

## Reactivating the post-industrial landscape of North Staffordshire and its associated histories through contemporary art practice

**Speaker:** Professor Neil Brownsword

Professor in Ceramics and Glass at Bucks New University

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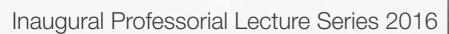
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## Wednesday 27 January 2016

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Professor Neil Brownsword is an expert in Ceramics and Glass at Buckinghamshire New University. His work has gained national and international acclaim and is featured in eminent public and private collections including the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, the Yingee Ceramic Museum in Taiwan and the Korean Ceramic Foundation. Professor Brownsword is also co-leader of the international artistic research project *Topographies of the Obsolete*, which examines post-industrial landscapes such as North Staffordshire.

In this lecture, Professor Brownsword will be discussing 'The Potteries', the name given to the six towns that collectively constitute Stoke-on-Trent, and how Stoke remains one of the few cities in Britain still associated with an industry that for centuries has shaped the area's economy and physical landscape. He will also discuss the artistic research project, *Topographies of the Obsolete*, which he initiated with Bergen Academy of Art and Design, and examine the development of this project and the ethical implications of working in a non-art space.





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