



## **The Association for Photography in Higher Education**

Summer Conference, 11-13 July 2018

We are delighted to announce that this year's conference will be hosted by  
University of South Wales, Cardiff

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

#### **DOCUMENTARY AT A DISTANCE: ARCHIVE, TECHNOLOGY AND FICTION**

Documentary holds a privileged position in relation to history and claims of truthfulness. But what does documentary mean in relation to our Post Truth era, when appeals to emotion and personal beliefs are more persuasive than facts?

The discourse of documentary has been dominated by assumptions of neutrality, objectivity and sobriety and a sidelining of the subjective, fictional, and imaginative. But it seems increasingly difficult to now uphold the view that documentary simply shows things how they are. There is no unmediated record.

Reflecting upon the ways in which events need to be put into stories to be understood, Jacques Rancière has claimed that "The real must be fictionalized in order to be thought". In contemporary documentary the distance or gap between the real and the imaginary allows for a more productive engagement from the spectator. More than ever before in a Post Truth environment we are asked to confront our presuppositions and engage in conflicting narratives.

**Confirmed speakers:** Daniel Blaufuks, Lisa Barnard, Mark Durden, Dragana Jurisic, Simon Menner and Edgar Martins

**Call for Papers:** For this conference, we are inviting 20 minute presentations by practitioners or theorists who can be seen to have put traditional documentary at a distance through the inventive and imaginative ways in which they have engaged with: the memorialising role of archives; the transformative cultural impact of new technologies; the blurring of fact and fiction in visual narratives.

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All submissions must include:

- Name
- Institution(s)
- Title of paper

**Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words** and need to be emailed to [apheuk@gmail.com](mailto:apheuk@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 10 April 2018**.

If you have any questions on the conference theme, please contact [lisa.barnard@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:lisa.barnard@southwales.ac.uk) (on behalf of the organising committee). If you have any broader enquiries regarding APHE please contact [s.standing@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:s.standing@plymouth.ac.uk) (on behalf of the APHE Executive).