Call for Applications: Workshop on Advancing the Understanding of Everyday Financial Risk through Intersectionality

7th – 8th November 2024, Goldsmiths University of London

This interdisciplinary workshop will bring together scholars from diverse disciplines who research different experiences of financial risk in everyday life, including (but not limited to) across the axes of gender, race and socio-economic status. In many countries, the extent of financial risk faced by people in their everyday life is increasing, as public welfare systems are rolled back with individuals expected to manage shocks such as unemployment, ill health, and retirement through financial products, including insurance plans, pension schemes, mortgages and investments. There is a growing awareness that the increasing individual responsibility to manage financial risk leads to unequal outcomes, yet the intersectional dimensions of who is exposed to financial risk in their everyday lives, and the consequences of this exposure, remain underexplored. The workshop will help to advance the understanding of intersectional experiences and consequences of financialization. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Debt and credit
- Pension provision
- Investment and asset accumulation
- Student debt
- Housing
- Practices of financial management
- Other engagements with forms of financial risk in everyday life

The workshop will (a) provide the foundation for generating a policy brief on these topics and (b) lead to the publication of a collection of papers as a special issue in a journal such as Finance and Society, for those interested in contributing.

Early career and mid-career scholars, as well as more established scholars, from diverse disciplinary backgrounds and internationally based are encouraged to apply. We have limited travel stipends for scholars who may not have institutional funding to be able to attend the workshop. If you want to be considered for a travel stipend, please note this when sending your application. For further information and inquiries, please contact us.

To apply to the workshop, please submit an abstract of the research you would like to present (up to 200 words) and a motivation statement for your application, explaining why you would like to join the workshop (up to 200 words) to h.james1@aston.ac.uk

Workshop participants will be expected to share their work and read others’ beforehand so that the workshop is dedicated to in-depth discussions. However, we do not require fully written papers and will provide information about potential formats for sharing work in progress.

The deadline for applications is July 1st 2024. Successful candidates will be notified by the end of June 2024. The workshop is organised by Ariane Agunsoye, Kate Padgett Walsh and Hayley James, and is funded by the ISRF Flexible Grants for Small Groups Awards (FG10).