



BSA Postgraduate Forum Pre conference day

Monday, 3 April 2017
University of Manchester

Personal troubles, collective solutions: how can new academics work together for a better future?

10:30 - 10:45 Welcome

10:45- 11:15 Res -sisters collective

From surviving to thriving: Resistance, solidarity and collectivity in the neoliberal academy

11:15-12:45 Zine making (res-sisters facilitated)

12:45-13:00 Postgraduate Forum Convenors

So what's your PhD on?

13:00- 13:45 Lunch

13:45 - 14:15 'So what's your PhD On? pt.2

14:15-15:15 Professor Pat Thomson, University of Nottingham

Making your way in -and out of- the contemporary academy

15:15-15:45 Break

15:45- 16:45 Professor Kalwant Bhopal, University of Birmingham

16:45-17:00 Presidential Address and Conference Closes

Speaker Biographies

Kalwant Bhopal is Professor of Education and Social Justice and Professorial Research Fellow in the Centre for Research in Race and Education in the School of Education, University of Birmingham. Kalwant's research focuses on the achievements and experiences of minority ethnic groups in education. She has conducted research on exploring discourses of identity and intersectionality examining the lives of Black minority ethnic groups as well as examining the marginal position of Gypsies and Travellers. Her research specifically explores how processes of racism, exclusion and marginalisation operate in predominantly White spaces with a focus on social justice and inclusion. She is Visiting Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Kings College London (Department of Education and Professional Studies). She has been Visiting Professor at Queens University, Belfast and Visiting Scholar at the UCL Institute of Education, London

The Res-Sisters are a feminist collective of nine early career academics working broadly within the sociology and cultural studies of education and youth. The group's collective interests include challenging inequality both within and outside of academia, resisting the neoliberal agenda and making space for alternative voices to be heard. We have published in *Being an Early Career Feminist Academic: Global Perspectives, Experiences and Challenges* (eds Rachel Thwaites and Amy Pressland; Palgrave) and *Discover Society*. You can read more about us at ressisters.wordpress.com

Pat Thomson PhD PSM FAcSS FRSA is a Professor of Education, School of Education, The University of Nottingham. Her research focuses on arts and creativity in school and community settings, as well as doctoral writing and research education. Her most recent books are: *Educational leadership and Pierre Bourdieu* (Routledge 2017), *Place based methods for researching schools* (with Christine Hall, Bloomsbury 2017) and *The Digital Academic*, coedited with Deborah Lupton and Inger Mewburn (Routledge 2017)