



British Society for Phenomenology

Job Title: Chair of the International Annual Symposium

About the British Society for Phenomenology (BSP)

The BSP is a not-for-profit organisation set up with the intention of promoting research and awareness in the field of phenomenology and other cognate arms of philosophical thought and practice. Currently, the society accomplishes these aims through its journal, essay prize, impact agenda, podcast, and events.

Job Summary:

The British Society for Phenomenology International Annual Symposium is a new endeavour by the society, inspired by the International Online Conference 2021 ('The Future as a Present Concern') where the BSP teamed up with another (non-UK based) philosophical society to host an event outside the UK (albeit virtually in 2021). Going forward, the Chair will look to convene a one day face-to-face symposium co-organised by the BSP and a phenomenological society in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, or the Americas. The format will be long papers by invited speakers from the BSP ExCo / membership, the host society, as well as within the field. The aim is to forge links with other phenomenological societies and promote a cultural and philosophical exchange of ideas and the work of the speakers involved. The Chair of the symposium project manages the process, convening and leading a team selected from the BSP and the other institutions involved. Supported by and working in to the Head of Engagement and Events, and alongside and with other members of the events team and BSP executive committee, the Chair will be responsible for overseeing and driving the key elements of the event process. This includes the selection process for the partnering society, theme, and speakers; encouraging registration by delegates; and delivering the event. The main objective over the tenure of this Chair will be to develop the symposium in line with their own vision from the initial scope set down here, establishing a vital annual event for the BSP beginning in 2023.

Role overview:

- The role holder should preferably be based in the UK (although we will consider other locations), and work / study in the field of phenomenology broadly construed.
- The role holder will be a member of the BSP; or commit to becoming a member upon taking up the role.

- The role holder will report directly in to and be supported by the Head of Engagement and Events for the preparatory year, then take on full leadership for the 2023 event.
- The role holder will become a member of the BSP [Executive Committee](#) (ExCo).
- The role holder should be prepared to commit to a standard ExCo four year tenure. However, they can step down anytime during their tenure with extenuating circumstances; the incumbent role holder can also re-apply for another four years once their tenure is up, if they so wish.
- This is an unpaid voluntary position. However, the role holder will have the opportunity of free attendance to the International Symposium and any other BSP events worldwide where they are part of that organising team, with all travel and accommodation costs reimbursed.

Responsibilities and duties:

- Lead and project manage the International Symposium.
- Ensure events principles and society values are upheld during every stage of the process.
- Engage other members of the events team and host university to deliver the International Symposium.
- Engage with other relevant members of the ExCo where necessary to deliver the event, such as the Technology Officer, Communications/Engagement Lead, Secretary, and Finance Officer.
- Where possible, help out on specific tasks as a team member with other Chairs in their events teams to deliver other BSP events such as the UK Annual Conference, the Online Conference, and the Manchester Winter Public Lecture.
- It is expected the role holder will attend the online AGM and quarterly ExCo meetings as far as possible unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- It is expected the role holder will give at least one paper at any BSP event during their four year tenure.

Further information:

For further information or to discuss any aspect of this role, please contact the Head of Engagement and Events, Dr David Deamer at contact@britishphenomenology.org.uk.

Application process:

To apply please send an email expressing your interest to the Head of Engagement and Events, Dr David Deamer at contact@britishphenomenology.org.uk. Your expression of interest should include the following information on one A4 page of a Word document:

- Name, current position, affiliation;
- The role for which you are applying (and if more than one role, just state your order of preference, do not make two separate applications);
- Your current BSP membership status, including if you have previously served on the ExCo (membership is not necessary to apply);
- A short paragraph by way of academic biography, foregrounding your interests and involvement in the field of phenomenology;
- A brief overview of any current skills in respect to the role/s for which you are applying;
- A short statement as to why you wish to take on the role.

Deadline and selection:

- The deadline for application is Sunday 17 October 2021.
- We will reply to all expressions of interest, and people who are shortlisted will attend a very friendly Zoom interview.
- Interviews will be conducted week commencing Monday 18 October 2021.