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ISBE Conference, Paris

# GEN Update 2015/16

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- ◇ **November 21–22 2015.** With NEMODE and RCUK GEN supported *Missing in Action: Women and Digital Enterprise in the UK*. Organised by Dr Angela Dy and held at Nottingham University Business School. The two-day event, brought together academics and practitioners working in the fields of creative industries and digital enterprise.
- ◇ **March 2nd, 2016.** GEN co-organised a full day workshop, *Gender and Class at Work*, held on at the University of Birmingham coordinated by Holly Birkett and Maria Villares from the University. The discussion and presentations on the day brought participants up to date with current debates and empirical findings related to the role of class and gender at work. The aim was to place class at the centre of our understandings of gender and work, and analyse its intersections with other key socio-cultural relations. Speakers included Dr Haya Al-Dajani, Prof. Harriet Bradley, Dr Andreas Giazitzoglou, Dr Dilani Jayawarna, Prof. John Kitching, Dr Sara Nadin, Prof. Julia Rouse, and Dr Natalia Vershinina.
- ◇ **March 8th, 2016.** Professor Julia Rouse gave her inaugural lecture at Manchester Metropolitan University, *Bumps, Babies, Breasts and Business: What's Maternity Like in Small Firms?* This event also marked the official launch of the Sylvia Pankhurst Centre for Gender Research.
- ◇ **June 2016.** GENSIG members Dr Sally Jones, Dr Sara Nadin, Dr Rob Smith and Dr Maria Villares led a stream on *Classed Experiences of Work* at the Gender, Work and Organization conference in Keele. We hope to convene this stream again for GWO 2018.
- ◇ We have submitted a Special Issue proposal to Gender, Work and Organization, based on the stream, and are awaiting feedback.
- ◇ **July 2016.** GENSIG committee strategy planning day at Birmingham University.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- ◇ **April 2017 (tbc)** - Think Space on Gender Theory. Co-organised by Dr Angela Dy and Dr Julia Rouse. Venue TBC.
- ◇ **17–18 July 2017** - GEN Confreat (conference/writing retreat) at the Sylvia Pankhurst Gender Research Centre, Manchester Metropolitan University. Co-organised by Dr Sally Jones and Dr Maria Villares. See attached call for abstracts for details.
- ◇ **Special GEN Workshop at 2016 ISBE Conference: Confreat Taster** Thurs 12th Nov 14:30-17:00. Led by Dr. Angela Dy

### INTERESTED IN JOINING GEN?

Email [lynn@isbe.org.uk](mailto:lynn@isbe.org.uk) to request a registration form or more information

### OPPORTUNITIES

- Special GEN Confreat Taster Workshop at ISBE 2016
- Think Space on Gender Theory—April 2017
- Confreat, MMU, July 2017
- Connect with GEN online, through Wordpress, LinkedIn and Twitter! Contact details on reverse.

#### **GEN 2016 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**CO-CHAIRS:** SALLY JONES, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS & HAYA AL-DAJANI, PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

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**OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO PROF. JULIA ROUSE AND DR LORNA TREANOR WHO ARE STEPPING DOWN AS CO-CHAIRS,**

## ABOUT GEN

The Gender and Enterprise Network (GEN) is a Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Institute of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ISBE). It is open to both ISBE members and non-members.

GEN is committed to facilitating greater understanding of the ways in which gender affects the entrepreneurship experiences of different men and women. Exchanging knowledge with entrepreneurs and business support professionals is an integral part of this process. We are also passionate about sharing our learning with policy makers.

#### **We aim to:**

- Promote the creation of scholarly research on the relationship between small enterprise/entrepreneurship and gender.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange between researchers, educators, entrepreneurs, small business owners, policy makers and business support professionals interested in enterprise and gender.
- Enable the development of gender-aware entrepreneurship policy.
- Support the career development of our members.
- Contribute to developing the gender track at the ISBE conference.

- See more at: <http://www.isbe.org.uk/ISBEGENSIG>

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