

PPP Conference 2025 - Political Transitions: Continuity and Change

Programme

9:00	Registration
9:30	Opening session and keynotes Is communitarianism a bulwark against populist insurgents and global anarchy? Lord David Blunkett (Professor of Politics in Practice at the University of Sheffield, member of the House of Lords and former MP for Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough) Participation, Poverty and Power: Reflections from the COVID and Changing Realities research programmes Professor Ruth Patrick (Professor of Social Policy at University of York)
10:45	Break
11:00	Session 1a: Trauma and homelessness Paper 1: Understanding trauma through the experiences of homelessness Alex Norton (Sheffield Hallam University) Paper 2: Multidimensional trauma and the trauma-informed community in Rotherham Rebecca Hamer (Sheffield Hallam University) Paper 3: “I do think people aren’t treated equally across the board”: Public Spaces Protection Orders and people experiencing street homelessness Ben Archer (Sheffield Hallam University)

11:00

Session 1b: Work and skills

Paper 1: Digital skills, gender equity and intersectionality: Exploring the experiences of women in the North West, UK

Evelyn Oginni, Kate Han and Tracy Boahene (University of Salford)

Paper 2: Five years on from the Leicester Boohoo scandal: Why has there been limited progress in addressing the exploitation of migrant workers in fast fashion manufacturing in the UK?

Susannah Williams (University of York)

Paper 3: Towards a more local caring economy: 'care work' and the Pathways to Work Strategy in Barnsley

Valeria Guarneros-Meza (York St John University)

11:00

Session 1c: Environment and sustainability

Paper 1: Data-driven decarbonisation: How AI and big data are transforming environmental policy making

Mohd Basheer and Tala Alhabashneh

Paper 2: Energy consumption, environmental quality and health nexus in West African countries: Implications for sustainable development

Ester Aderinto (Lead City University Ibadan)

Paper 3: "Re-imagining the just agri-food transition narrative: Lessons learned from small-scale horticulture growers in the UK and Greece"

Elpida Apostolopoulou, Will Eadson and Caroline Linhares (Sheffield Hallam University)

12:15

Lunch

13:00

Session 2a: Social (in)security

Paper 1: The State of Poverty: How do multi-level governance structures and policy siloes shape experiences of poverty in Scotland?

Claire MacRae and Thomas Rochow (University of Glasgow)

Paper 2: Cross-jurisdictional youth employment policy and welfare in Scotland, Wales and England: A street-level perspective

Sioned Pearce and Nivedita Narayan (Cardiff University)

Paper 3: Minoritised mothers' experiences of inequities and discrimination in children's social care services

Larissa Haensel Povey and Sana Rahim (Sheffield Hallam University)

13:00

Session 2b: Housing

Paper 1: Does increased capital grant actually deliver more social rented housing? Evidence from a quasi-experiment in England

Michael Marshall and Meng Le Zhang (University of Sheffield)

Paper 2: Uncertain temporalities; spatial stressors and disrupted connections: the impact of temporary accommodation on family life, health and wellbeing

Hannah Fairbrother, Nick Woodrow, Ellie Holding, Mary Crowder, Anne-Marie Burn, Peter Kraftl and Elizabeth Goyder (University of Sheffield)

Paper 3: Housing and Place: Towards Community-Led Change in the Built Environment

Al Mathers, Leonie Taylor, and Jack Layton (The Young Foundation)

13:00

Session 2c: Panel session - Was the Past More Sustainable?

Paper 1: Was the past more sustainable? Keeping Warm

Aimee Ambrose (Sheffield Hallam University)

Paper 2: Was the Past More Sustainable? Bad Atmosphere

Kathy Davies (The British Library)

Paper 3: Was the past more sustainable? The rise and fall of the dustbin

Henry Irving

14:15

Break

14:30

Session 3a: Communities and participation

Paper 1: Housing Development or Community Development? - or both?: Reviewing the community dimension in major plans for residential areas

Martin Field (East Midlands Community Led Housing)

Paper 2: Street Art and Safer Streets: Investigating Public Art's Effect on Violence

Jane Prophet, Marc Zimmerman, Stephanie Tharp, Haley Crimmins, Dan Lee, Rachel Wyatt, Shaun Bhatia, Emilie Ziebarth, Mary Byron (Sheffield Hallam University)

Paper 3: Parish matters - the dreams and doubts of human-scale government

Jason Leman

14:30

Session 3b: Third sector

Paper 1: Organisations organising organisations: a local voluntary sector perspective

Peter Horner (Sheffield Hallam University)

Paper 2: Addressing the challenge of public service resilience through a blurring of sectors - Mapping the third sector workforce

Elizabeth Cookingham Bailey, Chunhua Chen and Anne-Marie Greene (University of York)

Paper 3: On the frontline: exploring the role of civil society in reducing social divides and promoting social cohesion

James Rees, Josh Blamire and Alice Beech (University of Wolverhampton)

14:30

Session 3c: Space, place and environment

Paper 1: Decarbonising off-grid homes and the urban-rural divide

Yael Arbell (Sheffield Hallam University)

Paper 2: Capital and illness within a small declining resort town. An ethnographic exploration of struggle and restitution

Edward Hart (University of Hull)

Paper 3: In my Driving Seat: Intercity Shuttle Drivers Perception of- and Experience in the City

Ayobami Abayomi Popoola

15:45 -
16:00

Closing session

