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Welsh Policy and Politics in Unprecedented Times

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Austerity, further devolution of powers, issues such as an ageing population and climate change, and of course Brexit are all important conditions and events leading to **uncertainty, instability and an unprecedented situation in Welsh policy and politics**. These issues affect how and why policy is made and services are delivered. This is also an opportune time requiring reflection and analysis, where multiple stakeholders – ministers, civil servants, politicians, professionals, academics and citizens – are reviewing and redefining the purpose and outcomes of policy and politics in Wales.

This **one-day event** will bring together academics at all stages of their career as well as representatives from Welsh Government and civil society to discuss these questions, current and future practices, and opportunities for Welsh policy and politics.

Abstract submissions from academics and other Welsh policy stakeholders conducting research on these topics are invited by **28 February 2019**. Please send to: UnprecedentedWales2019@cardiff.ac.uk. Decisions on abstracts will be communicated at the beginning of March. PhD students and ECR submissions are encouraged and their attendance will be sponsored. Should you prefer to present a poster during the lunchtime session, please also contact us.

The day will be organised into **three panel sessions with paper presentations** (10-15 minutes for each presentation) followed by 10-15 minutes of discussion by a discussant, with questions and answers from the room. The panels will be focused around the following themes:

1. **Knowledge and evidence in Wales and its role in policy-making**
2. **Theories and methods in policy change: A Welsh and devolved perspective**
3. **The future of policy and politics in Wales**

There will also be a **lunchtime 'in conversation' session with Professor Jo Hunt and Dr Hugh Rawlings** discussing Brexit, the devolution of new powers to Wales, and the role that various Welsh policy stakeholders – government, the legislative powers, civil society and universities – can play.



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Professor Jo Hunt is Professor of Law in the Cardiff University School of Law and Politics. She researches aspects of regionalism and devolution in the European Union and was appointed as Senior Fellow under the ESRC's UK in a Changing Europe initiative.

Dr Hugh Rawlings is the Director of Constitutional Affairs and Inter-Governmental Relations in the Welsh Government. He has worked on devolution issues since 1997, including the policy issues reflected in the Government of Wales Acts 1998 and 2006 and the Wales Act 2017, as well as the devolution aspects of the legislation giving effect to the UK's withdrawal from the EU.