



# LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE

Newsletter

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The Leeds Doctoral College Newsletter is emailed to all postgraduate researchers each month and can also be found online [here](#). We know you get a lot of emails, so we like to keep things brief – click on the web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you.

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## 1. Doctoral College News

Our daily drop-in sessions in the Doctoral College Seminar Room ended last month. Keep watching for news of their replacement – details will be announced for the new semester!

In the meantime, did you know that the Seminar Room (12.21 in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff building) is **available for you to book** for seminars, networks, focus groups, or other research related activity? The room is fully equipped with computer, projector and smart board, and holds up to 15 people. If you would like to book it, just get in touch with [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk)

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## 2. Upcoming Events

- **[Leeds International Piano Competition, 17<sup>th</sup> Aug – 15<sup>th</sup> Sep](#)**. From a wide range of concerts and events to the world's smallest concert hall, the imaginative line-up aims to celebrate the instrument like never before. With many events taking place on campus, 'The Leeds' hopes to reach new audiences in the build-up to and during the triennial event, with a host of talks, masterclasses, exhibitions, free family events, concerts and other opportunities providing chances for people from Leeds and beyond to get involved with the competition. Find out more and buy tickets here: <https://www.leedspiano.com/>
- **[China in Africa Symposium, Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sep, 15:30–16:30](#)**, Liberty Building LG.06. This seminar, featuring presenters from South Africa and Kenya, along with renowned UK-based authors and academics, will

consider China's activities in Africa from a variety of perspectives including industrialisation, agricultural development, security and international relations. Find out more and register [here](#).

- **Student Education Conference 2019 (#SEC2019), 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019**. Contributions are being invited for #SEC2019, which will explore **Learning Spaces** as its main theme. The event will examine the many arenas in which students can learn and develop, create and collaborate, forge partnerships with communities, cross thresholds or take risks. It is part of a portfolio events organised by the [Leeds Institute for Teaching Excellence \(LITE\)](#). Abstracts are due by Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018, and more details can be found [here](#).

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### 3. Wellbeing

#### Summer Activities

Don't miss this opportunity to see a live cricket match in Leeds! Join the Global Community team on a trip to watch Yorkshire play against Lancashire at 17:45 on Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Aug. Expect an exciting game and a fantastic atmosphere.

Tickets are £5 and all University of Leeds students and researchers are welcome! More information and tickets are available [here](#).

Want to find out about more activities happening over summer? Visit <http://students.leeds.ac.uk/outofterm> and follow the **Global Community** [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for information on events, volunteering opportunities and study support!

You can also follow our friends at Leeds University Union's PG Hub to find out what they have planned over the summer (and beyond): <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsPGHub/>

You could also sign up to the weekly newsletter produced by the Language Centre, which includes details of activities happening on and around campus. To join their mailing list, [click here](#).

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### 4. Research Skills

**"Shut Up and Write! For postgraduates and staff"**, new date added: Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 13:00-16:00

Now available to book [via the training catalogue](#). Details of other forthcoming sessions are also available via the link. If you would like to be added to the waiting list for a session which is fully booked, please email [researchworkshops@library.leeds.ac.uk](mailto:researchworkshops@library.leeds.ac.uk).

"Shut up and Write!" sessions are held weekly in the Library Research Hub (Edward Boyle Level 13). They provide a quiet, supportive space to focus on writing, incorporating regular breaks. Please note this is not a conventional workshop – we do not provide training on how to improve your writing. You will also need to bring your own laptop or writing materials. The sessions are open to all postgraduates, post-docs and research staff. View the session descriptions in the [training catalogue](#) for more information.

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### 5. Spotlight on...

#### Research Nights

While our Research Nights programme of talks takes a break for the summer it's a good chance to tell you a little more about it. Over our 7 previous events, we have heard talks from 21 researchers, covering subjects as diverse as Islamic Sufis, the science of chocolate, social media, planet formation and spinal reflexes! So far every faculty has been represented \*except\* LUBS and ESSL – if that's your faculty, why not give us a try?

Each Research Nights event features 3 speakers delivering short presentations about their research. We provide a training session for all participants, as our audience is more general than you would find at a subject-specific conference. Whether you've just started your research and want to test some ideas, or want to practice talking about your work before your viva, everyone is welcome to speak or to be part of the audience.

Research Nights returns on **Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Sept**, 18:00-20:00 in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. If you would like to take part as a speaker please don't hesitate to get in touch – [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk)

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## 6. Successes

### Postgraduate Researcher Poster Conference 2018

Posters from the Doctoral College Showcase Spring 2018 Poster Conference can be found online [here](#), as well as displayed in all their glory in the Research Hub (Level 13, Edward Boyle Library). Congratulations to the winners: Michelle Ulor (Music), Fraser Macrae (Medicine), Chandani Nektising (Psychology) and Sannia Farooque (Chemistry).

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Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep up with all of our exciting developments and events!

Best wishes,



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