

## **BSA Race and Ethnicity Study Group Annual Report 2016-2017**

**Convenors: Dr Aaron Winter (UEL), Dr Sweta Rajan-Rankin (Kent), Dr Narzanin Massoumi (Liverpool), Rima Saini (City UoL)**

**Convener News/Changes:** Dr Sweta Rajan-Rankin (Kent), Dr Narzanin Massoumi (Liverpool), Rima Saini (City UoL) joined Aaron as co-convenors in Summer 2016.

### **Meetings**

The last Race and Ethnicity Study Group meeting took place at the April 2016 BSA Annual Conference in Birmingham and was chaired by Aaron.

Rima attended the Study Group Conveners Meeting, BSA Meeting Room, London, Autumn 2016. Issues raised: Recruitment of a new media consultant by the BSA, rules for group communication via the JISC mail and other platforms for new convenors, an update on the development of the new website, an update on changes to the annual conference including a discussion on streams and stream plenary scheduling, and conflicts of interest with regards to non-academic industry representatives participating in events.

### **Membership**

In 2014-2015, there were 555 subscribers to the JISC Mail list. In 2015-2016, this increased to 603 subscribers. As of 27 February 2017, we have 667 JISC mail subscribers and extensive activity through the listserv. The BSA member/non-member split of this is 140 members to 527 non-members. This reaches to substantive discussions and debates on issues of race, ethnicity and migration (in no small part facilitated by the introduction of the Race, Ethnicity and Migration Stream at the annual conference in 2015 which will be running in its current format for the second year this April 2017 at the Annual BSA conference in Manchester as well as by increased social media engagement via our Twitter and Facebook), CFPs, event promotion and organisation, relevant news, publications and activism including petitions.

### **Communication/Forums**

Aaron, Sweta, Narzanin and Rima manage the JISC Mail email list, Facebook account and Twitter account between them.

Our RESG Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BsaRaceAndEthnicityStudyGroup?fref=ts>) had 411 members as of 19 March 2015, 571 as of 29 February 2016 and 676 as of 27 February 2017. This is a net increase of 105 followers in just under year. We have seen a continued steady increase in its use for sharing news items of interest to group members, discussions, promotion of conferences and events and CFPs.

Our Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/bsarace>) started in April 2014. As of 29 February 2016 there were 609 followers. We have seen a net increase of 303 followers to 912 as of 27 February 2017.

### **Budget**

Our budget as of 31/12/2016 sits at £1509.51.

There were no income generating events in 2016. We did badge a number of events (see next section). We funded two events externally. This will be invoiced in the next financial year and addressed in next year's annual report.

### **2015/2016 RESG Developments, Activities and Events**

- BSA Annual Conference Race, Ethnicity and Migration Stream (coordinated by Aaron and Dr Ipek Demir, Diaspora, Migration and Transnationalism Study Group), Aston University, April 2016. In its second year, the stream was very successful, again receiving the most abstracts and being the largest stream at the conference. It ran the stream plenary ‘‘Unwanted’ Populations at Europe’s Borders:

Sociological analyses and Responses' with Bridget Anderson (Oxford) and Nando Sigona (Birmingham).

#### **Badged Events:**

- 'Austerity, Racism and Resistance', ESRC Racism and Political Mobilisation Project, 2016.
  - 'Racialization and Violence', ESRC Racism and Political Mobilisation Project, 2016.
  - 'Being and Doing: Race and Gender in the Academy' Workshop, City University Gender and Sexualities Forum, 2016.
  - 'Racisms and political mobilisations - back then and right now' ESRC Racism and Political Mobilisation Project, 2017.
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- Aaron Winter and Ashli Mullen (Glasgow) launched the RESG Mentoring Program with the Postgraduate Workshop in October 2016. The purpose of the mentoring scheme is to increase engagement, create a greater sense of community and support and address issues confronted by PGs and Early Career academics that are specific to the field and researchers, as well as HE in general. Six discussants participated in the October workshop including Les Back, Claire Alexander and John Solomos, Helen Kim, Diana Yeh and Sweta Rajan-Rankin.
  - Received funding proposal for 'Brexit, Migration and Labour Market Participation in Scotland' event from Gina Netto (Herriot-Watt) and the Critical Race and Ethnicities Network (CREN) Conference 2016 from Remi Joseph-Salisbury (Leeds Beckett) and contributed to both.
  - RESG convenor Narzanin Massoumi took part in the BSA Presidential Event: Sociology and Feminism on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, a public outreach event with a blended platform of academics and activists. Narzanin talked about BME issues and gender inequalities.

#### **Last Year's Future Plans**

- Recruit new conveners: Draft call submitted to BSA for publication in Feb./Mar. 2016. Deadline post-BSA Conference to allow Aaron to publicise it at meeting, take enquiries and answer questions. THREE NEW CONVENORS WERE RECRUITED FOLLOWING ELECTIONS IN SUMMER 2016.
- Set up mentoring communication system and launch mentoring programme. MENTORING PROGRAMME LAUNCHED AND UNDERWAY, UNDER MANAGEMENT OF RIMA, SWETA AND AARON.
- Encourage more proposals for badged and RESG supported and organised events. HAVE BADGED FOUR AND FUNDED TWO EXTERNAL EVENTS.
- Develop strategy for income generating events. PLANNING UNDERWAY AMONGST NEW RESG CONVENORS FOR INCOME GENERATING EVENTS IN 2017-2018.

#### **Forthcoming Events:**

- Race, Ethnicity and Migration Stream Plenary, BSA Annual Conference 2017, Manchester University.
- Race and Ethnicity Study Group Meeting, BSA Annual Conference 2017, Manchester University.
- Race & Ethnicity and Ageing Body & Society 'Race, Ethnicity and Later Life' Joint Stream Plenary at BSA Conference 2017, Manchester University.
- Race and Ethnicity and Ageing Body and Society, Joint BSA Study Group Conference, 'Theorising Race and the Ageing Body', 2017.

#### **Future Plans:**

- New conveners to increase their study group activity and responsibilities.
- Continue with the mentoring programme, building on the work of the first workshop.
- Encourage more proposals for badged and RESG supported and organised events.
- Create concrete plans for high income generating events, including a study group conference in 2018.