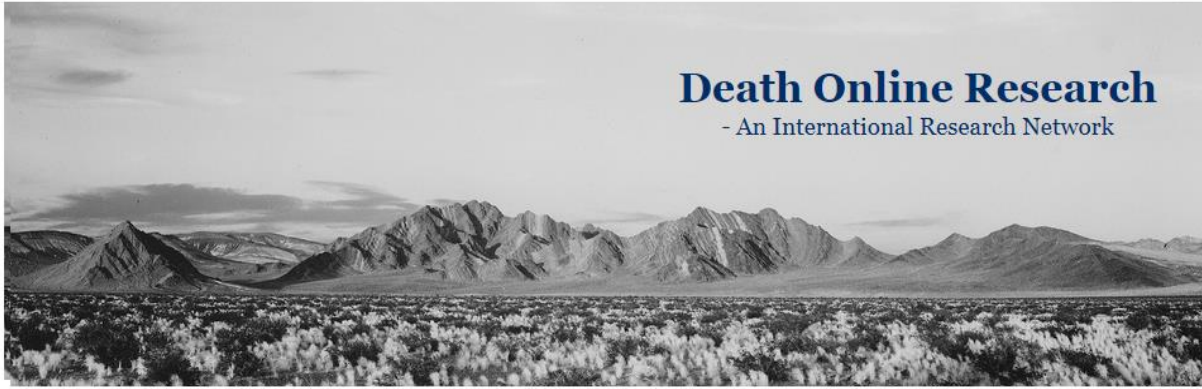


## Call for Papers



### **Death Online Research Symposium (DORS4): The University of Hull, UK, August 15 – 17 2018.**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the International **Death Online Research Network** will take place at The University of Hull, UK, August 15 – 17, 2018. It will consolidate links between existing and new network members and provide opportunities for the discussion of ongoing and new orientations in the interdisciplinary field of death online. The meeting will explore the ways in which online connectivity is changing how, when and where we engage with death and dying and how we invest death-related practices with meaning in the online environment. We warmly welcome new members to the network as well as old friends.

**Confirmed Keynote Addresses:  
Professor Charles Ess, University of Oslo, Norway**

**Dr Elaine Kasket, psychologist and author of forthcoming book:  
*All the Ghosts in the Machine***

### **Themes and perspectives of the symposium**

For this 4<sup>th</sup> Death Online Research Symposium we invite abstracts for oral presentations of new, recently completed, or ongoing research or ideas for future academic research on all kinds of death related online practices. We welcome qualitative and quantitative work which expands our understanding of the current and future trends in death online research from a variety of disciplines, addressing any of the following themes:

Digitally mediated dying and narrative  
Digitally mediated grieving and memorialising  
Death online and embodied experience  
Digital afterlife, post-mortem identity and digital legacy

Technological developments in the death care industry  
Digital immortality  
Online vs offline experiences  
Theorising online life and death  
Ethical challenges for studying death online.

The conference will host a special workshop for participating Post Graduate students and early career researchers. We particularly welcome submissions from these groups. All submissions will be peer-reviewed, and we envisage publication of selected full papers in a special issue of an academic journal in the field as well as a collection of writing from the symposium in an open-access online platform.

## **Important information**

Submission format: 300 word abstract

Submission deadline: March 15th, 2018

Submission feedback: April 15th, 2018

Registration open: May 1st, 2018

Registration fee: £125 (£75 students). This will cover morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch for the 3 days and conference dinner on day 2.

All submissions and enquiries should be submitted to Dr Jo Bell: [j.bell@hull.ac.uk](mailto:j.bell@hull.ac.uk) marked "Death Online Research Symposium Submission" in the subject field. Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words. Please include full contact info (name/s, institutional / organisational affiliation and email address) in the submission. Submissions will be anonymised before review.

The online registration and payment site will be open from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018. There will also be information available here for booking options for accommodation. You can stay on The University of Hull campus at The Courtyard for £50 per night (including breakfast) or £45 per night (excluding breakfast). We will make cheaper options such as 'air b & b' available where possible.

If you are interested in joining the **Death Online Research Network**, please contact Dr Stine Gotved: [gotved@itu.dk](mailto:gotved@itu.dk).