Yorkshire Medical Sociology Group inaugural meeting, with guest speaker Professor Mary Dixon-Woods speaking on “Knowing about patient safety: how hard can it be?”

Monday 24 February 2014, 13:00 – 17:30

Lecture Theatre 1, School of Clinical Dentistry, University of Sheffield

The Yorkshire region has seen an influx of renowned Medical Sociologists and the growth of a vibrant community in recent years. As a result we have decided to form a special interest group as part of the activities of the British Sociological Association. This will be our first meeting. At this meeting we aim to have a lively discussion with an opportunity to network with colleagues across the region. We will also be giving some of our early career researchers an opportunity to present their work. We also plan to have a workshop to discuss the future of the group, to set out its remit and ethos. The full program me is outlined on the following page.

Who should attend?
The meeting is open to postgraduate students, academics and researchers. But we would also welcome anyone who has an interest in the sociology of health and illness.

Cost of attendance
Lunch and refreshments will be provided on arrival. In order to cover our costs and to help with future meetings the following charges will apply:
£15 for BSA Members, £20 for Non-members, £10 for BSA Concessionary members and £15 for Non-member students.

Registration: [http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/member/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10322](http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/member/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10322)

Study Group Page: [http://www.britsoc.co.uk/study-groups/yorkshire.aspx](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/study-groups/yorkshire.aspx)
Programme for the day.

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| 2.10-2.40 | Keynote address Professor Mary Dixon-Woods  
“Knowing about patient safety: how hard can it be?”  
I will identify the fugitive nature of knowledge about patient safety, showing how ways of knowing are pervaded both by technical difficulties and by interests. I will show how ‘blindsight’ may be induced by reliance on forms of knowledge that enjoy institutional privilege but may conceal rather than reveal risk, and point to the challenges of accessing knowledge that is valuable but elusive because of its forbidden character. |
| 2.40-2.55 | Questions to the speaker |
| **2.55-3.15** | **Coffee/Tea Break** |
| 3.15-4.45 | Paper sessions see attached abstracts |
| 3.15-3.45 | Sian Beynon-Jones  
“Without delay: Using women’s accounts to trouble the temporalities of abortion policy and practice in England.”  
University of York |
| 3.45-4.15 | Ana Manzano  
“Are the British less altruist than the Spanish? Exploring the Social Production of Deceased Organ Donation.”  
University of Leeds |
| 4.15-4.45 | Charlotte Jones  
“Disordering Intersex: The Significance of Diagnosis, Definitions and Labels.”  
University of Sheffield |
| 4.45-5.30 | Discussion “The Future of the group” |