

KPA Travel Bursary

The 12th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA) was held in Prague, Czech Republic on September 24-28th. As a first time attendee to an ESA Conference, I was pleasantly surprised at how many actual research areas this meeting was aiming to cover. The key sessions covered that were of relevance to my PhD, were the interplay between sustainability and energy consumption and sustainable practices and change. The theories of consumption session had several relevant talk to my PhD, including 'Tracing interactions with and over documents.' by Katarina Jacobsson. Having recently finished my field work, this talk was particularly complimentary of all the new skills learnt recently and reinforced how useful the available software; Data analysis tools suite, are to individuals throughout varying research paths. I presented my preliminary findings during the Sustainability and Energy Consumption session, highlighting the challenges doing research with undergraduates, the ways my research project has evolved and where is heading next. At the end of my presentation I received several relevant questions on the relevance of my work, data interpretation or on data analyses. Also during the conference I attended several poster presentations. Finally, I would like to thank KPA and EPSAM for the travel grant as it allowed me to experience an ESA conference first hand, and to widen my research horizons in such an amazing location!

