



Critical Legal Conference 2018

5 September Doctoral Workshop

The Open University, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA, UK

Timetable

10.30-11.00	Registration and refreshments	Library SR4, 2 nd floor
11.00-13.00	Workshop session 1	Library SR4, 2 nd floor
13.00-14.00	Lunch	Library SR4, 2 nd floor
14.00-16.00	Workshop session 2	Library SR4, 2 nd floor

Session 1: Dr Yvette Russell, University of Bristol Law School

The Future of Critique

1. What is the function of critique in your work and why?
 - a. PhD speed dating! You've got three minutes each. Introduce your research to your partner. How do you use critique in your research and why? Why have you chosen this method and how do you manage its limitations? Feel free to robustly probe if you are the listener!
2. The future of critique
 - a. How do we position ourselves within the (legal) academy generally? Ie. What is your identity?
 - b. How does our research 'fit' within the trajectory of critical legal scholarship? How has CLS changed since your interest in it began and why?
 - c. Where is CLS going? What is the importance (or not) of CLS within the academy?
3. Surviving in the academy as a critical scholar: Some practical tips
 - a. Managing expectations
 - b. Getting a job
 - c. Situating your scholarship within your school
 - d. Managing the REF
 - e. Teaching as a critical scholar.

Session 2: Steve Crawford, University of Kent

Self-reflective research practice

This session focuses on the importance of taking time to critically assess the PhD research journey, and the different ways in which this can be done. Activities in this session will included a little drawing and some modelling, no artistic skills are required, please just bring an open mind (all other materials provided)!