

INTERNATIONAL AND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY

Each of the five half-day seminars in this new series on evidence-based policy will serve as a forum at which participants from different national and disciplinary perspectives discuss and develop ideas for articles in themed issues of journals. The seminars will take the form of 'conversations' between researchers and policy advisers/users, followed by group discussions.

PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT (Convenor: Ruth Kattumuri FAcSS, LSE India Observatory; January 2017)

This seminar looks at the impact of air and quality pollution on health and on the sustainability of resources and welfare in the context of climate change, focusing on the relationship between research, practice and policy. The contributors examine the problems of collecting reliable data, and consider how public and private data can be used more effectively to inform decision-makers, empower citizens and achieve sustainable development.

INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF CHANGING FAMILIES/HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURES (Convenors: Fran Bennett FAcSS, Oxford; Linda Hantrais FAcSS, LSE Centre for international Studies; March 2017)

Researchers and policymakers frequently have recourse to international comparative data to track and analyse social, economic and demographic change and related policy responses. The seminar interrogates the evidence assembled in developed countries and emerging economies by researchers from different disciplines about the ways in which changes in family forms and household structures over recent decades play out in intergenerational relations and contribute to shaping policy development in this area.

E-SOCIETY/DIGITAL SOCIETY (Convenors: Linda Hantrais FAcSS and Ashley Lenihan, LSE Centre for International Studies: May 2017)

In societies as culturally and geographically as diverse as Estonia and India, the digital revolution is having profound effects on everyday life, transforming how people learn, work, travel, and access healthcare, natural resources and communication networks. The e-society presents many challenges, involving risks and opportunities. The seminar explores how innovation can result from cooperation between researchers and policymakers. Contributors focus particularly on developments in web science, online technologies, e-governance, e-health and children's rights.

CITIES AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES (Convenor: Susanne MacGregor FAcSS, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine: May/June 2017)

Smoking, poor nutrition, drugs, alcohol and lack of exercise, among other 'life-style' factors, are placing a growing burden on health services, public health, social care and income support systems in many countries, particularly in urban environments where health problems are exacerbated by pollution and poverty. The seminar examines where responsibility lies: with the individual, the public sector and/or big business? Examples are sought of innovative policies and practices, in particular with regard to treatment, public health, and income support.

AGEING AND INNOVATION (Convenors: Chris Phillipson FAcSS, Manchester University; Tom Schuller FAcSS, Birkbeck University: October 2017)

Ageing populations are a major focus of concern for societies worldwide, creating new challenges and the need for innovative. This seminar focuses on some of the societal and technological innovations (in policies, products and services) developed in response to these challenges, including new ways of considering how the changing nature of work can affect later life labour market engagement and retirement.

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