

Interdisciplinary dialogues for social work research and practice

24 March, 2017 / 10am-4.30pm
Quaker Meeting House, Brighton

What does interdisciplinarity mean for social work research and practice?
What happens when different disciplines converge on key social work topics?
This one-day workshop brings together researchers who engage with key social work themes (assessing, listening, observing, protecting, relating) from different disciplinary perspectives (computer science, developmental psychology, history, philosophy, sociology, social psychology, and social work). Each contribution is a distinctive research project that has approached a familiar social work preoccupation through interdisciplinary dialogue. The aim of the workshop is to share findings from these projects and to exchange experiences of interdisciplinary dialogues, as well as to consider the possibilities and limitations of interdisciplinarity for furthering social work ethics and values.

Invited contributions:

- Robbie Duschinsky, University of Cambridge
*Reassessing infant disorganised attachment and 'fear without solution':
A conversation between history, sociology and social work*
- Michelle Lefevre, University of Sussex
*Watching and listening:
What actually happens when social workers visit children?*
- Johanna Motzkau, Open University
*Cultures of listening in child protection: Drawing on process philosophy and
artistic practice to explore listening in multi-agency child protection practice*
- Sevasti-Melissa Nolas, University of Sussex; Antje Rauters, University of Jena;
Johannes Schöning, University of Bremen (organisers)
Assemblages of intervention: Hardware, software and tents on the beach

The workshop will take place in the heart of Brighton at the Friends Meeting House (Ship Street, BN1 1AF). The event is organised by the *People in My Life* project team (Nolas, Rauters and Schöning) and funded by the Jacobs Foundation, Switzerland.

This event is open and free to attend and lunch is provided.

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

To reserve a place, email Claire Prater: c.j.prater@sussex.ac.uk