

University of Portsmouth PhD Studentships, 2015 Competition

Various areas, including history of risk and accident prevention

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Portsmouth is making available a number of PhD studentships in core areas of interest. Within the History area, one of the topics is the history of everyday dangers and risks and how they have been understood and managed in Britain since c.1900.

Debates about safety and risk management are integral to contemporary British society, but are as yet under-historicised. This PhD will lead the development of this broad area. Within the broad remit of a focus on 20th-century Britain, there is great freedom for the successful candidate to define the parameters of the project in conjunction with the supervisor, Dr Mike Esbester. Possible areas might include: how people have constructed and responded to risk in everyday life; the development and role of safety organisations such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and local safety councils; the use of safety education as a means of governing individuals and actions; the role of the state in managing risk. These areas might be accessed by exploring topics including workplace safety, road safety or home safety.

The studentship will start on 1 September 2015 and last for 3 years full-time; it covers fees, with additional payment for teaching during the course of the PhD. Applications are welcomed from suitably qualified UK/ EU candidates.

For full details, including the application process, please see: <http://www.port.ac.uk/postgraduate-research/history-sociology-and-politics/current-phd-opportunities/phd-project-opportunity.html>

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The deadline for applications is midnight on 4 June 2015; interviews are expected to take place in the week commencing 15 June, in Portsmouth.