



# The SVDV Research Network Website ..... promote your work

December 2015 has also seen the launch of the SVDV research network website.

This has been developed following a successful application to the research department within the Business and Law Faculty and we are very grateful for their support. The site is managed by IT staff within HLS, alongside Vanessa and Sarah from the SVDV group. It remains a "work in progress", but we hope you'll agree that it's looking pretty impressive already and many thanks to Dr Jonathan Coope for getting us to where we are to date.

There are links to the SVDV website embedded into various points on the main DMU website, but SVDV members, professional partners and interested parties can also access it directly from [www.svdv.org.uk](http://www.svdv.org.uk)

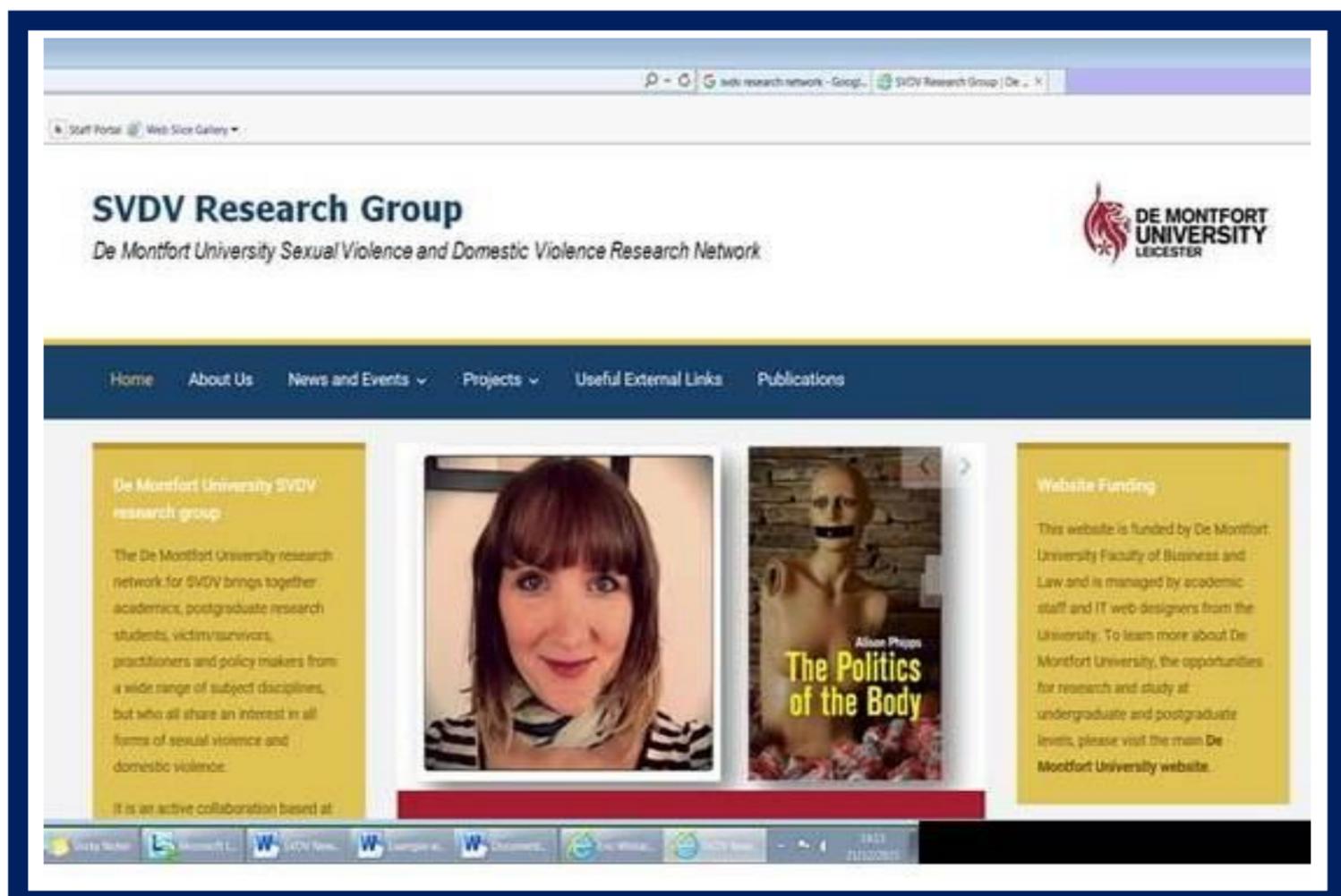
The SVDV website provides news on the research network's activities past, present and future. We are also building project pages for relevant work which has been undertaken by SVDV members. This provides a great opportunity for the wider dissemination of research undertaken by DMU staff.

It will also serve as a strong showcase of interdisciplinary expertise in a range of relevant areas when pursuing future projects and funding bids.

We know that there are other projects which we can include on the site, but of course will not do so without your permission. We will be in touch early in the New Year with a number of you in this regard, but please do also contact us if you have a project page idea, large or small which would be relevant for the SVDV to promote.

Similarly we are developing a publications page. Ideally this is a space to highlight the relevant work published by SVDV members either as sole authors or as part of an academic and/or professional collaboration. Where electronic links can be made to the publication source or we are able to upload a link to a pdf without infringing any copy right permissions that would be great. Again this can be utilised to promote the diversity and strength of the network's portfolio.

Please do think about whether you have any suitable material and again we will be in touch about this further early in the New Year.



## “ Lad Culture ” and Sexual Violence in Higher Education

*SVDV Research Seminar Series by  
Dr Alison Phipps*

*University of Sussex | 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

This seminar workshop explored sexism, sexual harassment and violence at UK universities and the phenomenon of ‘lad culture’, which has been exposed by the NUS ‘That’s What She Said’ report 2014 and other research. ‘Lad culture’ is defined as a set of behaviours characterised by sexist banter and competitive sexual activity drawing upon normative gender roles and expectations. Issues around ‘lad culture’ and the problematic nature of using such a term were explored via a short presentation and interactive discussion, with a particular focus on actions which could be taken by managers, staff and students in future.



The event was well attended by a broad range of DMU staff and further research and strategic activities exploring the significance of this topic at a local level will be emerging in 2016.

**Dr Alison Phipps** is co-author of the 2013 NUS report on lad culture entitled ‘That’s What She Said’, and is Director of Gender Studies at the University of Sussex. Her work focuses on the politics of gender and the body, in particular debates in the areas of violence, ‘deviance’, education, and health.

<https://genderate.wordpress.com/ladculture>

## Paedophilia, child sexual abuse, theatrical contributions to topical debates

*Forthcoming Research Seminar:  
co-hosted by the De Montfort University Media School and the SVDV Research Network*

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 | Hawthorn room 1.05 | 1 – 2.30pm

Paedophilia and child sexual abuse in drama and theatre cases of historical or current child sex abuse, often used synonymously with, or at least in conjunction with paedophilia, have been making headlines in the media on an almost daily basis for quite some time. Theatre plays can help understand the complexity of the issue, in terms of victim, perpetrator, family members of both, and therapy. This seminar presentation focuses on selected plays to establish their important contribution to the topical debate.



**Professor Daniel Meyer-Dinkgräfe** studied English and Philosophy at the Universität Düsseldorf. In 1994 he obtained his PhD from the University of London. From 1994 to 2007, he was Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Theatre, Film and Television Studies, University of Wales Aberystwyth.

Since October 2007 he has been Professor of Drama at the Lincoln School of Performing Arts, University of Lincoln. He has numerous publications on the topic of Theatre and Consciousness to his credit, and is founding editor of the peer-reviewed web-journal *Consciousness, Literature and the Arts* and the book series of the same title with Brill | Rodopi.



## The European Domestic Violence Conference

Queen’s University  
Belfast 6-9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Members of the SVDV network represented De Montfort University at the EDVC in September 2015. The presented papers included observations on the challenges of new legal provisions for offences of coercion and control relating to domestic violence and cross border cooperation in managing serious violent or sexual offenders who are mobile across the European Union.

The conference was attended by a vast number of international academics, policy makers and practitioner delegates.

# Research Opportunities for Students and Staff

Annette Crisp from the CCJ Division has launched a new CCJ programme initiative which will engage undergraduate students in research activities working alongside staff on specific projects. The students will be able to utilise their experiences for their final year dissertations at undergraduate level, with opportunities to progress further to publication where appropriate. Many of these students are interested in issues around SVDV.



The developments currently occurring within the SVDV network at a local DMU level following Alison Phipps seminar in July of this year, together with a number of external partners having recently expressed interest in research and evaluation being undertaken by the SVDV network are also likely to result in a number of research opportunities for staff and students in 2016. Once some further clarity has been established on the size and types of projects available and their timescales, we will be in touch again.

## And Finally.....

Just when you thought you weren't busy enough, we thought it might be time for another conference! Kate Scott from Leicester De Montfort Law School will assist us again as she did such a fantastic job with the IDVC in 2013!

The SVDV Network will be organising a conference for students, academics and practitioners in the autumn of 2016. A few ideas regarding partnership, theme and focus are already floating around, but any thoughts are most welcome.

### Contact

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A conference organisation group will be convened in early 2016.

Many thanks to Kate Scott who has taken over responsibility for the co-ordination of the SVDV newsletter. If you have items for future SVDV newsletters please contact Kate [klscott@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:klscott@dmu.ac.uk)

If you are interested in becoming a member of the SVDV network, please contact Sarah Hilder [shilder@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:shilder@dmu.ac.uk) or Vanessa Bettinson [vbettinson@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:vbettinson@dmu.ac.uk) for further information.