Call for Abstracts: Experimental Philosophy as Applied Philosophy

The 7th Conference of Experimental Philosophy Group UK The 2016 Ratio Conference University of Reading, 23–24 April 2016

Deadline for Submissions: 15 January 2016

Experimental Philosophy Group UK invites the submission of abstracts for posters and papers to be presented at their upcoming conference. We welcome contributions from researchers (from all disciplines) who are engaged in or interested in the investigation of philosophical topics using empirical methods.

We especially encourage contributions that concern this year's main theme, 'Experimental Philosophy as Applied Philosophy'. This event aims to encourage a greater focus upon the capacity of experimental philosophy to be applied philosophy. We will bring together philosophers, psychologists and social scientists in order to bring out the great contribution that experimental philosophy and associated fields have to make to real world issues. The ability of experimental philosophy to inform debate and public discourse about many and various important social issues is under-appreciated and under-exercised.

Despite this focus, all high-quality contributions from the wider field of experimental philosophy are welcome. This may include submissions presenting recently completed experimental work, engaging with the work of this year's keynote speakers, proposing new experimental work, discussing existing empirical studies, introducing novel approaches or raising methodological questions. Submissions are encouraged from all levels of academia. Abstracts of up to 500 words are to be sent as PDF or Word documents to experimentalphilosophyuk@gmail.com by 15th January 2016. All abstracts should be prepared for anonymous review. The subject line of the email should read 'SUBMISSION [YOUR NAME]'. In the body of the email please state your name, affiliation and in which category (talk or poster) you wish your submission to be considered. Those whose abstracts for talks are not accepted will be automatically considered for a poster. Presenters should be prepared to obtain funding from their home department, or to fund themselves.

The conference will result in a special issue of Ratio and we hope to propose a special issue to the Journal of Applied Philosophy. Selected papers from the event will be considered for inclusion in these issues.

Confirmed keynote speakers: Helen de Cruz, Robyn Repko Waller, Meena Dhanda, James Hampton.