

Call for Abstracts

**The Royal Institute of Philosophy Annual Conference 2017:
Harms and Wrongs in Epistemic Practice**

**The University of Sheffield
3rd–4th of July 2017**

We are pleased to invite abstracts for papers to be considered for presentation at a conference on Harms and Wrongs in Epistemic Practice, to be held on July 3rd and 4th 2017 at the University of Sheffield. Invited speakers are:

- Alison Bailey (Illinois State University)
- Heather Battaly (California State University, Fullerton)
- Havi Carel (University of Bristol) and Ian James Kidd (University of Nottingham)
- Quassim Cassam (Warwick University)
- Miranda Fricker (CUNY Graduate Center / University of Sheffield)

How we engage in epistemic practice, including our methods of knowledge acquisition and transmission, the personal traits that help or hinder these activities, and the social institutions that facilitate or impede them, is of central importance to our lives as individuals and as participants in social and political activities. In the past decade, sustained philosophical attention has turned to the various ways in which this practice can and does go awry, and the epistemic, moral, and political harms and wrongs that follow. The aim of this conference is to draw attention to the full range of these harms and wrongs. We hope to bring together a range of theorists working on a diverse variety of relevant topics in order to spark new insights and forge new interconnections.

Proceedings of the conference will be published as a special issue of the journal *Philosophy*. Accordingly, we are conducting a two-stage review process to ensure papers presented are of publishable quality. At this point we invite submissions of a 750 word extended abstract. Based on the abstracts we will then invite a shortlist of applicants to submit a full paper, from which we will make the final selection for the conference. See below for more information about this process. We encourage submissions from philosophers at all levels of career progression who are working on any issues relevant to the remit of the conference, broadly construed. Topics might include, but are by no means limited to:

- Epistemic vice and vices
- The effects of social positioning on one's epistemic life
- Epistemologies of ignorance (particularly from a non-US perspective)
- The problems of persistent disagreement
- Feminist epistemology, critical race epistemology, and other critical epistemologies
- Non-ideal aspects of trust and testimony
- The role of social structures in perpetrating or sustaining epistemic harms and wrongs
- Topics in applied epistemology (medical, political, educational, etc.)

Submissions

We will be using a two-stage reviewing process. Please read the following instructions carefully. All submitted files must be in .DOC, .DOCX, .PDF, .RTF, or .TXT format.

Dates at a Glance

1st of December 2016: abstracts due

15th of December 2016: notification of acceptance to the shortlist

31st of March 2017: full papers due

15th of April 2017: notification of acceptance to the conference

Stage 1: Abstracts

At this time, we are pleased to invite submissions of extended abstracts of approximately **750 words**, of papers suitable for a 30 minute presentation. Please prepare your abstract for **blind review** (i.e. remove all content that may identify you as the author(s)) and send it to hwep2017@sheffield.ac.uk by the **1st of December 2016**.

Submissions must be accompanied by a **cover sheet**, attached as a separate file, providing the title of the proposed paper and the author(s):

- Name
- Personal pronouns
- Email address
- Institutional affiliation

- Appointment title
- Demographic information the author(s) wish to declare

There is a limit of one submission per author (including co-authored submissions). Based on the abstracts we will then invite a shortlist of applicants to submit a full paper. Applicants selected for the shortlist will be notified no later than the **15th of December 2016**.

Stage 2: Papers

Authors whose abstracts have been selected for the shortlist will be invited to submit a full-length paper of **6,000–8,000 words** on that topic. The paper must be prepared for **blind review** and sent to hwep2017@sheffield.ac.uk no later than the **31st of March 2016**. Authors whose papers have been accepted for presentation at the conference will be notified no later than the **15th of April 2016**.

Accessibility and Diversity

Submissions are open to all, but at least 20% of open-call spaces on the programme will be awarded to postgraduates and researchers without a permanent position. If you fall into one of those categories, we invite you to include that information on your cover sheet.

We are keen on assembling a demographically diverse programme. To aid in this, if you are a member of a demographic group that is underrepresented in anglophone professional philosophy, we invite you to declare this information on your cover sheet.

The conference venue is accessible. For more information or to make an accessibility request, please contact the conference organizers.

Stipends will be available for those accepted, but we regret that we cannot guarantee to cover expenses in full (more details T.B.C. closer to the conference date).

This conference has been organized in accordance with the BPA/SWIP-UK Good Practice Scheme.

Contact

Please direct all queries to hwep2017@sheffield.ac.uk.

Organising committee: Simon Barker, Charlie Crerar, Trystan Goetze

Further information about the conference will be available at:

<http://hwep2017.weebly.com>