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For general enquiries, please call at the Enquiry Desk in Elmfield (open 09:30 - 14:30 daily). Please also remember to check noticeboards and general pages on MOLE frequently. You can find the latest copy of your handbook at www.shef.ac.uk/socstudies/current/handbooks.html.

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- 1) Staff Student Committee

The first meeting of Staff Student Committee is on Wednesday 19 October. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered as student representatives. You can find a full list of student reps at: <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/about/committees>

We are still looking for student reps from the MA in Global and International Social Policy, MA in Professional Practice and the MA in Social Research. If you are interested in getting involved please contact me. thanks Gillian Brown gillian.brown@sheffield.ac.uk

- 2) Study Abroad Question and Answer Session for Level 1 students

On Thursday 27 October 2011, 12-1 pm in Elmfield, room G12, we are holding a question and answer session for prospective study abroad students. The session is open to all level 1 students and you do not need to register to attend. Jo Britton will chair the session in her role as Study Abroad Tutor and Kate McGrath and Denise Chandler, our level 2 study abroad returnees, will be there to answer your questions. We have decided to hold the session the week before the University's Study Abroad Fair as a way of helping you decide if studying abroad is a good option for you. The session is not an alternative to the Fair and you should still attend this as well if you are interested in studying abroad next year.

- 3) New publications

Farnsworth, K and Irving, Z. 2011 Social Policy in Challenging Times: Economic Crisis and Welfare Systems
www.amazon.co.uk/Social-Policy-Challenging-Times-Economic/dp/1847428274/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1317836703&sr=8-1

"There is no precedent to the current economic crisis which looks set to redefine social policy debate throughout the globe. But its effects are not uniform across nations. Bringing together a range of expert contributions, the key lesson to emerge from this book is that 'the crisis' is better understood as a variety of crises, each mediated by national context."

4) Computing support

Don't forget that the university has a computing support centre - CiCS. You should contact them if you are having problems with technology, e.g. access to MUSE and the Gmail functions, on 0114 22 21111 or at helpdesk@sheffield.ac.uk. Their website is at www.shef.ac.uk/cics/students.

For specific queries about your course material on MOLE, please speak to your module or seminar leaders. If you have queries about the access to modules on MOLE, contact Aline at SocStudies.Mole@sheffield.ac.uk.

5) Research study

I am a postdoc researcher and artist based in Bradford. My PhD thesis is on the phenomenon of Porn Chic in club flyers and my research interest lies in representations of gender in the media; pornography, culture and everything "in between". I am currently collaborating on an international online survey on sexuality, pornography and culture with Dr. Chyng Sun, a Media Researcher from NYU.

The online survey is being conducted in a dozen countries worldwide. I am the collaborator for both Germany and the UK. For each of the countries we are aiming for a minimum of 200 participants. The questionnaire has been uploaded to surveymonkey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/cultureandexperienceEngland

Please contact me, Nicola Steffen, at nybom@gmx.de if you have any questions.

6) Careers Service

Once again there are a number of Careers Service events taking place over the next week, which will be of interest to Sociology / Social

Policy students. For those who are in their penultimate year, this is the time to give serious thought to researching and applying for summer internships, many of which have closing dates in November or December. If you'd like to find out why, why not attend our talk on 'Finding Summer Internships', which is taking place on Wednesday 19th October.

If you're planning to make any applications, either for part-time work or internships, you'll need an effective and up to date CV. If you need some help with this, our 'CV Workshop' on Thursday 20th October may be of help, or alternatively to arrange for a CV check, contact the Careers Service reception on 0114 222 0910. There is also a talk on 'Cracking Covering Letters' on Thursday 13th October and interactive sessions on presentation skills and on commercial awareness.

For full details of all these events, please refer to the 'What's On' diary on our website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers/events.

7) Graduate Recruitment Fairs

We've got hundreds of employers coming to Sheffield to recruit for graduate vacancies, internships and placements this autumn.

IT'S YOUR CAREER...ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & IT: Tuesday 1st November 2011, 10.30am - 3.30pm, The Octagon Centre

If you're considering a career in Engineering, Science or IT then you need to attend the 2011 Engineering, Science and IT Fair. This is your chance to get invaluable advice from leading recruiters and apply for graduate positions or internships/placements in 2012. The fair offers you everything you need to plan your career; it brings together 50 top graduate recruiters, a selection of local graduate recruitment agencies, plus on the day careers advice. View the list of exhibitors at www.sheffieldcareersfairs.ac.uk/recruitment-fairs/2011_es&i/visitors/

IT'S YOUR CAREER...BUSINESS & FINANCE: Wednesday 2nd November 2011, 10.30am - 3.30pm, The Octagon Centre

The Business & Finance Fair is day 2 of our biggest careers event for 2011/12. We are delighted to bring onto campus top graduate recruiters in Business, Retail Management, Finance, Accountancy, HR, Sales & Marketing and many more. You will also find careers advisers and local graduate recruitment agencies, allowing you to do all of your research in one place. View the list of exhibitors at www.sheffieldcareersfairs.ac.uk/recruitment-fairs/2011_busfin/visitors/

IT'S YOUR CAREER...MODERN LANGUAGES: Wednesday 16th November 2011, 11.00am - 4.00pm, Students' Union Gallery

If you're looking for a career where you can put your language skills to work then this is the Fair for you. From the more obvious careers in teaching, interpretation and translation to some that you may not have consider before. You can also listen to our panel of speakers starting at 2pm with 'Sheffield Alumni - I left Sheffield with a language degree, find out what I do now and how I got here', followed at 4pm by a panel of industry experts, including the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, British Council and DST. View the list of exhibitors at www.sheffieldcareersfairs.ac.uk/recruitment-fairs/2011_languages/visitors/

SHEFFIELD LEGAL FAIR: Wednesday 23rd November 2011, 1.00pm - 4.00pm,
The Octagon Centre

Want a career in the Legal Profession? Heard the competition's tough?
This is your chance to get your career plans moving.

Join us and you'll find everything you need to complete a successful application. Come and meet employers offering training contract, legal executive and paralegal positions, information on pupillage and a range of course providers. Get invaluable advice from careers advisors as well as new up to date information in our presentations throughout the day.

The Sheffield Legal Fair 2011 is the ultimate destination for a career in Law. View the list of exhibitors at

www.sheffieldlegalfair.ac.uk/recruitment-fairs/slf_11/visitors/

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