



Call for papers

Foucault, 'Public Service' and the 'Institution': interdisciplinary discourses in 21st century research

The Event

The philosophy of Michel Foucault has significantly influenced contemporary academic discourses across various disciplines. His explorations of power, knowledge, and the construction of social institutions have sparked interdisciplinary dialogues that continue to shape research in the 21st century. This conference seeks to explore the intersections of Foucault's theories with contemporary understandings of 'Public Service' and the concept of the 'Institution' within diverse disciplinary contexts. This one-day event aims to draw together scholars and researchers in the field of Foucauldian scholarship. Individual paper presenters will have approximately 30 minutes for paper presentation and discussion combined.

Possible Ideas

We welcome contributions that engage with Foucauldian perspectives on topics including, but not limited to:

- The role of 'Public Service' in shaping societal norms and power dynamics;
- The influence of institutional structures on the exercise of power and knowledge production;
- Disciplinary mechanisms and practices within institutional frameworks;
- Resistance, subversion, and counter-discourses within institutional contexts;
- Foucault's relevance to contemporary debates on governance, public policy, and social justice;
- The application of Foucauldian methodologies in interdisciplinary research projects;
- Comparative analyses of Foucault's ideas in different cultural and historical contexts;
- Foucault's impact on fields such as healthcare, criminal justice and education.

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We seek submissions for papers on any aspect of Foucault's work which relate to public services and institutions in the broadest sense of the word. Scholars and researchers from any disciplinary or field background are welcome to submit an abstract. Please send an abstract of no more than 750 words including references in word format to j.stothard@derby.ac.uk and include 'Foucault, 'Public Service' and the 'Institution'' in the subject line along with a short biography of no more than 100 words. **The deadline for submissions is Friday 26th April.** The organising committee also hopes to draw from the papers submitted to the conference to propose a special issue aligned with the title and theme of the conference.

Logistical information about accommodation and transportation will be provided with the programme.