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Living with the cuts: Policy, politics and everyday lives in the recession

Friday 30th May 2014, 9.30-17.30, British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB

A day conference organised by the University of East London (UEL), Centre for Narrative Research (CNR) at UEL, & NOVELLA (Narratives of Everyday Lives and Linked Approaches) Research Methods Node at the Institute of Education, with the Tavistock Centre.

Many people in the UK are now living with the impact of recession and public spending cuts in their daily lives; larger effects are still to come. Government and policy-makers predict that cuts will continue till the end of the decade, yet these measures' usefulness and necessity are much debated. This day conference brings together academics, policymakers, practitioners, and community researchers, to discuss the issues and levels of analysis that need to be taken into account when studying the cuts, and to explore the human effects and socio-political significance of living in recession.

Conference Schedule:

9.30-10.00: Registration; introduction 10.00-11.30:

Panel 1: Policies, stories and realities of recession living

Anita Tiessen, UNICEF UK: Child well-being: How are children in the UK faring?

Ann Phoenix, NOVELLA: Narratives of negotiating are not enough: Children, families and consumption in straitened circumstances.

Marcus Evans, Tavistock Centre: 'I'm beyond caring'. The failure in social systems to support staff and the patients they care for: A response to the Francis report.

Discussant: **Janet Boddy**, NOVELLA and Sussex University

Tea/coffee: 11.30-11.45

11.45-1.15: Panel 2: Inequality, poverty and division

Mike Savage, LSE: Class divisions in contemporary Britain: insights from the BBC's Great British Class Survey.

Faiza Shaheen, New Economics Foundation: Insecurity, poverty and inequality - a temporary blip or here to stay?

Tim Hall, University of East London: Living wage campaigns

Discussant: **Nira Yuval-Davis**, UEL (Centre for Research on Migration, Refugees and Belonging)

1.15-2.15: Lunch; tea and coffee

2.15-3.45: Panel 3: Everyday lives and the cuts

Angie Voela, **Myrto Tsilimpounidis** and **Alice Sampson**, UEL (Centre for Social Justice and Change and Psychosocial Studies Research Group): Foodbanks: Charity and the charitable subject at a time of crisis.

Ian Tucker, UEL (CNR and Psychology and Social Change Research Group): Austerity, social media and mental health communities

Corinne Squire, NOVELLA and CNR: Living with HIV: Precarity and para-liberalism

Tracey Jensen, UEL: Austerity media, 'poverty porn', and welfare reform

The Drawing Shed.

Discussant: **David Harper**, UEL (CNR and Psychology and Social Change Research Group).

3.45-4.00: Tea/coffee

4.00-5.30: Panel 4: Reframing the future

Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago: Austerity and the fate of the humanities

Michael Rustin, UEL and Tavistock Centre: Living with the cuts - or not

Discussant: **Meera Tiwari**, UEL

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Conference fees: £25 – Students, unemployed and low-waged; £50 – All other delegates

A limited number of **free** places are available for community group workers and volunteers - please go to the Eventbrite site http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-with-the-cuts-policy-politics-and-everyday-lives-in-the-recession-tickets-3458878599?utm_campaign=new_eventv2&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

Lunch and light refreshments are included.