

# LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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The Leeds Doctoral College Newsletter is emailed to all postgraduate researchers (PGRs) and members of the Doctoral College, and is published as an announcement on the Leeds Doctoral College Organisation on [Minerva](#). Past editions can also be found on the [University website](#). Click on the web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you.

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## DOCTORAL COLLEGE NEWS

Leeds Doctoral College incorporates all eight Faculty Graduate Schools and the central Doctoral College Operations team. We also have a base on Level 12 of the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff building, where you can find the Doctoral College Seminar Room (12.21) – which holds up to 15 people and is available for booking – and the Doctoral College Reception (12.22a), which leads to the Dean of the Doctoral College's office (12.22b).



The opening times of the Reception are updated weekly. Please check our [Minerva page](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for more information. You can also reach us [via email](#) with any queries relating to your time at Leeds.



**Doctoral College Showcase updates.** Congratulations to **Ramzi Merabet** (AHC) whose picture *The Dock of Interculturality* has won the PGR Image of the Year competition!

Our next Leeds Doctoral College Showcase will take place on **Tuesday 10 December**. Details on how to enter the competitions will be announced in late summer. In the meantime, you can check out the **top Three Minute Thesis competition videos** from the last Showcase, now available [on our YouTube channel!](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Research Nights.** Our next Research Nights event will be on [Tuesday 26 March](#) from 6pm-8pm in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Check out our [Facebook page](#) and [Minerva announcements](#) for updates. Drinks will be available, and the event also features a Pub Quiz!

**The New Voices in Postcolonial Studies Network** is holding a symposium entitled *Interdisciplinary Imaginations, Critical Confrontations: New Voices in Postcolonial Studies*, on Thursday **13 June**. 20-minute papers, presentations, or practice-

based papers on any aspect of postcolonial research are welcome. **Deadline** for abstracts is **Monday 18 March**. For the Call for Papers and further details visit the [New Voices in Postcolonial Studies website](#).

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**Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law PGR conference**, Friday **29 March**. An interdisciplinary event where PhD researchers in the Faculty get together to present their work in progress in a supportive and friendly environment. It is a great occasion for PGRs to step out from disciplinary boundaries! To find out more and register, please [see the conference Eventbrite webpage](#).

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**Cumberland Colloquia (deadline 4 March)**. The Cumberland Colloquia gives early career researchers and PGRs the opportunity to design and run a 2 days interdisciplinary conference with the support of the [Cumberland Lodge](#) team. Applications which relate to social cohesion are particularly welcome! For more information, and to download an application form, please visit the [Cumberland Lodge Colloquia webpage](#).

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**Cumberland Lodge Scholarships (deadline 29 March)**. These 2-year scholarships provide a unique opportunity to develop communications, public engagement and interdisciplinary skills. For full details and to apply online, please see the [Cumberland Lodge Scholarships webpage](#).

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**PGR Peer-Mentoring Scheme**. Are you a new PGR in the **School of Languages, Cultures and Societies** looking for friendly support to help you settle in? Or are you a more experienced PGR who would be willing to offer friendly support to a newcomer? Sign up for the LCS PGR Peer Mentoring Scheme! To find out more, or register as a mentee or mentor, please contact us at [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk).

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**LUU's regular climate change Postgraduate Breakfast seminar**, in association with the Priestly Centre, will take place on **7 March** in Common Ground. Full information can be found [on the LUU Postgraduate Breakfast Club webpage](#).

## WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY

**Women in STEM (8 March)**. To celebrate International Women's Day 2019 the Faculty of Engineering dedicates its next *Breaking Boundaries in STEM* event on 'Women in Research: How to have a rewarding career and work-life balance'. Read more and register to this free event on their [Eventbrite webpage](#).

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**Gone Public**. LUU are launching a new **storytelling event**. It is about real people sharing real stories of their lives, on the theme *Lost in Translation*: stories of misunderstandings, miscommunication, missed opportunities, miscalculations. Want to share yours? Email [K.Tse@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:K.Tse@leeds.ac.uk). Even if you are not ready to share your story you can join on **14 March**, 6-8pm, Common Ground.

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**Dr Who: Wellbeing Workshop for PGRs**. [Student Counselling and Wellbeing](#) delivers an ongoing programme of workshops for postgraduates from all disciplines and stages of research. Everybody is welcome to attend as few or as many sessions as they wish! Upcoming workshops include **Tackling Procrastination** (12 March, 4.30-6.30pm) and **Imposter Syndrome** (16 April, 4.30-6.30pm). Find out more about the workshops and how to sign up on the [Wellbeing webpage](#).

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**Meet the Author - The Business Confucius Institute**. Wednesday **20 March**, 5.30pm (for 6pm start), LUBS G.31. Learn about the history of Chinese visitors and settlers in Britain. The stories unearthed by **Barclay Price**, author of *The Chinese in Britain*, even include some about early visitors to Leeds! [Find out more and register](#). If you are interested to learn more about the Confucius Institute then drop in to their office at 22 Clarendon Place between 11am and 3pm on Tuesday **12 March** for an [Open Day](#) as part of [World Unite Festival](#).

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**An evening with a NASA Astronaut.** On 19 February, 300 members of the public in Leeds were treated to a once-in-lifetime opportunity and meet and interact with Tony Antonelli, a NASA astronaut. Organised in collaboration with the International Space School Education Trust (ISSET) and [Pint of Science](#), the local organisation of the event was led by **PGRs in the School of Physics and Astronomy**, Alice Booth and James Miley. The evening was introduced by the Dean of the Doctoral College, Professor Claire Honess, followed by a short talk by Dr Catherine Walsh highlighting the research activities of the Astrophysics Group. Tony talked about his experiences, both piloting the Space Shuttle, and his time spent in space on board of the ISS. He answered a wide range of questions from the audience, on issues such as his thoughts on future prospects for space travel, and how one sleeps in zero gravity!

## RESEARCH SKILLS AND CAREERS

**White Rose Internship (deadline: 8 April).** Are you a final year PhD? White Rose Brussels is offering three exclusive 9-month paid internships in Brussels and the UK. Read more on the [White Rose webpage](#).

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**Enrichment scheme placement at The Alan Turing Institute (deadline: 11 March).** The scheme has been designed to give PhDs the opportunity to enhance, refresh, and broaden their research by accessing the facilities and opportunities available at The Alan Turing Institute. Enrichment places are offered for 6, 9, or 12 months with start dates in October 2019 and January 2020, and are based full time at the Institute headquarters at the British Library in London. Enrichment students may be eligible for a stipend top up of up to £5,500 (per annum) as well as a generous travel allowance. [Visit The Turing webpage](#) for more info.

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**Picturing Writing.** How do you view your research writing? How do you feel about your research writing? Share your ideas with fellow PGRs by taking a photo (or doing a drawing!) which represents your take on writing, and adding a bit of blurb (max 150 words) to accompany the image. This is not a competition, so there are no prizes, but all participants will receive coffee vouchers to encourage continued conversations in cafes! Please send pictures and blurb by **Friday 15 March** to [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk) (these will be displayed around campus so please let us know if you'd rather remain anonymous in the display).

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**Individual Writing Consultations, 1-3pm, Tuesdays.** Available to book through the [training catalogue](#): 30 minute consultations to develop your doctoral writing (NB not proofreading). Focus is on helping you to help yourself resolve a specific writing issue.

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**Library Workshops.** Sign up to one of the Library's [workshops or webinars](#) if you need help with literature searching, open access, research data management, using EndNote, or increasing the visibility of your research. If you are looking for help with academic skills, writing your PhD thesis, research ethics, data protection, career development, getting funding and getting published, then [take a look at the OD&PL courses for research staff and students](#).

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**Rosetta Stone.** Would you like to learn a new language? [Rosetta Stone](#) is an innovative online software that makes learning a language fast and easy - and it is free for all University students and PGRs! You can choose from any of the 30 languages offered, and you can learn on the go as it is easily accessible from different devices.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION (LUU). OPPORTUNITIES, EVENTS AND COMMUNITY

Not just for students – the Union's offer for PGRs is growing all the time! LUU can support you with your studies and well-being, represent you at the University and help you meet other PG researchers. Make the most of the support LUU can offer you, and contribute to the enhancement of the PGR community at Leeds.

➔ Voting is currently open to elect the **six PGRs and students** who will lead LUU. These officers will shape the way the University educates and supports everyone enrolled on programmes here. There are PGRs running and other candidates whose manifestos say they are **committed to ensuring that postgraduates are not left behind**. [Find out more about the candidates and cast your vote](#) before **Thursday 28 February** at 5pm.

➔ Get involved in the **PGR Reps Forum**. The PGR Reps Forum offers an open platform to consult, discuss, and create opportunities between PGR Reps, LUU, and the University of Leeds. Past meetings have brought previously unseen issues to light, triggered changes in University policy, and built campaigns across campus where PGRs are facing the same problems in different schools. Nothing is off-limits: discussions include funding, overtime, supervisors, expenses, part-time study, facilities, and more. The next PGR Rep Forum will be on **21 May**. If you have anything you would like to be covered, you can get in touch with [Simon Sandison](#) (Postgraduate Engagement manager), or find who your School Rep is [on the LUU webpage](#).

➔ LUU's [Facebook PG HUB](#) is changing. It will be less a vehicle to promote events to you, and more a **space for peer-to-peer help and advice**, with the Postgraduate team keeping an eye on things in case you need something more. **Join the group and make it yours**.

## HELP WANTED

If you have an interest in **animation/film/virtual reality**, event management or have experience working with children and young people, then [volunteering at Leeds Young Film Festival](#) could be for you!

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Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and watch out for announcements on [Minerva](#) to keep up with future developments and events!

Best wishes,



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