

**UNIVERSITY OF KENT, UNITED KINGDOM**  
**AUSTERITY, GENDER AND HOUSEHOLD FINANCES CONFERENCE**

**18-19 JUNE 2015**

**PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1 – Thursday 18 June 2015**

**Registration and coffee/tea:** 9.00-9.30 am (Darwin Lecture Theatre 3 – DLT3)  
**Opening and Welcome Address:** 9.30-9.45 am (Darwin Lecture Theatre 1 – DLT1)  
**Plenary Session 1:** 9.45-11.15 am (DLT1)

1. **Professor Mary Evans** (LSE), 'Conditions of Austerity : Women and Ongoing Poverty'
2. **Professor Susanne Soederberg** (Queen's, Canada), 'Debtfare and The Poverty Industry: The Case of the US Payday Lenders'

**Coffee/tea break:** 11.15-11.30 am (DLT3)

**Sessions 1A and 1B:** 11.30-1.00 am

Session 1A (DLT1) Austerity and Debt and Credit I 'Austerity and Financial inequalities'	Session 1B (DLT2) Austerity and Parenting I 'Austerity and parenting cultures'
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Sharon Collard</b> (Open U), 'Working households' experiences of problem debt'</li> <li>2. <b>Vicki Dabrowski</b> (Goldsmiths College), 'Un/equal futures? Classed narratives in austere times'</li> <li>3. <b>Simone Wong</b> (Kent), 'Payday loans: a poor choice in times of austerity?'</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Roberta Garrett</b> (UEL), 'Austerity culture and the myth of the mumtrepreneur'</li> <li>2. <b>Tracey Jensen</b> (UEL), 'Single, stigmatised and insecure: young London mothers re-inventing solidarity and resisting neoliberalism'</li> <li>3. <b>Benedetta Cappellini, Vicky Harman</b> (Royal Holloway), <b>Elizabeth Parsons</b> (Liverpool), 'Feeding the family in hard times: mothers self-discipline in everyday shopping'</li> </ol>

**Lunch:** 1.00-2.00 pm (DLT3)

Sessions 2A and 2B: 2.00-3.30 pm

<b>Session 2A (DLT1)</b> <b>Austerity and Debt and Credit II</b> <b>'Austerity and Finance'</b>	<b>Session 2B (DLT2)</b> <b>Austerity and Parenting II</b> <b>'Parenting in social exclusion'</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Helen Kowalewska</b> (Southampton), 'A short-hours trap: lone mothers' financial work incentives under the Coalition'</li><li>2. <b>James Canton</b> (Bath), 'The role that support networks play for lone mothers coping with the impact that recession and austerity has had on their household finances'</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Patricia Hamilton</b> (Western Ontario), "Bribed to breastfeed": breastfeeding discourse and the policing of "socially excluded" women in neoliberal Britain'</li><li>2. <b>Amy Greer Murphy</b> (Durham), 'The detrimental health effects of austerity and lived experiences of the New Austerity in the North East of England'</li></ol>

Coffee/tea break: 3.30-3.45 pm (DLT3)

Sessions 3A: 3.45-5.15 pm

<b>Session 3A (DLT1)</b> <b>Austerity and Its Impact on Households</b> <b>'Politics and Parents'</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Philippa Bruce</b> (Kent Law Clinic), 'Legal Aid reform: A new barrier to women accessing family justice'</li><li>2. <b>Diego de Silva Rodrigues</b> (Kent), 'Tax and benefits, childcare and British mothers labour supply'</li></ol>

**DAY 2 – Friday 19 June 2015**

**Plenary Session 2: 10.00-11.00 am (DLT1)**

1. **Fran Bennett** (Oxford), ‘Analytical approaches to the gendered impact of austerity’

**Coffee/tea break: 11.00-11.15 am (DLT3)**

**Sessions 4A and 4B: 11.15 am – 12.45 pm (DLT3)**

<b>Session 4A (DLT1)</b> <b>Austerity and Parenting III</b> <b>‘Austerity’s impact on family well-being’</b>	<b>Session 4B (DLT2)</b> <b>Austerity and Parenting IV</b> <b>‘Austerity and Welfare Reform’</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Meg Wilkes Karraker</b> (U Thomas St Paul, Minnesota), ‘Carework and the New Austerity: Findings from ‘Middle class in Middle America: Families, neighbours and a good society’</li><li>2. <b>Pam Lowe</b> (Aston), ‘“Our families did that”: Experiences of stigma in a deprived community’</li><li>3. <b>Konstantina Davaki</b> (LSE), ‘Financial pressures and domestic violence in Greek families’ experiences’</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Sara Davies</b> (Bristol), ‘Work-related decision-making in couple households with children: a perspective on the impacts of Universal Credit’</li><li>2. <b>Ruth Cain</b> (Kent) ‘From respectability to responsibility: Single parent mothers and UK welfare reform’</li><li>3. <b>Eleanor Wilkinson</b> (Southampton), ‘All by myself? Single People and Housing Welfare Reform’</li></ol>

**Lunch: 12.45-1.45 pm (DLT3)**