HERMENEUTIC PHENOMENOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

Thursday 6 April, 2017
At the University of Central Lancashire

"To put oneself on a journey, to experience, means to learn”
(Heidegger 1971, p. 143).

We are delighted to invite you to this joint venture between the University of Central Lancashire and Robert Gordon University.

We hope that you can join us in a one-day hermeneutic phenomenology symposium.
This event is for post-graduate research students, researchers and academics working within health and social care. It is an exciting opportunity to listen to experienced researchers who have used a hermeneutic phenomenological approach to a) highlight some of the challenges in undertaking this type of study and b) to demonstrate how philosophical concepts can be applied to illuminate meaning within health and social care related research projects. A panel discussion will also be held to provide opportunities for further questioning and elaboration.

Speakers:

**Dr Bridget Taylor**  
Oxford Brookes University, Oxford.  
Using Heidegger’s philosophy to understand experiences of sexuality and intimacy in life-limiting illness.

**Dr Lesley Kay**  
Kingston University and St. George’s University, London.  
Engaging with the ‘modern birth story’ in pregnancy: everydayness, absorption and the ‘idle talk’ of birth.

**Dr Lesley Dibley**  
King’s College, London.  
Kinship stigma in inflammatory bowel disease: Challenges of enacting hermeneutic phenomenology.

**Dr Karen Wright**  
University of Central Lancashire, Preston.  
Using Merleau Ponty’s existentials in a study on patients with eating disorders and their care workers.

**Dr Maria Healy**  
Queen’s University, Belfast.  
Solicitude of postnatal care.

**Dr Fiona Work**  
Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen.  
Language of death: the significance of words.

Panel will be hosted by:

**Dr Gill Thomson**  
Senior Research Fellow, Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit  
University of Central Lancashire, Preston.  
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**Dr Susan Crowther**  
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Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen.  
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Symposium Booking and Enquiries:

The hermeneutic phenomenology symposium will take place at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston. The fee for the one-day event is £75.00 which includes refreshments (tea and coffee), and lunch. Local accommodation details can be accessed via our website (www.uclan.ac.uk/conferences).

Please note there are a limited number of places available for the symposium event, and booking should be made by 28th February, 2017. Details of the event and campus location will be issued prior to the event.

For participants of the proceeding three-day hermeneutic phenomenology methodology course (3rd to 5th April, 2017) this symposium is part of this event and does not incur extra cost.

For queries please contact: Liz Roberts, UCLan Conference and Events HealthConferences@uclan.ac.uk 01772 892650, or visit the website www.uclan.ac.uk/conferences

To book a place, please complete the online booking form on the www.uclan.ac.uk/conferences - online card payment option available at time of booking, or other payment options are listed on the website.