

The Future of Lifestyle Migration Research

An international conference London 2014

23rd-24th October 2014

This event will provide space for discussion and debate about the future of lifestyle migration research. On the first day there will be an opportunity for each delegate to briefly introduce their research and future research interests, while the second day will be arranged around a series of plenary discussions followed by a closing session will bring together working groups to discuss research initiatives. This is an opportunity for international scholars from a range of disciplines to discuss theoretical and conceptual debates relating to lifestyle migration and related phenomena, alongside more applied topics. It will take place from 2pm, 23rd October to 5pm, 24th October at Goldsmiths, University of London.

Programme

Thursday 23rd October, 2pm-7.30pm, RHB300

Light refreshment will be available

2-5.30pm	Introductions and discussions
5.30-7.30pm	Book launch and wine reception for <i>Understanding lifestyle migration</i> Presentations: Michaela Benson, Nick Osbaldiston and Mari Korpela Discussant: Caroline Knowles

Friday 24th October, 9.30am-4pm, RHB142

Coffee and Danish pastries from 8.45am

9.00-10.00	The future of lifestyle migration research – introduced and chaired by Michaela Benson
10.00-10.15am	Coffee Break
10.15-11am	<i>Family and lifestyle migration</i> – introduced by Mari Korpela and Natasa Rogelja
11-11.45pm	<i>Cultural sociology and lifestyle migration</i> – introduced by Nick Osbaldiston and Matthew Hayes
11.45-12.30pm	<i>Applying lifestyle migration research</i> – introduced by Stefan Kordel and Kelly Hall
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch
1.30-2.15pm	<i>Views from outside Europe</i> – introduced by César, Omar and Ilkay
2.15-2.30pm	Coffee Break

2.30-3.45pm Developing research and publication initiatives

3.45-4pm Closing remarks

For those who can stay a little longer and are interested, Nick Osbaldiston will be giving a seminar paper to my research centre. You are welcome to attend. The details appear below:

RHB 342 for 4.30-6.30pm

Towards a Sociology of the Coast: Enchantment and Rationality by the Sea

Across rural sociology there has been a long standing and widespread debate about the nature of the rural and its relationship to the urban. Early thinkers such as Pahl and Newby opened up the discussion of the rural as a site that was perhaps not as distinct to the city as work from Weber and Tonnies might have suggested. However, amongst these and more recent accounts of the rural, there is a familiar disposition to include amongst the conceptualisation of rurality anything that is not urban. Consequently as this paper argues, coastal areas have often fallen into the same category despite at times being quite vastly different topographies and social environments. In this largely theoretical paper I begin to question whether we need to consider therefore developing a “sociology of the coast”. Using Noosa as a case study and a Weberian approach to the coast as an ‘ideal type’, I propose in this paper that the coast has had a connection to the rural especially in Australia but has a different biography that requires accounting for. In many cases, the move to a ‘consumption’ coast has been foreshadowed by the productive cycle of modernity. In particular, as new lands were sought after through the capitalist spirit, coastal places like Noosa became accidental by-products. As production continued and rationalisation of topography and the like accelerated, coastal spaces like Noosa began to appeal to the Eurocentric romanticisation movement which valued coasts for their counter-urban qualities. As we move further into a wholly consumer orientated coastline, the implications for this on the ‘social’ by the sea are stark and deserve consideration further and I argue, its own paradigm in sociology