



**Call for participants**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Public Management and**  
**Administration Postgraduate Conference**  
**10<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**  
**Northumbria University**

While austerity has meant public services, public management and public administration are almost unfashionable labels to attach to any field of research, Brexit perhaps offers a glimmer of hope. Debates about borders and their control, about policies on trade and agriculture and about membership of international institutions all place in sharp focus themes in which we have always been interested. If we include discussions surrounding Carillion and, even, Oxfam, the interest in and the scope for research in public policy and administration is undergoing a revival. Research students, however, remain scattered across disciplines, attending social policy, management, political science and sociology conferences, to name but a few. The Public Administration Committee of the Joint Universities Council is sponsoring this sixth doctoral workshop to bring together students who find themselves in many different communities and schools to share their work with others.

We invite papers from doctoral students on any theme related to the broad disciplines of public administration, management and policy. The workshop will be an opportunity to present research in its early stages, to report on progress in your fieldwork or to deliver a more developed paper outlining your emerging findings. There will also be sessions on preparing for your viva, careers and research funding. To maximise the value of the conference and the doctoral stream, we will be asking participants to submit papers in advance. In return, we will undertake to read your papers and to provide detailed and constructive feedback in a supportive environment.

If you wish to attend or for more information, please email [mikerowe@liv.ac.uk](mailto:mikerowe@liv.ac.uk) with a 500 word abstract for a paper relating to your PhD (this could be a summary of your PhD project or of one of your chapters) by midday on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**.

#### **Timings**

The workshop will run from 10:00 to 17:00 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Participants should forward a full paper of 6-8,000 words by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August for circulation.

#### **Fees**

Attendance at the workshop is **free** and will include dinner on the evening after the workshop. Acceptance also brings with it free registration for the PAC Annual Conference which will take place at Northumbria University on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. Finally, for those

doctoral students who are registered with institutions that are members of the JUC<sup>1</sup>, we will further reimburse you for all reasonable travel and accommodation costs.

Further details about the conference will be posted on the conference website.

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