The Committee of the Postgraduate Forum (PGF) of the RGS-IBG invite proposals for sessions to be sponsored/co-sponsored by the PGF at the 2020 Annual International Conference of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

The RGS-IBG Annual International Conference will take place from Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th September 2020 at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London. The conference will be chaired by Professor Uma Kothari (University of Manchester), with the theme ‘Borders, borderlands and bordering’. More information can be found at: https://www.rgs.org/research/annual-international-conference/.

In keeping with the ethos of the Postgraduate Forum, we welcome proposals for creative, engaging and highly interactive sessions that are of equal benefit to the audience and presenter. We particularly encourage postgraduates to submit session proposals, however also welcome submissions from the wider geographical community. This is a great opportunity to organise a session and the Postgraduate Forum committee are happy to assist with the organisation of sessions should it be required.

Proposals for session sponsorship, or any questions, should be directed to Faye Shortland (fls318@student.bham.ac.uk) and Amy Walker (a.l.walker.1@pgr.bham.ac.uk) by 10th January 2020. Full guidelines for proposing and organising sessions can be found at: https://www.rgs.org/research/annual-international-conference/programme-(1)/guidance-for-session-organisers/.

Proposals should include:

(i) Title of session;
(ii) Name of co-sponsoring groups (if applicable);
(iii) Name, affiliation, and contact details for session convenors;
(iv) Abstract outlining the scope of the session (300 words maximum, excl. references);
(v) Indication (if known) of preferred organisation of the session (the more creative the better – see here for some suggested formats. Each session lasts for 1 hour and 40 minutes);
(vi) Indication of any non-standard arrangements.

We can confirm whether we can sponsor your session by mid-January 2020. If your session is accepted for sponsorship you must secure participants and complete the required paperwork by the 14th February at the latest (preferably earlier).

We look forward to receiving your session proposals.

Best wishes,

Faye Shortland (University of Birmingham) and Amy Walker (University of Birmingham) 
Annual Conference 2020 Session Organisers, RGS Postgraduate Forum Committee