Welcome to this semester’s DTP!
I am the new Lead Postgraduate Research Tutor, and am happy to respond to any queries raised by any of you. I’m really pleased with this semester’s programmes, put together despite the depredations of our predicament: our thanks to all.
Jeremy MacClancy

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Please note: all events take place online this semester, unless you are informed of a policy change in advance. Please contact the staff members below for details of the Brookes Zoom meetings involved.

The events listed below are organised by the Schools and are open to all students.

**Wednesday 27th January, 12-1pm, Social Sciences and Law Research Methods Class**
Meryl Dickinson, Brunel University
*Building Analysis and Critical Thought Part 1*
Contact Terri Morris (tmorris@brookes.ac.uk)
The aims of this session are to reflect on what we mean by analysis and critical thought and the part they play in academic writing. In order to do so, we will be taking a closer look at how writing is structured and the importance of giving content context in order to successfully develop a clear line of critical thought.

**Wednesday 3rd February, 12-1pm, Social Sciences and Law Research Methods Class**
Meryl Dickinson, Brunel University
*Building Analysis and Critical Thought Part 2*
Contact Terri Morris (tmorris@brookes.ac.uk)
Building on the content of Part I this aspect of the workshop will be based in practice. It will give you the opportunity to reflect on the material covered and apply this in practice to your own work. You will be required to bring a piece of your own writing to present to another student in order to discuss whether the aspects discussed a week earlier are present and how you could improve the analysis and critical thought within your own work. Your piece of writing may be a thesis chapter, a working paper or any other relevant work. Especially useful might be a piece where you have specifically been given feedback that your writing is descriptive or you need further development in your critical thought.

**Wednesday 3rd February, School of Education, Research circle: Managing research projects, 12.15-14:00 (Zoom meeting)**
Organisers: Susannah Wright (suzannahwright@brookes.ac.uk), Patrick Alexander, Jane Spiro

Non-academic careers for PhDs’ Chris Humphrey  8 February, 12 - 1pm – FACULTY DOCTORAL TRAINING EVENT
This is being run by Chris Humphrey, who runs the website "Jobs on Toast" [http://jobsontoast.com/](http://jobsontoast.com/)

As Chris explains, research students often ask him "What jobs can I do after my PhD?, How can I market myself to employers outside of academia? What skills and experience are non-academic employers looking for? When should I quit applying for academic jobs and start looking elsewhere? I’ve spent a lot of time figuring out the answers to these questions. I’m living proof that you can make the transition into professional work outside of academia, even with a PhD in a very specialist area like Medieval Studies! After spells in business management and consulting after my post-doc, I now work as project manager in financial services. But I’ve always wanted to give something back to the researcher community. So in 2012 I founded Jobs on Toast, as a way to pass on my knowledge and experience of making the journey out of higher education.’
Friday 12th February, School of Education, Virtual Writing Morning, 9.00-12.30  
12/02/21: Virtual writing morning, 9:00-12.30  
(9-10.30am writing time, 10.30-11am break/debrief: Join Zoom Meeting, 11am-12.30pm writing time) Organiser: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk)

Saturday 13 February, 10am-2pm, on-line (Zoom)  
EML-HPC training seminar, including sessions on the art of genealogy, career action planning and writing and note taking, led by Prof Nicole Pohl, Mrs Joanna Barker and Dr Tom Crook  
Contact Charmian Hearne (chearne@brookes.ac.uk) for details and to reserve a place

Monday 15 February, 12 - 1pm - FACULTY DOCTORAL TRAINING EVENT  
The Art of the Podcast Dorian Lynskey, Oh God, what now? and Remainiacs podcasts  
Dorian Lynskey, author & journalist, has been writing about music, politics, film and books for over 20 years for a variety of prestigious publications. He is the author of two, very well-regarded books: 33 Revolutions Per Minute: A History of Protest Songs (2011) and The Ministry of Truth: A Biography of George Orwell’s 1984 (2019). Also, he hosts the Oh God, what now? and Remainiacs podcasts. Of the latter, he states: ‘REMAINIACS is the no-bullshit Brexit podcast for people who won’t just shut up and get over Brexit. Every week we take an honest look at the unfolding shambles that is Britain’s departure from the EU. Now you can back us on PATREON. Pledge a few quid a month, get cool mugs, t-shirts and other stuff, and #OwnTheRemoan.’

Join Zoom Meeting  
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Meeting ID: 872 6391 9445  
Passcode: 6656561681

Thursday 18th February, School of Education, Postgraduate student/ECR writing day, 9.00-16.00  
A monthly writing day, with dedicated writing time, and three 30-minute breaks (on zoom) for meeting up, peer support, debriefing.  
Organisers: Dr Sarah Frodsham (sfrodsham@brookes.ac.uk) and Dr Tracey Martin-Millward (tmartin-milward@brookes.ac.uk).

Friday 19th February 2021, 9.00 -1pm, School of English and Modern Languages and School of History, Philosophy and Culture, Shut Up and Write. The aim of a structured writing retreat is to give dedicated writing time to participants for the purpose of progressing their writing projects in a supportive, structured environment. This is your space to write, read and think. The schedule is as follows: 9:00am - 9:30am: Introductions, writing warm up, setting goals, planning, 9:30am - 10:45am: Writing, 10:45am - 11:15am : Break and Review, 11:15am - 12:30pm: Writing, 12:30pm - 1:00pm: Wrap Up. Led by Professor Nicole Pohl. Contact Charmian Hearne to book a place (chearne@brookes.ac.uk)

Monday 22 February, 12 - 1pm - FACULTY DOCTORAL TRAINING EVENT  
Tricks of the trade - Gary Browning  
Professor of Politics and Associate Dean for Research and Knowledge Exchange Gary is a stand-up comedian. His day-job is Associate Dean for the Faculty and Professor of Political Science. He has written well-received books on Iris
Murdoch, Bob Dylan, and the odd political philosopher or three. The appeal of his works pushes beyond academia, and have won favourable reviews from Los Angeles Review of Books, The Irish Independent, and other periodicals.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 865 5715 8237
Passcode: 8131364026

Wednesday 24th February, 12-1pm, Social Sciences and Law Research Methods Class  
Dr Tina Miller  
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Contact Terri Morris (tmorris@brookes.ac.uk)

Monday 1 March, 12-1pm – FACULTY DOCTORAL TRAINING EVENT  
The meaning and conduct of research for the PhD - Les Back  
Les, professor of sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London, writes on the sociology of racism, popular culture and city life. His work attempts to create a sensuous or live sociology committed to searching for new modes of sociological writing and representation, as demonstrated in his book The Art of Listening (2007). He also writes journalism and has made documentary films. His free on-line book, Academic Diary (2011), argues for the values of scholarship and teaching in the maw of austerity and assault on the university.

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://brookes.zoom.us/j/85697425999?pwd=Rzlws2U0NjNoNHFwZjB8eC9RUFdCUT09

Meeting ID: 856 9742 5999  
Passcode: 706682574

Wednesday 3rd March, School of Education, Research circle: Theorising the virtual – research methods, 12.15-14.00 (Zoom meeting)  
Organisers: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk), Patrick Alexander, Jane Spiro

Friday 12 March, School of Education, Virtual writing morning, 9:00-12.30  
(9-10.30am writing time, 10.30-11am break/debrief: Join Zoom Meeting, 11am-12.30pm writing time)  
Contact Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk)

Friday 19th March, 9.00 -1pm, School of English and Modern Languages and School of History, Philosophy and Culture, Shut Up and Write. The aim of a structured writing retreat is to give dedicated writing time to participants for the purpose of progressing their writing projects in a supportive, structured environment. This is your space to write, read and think. The schedule is as follows :9:00am - 9:30am: Introductions, writing warm up, setting goals, planning, 9:30am - 10:45am: Writing, 10:45am - 11:15am: Break and Review, 11:15am - 12:30pm: Writing, 12:30pm - 1:00pm: Wrap Up. Led by Professor Nicole Pohl. Contact Charmian Hearne to book a place (cheanne@brookes.ac.uk)

Thursday 25th March, School of Education, Postgraduate student/ECR writing day, 9.00-16.00  
A monthly writing day, with dedicated writing time, and three 30-minute breaks (on zoom) for meeting up, peer support, debriefing.  
Organisers: Dr Sarah Frodsham (sfrodsham@brookes.ac.uk) and Dr Tracey Martin-Millward (tmartin-milward@brookes.ac.uk)
Wednesday 7th April, School of Education, Research circle: Theorising the virtual – interaction and pedagogy, 12.15-14:00 (Zoom meeting)
Organisers: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk), Patrick Alexander, Jane Spiro

Friday 9th April, School of Education, Virtual writing morning, 9:00-12.30
(9-10.30am writing time, 10.30-11am break/debrief: Join Zoom Meeting ,11am-12.30pm writing time )Organiser: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk)

Thursday 15th April, School of Education, Postgraduate student/ECR writing day, 9.00-16.00
A monthly writing day, with dedicated writing time, and three 30-minute breaks (on zoom) for meeting up, peer support, debriefing.
Organisers: Dr Sarah Frodsham (sfrodsham@brookes.ac.uk) and Dr Tracey Martin-Millward (tmartin-milward@brookes.ac.uk)

Saturday 17 April, 10am-2pm, on-line (Zoom):
EML-HPC student-led symposium, featuring papers from six PGR students in the humanities, led by Prof Nicole Pohl and Dr Tom Crook
Contact Charmian Hearne (chearne@brookes.ac.uk) for details and to reserve a place

Wednesday 5th April, School of Education, Research circle: Writing otherwise – alternatives to ‘standard’ academic publishing (tbc), 12.15-14:00
Organisers: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk), Patrick Alexander, Jane Spiro

Wednesday 5th April to Friday 7th April – Faculty Research Conference on ‘Hopes and Fears’.
Contact Terri Morris for more details (tmorris@brookes.ac.uk)

Friday 23rd April, 9.00 -1pm, School of English and Modern Languages and School of History, Philosophy and Culture, Shut Up and Write. The aim of a structured writing retreat is to give dedicated writing time to participants for the purpose of progressing their writing projects in a supportive, structured environment. This is your space to write, read and think. The schedule is as follows: 9:00am - 9:30am: Introductions, writing warm up, setting goals, planning, 9:30am - 10:45am: Writing, 10:45am - 11:15am : Break and Review, 11:15am - 12:30pm: Writing, 12:30pm -1:00pm: Wrap Up. Led by Professor Nicole Pohl. Contact Charmian Hearne to book a place (chearne@brookes.ac.uk)

Friday 14th May, School of Education, Writing morning, 9:00-12.30
9-10.30am writing time, 10.30-11am break/debrief, 11am-12.30pm writing time
Organiser: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk)

Thursday 20th May, School of Education, Postgraduate student/ECR writing day, 9.00-16.00
A monthly writing day, with dedicated writing time, and three 30-minute breaks for meeting up, peer support, debriefing.
Organisers: Dr Sarah Frodsham (sfrodsham@brookes.ac.uk) and Dr Tracey Martin-Millward (tmartin-milward@brookes.ac.uk)

Friday 21st May, 9.00 -1pm, School of English and Modern Languages and School of History, Philosophy and Culture, Shut Up and Write. The aim of a structured writing retreat is to give dedicated writing time to participants for the purpose of progressing their writing projects in a supportive, structured environment. This is your space to write, read and think. The schedule is as follows: 9:00am - 9:30am: Introductions, writing warm up, setting goals, planning, 9:30am - 10:45am: Writing, 10:45am - 11:15am : Break and Review, 11:15am - 12:30pm: Writing, 12:30pm -1:00pm: Wrap Up. Led by Professor Nicole Pohl. Contact Charmian Hearne to book a place (chearne@brookes.ac.uk)
Wednesday 26th May, School of Education Annual Research Conference (date and details tbc)
Organisers: Sarah Frodsham (sfrodsham@brookes.ac.uk) and Patrick Alexander

Wednesday 2nd June, School of Education: Research circle: Social media (tbc), 12.15-14:00 (venue tbc)
Organisers: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk), Patrick Alexander, Jane Spiro

Thursday 6th June, School of Education, Writing morning, 9:00-12.30 (details and venue tbc)
(9-10.30am writing time, 10.30-11am break/debrief, 11am-12.30pm writing time)
Organiser: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk)

Friday 11th June, School of Education, Postgraduate student/ECR writing day, 9.00-16.00
A monthly writing day, with dedicated writing time, and three 30-minute breaks (on zoom) for meeting up, peer support, debriefing.
Organisers: Dr Sarah Frodsham (sfrodsham@brookes.ac.uk) and Dr Tracey Martin-Millward (tmartin-milward@brookes.ac.uk)

09/07/21: Writing morning, 9:00-12.30 (details and venue tbc)
(9-10.30am writing time, 10.30-11am break/debrief, 11am-12.30pm writing time)
Organiser: Susannah Wright (susannahwright@brookes.ac.uk)

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Because of the present predicament, the following class is postponed until schools re-open:

Wednesday 10th February, 12-1pm, Social Sciences and Law Research Methods Class
Dr Doerthe Rosenow
Discourse Analysis
Contact Terri Morris (tmorris@brookes.ac.uk)