



CFP: BSA Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement Study Group Annual Symposium

Friday 2 December 2016, University of Sheffield

Death, Dying, Bereavement and Technologies in the 21st Century

For decades now, technological advances in specialist fields such as medicine have changed attitudes and expectations about death and the experience of dying. However, as technologies have become more ubiquitous in our everyday social and domestic lives, the ways in which death, dying and bereavement can be technologically mediated are increasing and becoming more diverse. From online memorials to apps that self-monitor physiological health and/or decline, the ways in which bodies, persons, and technology intersect are raising questions about mortality - what death is, what it means, and how it is experienced in the 21st Century. This is a diverse field and we welcome abstracts which interpret the theme and the notion of 'technology' broadly – including more 'mundane' technologies that shape the experience of 'end of life'. The purpose of this day is to highlight research and practice that contributes to and extends our thinking on this topic.

For this one-day symposium, we invite academics and practitioners to submit abstracts on the theme of technologies and death, dying and bereavement. Topics can include, but are not limited to:

- The internet and social media
- Photography
- Digital legacy and inheritance
- New medical technologies/ technologised death
- Technology and immortality
- Tech-based cultures - e.g. tech-death metal movement
- Materiality of technologies
- Bodies, disposal and technologies
- Methodological contributions about studying technologies
- Theoretical contributions on technologies of death
- Ethical issues related to intersections between DDB and technologies

Abstracts of up to 250 words are to be submitted by Midnight (GMT) on **Monday 12th September 2016** to BSADDB@gmail.com Presentations will be 20 minutes long with additional time for questions.

The symposium will be held on **Friday 2nd December 2016** at ICROSS, the University of Sheffield. For venue details please go to

http://www.shef.ac.uk/polopoly_fs/1.53918!/file/Directions-For-ICOSS.pdf

More details about the study group can be found at

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/groups/social-aspects-of-death,-dying-and-bereavement.aspx>

For more information, contact BSADDB@gmail.com.

Please visit the event website to register at

<http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10550>