Dear Colleague,

The annual Accounting, Society and Environmental Research Group (ASE) workshop, is being held at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 3rd May 2017. ASE is a friendly, scholarly event bringing together researchers to present, discuss and debate their research projects in various stages of development. The workshop is intended as a forum to encourage research collaboration across institutions and disciplines and for the dissemination of research outputs. This research workshop is interdisciplinary and welcomes contributions from all disciplines interested in Accounting, Society or Environmental issues.

We call for papers that explore accounting and social impact through a critical lens. Contributors are encouraged to interpret this theme broadly, yet critically, including through applying diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives to a wide range of countries and regional settings. This workshop is also supported by a special issue in Critical Perspectives on Accounting Journal. Please note that participation in the conference and publication in the special issue are independent processes, and involvement in one should be viewed neither as a requisite condition nor an acceptance in relation to the other.

The submission deadline and registration for the ASE workshop is 25th January 2017. Manuscripts should be sent electronically (in a Word file format) to: a.paterson@hw.ac.uk & a.yonekura@hw.ac.uk

This event has been sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). There is no fee for participation or attendance in this workshop. Registration for the workshop can be made through the link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/accounting-society-and-the-environment-research-workshop-tickets-29814808896

Authors wishing to submit their article for consideration in the special issue must submit directly to the journal on or before the 3rd July 2017. Full paper submissions must be in accordance with Critical Perspectives on Accounting’s Guide for authors. All manuscripts will be subject to a double-blind review process and should be submitted via the CPA website: http://www.journals.elsevier.com/critical-perspectiveson-accounting

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Topics for the workshop include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The interplay between accounting and government in the context of various social developments.
- How accounting has defined, limited or supported the development of social organisations.
- The impact of particular accountings on the development or delivery of social services.
- How new systems of accounting and accountability are engendered within social organisations.
- The interplay between accounting, technical innovation and IT and the development of local government services, transportation, education, healthcare and charities.
- The impact of accounting practices in social organisations and in society as a sociopolitical construct.
- Accounting’s role in relation to the effectiveness of rational deployment of public funding as a means of solving broad social problems.
- The function of accounting practice within specific sociohistorical contexts.
- The social benefit of accounting in the everyday government of organisational activity.
- An investigation into the relationship between accounting and social organisations with regard to their shifting connections and interpretations.
- Actual and potential instances of accounting’s progressive social impact.

Summary of Key Dates:

- Paper submission to ASE: 25th January 2017
- Date of ASE Conference: 3rd May 2017
- Special Issue submission date: 3rd July 2017