



Call for Papers: Intersectionality and Social Justice: A Symposium for Early Career Academics

W/C 2nd November 2026 - TBC

Church Lane Building, University of York

Intersectionality and Social Justice: New Challenges, New Directions

How can intersectional thinking help us understand and respond to today's most pressing social challenges?

At a time of growing debates around diversity, equity and inclusion, political polarisation, decolonisation, AI and algorithmic bias, and questions of voice, representation and belonging, intersectional approaches remain vital for understanding inequality and advancing social justice.

The University of York invites doctoral researchers and early career academics to submit abstracts for a one-day interdisciplinary symposium exploring the future of intersectional scholarship, research, and practice.

This symposium offers a supportive environment to present work-in-progress, share ideas, discuss methodological and theoretical challenges, and connect with scholars working across disciplines.

We welcome contributions on topics including:

- Intersectionality and social justice
- Race, gender, class, sexuality, disability, and identity
- Belonging, inclusion, and exclusion
- Decolonial, feminist, and critical perspectives
- Organisations, workplaces, and institutions
- Health, education, and social policy
- Activism, advocacy, and social change
- AI, technology, and algorithmic bias
- Methodological and conceptual innovations
- Applying intersectionality in research, teaching, and practice

Submission information

We invite abstracts of up to 250 words for:

- 15-minute research presentations
- Research posters
- Roundtable discussions

Please include your name, institution, career stage (PhD researcher or ECR), and preferred presentation format. Please send abstracts as a Word document to: juliet.kele@york.ac.uk

Deadline: 13th September 2026

The symposium is free to attend.

We particularly encourage submissions from researchers from underrepresented backgrounds and those working across disciplinary boundaries.

Join us to help shape the next generation of intersectional scholarship.