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**2017 Scottish Graduate School of Social Science Student Led Symposium
Survival Strategies for the Modern PhD Student**

Thursday 20th 12:30pm–6:30pm to Friday 21st April 9am–3pm
Hugh Fraser Seminar Room, Wolfson Medical School Building, University of Glasgow

**Keynote Speaker: Professor Steve Yearley
School of Social & Political Science: University of Edinburgh**

Can academic 'engagement' be enjoyable and can one prevent it becoming a new euphemism for marketing and self-promotion?

Description: Engagement, participation and stakeholder involvement have become mainstream over the last twenty years. They are now as likely to be an obligation as an aspiration. In this talk I want to reflect on my experiences with engagement – during and after the research process, with policy organisations, with community groups and with public audiences (at festivals, zoos and theatres). I hope to highlight the trends which are leading engagement to become routinised, and to suggest ways to avoid the routines and to promote rewarding forms of engagement.

**Special Contribution: Professor Rowena Murray
School of Education: University West of Scotland**

This Writing Workshop will include writing to prompts, 'snack' writing, analysing academic writing, writing an abstract/summary, using prompts in series, outlining and writing groups, micro-groups and retreats. This will be a practical session, involving writing activities and discussions of how these activities can contribute to the writing of theses, journal articles and other texts. Participants are encouraged to bring laptops to this workshop – if you have one – although it's not a requirement.

Topics

**Activism & Academia
Writing Strategies**

**Unpacking the Academic Job Advert
Internships**

**Dealing with Supervision
Surviving the Viva**

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DINNER EVENT open to all delegates Thursday 20th April 6:30pm-9pm at Siempre Bicycle Café.

The event is free to PhD students studying at a Scottish university and it is organized by the SGSSS student representatives. Fifty places available on a first come, first served basis: Registration essential via [Eventbrite](#). Lunch, coffee/teas, dinner (20th) & Breakfast, coffee/teas and lunch (21st) provided for delegates.

Accommodation grant available up to £60 for Thursday 20th April only. Travel expenses paid (public transport within Scotland only). For further information and to record access or dietary requirements please email: sgssosci@gmail.com