



21ST ANNUAL SPRU DPHIL DAY

5TH AND 6TH OF MAY 2015

The Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of Sussex is proud to host the 21st Annual SPRU DPhil Day. DPhil Day is a free conference spanning two full days that will be of interest to PhD students working in science, technology, and innovation studies, or related fields.

DSkills Day is the first of the two; held on the 5th of May. The day will consist of a series of presentations and discussions designed to provide stimulating and practical guidance on conducting research, and will include contributions from leading scholars from SPRU and beyond. Sessions will cover every phase of conducting research – from the early stages of research design, through to implementation and analysis, and ending with a discussion on impact and influence – with a specific focus on dealing with various aspects of *uncertainty* that might arise during each of these phases.

A conference dinner will take place on the evening of the 5th, to which all conference delegates and guests are invited.

DPhil Day itself is the second day and will be held on the 6th of May. This is an opportunity for PhD students of all stages to present their research in an engaging, friendly, and professional environment, and to gain critical insights and thoughts on their work from peers and prominent scholars alike.

The DPhil Day team welcomes the submission of abstracts from the broad science, technology, and innovation field, possibly including research on the following indicative themes:

- Economics of Innovation and Industrial Policy
- Technology and Innovation Management
- Science, Politics and Decision making
- Energy, Sustainability and Development
- Food, Energy, Health, and Human Security

If you are interested in presenting your work at DPhil day, please complete the Google Form at <http://goo.gl/forms/UWKZYVW9mk>. Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words in length and the call will close at midnight on Sunday March 1st. We shall notify successful abstract submissions on Monday March 8th.

There is no fee for attending DPhil Day. Lunch, tea and coffee will be provided on both days.

DPhil Day will be held at the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. A full programme of presentations for both days of the conference will be made available at a later date. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our Communications Co-ordinator at J.R.Hutton@sussex.ac.uk or via Twitter @SPRU_DPhilDay

For more information about DPhil Day please visit:

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