

CRITICAL POLICY DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

16th, 17th, 18th June 2026

PhD pre-conference: 15th June 2026

Sheffield, UK

CPDA 2026 - Call for Panels and Papers

This conference is the first international meeting dedicated to Critical Policy Discourse Analysis (CPDA). It brings together scholars who analyse policy texts and discourse from a critical perspective, with a particular interest in the CPDA approach, as well as closely related traditions in critical policy analysis, interpretive policy analysis, and cultural political economy.

We invite contributions that examine how policy problems, actors and solutions are discursively constructed; how power, ideology and inequality are reproduced or contested in and through policy discourse; and how policy texts are embedded in wider socio-economic

and political contexts. Proposals may focus on any policy sector, geographical context or methodological approach, provided they engage critically with policy discourse.

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Abstracts should be submitted by 3 April 2026.