kent](#)

### Keynote speakers:

**Sue Heath**, Professor of Sociology, University of Southampton

**Valerie Hey**, Professor of Education, University of Sussex

The current economic downturn has major implications across the life-course, but it is widely acknowledged across disciplines that the impact of recession upon particular groups of young people is likely to be especially profound.

This event will bring together postgraduate researchers and academics to discuss the impact of the current recession on young people's transitions in education, employment, housing and relationships. It will be an informal environment for postgraduate researchers on youth experiences and transitions to discuss how the current context resituates their research and impacts on the lives of their respondents. The day aims to raise questions about the way in which the current economic downturn might affect the transitions of young people in different ways to recessions past. It hopes to emphasise the extent to which gender, race and class shape the transitions young people are able to make in the current economic climate.

We invite postgraduate and new researchers to submit **abstracts of 250 words** (max) for papers which address one or more of the following, contextualised by the current economic downturn:

- formal and informal learning
- capitals theory and class, race and gender
- the heterogeneity of youth experience
- education policy
- the role of work/employment
- changing understandings of the markers of adulthood
- processes of dis/identification
- psychosocial affects

Please send your abstracts to Steve Roberts at [youthttt@gmail.com](mailto:youthttt@gmail.com) by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009**. Each presentation should last a maximum of 20 minutes to be followed by 10 minutes of questions and discussion.

Postgraduates who do not wish to present are warmly encouraged to attend. Please contact Steve Roberts or Sarah Evans at [youthttt@gmail.com](mailto:youthttt@gmail.com) for further information.