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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 regular 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 details about the next round of applications for the ECF Professional Development Award, feedback from the latest BSA Council meeting (Oct 2010) and the regular features “On the Move” and “Papers/Resources of Interest”, as well as details of some ‘Upcoming Events’ which we hope will be of interest.

Don't forget to check out:

- **ECF webpage** for regular updates on ECF events www.britsoc.co.uk/ECForum/
- **BSA Jobs in Sociology** www.britsoc.co.uk/about/Jobs
- Upload your CV to the BSA **CV Noticeboard** www.britsoc.co.uk/members/
- **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!

Mark Doidge, Lara Killick, Ruth Lewis & Tam Sanger
ECF Convenors

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ECF on Facebook.



Our ECF group on **Facebook** now has over 110 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.



New ECF convenor!

We have appointed a 4th ECF convenor, **Mark Doidge**. Mark previously convened the BSA Postgraduate Forum, and recently submitted his thesis on '*Italian Football in the Era of Globalisation*'. Mark said: "Not only is it great to have finally submitted and to enter the uncharted waters of being an early career researcher, but it is also great to have the opportunity to support the work of Tam, Lara and Ruth, and the BSA (of course)". Welcome to the team Mark!



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Feedback from the Oct BSA Council Meeting

On 8th October the BSA Council convened for their autumn council meeting at the BSA Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf, London. Two issues on the agenda were particularly relevant to ECF members:

1. The first round of the **Professional Development Award** was extremely successful, with 10 applicants receiving financial help to attend events both in the UK and further afield. Details will be up on the BSA website soon!
2. We are planning to run an **early career session** at the 2011 BSA conference focusing on career progression, where topics such as probation, networking and workload management will be covered. John Holmwood and Graham Crow have offered to facilitate this session and it should prove very interesting as well as being a good opportunity to meet other early career academics. We also hope to run a social event, for which we very much welcome any ideas you might have!

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

Professional Development Award: next deadline 31st Dec 2010

We are very pleased to announce that a second round of awards will be made to support early career sociologists! The **ECF Professional Development Award** is designed to contribute up to £400 towards the cost of conference attendance, research training and/or continuing professional development events. The deadline for the next round of the ECF Professional Development Award is **31st December 2010**.

The application form and guidelines can be found here:
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/ECForum/ECFPDA.htm>



☞ ECF members 'on the move'



Dr Melanie Lang is now a Senior Lecturer in Sports Studies at Edge Hill University, Ormskirk, Lancashire. She can be contacted on langm@edgehill.ac.uk

Dr Gillian Macdonald has just taken up a post as Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Bath (Department of Social and Policy Sciences).

Our very own ECF convenor – **Dr Tam Sanger** – is now working as a postdoctoral research fellow in the new Childhood and Youth Research Institute at Anglia Ruskin University. Her new email address is tam.sanger@anglia.ac.uk

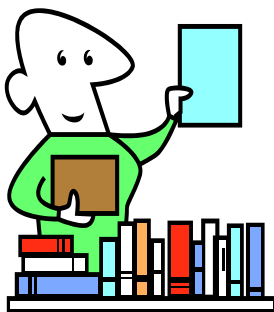
We wish all the ECF members “on the move” the best of luck with their new positions.

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

“Researchers, fixed-term contracts and universities: understanding law in context”

http://www.vitae.ac.uk/CMS/files/upload/Fixed-term%20contract_July_2010.pdf



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



Upcoming events

Early Career Workshop on Global Historical Sociology

The BSA Theory Study Group is organising a workshop, aimed at early career researchers which will discuss the specific issues associated with doing research within the field of historical sociology and also address key methodological problems that are raised in the process. It is open to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers across disciplines and will be organised around three key sessions, as detailed below. For further details, please see the attachment.

1. **Doing Historical Sociology** (facilitated by Kristy Warren & Lucy Mayblin)
2. **History, Sociology, and Historical Sociology: Problems of Constitution** (facilitated by Gurminder K Bhambra, Uo Warwick)
3. **International Historical Sociology** (facilitated by George Lawson, LSE)

The workshop is all day and will take place at the University of Warwick on **Wednesday 26th January, 2011**.

If you are interested in attending, please email your name, institution, level of study (early career / PhD student) and a short paragraph (up to 300 words) detailing your research interests and how your work fits with the theme for the day to Lucy Mayblin: l.mayblin@warwick.ac.uk. The deadline for applications is **December 1st 2010**. Successful applicants will be notified by December 15th.

The registration fee for attending this workshop is **£35**. This includes lunch and other refreshments during the day. Details regarding payment will be given once the participants have been confirmed. A small number of **bursaries** are available for unfunded students. If you are interested in applying for a bursary then please include a brief case for support with your application.

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.