



## Information for participants

### BSPS Conference 2023: Keele University 11-13 September

#### General information:

**Travel from Stoke on Trent or Crewe:** Stoke on Trent is the nearest train station. From there, you can either take a cab or a bus. Cabs at the station are more expensive than mini cabs. We advise either pre-booking or booking on arrival with either ABC Supreme: [www.abcsupreme.co.uk](http://www.abcsupreme.co.uk) or Rosevilles: <https://rosevilletaxis.co.uk/> (01782 631234). Anticipated cost is £20. If arriving at Manchester airport, a pre-booked cab from Roseville will cost approx. £60, which may be the most cost-effective solution. Buses are approximately every half hour from outside each station, although there are NO buses from Crewe to Keele on Sundays. Bus timetables:

From Stoke on Trent: [25 - Hanley \(City Centre\) - Newcastle - Keele University – First Potteries – bustimes.org](http://25-Hanley(CityCentre)-Newcastle-KeeleUniversity-FirstPotteries-bustimes.org)

From Crewe: [85 - Nantwich - Newcastle – D & G Bus – bustimes.org](http://85-Nantwich-Newcastle-D&GBus-bustimes.org) (not Sunday)

**Campus & sessions:** All Conference sessions are in Chancellor's (1 on campus map). A campus map can be found at the end of this information document. Plenaries are in the Westminster Theatre (ground floor) & session rooms are on the ground & first floors.

**Accommodation** is in Barnes Hall. **Keys for bedrooms** are available from the University reception in the foyer of Chancellor's: Sunday 10th September - 13:00hrs - 20:00hrs; Monday 11th September - 13:00hrs - 22:00hrs; Tuesday 12th September - 13:00hrs - 22:00hrs. If arriving after these times, bedroom keys should be picked up from 24-hour security in Darwin (2 on map). Please check out by 9.30am on the day of departure & do not forget to return your room key to the University reception. Any keys not returned are charged for.

**Conference meals & breaks:** Breakfast on all days is in the Atrium of Chancellor's, as is the evening meal on Monday. Refreshment breaks & lunches are in the large open space in Chancellor's. The entire ground floor is for BSPS use during the Conference. The evening meal on Tuesday is in Keele Hall Banqueting suite (12). NB: all lunches are included in registration charges. Evening meals are included in 24-hour packages but must be paid for separately in advance if required by day delegates.

There are water fountains throughout the campus. Please bring a refillable bottle.

**Sunday arrivals** are advised to bring food for the evening. There are shops on campus, but we cannot guarantee they will be open all day on a Sunday.

**Parking:** Free car parking is available on site, but you need to pre-register at:

<https://keelevms.firstparking.co.uk/Event/Register/?ID=RiZDMHikUGVyXnx0RiZDMHikUGVyKnx0MjAxMjE5ODFGJkMwciRQJHJtfHRGJkMwciRQZSRtfHQyMDEyMTk4MRhaBahNunPAjkh2Y140mOB%2F%2BGm8XsGHR9IctIYuXQ9y>

So that Keele's numberplate recognition system knows not to fine you.

**Conference registration:** In Chancellor's foyer from 10.30am on Monday. The registration desk will be staffed throughout the Conference. Any queries or problems that arise during the Conference should initially be taken up with the registration desk who will also be happy to help with any accommodation problems not resolved with Keele. Please report any problems with session rooms urgently.

**Poster session & drinks reception:** from 6.30 – 8.00pm on Monday 11 September in Chancellor's open space. You are encouraged to make time to look at the posters, which will be on display throughout the Conference. However, presenters will only be with their posters to discuss them during the poster session itself. All Conference participants are warmly invited to the reception.

**Wireless access:** This is free on campus but requires a log-in, available from the Conference registration desk if you are not on Eduroam. If arriving early, ask when picking up your room keys.

**Tweeting:** Delegates are encouraged to tweet during Conference. Please tweet @bspsUK using the hashtag #bsps2023. Presenters should make it clear at the start of their presentation if they do not want their findings tweeted.

**Badges:** please wear throughout the Conference for security & catering purposes. If you lose your badge, the Conference registration desk will be happy to replace it. **BSPS Council members can be identified by red badge lanyards.**

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**Bedrooms** are all single ensuite rooms with showers. They are arranged in flats with lifts to all floors. **Each flat also has a kitchen with tea & coffee making facilities for your use.** Towels are provided. There will be soap & coat hangers. Televisions, radios, alarm clocks, hairdryers & toiletries are not provided.

**Special diets & allergies:** Specific dietary requirements, allergies etc should have been advised in advance on the booking form. If in any doubt, please check with the staff in the dining room. At dinner, you will need to tell staff if you are vegetarian, vegan, or have advised any allergies.

**Campus bar:** The bar in Chancellor's will be open from 8.00pm until 11.00pm. On Tuesday evening there will be a bar in Keele Hall from 8.00pm until midnight.

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## Information for presenters.

**Oral presentations:** Please bring your presentation with you on your own device and load onto the session room computer in advance of your session or right at the start of the session. All session

rooms have computer, screen, & data projector. Try booting down & up again first if any problems, but session rooms will have a contact number in case of any problems.

Sessions are 90 minutes in duration, except for one two-hour time slot on Wednesday morning. Presentations will vary in length, depending on the number scheduled in each session, but are most likely to be for 15 or 20 minutes. Your strand organiser or chair of session will confirm the length before the start of Conference. Please do not overrun your allotted time. Questions will either be after each presentation or collectively at the end of the session. This is at the discretion of session chairs. It is acceptable for audience members to switch between sessions, although please do so with consideration & preferably between presentations.

**Please do NOT log off any session room computers at the end of your session or at the end of the day.**

**Posters:** Presenters should stand with their posters for the duration of the poster session. Poster boards are A0 size, portrait (841 by 1189 millimetres or 33.1 by 46.8 inches). Each poster will be allocated one side of a board. Portrait orientation only. Velcro fixings will be provided. Please ensure your poster is in place by 6.30pm on Monday 11 September. There will be a prize (which may be split) of £100 in gift vouchers for the best poster(s) at least half of which will be for a student poster.

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**Programme:** The provisional programme is updated on the BSPS Conference website at:

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/international-development/research/british-society-for-population-studies/annual-conference>

The final version will be in the printed programme in Conference packs & will include session room number. Session rooms are on the ground & first floor & will be signposted.

**Abstracts** are posted to the Conference website & will not be available in printed form.

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### **Emergency contact numbers:**

Keele Conference office +44 (0) 1782 733473

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**Code of conduct:** BSPS aims to provide a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion (or lack thereof). We do not tolerate harassment of conference participants in any form, nor disruption of any conference sessions. Sexual language and imagery are not appropriate in any conference sessions, or on related Twitter feeds and other online media. Please report any instances of unacceptable behaviour to the Secretariat at [pic@lse.ac.uk](mailto:pic@lse.ac.uk) or the Conference registration desk.

# Keele Campus Map



## Key

- Pay and Display Car Park
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