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‘Materialising the Future: Prediction, Measure and the Obesity Crisis’

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Date: Wednesday, 13 March, 2013

Time: 12:30-13:30

Location: Building 19 Room 2061

All Welcome

Light refreshments will be served



Abstract

In recent years, the ideal of progress understood to underpin Western capitalist societies has been questioned, and commentators from different perspectives predict a range of forthcoming economic, environmental and health crises. This paper focuses on one predicted crisis – obesity – and examines the ways in which the logic of this crisis simultaneously predicts a catastrophic future for overweight people and demands action in the present to intervene in and alter this diminished future.

Bio

Rebecca Coleman is Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Lancaster University, UK, where she teaches Media and Cultural Studies, Sociology and Gender Studies. Her research interests are in materiality, visual and sensory culture, time and futures, and inventive methodologies.

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