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**REMINDER: 17TH AHSN COLLOQUIUM, UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA, HOBART, SATURDAY 19 - SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2011 -- ADMIN DEADLINE FOR EARLYBIRD REGISTRATIONS IMPENDING**

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**URGENT NOTE:** Because of the Christmas University Break, to ensure your Registration qualifies for Early-Bird rates, it needs to be received before the Christmas closure which begins at University of Sydney on **17 December**. All registrations received by this date will be valid for Early-Bird rates, although receipts may not be issued until after resumption of business on 10 January 2011. If you wish to receive a pre-Christmas receipt, please send in your Registration **WITHOUT DELAY BY MONDAY 13 DECEMBER**.

Registration at non-concesssional rates will remain open **UNTIL FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY**.

To download and complete the Registration form, please visit the AHSN website. Visit Events and follow the links for **Registration and Information on Travel and Accommodation options**. Return registrations as indicated, by email, fax or postal mail to me at University of Sydney.

Our trusty Convenor, Daryl Peebles [daryl.peebles@bigpond.com](mailto:daryl.peebles@bigpond.com) welcomes your further enquiries directly to him in Hobart. **Thank you Daryl!**

I have **two changes in the posted Program** to draw to your attention:

1. Posted Abstracts now include (as they always should have - sincere apologies to Maren and Bruce): Mrs Maren Rawlings and Dr Bruce Findlay, Psychology, Swinburne University of Technology, "Humour about the Self: Enhancing/defeating or Deprecating?"
2. Sadly, Dr Mark Rolfe has had to withdraw for medical reasons (he promises to be better as soon as we have concluded the Colloquium). We wish Mark all the best for a swift recovery.

The Review Panel resolved to fill Mark's (sizeable) vacant shoes by inviting Maxwell Walkley (French and Mediaeval Studies, University of Sydney) to present on the issue of racial joking in the Middle Ages, in a paper entitled "Simplistic fabliaux: Lighthearted amusement or comic aggression?". I'm delighted to say that Max has agreed to join us at short notice.

I hope the full updated Timetable with details of all Abstracts and Presenters will be posted on the website before the Christmas break. If not, please check in January for further details.

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**11th INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL AND SYMPOSIUM ON HUMOUR AND LAUGHTER FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS, TARTU, ESTONIAN 15-20 AUGUST 2011**

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<http://humoursummerschool.org/11/>

11th International Summer School and Symposium on Humour and Laughter at the Estonian Literary Museum, in Tartu, Estonia, August 15 - 20, 2011. Course Director: Professor Willibald Ruch, Local Organiser: Dr. Liisi Laineste

Faculty will include:

Professor Christie Davies (Department of Sociology, University of Reading, England)

Professor Willibald Ruch (Department of Psychology, University of Zurich, Switzerland)

Dr. Graeme Ritchie (Department of Computing Science, University of Aberdeen, Scotland)

Dr. Sharon Lockyer (School of Social sciences, Brunel University, London, UK)  
Professor Sven Svebak (Department of Neuroscience, Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim, Norway)  
Professor Arvo Krikmann (Department of Folkloristics, Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia)  
Professor Seppo Knuuttila (Department of Folkloristics, University of Joensuu / Eastern Finland, Finland)  
Dr. Hab. Dorota Brzozowska (Department of Philology, University of Opole, Poland)  
Dr. Wladislaw Chlopicki (Department of English Philology, Jagiellonian University, Poland)  
Professor John Morreall (Religious Studies, College of William and Mary, USA)

**April 30 2011: deadline for early registration**

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**23RD ISHS CONFERENCE, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, USA, JULY 5-9, 2011**

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THE 2011 ISHS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS FROM JULY 5TH TO JULY 9TH.  
REGISTRATION BEGINS ON-LINE ON 15 JANUARY 2011. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS 1 MARCH 2011.** MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE: [WWW.BU.EDU/COM/HUMOR](http://WWW.BU.EDU/COM/HUMOR).  
INQUIRIES CAN BE SENT TO THE CONFERENCE CONVENOR, PATRICE OPPLIGER, AT: ISHSINFO.BU.EDU

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**REQUEST FOR TESTING ASSISTANCE BY DR GRAEME RITCHIE, UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN**

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GRAEME RITCHIE, WHO RESEARCHES COMPUTING, LINGUISTICS AND JOKE CONSTRUCTION, WRITES TO REPORT ON PROGRESS WITH HIS GRANT-FUNDED PROJECT TO TEACH JOKE-CONSTRUCTION TO LEARNING-DISABLED CHILDREN: "OUR JOKING SOFTWARE IS NOW READY FOR DOWNLOADING TO YOUR OWN PC. IN FACT, I'D BE KEEN TO HAVE SOMEONE (OUTSIDE OUR PROJECT TEAM) TRY TO DOWNLOAD IT AND INSTALL IT TO SEE IF OUR INSTRUCTIONS (AND THE SOFTWARE) MAKE SENSE. SO FEEL FREE TO HELP YOURSELF AT: [HTTP://WWW.ABDN.AC.UK/JOKINGCOMPUTER/DOWNLOAD.SHTML](http://WWW.ABDN.AC.UK/JOKINGCOMPUTER/DOWNLOAD.SHTML)

I'D BE VERY INTERESTED IN ANY FEEDBACK ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OR (IN)COMPREHENSIBILITY OF THE PROCEDURE FOR GETTING THE SOFTWARE.

GRAEME

[IF YOU JUST WANT TO TRY THE SOFTWARE WITHOUT DOWNLOADING AND INSTALLING, THERE IS A WEB VERSION AVAILABLE AT THE SITE AS WELL.]  
PLEASE EMAIL GRAEME DIRECT WITH YOUR COMMENTS AT: [G.RITCHIE@ABDN.AC.UK](mailto:G.RITCHIE@ABDN.AC.UK)

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**24TH CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR APPLIED & THERAPEUTIC HUMOR, BUENA VISTA PALACE HOTEL & SPA, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, APRIL 7-10, 2011**

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AATH CONFERENCES FOCUS ON CURRENT SCIENTIFIC HUMOR RESEARCH , AS WELL AS APPLICATIONS OF HUMOR IN CORPORATE, HEALTH CARE, AND EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS. THE THEME OF THE 2011 AATH CONFERENCE IS *HUMOR, HEALTH, AND HAPPINESS: A LAUGHTER MATTER.*

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE BUENA VISTA PALACE HOTEL & SPA. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE AATH CONFERENCE PAGE AT:

[WWW.AATH.ORG/CONFERENCE.HTM](http://WWW.AATH.ORG/CONFERENCE.HTM)

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**LAUGHTER AND HUMOR IN INTERACTION CONFERENCE, EMERSON COLLEGE, BOSTON, JUNE 23–24, 2011**

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PRESENTATIONS WILL ADDRESS TOPICS SUCH AS THE SEQUENTIAL ORGANIZATION OF LAUGHTER, LAUGHABLES AND HUMOR IN EVERYDAY TALK, AND HOW LAUGHING AND HUMOR-RELATED ACTIONS SHAPE IDENTITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS. **PAPERS, ABSTRACTS, AND PANEL PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2011.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE AT:

[WWW.EMERSON.EDU/ACADEMICS/PROFESSIONAL-STUDIES/COURSES-AND-WORKSHOPS/LAUGHTER-AND-HUMOR-CONFERENCE](http://WWW.EMERSON.EDU/ACADEMICS/PROFESSIONAL-STUDIES/COURSES-AND-WORKSHOPS/LAUGHTER-AND-HUMOR-CONFERENCE).

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**CALL FOR PAPERS FOR A BOOK ON PROTEST AND POLICING, TO INCLUDE HUMOUR STUDIES PERSPECTIVES**

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COURTESY OF AHSN MEMBER DR PAUL JEWELL OF FLINDERS UNIVERSITY, YOU MIGHT LIKE TO NOTE:

**TITLE:** POLICE AND PROTESTERS: MOTIVES AND RESPONSES

**EDITORS:** DR. NATHAN WISE, DR. ALYCE MCGOVERN, DR. JENNY WISE

**DETAILS:** PROPOSALS ARE CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COLLECTION OF SCHOLARLY PAPERS ON THE MOTIVES AND RESPONSES OF POLICE AND PROTESTERS IN OCCURRENCES OF SOCIAL ACTION. THE PROPOSED COLLECTION WILL CONTAIN A COLLECTION OF PERSONAL ACCOUNTS, ANALYSES OF HISTORICAL AND/OR CURRENT EVENTS, AND OTHER EXPERIENCES IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE MOTIVES, PROCEDURES/PRACTICES AND OUTCOMES IN SUCH SITUATIONS FROM BOTH THE PERSPECTIVES OF PROTESTERS AND POLICE. IN TERMS OF 'MOTIVES', SUBMISSIONS SHOULD PRIMARILY CONSIDER WHAT MOTIVATES PEOPLE TO USE DIFFERENT FORMS OF SOCIAL ACTION AS A MEANS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, NOT NECESSARILY WHAT ISSUES (EG: CLIMATE CHANGE, WAR) MOTIVATES THEM TO TAKE SUCH ACTION IN THE FIRST PLACE (HOWEVER, THESE OTHER FACTORS MAY STILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE PAPER). ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ANY DISCIPLINE ARE WELCOME.

IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY PROTESTERS AND PROTEST GROUPS ARE WELL ORGANISED AND PREPARED FOR CONFRONTATIONS. YET THERE IS ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL BODY OF ACADEMIC WORK ON PROTESTS FROM EITHER THE PERSPECTIVE OF PROTESTERS OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THIS COLLECTION SEEKS TO EXTEND UPON THIS LITERATURE. OUR OBJECTIVES ARE TO DOCUMENT THROUGH A SERIES OF CASE STUDIES OF DIFFERENT SITUATIONS WHAT MOTIVATES PEOPLE TO UNDERTAKE DIFFERENT FORMS OF SOCIAL ACTION, WHAT OUTCOMES THEY SEEK TO ACHIEVE IN PROTESTS, AND HOW THEY SEEK TO ACHIEVE THESE OUTCOMES.

EXAMPLES OF TOPICS OF INTEREST INCLUDE:

- HUMOUR AND SOCIAL ACTION;
- POPULAR (MASS) SOCIAL ACTION;
- TRANSPORT BLOCKADES;
- NON-VIOLENT ACTION;
- MUSIC AND SOCIAL ACTION;
- DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY;
- MEDIA AND SOCIAL ACTION;

**PLEASE SUBMIT A 1-2 PAGE PROPOSAL BY 1 FEBRUARY, 2011.**

AUTHORS SHOULD ALSO ATTACH A BRIEF (1-PAGE MAX) BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY.  
PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES AND PROPOSALS VIA EMAIL TO DR. NATHAN WISE,  
DR. ALYCE MCGOVERN AND DR. JENNY WISE AT [PPMRPROJECT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PPMRPROJECT@GMAIL.COM)

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BEST WISHES FOR THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
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