

## PIERRE BOURDIEU and FIELD THEORY RESEARCH DAYS WITH MICHAEL GRENFELL



**21 November 2016** 



Venue: WHEREVER

9.00 - 9.30 **Arrival** 

9.30 - 11.00 Prof Michael Grenfell lecture:

Bourdieu and the Practice of Field Theory in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

This talk deals with the form, applications and evolution of Field Theory as developed by the French social philosopher Pierre Bourdieu. It begins by recapping what we know of Bourdieu's theory of practice and the part *field* plays in it. Examples are then quoted from Bourdieu's own analyses and applications of the approach in a range of topic areas. As illustration, a selection will be made from contemporary studies in such fields as culture and art, language, economics, journalism, education, music, philosophy, biography, religion, architecture, and literature. Finally, we shall consider the way that field theory has evolved in the 21st Century and the implications this has for methodology.

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee** 

## 11.20 - 12.30 What's changed since Bourdieu's day?

Prof Michael Grenfell in conversation with A/Prof Karl Maton Grenfell and Maton discuss the rise of field theory, how it compares to the more recent rise of Legitimation Code Theory (which builds on field theory) and what this can teach us about changes in the academy.

12.30 - 13.00 General Q&A

14.00 - 16.00 **Individual consultations with Prof Grenfell** (also available Tuesday) These sessions are for further in-depth discussion and/ or individual projects.

**Michael Grenfell** is one of the foremost experts on Pierre Bourdieu's field theory in the world. Grenfell first met Bourdieu in 1980 and worked with him on a number of projects, including three periods as visiting scholar at the École des Hautes Études in Paris. Grenfell has held Chair positions in Ireland, Scotland and England, and is currently based at the University of Southampton. He is author of *Bourdieu: Agent provocateur* (Continuum, 2004), *Art Rules: Bourdieu and the Visual Arts* (Berg, 2007, with C.Hardy), *Bourdieu, Language and Linguistics* (Continuum, 2007), *Bourdieu: Key Concepts* (Routledge, 2012), *Pierre Bourdieu* (Bloomsbury, 2014), and *Bourdieu and Data Analysis* (Lang, 2014, with F. Lebaron). He is currently preparing books on *Bourdieu and Reflexivity* and a summative statement, *Bourdieusian Meditations*.

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