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URGENT CALL: WOMENPOL CONVENERS

The PSA Women and Politics Group continues to be one of the most active PSA specialist groups, with a host of upcoming events throughout the summer. However, Orly will be on maternity leave from September and will be reducing her role from Co-convenor to Treasurer.

Therefore, we urgently need a few more hands on deck. As discussed at the PSA Annual Conference in Cardiff, we are ideally looking for:

- An additional Co-convenor
- A Social Media Officer
- A Campaigns Officer

If you are interested in any of these roles, or any other way of helping out, we would love to hear from you!

URGENT CALL: PSA EXECUTIVE

A message from Meryl Kenny:

Deadlines for nominations for PSA members wishing to stand for the post of Trustee for the Executive Committee of the Political Studies Association have now been extended to 5 April 2017.

Please consider standing! I'm currently on the Exec & happy to chat to anyone who might be interested – as you will know, we are about to have a new PSA Chair, Angie Wilson (Manchester) - and the PSA is launching a 10 year Strategic Plan (incl. an equality & diversity strategy), so a great time to get involved.

Nominations require support from a proposer and seconder who are PSA members – both Fran and I are happy to support any PSA WomenPol members who want to stand.

More details here: <https://www.psa.ac.uk/psa/news/call-trustees-psa>

WOMENPOL AND EPOP: CALL FOR PAPERS

CfP for Women and Politics panel at EPOP (Elections, Public Opinion and Parties) Conference, 14th-16th September 2018, Royal Holloway

The PSA Women and Politics specialist group is organising a panel at this year's EPOP conference. We welcome abstract submissions on all areas of gender and electoral/party politics, in the UK and in comparative perspective. This can include but is not limited to: gender and political behaviour, women in political parties, women's representation, and attitudes towards gender issues. Please send abstracts to rosalind.shorrocks@manchester.ac.uk by Wednesday 18th April.

The deadline for submission of panel/paper proposals to EPOP is 29th April.

INTERSECTIONS EVENT: REGISTER NOW!

We have teamed up with the PSA Early Career Network and the BSA Race and Ethnicity Study Group to organise At the Intersections - a one-day conference at the University Of Birmingham, Friday 27th April.

Highlights include talks from members of The Women's Budget Group, The Runnymede Trust, Amnesty, and a keynote from Professor Akwugo Emejulu (Warwick).

Tickets are free. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/at-the-intersections-a-one-day-conference-on-intersectionality-tickets-44000652135>

Full programme below:

At the Intersections

University of Birmingham, Room 417, Muirhead Tower

Friday 27th April 2018

9.30-10.00 Registration and refreshments

10.00-10.15 Introductions

10.15-11.15 – **Theory, Methodology and Critique**

Chair: Orly Siow, PSA Women & Politics

- Social Context in Entrepreneurship through Intersectionality, Realism and Mixed Methods - Angela Martinez Dy and A. Jennifer Agwunobi, Loughborough University London
- Towards a Decolonial Feminist Critique of Population and Development – Rula Issa
- Towards a political economy of anarchist intersectionality theory - Thomas Swann, Loughborough University

11.15-11.30 – BREAK

11.30-13.30 - **Activism, Social Movements and the Third Sector**

Chairs: Orlanda Siow, PSA Women & Politics and Jennifer Thomson, PSA Early Career Network

- Conceptualising and enacting 'intersectionality': equality networks in the UK - [Ashlee Christoffersen](#), University of Edinburgh
- Analysis of SlutWalk images - Keren Darmon, LSE
- Indigeneity Discourse within Kurdish Political Movement - Aynur Unal, University of Leicester
- Intersectional organising in UK reproductive rights activism – Fran Amery, University of Bath

Practitioner Perspective:

- Azmina Dhrodia – Amnesty International
- Dr Sarah Marie Hall and Kimberley McIntosh – University of Manchester / Runnymede Trust

13.30-14.15 – LUNCH

14.15-15.30 – **Discourse, institutions and marginalised people**

Chair: Rima Saini, BSA Race & Ethnicity Study Group

- Beneath the spectacle: Antecedents of Sexual Harassment at the UK Parliament – Cherry Miller, University of Birmingham
- How progressive was 'IndyRef' for women of colour in Scotland? – Angela O'Hagan, Glasgow Caledonian University and Talat Yaqoob
- The 'Power of Naming': Intersectionality and domestic abuse policy discourses and directions in Scotland since 1990 – Leah McCabe, University of Edinburgh
- Straight White Men and the Politics of Bullshit - Muireann O'Dwyer, University of Warwick
- Between the monstrous and the vulnerable: Gendered Islamophobia in media representations of British 'jihadi brides' - Leonie Jackson, School of Human and Health Sciences, University of Huddersfield

15.30-15.45 – BREAK

15.45-16.45 – Panel 3: **Inclusion, representation and oppressions in the University**

Chair: Neema Begum, PSA Early Career Network

- Equals or Others? International Early Career Academics and Academic Careers in the United Kingdom - Shardia Briscoe-Palmer, University of Birmingham and Dr Kate Mattocks, Liverpool Hope University
- Emotional Labour undertaken by Early Career Researchers in UK universities: A Queer and Postcolonial Feminist perspective - Shardia Briscoe-Palmer, University of Birmingham and Amelia Morris, University of Birmingham
- The impact of gender-based violence on work life: a seminal study of university staff - Kenny Stevenson, Melanie McCarry and Aimee McCullough, University of Strathclyde

16.45 – 17.30 – Keynote speech

Professor Akwugo Emejulu, University of Warwick

APSA EVENT: GET IN TOUCH!

Are you heading to APSA? If so, let us know as we have secured £3000 of funding from PSA/APSA to put on a one-day short course. Full details below:

Project title: Backlash: Gender, Resurgent Nationalism and Masculinist Politics in the US and Europe

Overview: A one-day joint PSA and APSA short-course designed to a) respond to current political developments on both sides of the Atlantic, b) foster cross-national collaboration and knowledge-exchange between US- and UK-based gender and politics scholars, c) support ECR gender and politics scholars in developing international research networks, and d) further the development of comparative frameworks for gender and politics research.

The event will be facilitated and organised by both the PSA Women and Politics Specialist Group Conveners and the leadership of the APSA Women and Politics Research Section.

The event will take the form of an APSA short course, immediately preceding the APSA annual meeting, on 30th August 2018 in Boston. It will be held at the APSA Meeting Venue.

MEMBERSHIP: HAVE YOU PAID UP?

According to our paypal records, only 34 people have paid their membership fees in the last 12 months.

If you haven't paid your membership fee in the last 12 months, PLEASE DO! It takes just a second using this link: <https://psawomenpolitics.com/become-a-member/>

P&G SUBSCRIPTIONS: PHASE OUT CONSULTATION

Of the 34 who have paid up, 29 opted to have discounted subscription to Politics & Gender included in their membership. Sorry for the delay on our part in ensuring that you receive this, we are getting it sent out to you ASAP.

However, because journal subscriptions cost £21 per person, and discounted membership rates cost less than this, we actually made a loss of £20 on membership fees: we received £609 in subs, but had to spend £629 on journal subscriptions.

Given that most (if not all) members have institutional access to P&G, we are therefore considering dropping this option for future members. We'd like to hear your views on this before making any decisions.

WRITING FOR THE CONVERSATION

Laura Hood, Politics Editor at The Conversation, has been in touch looking for female academics interested in commentating on UK Politics:

The Conversation (<https://theconversation.com/uk>) is a non-profit news organisation that publishes articles written by academics in collaboration with journalists. The politics desk wants to hear from more women in British academia and would like to encourage you to get in touch if you're interested in writing for a public audience.

If you've got a particular idea already, great, if not, that's fine too. Just send us a brief outline of your research and we'll drop you a line when something relevant comes up in our editorial planning.

We're keen to get more women writing about Westminster politics in particular. If you're up for being contacted to write reactions to big speeches from Theresa May or Jeremy Corbyn, for example, let us know. That's an area in which our gender balance is poor.

The Conversation UK is funded by more than 70 university partners (listed here <<https://theconversation.com/uk/partners>>). We focus much of our editorial time on working with academics from those institutions but we welcome pitches from all academics so please do get in touch even if your institution is not on the list. We're happy to discuss how that works in more detail if you have specific questions.

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PSA CONFERENCE 2018 UPDATE

We had an extremely busy conference this year. Highlights included a roundtable on Gender in the Profession, which is now being turned into a special issue of Political Studies Review in 2019.

We also teamed up with National Assembly for Wales and the Learned Society of Wales to host an event titled "Devolution 20 Years On: Where are the Women?", featuring Joyce Watson AM and Ann Jones AM, as well as Jennifer Thomson and Meryl Kenny.

Our specialist group meeting focused on:

- Call for new Co-conveners / Campaigns Officer / Social Media Officer
- Our role as a caucus and future campaigns. One area that has been identified as a future campaign focus is women's pensions. If you would like to get involved with this please let us know!