In this seminar from the School of Art & Design, artist Neil Brownsword examines the ceramic manufacturing histories and legacy of deindustrialisation in his native Stoke-on-Trent. Brownsword articulates a critique of globalization and its socio-economic impact on people, place and traditional industry.

**From:** Thursday 19 April 2018, 12 pm  
**To:** Thursday 19 April 2018, 2 pm  
**Location:** CHR2702, Nottingham Trent University, 50 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham NG1 4FQ,
Abstract

Artist Neil Brownsword examines the ceramic manufacturing histories and legacy of deindustrialisation in his native Stoke-on-Trent - a world renowned ceramic capital that has undergone significant change in recent decades. Using a research process which involves film, installation and performance, Brownsword articulates a critique of globalization and its socio-economic impact on people, place and traditional industry. He highlights in particular complex knowledge systems within ceramic manufacture, and their displacement through advanced technology and policies of outsourcing. Through this presentation, Brownsword reveals often overlooked forms of human intelligence within a rapidly disappearing culture of labour, and raises questions surrounding the relevance and sustainability industrial craft skills that remain an important aspect of Britain’s intangible cultural heritage.

Biography

Neil Brownsword is an artist, researcher and educator who holds Professorial positions at Bucks New University and University of Bergen, Norway. In 2009, he was awarded the inaugural British Ceramic Biennial Award, and the prestigious Grand Prize at the Gyeonggi International Ceramic Biennale, South Korea in 2015. His work is represented in public/private collections internationally, including the Victoria and Albert Museum, Korea Ceramic Foundation, Yingee Ceramic Museum Taiwan and Fu Le International Ceramic Art Museum China.

Further Information

The seminar will be hosted by Pip Spoerry, Head of Visual Arts, in the Chaucer Building, room CHR2702

- 12:00 - Refreshments
- 12:30 - Seminar begins
- 13:30 - Questions and discussion

Attendance at this event is free. For any queries, please contact Dr Iryna Kuksa

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