

## Department of Social Work and Social Care Seminar

### Social Work, Neoliberalism and Neo-eugenics

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

This seminar will present a critical analysis of the intersection between neoliberalism and social work, with a focus on contemporary trends and debates. It is argued that the current crisis in neoliberal economics is spurring a new political consensus on welfare and of welfare recipients. This is built around a three-pronged strategy:

1. A sustained attack on progressive sociological critiques of power and oppression;
2. A diminishing of focus on poverty and the damaging effects of structural inequalities
3. An uncritical embrace of 'an increasingly political biology' in the guise of 'epigenetics', which seeks to link environmental factors to gene expression.

The seminar will discuss the social and political implications of these trends, which should be a matter of concern for all social workers.

**Time:** 5.30pm - 7pm  
(Registration and refreshments from 5pm)

**Venue:** Kingston University Frank Lampl Building FL1027  
Kingston Hill, KT2 7LB

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### **Biography:**

Dr Gurnam Singh is currently Principal Lecturer in Social Work at Coventry University, Visiting Professor of Social Work, Chester University and Visiting Fellow in Race and Education, University of Arts, London. Prior to entering academia in 1993, he worked as a professional social worker and community activist in Bradford, where he grew up before moving to Coventry University in 1993. He has presented over 100 papers at national and international conferences, many as an invited keynote speaker. His research

### **Forthcoming seminars**

8 November 2017	Professor Jill Manthorpe, Kings College London Adult Safeguarding
29 November 2017	Professor John Seddon, Vanguard Consulting Fixing broken systems in housing and social care
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