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BSA EARLY CAREER FORUM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest edition of the BSA ECF newsletter. The aim of this quarterly publication is to keep you informed and up-to-date on events and issues relevant to the ECF membership.

In this edition you will find feedback from the latest BSA Council meeting (Feb 2010), details of the ECF's 1st Birthday celebrations at the upcoming annual conference, a progress report on the ECF Professional Development Award (PDA) and the regular features of "In the News and On the Move" and "Papers/Resources of Interest".

Don't forget to check out:

- The **ECF webpage** – www.britsoc.co.uk/ECForum/ for regular updates on ECF events
- The **BSA Jobs in Sociology – Vacancies Board** on www.britsoc.co.uk/about/Jobs
- Upload your CV to the **BSA CV Noticeboard** on www.britsoc.co.uk/members/
- ECF member contributions to **Network** for a commentary on the latest issues facing EC Sociologists.
- The **ECF Facebook** group to network with fellow ECF members, discuss current issues/concerns and contact your ECF convenors

You can always **contact us** on ECForum@britsoc.org.uk with any ECF news/discussion pieces or updates!

Lara Killick & Ruth Lewis
ECF Convenors

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ECF on Facebook.



Our ECF group on **Facebook** now has 86 members. To find us search for "BSA Early Career Forum" and click on the "join group" link. Please use the group as a discussion forum, to make contact with other ECF members, to find out about upcoming events or to raise any issues/questions with the ECF convenors.



ECF in Network.

Have an issue you want to air? We are on the lookout for thought-provoking articles from our EC community for inclusion in *Network*.

Read anything inspiring recently? Or want a free copy of a recent book? The *Network* editorial team is looking for book reviewers for the next issue.

Interested? Please contact alison.danforth@britsoc.org.uk for more details.



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ECF at the BSA Annual Conference 2010: Happy 1st Birthday ECF!

The 2010 BSA annual conference is almost upon us!

Following the successful launch of the ECF in Cardiff last year, there will again be an ECF presence at this year's event in Glasgow. Come find us at the ECF stall in the main conference hall and join us for our 1st birthday celebrations at an informal social event on Wednesday 7th April. Following a couple of recommendations from very knowledgeable individuals, we are going to meet at "[The Butterfly and the Pig](#)" for food and drinks at 7.30pm. A group will be traveling from the conference site, keep your eyes peeled for flyers once you are there. We look forward to seeing you all!!

If you are traveling to the conference alone- hook up with fellow ECF members on our facebook page and have some company for the long train/plane ride!

For comprehensive details of the BSA 2010 Annual conference visit the conference website: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/Conference.htm>



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Progress report on the ECF Professional Development Award (PDA)

We are pleased to announce that our proposal for an ECF Professional Development Award has been ratified by EMT and the BSA Council!

We are putting together the final documentation for this support fund designed specifically for ECF members and we hope to open applications for the first round of awards in July 2010. Keep your eyes peeled on our webpage and Facebook page for details of the official launch date.

We would like to thank Dr. Eric Harrison, Prof. Howard Wollman and Prof. Lynn Jamieson for helping us to ready the proposal and secure the funding for our ECF members.



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👉 Call for an additional ECF convenor- join the team!

With the continued interest and growth in membership of the ECF, the current convenor team needs assistance in maintaining the ECF and continuing to help meet the needs of the growing membership. We are looking for an additional ECF convenor to join our team! Could this be you?

The role of convenor includes attendance at Council meetings (1 per year), distributing information to members via Facebook and email, producing the quarterly newsletter (1 to 2 per year), maintaining the ECF resources on the BSA website, attending meetings with key partners in ECF affairs (e.g. C-SAP) and promoting/developing ECF services whenever appropriate.

If you are interested in joining the ECF team- please contact us on ECForum@britsoc.org.uk with a short introduction to yourself and the skills you would bring to this role- the deadline for applications is the **Friday 30th April**. We look forward to welcoming you to the team!



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👉 Feedback from the February BSA Council Meeting

On 12th February, the BSA council convened for their winter council meeting at the BSA Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf, London. The full minutes of the Council meeting will soon be available for all ECF members on the ECF News Webpage (www.britsoc.co.uk/ECForum/ECNews.htm). However three issues on the agenda were particularly relevant to ECF members:

- 1. Continued growth in ECF membership and contact with members:** We now have over 350 people on the ECF mailing list, reflecting the demand, interest and support for the Forum. We have been asked to prepare a short "blurb" publicizing the forum for inclusion in membership services literature and we are constantly on the lookout for ways in which we can support our members' needs- please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any ways we can help!
- 2. Ratification of the ECF Professional Development Award:** Having been ratified by EMT, the ECF PDA was granted approval by the BSA Council. We will have a maximum budget of £4000 for 2010. The guidelines, criteria for application and application process are being finalized and we plan to launch the PDA in July.
- 3. Collaborative event with C-SAP:** In conjunction with Professor Ranald MacDonald (Senior Associate C-SAP, Professional Development), we are discussing a proposed C-SAP event for EC social scientists across the four societies represented by C-SAP. It is envisaged that this event would run in the Summer of 2010. WE will keep you posted with details as they unfold.

If you have any issues you would like raised at the next Council meeting, which Lara will attend in June, please do not hesitate to contact us on ECForum@britsoc.org.uk.



👉 ECF members- in the news and on the move.

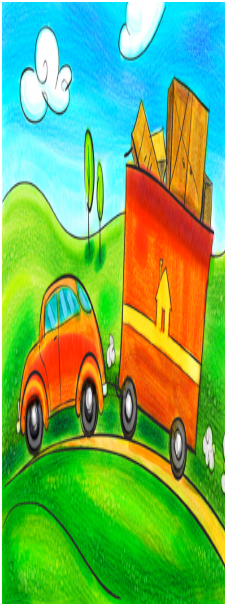


In the news:

Dr Tina Basi celebrates the publication of her recent book by Routledge entitled: Women, Identity and India's Call Centre Industry. For more details visit:

<http://www.routledgecareers.com/books/Women-Identity-and-Indias-Call-Centre-Industry-isbn9780415482288>

If you are "in the news" and would like to advertise your media exposure let us know: ECForum@britsoc.org.uk



Dr Tina Basi has been appointed as a Research Manager at ESRO (Ethnographic Social Research Options). ESRO work on some of the UK's toughest social challenges, using ethnography to explore issues and offer strategies and insight. Effective immediately, she can be contacted on: tina.basi@mehfilenterprise.com

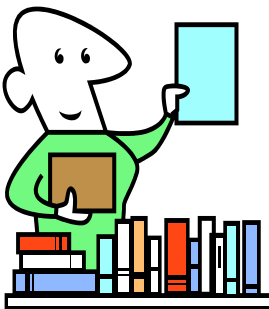
Dr Daniel Nehring has moved to London to start his position as a Lecturer in Criminology at Middlesex University. Effective immediately he can be contacted on: d.nehring@mdx.ac.uk

Dr Adel Pasztor has moved to Newcastle to start his position as Lecturer in Social Sciences at Northumbria University. Effective immediately, he can be contacted on: adel.pasztor@northumbria.ac.uk

We wish all the ECF members "on the move" the best of luck with their new positions.

If you are "on the move" and would like to advertise your change in employment details let us know: ECForum@britsoc.org.uk

👉 Papers/resources of interest



We are currently updating the **resources pages** on the ECF website. We are committed to providing dedicated space to funding and teaching/learning resources that may be of interest to our members.

If you come across any papers/resources that you think may be of interest to ECF members, please forward them on to us at: ECForum@britsoc.org.uk



Call for contributions

Got an Early Career event you want to advertise?

Let us know about it! Email us at: ECForum@britsoc.org.uk and we will post it on the ECF webpage

Would you like to write a discussion piece for Network?

Contact us to find out how. We look forward to hearing from you at ECForum@britsoc.org.uk

Want to publicise your media exposure/new job details?

If you have any media exposure/new job details you would like to publicise in the next edition of the newsletter simply email us the details at ECForum@britsoc.org.uk

Have an idea to improve the ECF?

We are always looking to drive the ECF forward and meet the needs/demands of our members. Contact us at ECForum@britsoc.org.uk with your ideas.