

## CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

**The 15th International Philosophy of Nursing Conference  
(In association with the International Philosophy of Nursing Society: IPONS)**

**26th – 28th August, 2011  
at the West Park Centre, Dundee, Scotland, UK  
<http://www.westpark.co.uk>**

**Conference Theme:  
*Healthcare and the Politics of Austerity***

Austerity is an interesting concept. Its usage can range from the moral (disciplinary) severity that may reign in organisations and institutions on the one hand to, on the other, the self-chosen simplicity of an individual's way of life. In between these two images, however, sits the fact that austerity is also a term used in economics to denote a shift in the revenue stream of countries from their real or physical economy to meet the demands of creditors and thus reduce their budgetary deficit.

There can be few who are not aware of the fact that western economies continue to face fiscal deficits of significant proportions following the recent banking crisis where large banks had to be rescued at the tax payers' expense to prevent economic meltdown. Many countries are now having to make significant cuts to services, including healthcare and university healthcare education. "Austerity" is the buzz word. This clearly has an ethico-political dimension to it in terms of the prioritisation and allocation of resource. Of course, in relation to healthcare, this has always been the case in both global and relative terms across nations, but the situation is now more acute and deserving of philosophical examination and dialogue that goes beyond partisan or party politics.

The 15th International Philosophy of Nursing Conference invites papers that may draw upon aspects of social and political philosophy in a manner that seeks to address the issues that a politics of austerity raises in relation to healthcare and healthcare education. Such papers may be broad in scope, or focus upon a particular issue.

Papers that do not address the conference theme directly, but focus upon philosophical issues pertinent to nursing and healthcare more generally are also invited.

## PLENARY SPEAKERS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

**Dr Peter Allmark, Sheffield Hallam University, England, UK**  
*Virtue in austerity*

**Dr Caroline Bradbury-Jones\* & Professor Julie Taylor, University of Dundee,  
Scotland, UK. \*Presenter**  
*Social impact assessment and nursing research: A way forward in austere times?*

**Professor David Holmes, University of Ottawa, Canada**  
*Evidence-based nursing, best practices and the fall of thought: Theoretical revolt  
during austere times*

**Robert W Newsom, Guilford Technical College, Greensboro, USA**  
*Yanks abroad in Albion: Tales of austerity, justice, flu vaccines and N.I.C.E*

**Professor Sam Porter, The Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK**  
*Forcing us to get real: an austere political economy of health*

**Professor Gary Rolfe, University of Swansea, Wales, UK**  
*Thinking as a subversive activity: Doing philosophy in the corporate university*

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of papers are invited for concurrent sessions. Abstracts may be on the conference theme or on any philosophical aspect of health and health care. Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words, and also include the following in order:

Name and title of presenter/s; Institutional affiliation;  
Contact address, phone number and email address;  
Title of paper and Abstract;  
Any audio visual aid requirements, e.g. Powerpoint.

Abstract submissions should be sent electronically to John Drummond at:  
[j.s.drummond@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:j.s.drummond@dundee.ac.uk) by **21 July 2011** or by post by **21 July 2011** to:

Dr John S Drummond, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Dundee,  
11 Airlie Place, Dundee, DD1 4HJ, UK  
Tel: +44 (0) 1382 388525

**Note** that abstracts are considered individually upon submission, and will be given a decision within 48 hours. Concurrent session papers normally last for 30 minutes, including time for discussion. Details of the Conference Fee, which includes accommodation and all meals at the West Park Centre, are given below, including details of how to register for the conference.

**15<sup>th</sup> International Philosophy of Nursing Conference**  
**at Westpark Conference Centre, 319 Perth Road, Dundee,**  
**Scotland, UK, DD2 1NN**  
[www.westparkcentre.com](http://www.westparkcentre.com)

**26th, 27th & 28th August, 2011**

**Booking Form**

**Closing date: 1st August 2011**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**E-mail:**

**Tel:**

**Dietary requirements:**

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<u>Conference Fees</u>	<u>Non-IPONS member</u>	<u>IPONS member</u>
<b>Two</b> nights full board at Westpark, 26th & 27th August. Includes conference dinner	£390	£350
<b>Three</b> nights full board at Westpark, 25th, 26th, 27th August. Includes conference dinner	£470	£430
Non-residential rate, includes lunches; <b>excludes</b> conference dinner on 27th August.	£250	£210
Non-residential rate, includes lunches; <b>includes</b> conference dinner on 27th August	£280	£240
Daily rate, includes lunch.	£100	£90

**Please highlight the package of your choice from the above.**

**Return booking form with payment to:**

**Mrs P Dodd**  
**Purchasing Officer - Finance**  
**University of Dundee**  
**School of Nursing and Midwifery**  
**11 Airlie Place**  
**Dundee**  
**DD1 4HJ**  
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Cheques and Bankers Drafts should be in UK Sterling and made payable to:  
**University of Dundee.** Other payment methods are given below.

**By debit or credit card:**

Phone the University of Dundee on: +44 (0) 1382 383000; ask for the cash office (extension 84046). When connected to the cash office, state that you wish to pay for the 15<sup>th</sup> International Philosophy of Nursing Conference by debit or credit card. State your name, address, and the amount you are paying. Also state the finance cost code: **8550.310.520761**

**By bank transfer.**

UK payments:

Royal Bank of Scotland:  
Acc No. 00279732.  
Sort Code: 83-50-00

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Royal Bank of Scotland:  
Acc No. 00279732.  
Sort Code: 83-50-00  
SWIFT: RBOSGB2L  
IBAN: GB13RBOS83500000279732.

If paying by debit/credit card or bank transfer, please state the name of the conference. Also, please remember to email your booking form to Pam Dodd [p.dodd@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:p.dodd@dundee.ac.uk) **and to me** after you have paid, and in that email please state when you paid, and by which method. My email address is [j.s.drummond@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:j.s.drummond@dundee.ac.uk) Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

**Extra Nights Accommodation.** Please note that conference fees for accommodation apply only to Thursday 25th August to Saturday 27th August (3 nights) **OR** Friday 26th August to Saturday 27th August (2 nights). Anyone wishing residence at West Park **before** the night of Thursday 25th August, or **after** the night of Saturday 27th August must book this separately with West Park (subject to availability of rooms). This can be done by emailing Siobhan Laing, Event Manager at: [siobhan.laing@sanctuary-housing.co.Sales](mailto:siobhan.laing@sanctuary-housing.co.Sales)

**Payment of conference fees by whatever method should be received before the 1st August, 2011.** Any queries or questions, please feel free to email me.

## **INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES**

For those who will be resident at the conference, on arrival at West Park, go to the main reception area in the mansion house. There you will be checked in and directed to your room. All rooms are en suite, and have a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. For those bringing laptops, internet connection may be possible.

Rooms will be available from 2:30p.m. on the day of arrival, and must be vacated by 10:30a.m. on the day of departure. There are facilities for storing luggage.

For those arriving by car, there is free parking available on site. Those unfamiliar with the route by car, use Google Maps. For those arriving in Dundee by train, there is a taxi rank outside the station. Ask to be taken to West Park Centre on the Perth Road. This is a five minute drive and will cost only a few pounds.

If flying from within the UK, or from overseas, the best airport to arrive at is Edinburgh Airport. Upon arrival look for the airport bus (ask for it) that will take you into the centre of Edinburgh and terminate outside the train station – journey takes 20 minutes. Walk down into the train station and purchase a return ticket to Dundee. Trains run approximately every hour, but less frequently on a Sunday. Journey takes 1 hour and 20 minutes. Upon arrival in Dundee, see paragraph above. For those arriving at Glasgow Airport, there is shuttle bus into the city and the train station you want is Glasgow Queen Street for a return ticket to Dundee. Train journey can take up to 2 hours. Upon arrival in Dundee, see paragraph above.

For those arriving on Thursday 25th August, catering will be available in the evening. The restaurant is open from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. Breakfast will also be available on the Friday morning. For those arriving on Friday 26th August before the start of the conference, there is a welcome lunch.

Please note that in Scotland smoking is prohibited by law in all public buildings. West Park is a no-smoking venue. This includes the residential accommodation; each room is fitted with a highly sensitive smoke alarm. There are areas for smoking outside.

Looking forward to seeing you in August.  
Best wishes,  
John Drummond