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Director's Note

January 2019

Welcome to 2019 everyone.

It goes without saying that 2019 will keep CDAS quite busy. If the previous newsletters haven't already made it clear, CDAS is hosting the 14th International Conference on Death, Dying, and Disposal (DDD14) September 4-7, 2019 here in Bath.

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/events/14th-international-conference-on-the-social-context-of-death-dying-and-disposal/>



We've already got **outstanding keynotes** lined up (with more to come): **Professor Dame Sue Black**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Engagement at Lancaster University and **Professor Havi Carel** at the University of Bristol.

The Call for Papers closes on February 20, 2019 so there is still time to submit something for the conference. **Submit those Abstracts here.** <https://bathreg.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/ddd14-abstract-submission>

As 2019 unfolds, CDAS will be releasing more information about DDD14 so look for updates in future newsletters, on Facebook and Twitter. You can also always email infoddd@bath.ac.uk with questions.

I am personally really looking forward to seeing colleagues from around the world come September, so I hope that as many people as possible attend the conference.

This is IMPORTANT: Please everyone start using the #DDD14 hashtag. The Delta Delta Delta Sorority in the US first created it for their 2014 Induction events. I'm not making this up. Go check.

American colleagues get bonus points for remembering the Saturday Night Live sketches.

I'm sure that the TriDelta Sisters will embrace our collective commitment to Death, Dying, and Disposal.

Roll on 2019!

THE 14TH
INTERNATIONAL
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SOCIAL CONTEXT OF

**DEATH,
DYING &
DISPOSAL**

WED 04 - SAT 07 SEPTEMBER 2019
UNIVERSITY OF BATH, UK

THEME:
**ENGAGEMENT &
EDUCATION**



DDD14 NEWS!

Call for Papers – Abstract submission closes 20 Feb 2019!

We have already received some great abstracts with some exciting potential presentations and workshops. Remember that the Call for Papers **closes** on **20 February 2019**. The CFP info is accessible via this link: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/events/14th-international-conference-on-the-social-context-of-death-dying-and-disposal/>. Alternatively please click [here](#) to go directly to the submission portal.

We intend to organise 'hands on' **masterclasses** on specific topics related to the conference theme. If you are interested in contributing to these, or **organising a panel**, please contact us on infoddd@bath.ac.uk.

Keynote Speakers Confirmed

As previously reported [Professor Havi Carel](#), University of Bristol, and [Professor Dame Sue Black](#), Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Engagement at the University of Lancaster, are confirmed keynote speakers.

- Professor Carel is a renowned philosopher of health, illness, and death and holder of a Senior Investigator Award from the Wellcome Trust for a five year project entitled '[Life of Breath](#)' (with Prof Jane Macnaughton, Durham University)
- Professor Black is a world leader in forensic anthropology, [frequently on the BBC](#), and recent winner of [the Saltire Book of the Year award](#) for her book *All That Remains: A Life in Death*.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are delighted to have secured several sponsors for the DDD. However, we are still seeking sponsors in order to support attendance by Early Career Researchers and PhD students, so please contact us at infoddd@bath.ac.uk if you or an organization you work with are interested in financially backing DDD14 activities. Any sponsorships of any size are welcome.

CDAS NEWS

Early Careers Visiting Fellowship

Applications have been coming in for the NEW CDAS Early Career Visiting Fellow's Programme. This opportunity extends our programme of welcoming visiting scholars from around the world. Applicants must be an ECR in Death Studies (broadly defined) **without permanent employment** in a University.

To apply Send a one-page research proposal (no more) and a current CV to cdas@bath.ac.uk.

CDAS Community News

Events

A Love that Never Dies

Online film, available for FREE on YOUTUBE for a limited period only!

This film gives a voice to perhaps the most acute kind of grief – the grief that follows the death of a son or daughter. The film's directors are two Brits - Jane Harris and Jimmy Edmonds whose son Joshua died in a road accident in Vietnam. In 2011, in his honour, they embarked on a road trip across the USA. The film follows their journey through 23 states where they met other bereaved families, all of whom have found grief variously isolating, transformative yet ultimately life enhancing.

The film is available now to watch online – for further information please click [here](#).

Train to facilitate others making their end-of-life plans.

The Before I Go Academy is now recruiting for the next intake of students for the Before I Go Licensed Training, teaching you to run Before I Go Method® groups in your locality.

If you are passionate about helping to spread the word the importance of talking about dying, death, grief and making your end of life plan, then please visit <https://beforeigosolutions.com/big-training/> for more information.

Funeral Support Training Events: Raising money and reducing costs for the bereaved; Mastering the Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment

23 Jan, 28 Feb, 19 Mar and 4 Jun 2019, Quaker Social Action, London

These full and half-day practical workshops will develop your skills and knowledge to better support clients.

Full Details can be found [here](#).

[End of Life: Issues and Resources for People with Intellectual Disability and Caregivers](#)

24 Jan 2019, 7.30 – 9am (Sydney Australia time), a free webinar for the disability sector and families.

Conducted by [Roger Stancliffe](#) (Sydney University) and [Michele Wiese](#) (Western Sydney University). Hosted by [American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \(AAIDD\)](#). Further information can be found here: <https://aidd.org/education/event-details/2019/01/23/default-calendar/end-of-life-issues-and-resources-for-people-with-intellectual-disability-and-caregivers>.

[Death and Dying Discussions](#)

24 – 25 January 2019, OCADU, Toronto, Canada, a mini-symposium on design for end of life.

The symposium will provide an opportunity to share experiences of the changing landscape of end of life and open dialogue about the multiplicity of ways in which design collaborations might push the boundaries of design to engage with end of life issues. The mini-symposium seeks to be a catalyst, to open-up discussion and expressivity around the role of design and the still relative dominance of the medical perspective in approaches to dying and death. These discussions will connect across interrelated spheres - the academy, medicine, the broader public, and the art and design community.

Invited Speakers

- * [Ivor Williams, Helix Centre](#)
- * [Nick Jehlen, Common Practice](#)

Submissions for peer review in the form of a 500 word abstract for either a short talk and/or poster/video/demo from a broad range of design researchers, practitioners, and teams working on end of life issues can be submitted here: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ddd1>.

Deadline for submission is December 14th at 11.59 pm. Results will be available by December 21st.

[Death and Violence](#)

25 January 2019, University of Salford, UK. A symposium hosted by the BSA [Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement](#) and [Violence and Society Study Groups](#).

Death, violence and their social consequences are intimately connected in different ways and the aim of this one-day symposium is to explore the linkages across these two conceptual areas. We'll bring together sociologists from different fields such as criminology and death studies to discuss empirical and theoretical matters pertaining to the symposium theme. Registration is now open for this event. Full details of the programme and abstract book can be found [here](#).

9th Neonatal Palliative and End of Life Care Conference: Managing parents' expectation – building positive relationships

5 February 2019, 9.00am – 4.30pm, The Cavendish Conference Centre, London

This conference will focus on some of the challenges faced by professionals working in a neonatal unit, including, having difficult conversations, breaking bad news and how best to manage parents' expectations.

Designed to be useful for those who work in the health sector, including; midwives, fetal medicine teams, neonatal and paediatric teams or those with a palliative care background with babies and children.

Full details are available [here](#).

PABBS Evidence-based suicide bereavement training – 2019 dates now released

5 Feb, 12 Mar and 14 May 2019, Manchester

PABBS evidence-based suicide bereavement training, has been informed by a three year study, conducted at the University of Manchester, funded (£243k) by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), Research for Patient Benefit Programme and first of its kind internationally. It is a highly interactive one day workshop and includes a workbook, 9 films and a 60 page manual for future reference. The training is delivered by two practitioners with significant experience working in this field. More information is available here: <https://suicidebereavementuk.com/pabbs-training>.

Refugee Experiences of Grieving the Dead

Thursday 7 Feb 2019, 1-5pm, 83 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ES. A seminar organised jointly by the Death, Dying and Bereavement Group, Open University and Centre for Death & Society, University of Bath.

Bereavement research has been conducted largely on peaceful western populations, but has barely addressed grieving the death of significant others that is often part of refugees' experience. Meanwhile, research and action with refugees have focused more on trauma and on loss of home, community, status, job, etc than on grief for deceased friends and family. This seminar seeks to begin to address this gap. Refugees' experience of bereavement is immensely varied - from witnessing family members being killed before leaving one's home country or dying en route, to the many Jews who got out of Vienna in 1938 but didn't know for up to a decade which other family members had survived. The programme includes:

- [Kerry Jones](#), Open University, *Kindertransport refugees: Discovering our parents' fate*;
- [Shahaduz Zaman](#), University of Sussex, *Film + short paper: Where Shall Thou Rest: Death and Dying at the Syrian Refugee Camps in Lebanon*;
- [Maurice Stierl](#), University of Warwick, *Grieving Migrant Lives Lost in the Mediterranean Sea*.

This event is currently sold out but please click [here](#) to join the waiting list.

Unsettling Remembering and Social Cohesion in Transnational Europe (UNREST)

7-8 Feb 2019, British School at Rome. A conference on the issue of Europe's memory problem.

This international conference invites some of the leading specialists in Memory Studies, History, Social Anthropology, Political Philosophy, Cultural Studies and Human-Computer Interaction, heritage professionals, cultural practitioners, and policymakers to discuss the work of the UNREST project over two days at the prestigious British School at Rome. More information can be found on the [UNREST project website](#). For more information and to register, please contact Ayshka Sené on a.l.sene@bath.ac.uk.

Diversifying Death – Shaping Perceptions for the 21st Century

27 Feb 2019, 19.30 – 21.00, University of Greenwich, London, FREE seminar.

What does it mean to die in the 21st Century? How can design, technology and religious practices popularised in the 20th Century, help us to speculate on how new technologies and experiences will shift the boundaries of mortality? In the future, will death rituals be further embodied or disembodied? How do new forms of spirituality impact our relationship between our bodies and ritual practices, where new generations use digitality as a way of talking to the dead? And what will become of the things we have owned and treasured? Will they continue to tell our stories for generations to come?

This event will open a conversation that pushes us to consider the creativity of belief alongside the complexity of ethics online that constructs new forms of public engagement, expanding the meaning and social consciousness of death and dying.

For further information, and to register, please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diversifying-death-shaping-perceptions-for-the-21st-century-tickets-53685000281>.

Improving Palliative and End of Life Services: Delivering Personalised, Compassionate and Effective Care

7 Mar 2019, 10.15am – 4.30pm, Central London

Public Policy Exchange holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.

This symposium will provide a timely opportunity for NHS practitioners, health and social care services, local authorities, professional regulators and voluntary organisations to address these areas for development within palliative care standards and explore how hospitals can ensure every dying person receives high-quality, personalised end of life care.

Further information on the symposium can be found [here](#).

[Bereavement Services Seminar](#)

27 March 2019, Stratford Manor Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon.

Hosted jointly by the Cremation Society, the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM), the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA) and the Association of Private Cemeteries and Crematoria (APCC). Further details to follow.

[Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care Seminar Series](#)

Culturally Sensitive palliative care: Meeting the needs of gender and sexual minorities, 26 April 2019, Oxford, cost £120. Despite the considerable social change that the UK has witnessed in relation to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights, significant evidence indicates that LGBT people face additional challenges when accessing palliative and end-of-life care services. This study day explores the issues and needs of LGBT people, with a specific emphasis on those needing and receiving palliative and end-of-life care. It provides participants with the opportunity to reflect on, and identify ways of providing, culturally sensitive care for LGBT people, their partners and families and within a palliative care context.

Death & Dying: Real life experiences, 7 Mar 2019, Sobell Study Centre, Oxford, cost £120. This study day will concentrate upon using real-life experiences of palliative care patients, family, carers and professionals, to consider experiences and issues surrounding death and dying. Consideration will also be given to topics such as Advance Care Planning, resilience and identification of holistic symptoms experienced as the end of life approaches

For further information on these and other seminars please contact ssc@ouh.nhs.uk

[Dying Matters 2019: Are We Ready?](#)

The Dying Matters Awareness Week 2019 runs 13 – 19 May.

This year's Dying Matters Awareness Week will ask: **Are We Ready?** It's a question that challenges each of us on several levels. Are We Ready for our own deaths, or the deaths of those we care about? This is a practical question – wills, funeral planning and more – but of course it's also emotional, even spiritual for some of us. For many of us, the answer will not be 'yes'. We know from the research we've done that most people haven't taken care of the practical aspects, which include deciding on organ donation, and planning our future care. And even for those that have, the emotional aspect of being ready for death is challenging. Who is ever really ready to die?

Such questions are best faced with the help of others, which is why we're asking 'Are We Ready?' To face death and dying is a challenge greater than any one of us can face alone,

and it is all of our responsibility. We're in this life together, so our question is asking much more of us than you might think. More information on Dying Awareness Week can be found [here](#).

Cremation & Burial Communication & Education (CBCE) 2019

1 – 3 July 2019, Hilton at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton

The Cremation and Burial Communication and Education (CBCE) event is the national forum which brings together local councils and Private companies from across the UK. Bookings now open! For further information and to book your space please visit www.cbce.org.uk.

Jobs & Opportunities

PhD Scholarship Opportunity: Media Coverage of End of life Decisions

Cardiff University is offering a PhD Scholarship to study End of life Decisions in the News. Applications close 1 Feb 2019. Please visit [here](#) for further information.

Other News

New Compassionate Communities Network

A new Scotland-wide network is being launched for those who would like to help improve their community's experience of deteriorating health, dying and bereavement.

The Scottish Compassionate Communities Network will connect members with other like-minded people in their area to share ideas and experience. It will also bring people together to create practical support and guidance on how to develop a Compassionate Community – a community that provides good care and support for those facing death and bereavement.

The Network is being set up by Good Life Good Death Good Grief, the alliance of individuals and organisations working to make Scotland more open and supportive around death, dying and bereavement. It is open anyone who would like to be practically involved in this area, regardless of experience, knowledge or background.

To join the network, complete the form here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10gqZosjC6pCDxtrJTDCIIDuGgeZot0RwBXN0XbZiSO8/edit>

For more information on the network, contact Rebecca Patterson on rebecca.patterson@palliativecarescotland.org.uk or 0131 272 2735 or visit the website www.lifedeathgrief.org.uk

Off the Beaten Track – Scholarship applications now open!

Anthropology Field School, Gozo, Malta.

The Field School runs field work summer schools offering participants a unique opportunity to acquire some 'in the field' experience. Possible research topics include, but are not limited to, anthropology of food, tourism, ethnic relations, architecture and religion. The Malta Summer School staff connect students and locals, facilitate and monitor projects and guide participants through the process of publishing their work. Dates for 2019: 5 – 24 June; 2 – 21 July; 29 – 17 August. For further information please visit their [website](#).

Visit the [CDAS website](#) to view a full calendar of events

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