Hello

Welcome to the first issue of the Leeds Social Sciences Institute (LSSI) Newsletter.

Each edition of this internal newsletter will update you with news about LSSI including events, social science research successes, and interdisciplinary research opportunities.

The Institute had a busy 2014-15 with its highlights including a Future Cities Conference and the imminent launch of an Impact Acceleration Account. The new academic year is set to be equally eventful and we look forward to bringing you all the latest information.

If you have any feedback about the newsletter or a great social sciences story you would like to share then please contact Susan Darlington.

Launch of IAA with ESRC oversight

LSSI is pleased to announce the launch of an Impact Acceleration Account with ESRC oversight.
The Institute has secured £377k of internal funding that will be used to support researchers in the social sciences to connect and engage with external organisations to maximise the impact and influence of their research on society and the economy.

Delivered via six main strands of activity, the account will run for three years and will contribute to the delivery of the Leeds Strategic Plan 2015-20. It will also set Leeds in a strong position to secure ESRC funding in the next round of submissions.

Information about how to apply for funding will be announced soon.

**LSSI’s key priorities for 2015-16**

LSSI’s new team will manage the implementation of its key priorities for 2015-16.

Director **Professor Adam Crawford** (Law), along with Deputy Directors **Professor Paul Routledge** (Geography) and **Professor Jennifer Tomlinson** (LUBS) will support the launch of an Impact Acceleration Account with ESRC oversight.

They will also oversee the re-commissioning of the White Rose Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership in conjunction with the universities of Sheffield and York, and appoint a new Research and Innovation Development Manager to support large and cross-disciplinary external research grant capture in the social sciences.

**Meet the whole team.**

Reversing Inequalities and Promoting Fairness.

In addition it has announced a programme of lunchtime conversations for this academic year where a mixed audience will be invited to listen to and engage with academic colleagues discussing their ideas for an inter-disciplinary approach to contemporary grand designs.

**Professor Wajcman on digital capitalism**

Judy Wajcman recently gave a thought provoking talk about digital capitalism at an event that was co-hosted by LSSI / The Bauman Institute.

Based on her book *Pressed for Time: The acceleration of life in digital capitalism*, the Professor of Sociology at LSE looked at why technology is blamed for accelerating everyday life and yet we turn to it for the solution.

She then went on to consider what would happen if we reminded ourselves that the devices are tools that we can decide how to design and use.

**Watch video highlights from Judy’s seminar.**

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