

# 'THE END OF THE EXPERT?'

## INTERDISCIPLINARY RESPONSES TO 2016

The conference will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 at Nottingham Trent University. Please send abstracts to [endoftheexpert@gmail.com](mailto:endoftheexpert@gmail.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

### About the conference

'People in this country have had enough of experts' – Michael Gove

*'End of the Expert?'* is an interdisciplinary conference that invites responses to 2016, its build up, consequences, the questions it raises, possible solutions and aftermaths we are yet to face. Arguably, now more than ever we need forms of expertise to address the diverse issues that culminated in 2016. This is an appeal to show why expertise, in all its forms, is still relevant today.

2016 was a momentous year. Globally, significant events took place which altered our conception of society, politics, identity and culture. From Celebrity Deaths to Syria, Brexit to Black Lives Matter, Olympics to Elections, Referendums to Reproductive Rights, Healthcare to Hate Crime, Trump to Terrorism. This conference provides a platform for creative and critical responses to 2016. Which events led to this already infamous year? What are the immediate effects? What are we yet to see? How can and should we respond?

### Call for papers, panels and performances

Papers addressing the broad themes of Politics, Identity, Culture and Society are encouraged.

Topics might include, but are not restricted to:

- Brexit
- The Trump Campaign
- Global Elections
- Post-Truth and Alternative Facts
- Fascism
- #blacklivesmatter
- Dakota Pipeline and Standing Rock
- Conflict in Syria
- Jeremy Corbyn
- Mistrust of the Media
- #bringbackourgirls
- Olympics and Sporting Culture
- Nuclear Threats

- Hacking
- Political Tensions in Turkey
- Award Ceremonies
- Celebrity Deaths
- Migration and the 'Refugee Crisis'
- Feminism(s) and Their Backlash
- White Supremacy
- The Colombia Peace Deal
- Impeachments: South Korea, Guatemala, Brazil and beyond
- Trans Rights
- Climate Change and Scepticism
- Class and Capital
- 'The Establishment'
- Murder of Berta Cáceres
- The War on Drugs
- Populism
- Healthcare and TPP
- The Orlando Shooting

We will be accepting:

### **Individual Papers**

Proposals (250-300 words) for fifteen minutes long papers or creative pieces; please include a short biography (200 words)

### **Panels**

Proposals (500-800 words) for forty-five minutes creative or critical panels; please include a short biography (200 words per person)

### **Performances**

Proposals (300-500 words) for performances of any kind, lasting up to forty-five minutes; please include a short biography (200 words per person)

## **Contact**

Email the organisers if you have any inquiries regarding accessibility, dietary requirements, childcare, religious practice or any other pressing issues.

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