

Interdisciplinary Funding Opportunities and Events

Horizon Europe Cluster 2 UK NCP Webinar
18 June 2021

EPSRC
Call for participants in a Digital technologies for health and care sandpit

Roland Geyer and Rose Boswell will be keynote speakers at the SPlasH series on Plastics in Society
Wednesday 26 May 2021
14:00-15:00 BST

'Ecologies of care', health and despair in the Covid-19 pandemic webinar
Friday 4th June 2021
13:00-14:30

1. Horizon Europe Cluster 2 - UK NCP Webinar on 18th June

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), in its capacity as the UK National Contact Point for Horizon Europe Cluster 2 'Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society' is hosting an [information webinar](#) on funding opportunities in 2021. The event is relevant for Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts researchers. The agenda will include:

- Information on UK Association and support for applicant;
- Horizon Europe structure, project types and eligibility, including the main changes from Horizon 2020;
- Introduction to 2021 topics in Cluster 2;
- Brief introduction to opportunities for social sciences/humanities researchers in Clusters 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6; and
- Q&A.

The event will take place on *18 June, between 10:00 and 11:30 BST, via Zoom*. Interested parties can [register online](#) now.

2. The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) has a call out for participants in a Digital technologies for health and care sandpit, details and a link are shown below. They are looking to fund projects from this event that:

- reduce the time that the public spends engaged with the traditional healthcare delivery system
- improve health outcomes
- enable better community-based or home-based healthcare delivery

They hope to bring together

- social scientists
- designers
- engineers
- physical scientists
- computer scientists
- healthcare professionals
- biological scientists
- innovators.

<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/digital-technologies-for-he...>

3. For the third event of the SPlasH series on Plastics in Society, we are thrilled to welcome two international keynote speakers who will address the global challenge of plastics in different contexts.

Roland Geyer is Professor at University of California's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, where he studies the environmental impacts of products and technologies and looks for ways to reduce them.

Rose Boswell is DSI-NRF South African Research Chair in Ocean Cultures and Heritage, Nelson Mandela University, where she addresses the plastics crisis in South and Eastern Africa.

Professor Roland Geyer – Plastics: Too much of a good thing?

Roland Geyer is Professor at University of California's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, where he studies the environmental impacts of products and technologies and looks for ways to reduce them. Prior to joining the Bren School Roland held research positions in Germany, France, and the UK. Since 2000 he has worked

with a wide range of governmental organisations, NGOs, trade associations, and companies on environmental sustainability issues. Roland has won multiple awards for his work, such as the International Statistic of the Year from the Royal Statistical Society. He has also been featured widely in the media, such as CBS, NPR, Associated Press, The Guardian, and the BBC. His first book will be published by Routledge this September and is called *The Business of Less: The Role of Companies and Households on a Planet in Peril*. Roland has a graduate degree in physics and a PhD in engineering. Learn more about him and his work on www.rolandgeyer.com.

Professor Rose Boswell - Observing and Changing the Social Life of Plastics

Rosabelle (Rose) Boswell is an anthropologist and a DSI-NRF South African Research Chair in Ocean Cultures and Heritage. She is the author of three monographs, one co-edited book, two poetry books and more than 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Her work has focused on the politics of intangible cultural heritage in Africa, the issue of restorative justice for slave descendants, diversity management and sensory ethnography. She has done fieldwork in Mauritius, Madagascar, Zanzibar, Seychelles and South Africa. The Research Chair position facilitates research on coastal heritage in five African countries, including South Africa. Information regarding her work can be found [here](#).

Register here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-perspectives-on-the-global-challenge-of-plastics-tickets-151165693659>

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4. You are warmly invited to the GEN IAMCR webinar 'Ecologies of care', health and despair in the Covid-19 pandemic.
Please see details below.

Gender and Communication Section - International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)

In the current context of the gender and health inequalities exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, the debate around care provision and how this is being carried has begun to take central stage. What has been the impact of government approach to “care” as a result of austerity policies? And how can we understand these “ecologies of care” and discursive practices, considering their different political and cultural uses? How can we make sense of everyday acts of mutual aid, in contrast to the manipulation and use of care rhetoric by governments or by corporations attempting to brand themselves as “caring”? How have media narratives, such as TV fiction, explored the “crises of care” rhetoric in their representations of care workers in the NHS? These discussions are explored in the webinar event, *Ecologies of care', health and despair in the Covid-19 pandemic age*, through presentations delivered by Professor Beverly Skeggs (Lancaster University); Dr. Hannah Hamad (Cardiff University); Dr. Jamie Hakim (Kings College London) and Professor Jo Littler (City, University of London), top scholars in the fields of Gender and Sociology, and chaired by Dr. Carolina Matos (City, University of London). This event will be held online on Friday the 4th of June, 2021 from 1 to 2.30 pm, with the presentations followed by a 30 min Q&A session. It will be free and open to IAMCR members.

Webinar event: *'Ecologies of care', health and despair in the Covid-19 pandemic age*

<https://iamcr.org/webinars/Ecologies-of-care>

Date: *Friday 4th, June, 2021, 1- 2.30 pm (with 30 mins for Q&A)*

Registration for IAMCR members can be done by accessing the following link: (pre registration required by 2nd June)

[Register for 'Ecologies of care' - GEN Webinar | IAMCR](#)

For non-IAMCR members, please send an e-mail to register4iamcrwebinar@gmail.com to be added as a guest.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/action-on-inequalities-what-should-be-in-post-covid-recovery-plans-tickets-154366224533>

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Author of *Beautyscapes: Mapping Cosmetic Surgery Tourism* (now in paperback)

Latest project:

Multigenerational living in London: age, gender and the (post) pandemic

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