

## **BSA Race and Ethnicity Study Group Annual Report 2018-2019**

**Conveners: Dr Sweta Rajan-Rankin (Kent), Dr Narzanin Massoumi (Exeter), Rima Saini (City UoL)**

**Convener News/Changes:** Dr Sweta Rajan-Rankin (Kent), Dr Narzanin Massoumi (Exeter), Rima Saini (City UoL) remain as conveners. Rima is planning to step down as convener. We will put an open call through our members list to recruit a new convener via election as before.

### **Meetings**

The Race Ethnicity study group had their last study group meeting at the BSA conference in Newcastle in 2018. Conveners were unable to attend the Study Group conveners meeting in Durham in November 2018, but continue to engage with emerging issues including joint study group events, which we were able to demonstrate in our activities this year.

### **Membership**

In 2014-2015, there were 555 subscribers to the JISC Mail list. In 2015-2016, this increased to 603 subscribers. As of 18 March 2019 we had **718 JISC mail subscribers**, 109 BSA members and extensive activity through the listserv. 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 which has been running since 2015 and continues to be one of the largest streams at the BSA annual conference including the forthcoming conference Glasgow in April 2019). Our study group presence has also increased through social media engagement via our Twitter and Facebook accounts, CFPs, event promotion and organisation, relevant news, publications and activism including petitions.

### **Communication/Forums**

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>) currently has **771 members** as of 4 April 2019. This is a significant increase from 411 members in 2015, 571 members in 2016 and 676 members in 2017. The RESG facebook page represents a vibrant online community space 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, as of 15 March a net increase of 406 followers to 1,318. As of 4 April 2019 we have the largest twitter follower base yet with **1766 followers**.

### **Budget**

Our budget as of 31/12/2018 sits at **£391.20**.

There was one joint income generating event with BSA Ageing Body and Society study group and we have agreed funding for another event. This will be invoiced in the next financial year and addressed in next year's annual report.

## 2018-19 RESG Developments, Activities and Events

- BSA Annual Conference Race, Ethnicity and Migration Stream on ‘Identity, Solidarity and Resistance’ with Dr. Nisha Kapoor and Professor Nasar Meer (coordinated by Rima Saini and Dr Ipek Demir, Diaspora, Migration and Transnationalism Study Group), Newcastle University in April 2018. Narz and Sweta were actively involved in chairing these events.

### Funded Events:

- RESG convenor Sweta Rajan-Rankin co-hosted a joint study group event with Ageing Body and Society study group (convenors Julia Twigg (Kent) and Wendy Martin (Brunel). This one-day conference on “Invisible bodies: Race, embodiment and the life-course” was held at the University of Kent and attracted some very high quality papers, showcasing speakers across the UK and Europe. We had 24 attendees (6 members, 18 non-members).
- For the second consecutive year we have funded PSA Early Career Network event on “Demystifying and Navigating Early Career Academia” at Manchester University on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019. This event is co-funded by BSA RESG, PSA Early Career Network, and PSA WomenPol.

### Future Plans.

- New conveners to revisit their roles and responsibilities, including open call for new convenor when Rima Saini steps down from this role.
- To revisit the RESG mentoring program which has been very successful, to see if there is impetus and support in continuing to offer this type of support to ECR scholars.
- Encourage more proposals for badged and RESG supported and organised events.
- Media training and RESG data base- to discuss how to increase our study group’s responsiveness to emergent media requests on race and ethnicity issues.
- Create concrete plans for high income generating events, including future joint/ collaborative study group conferences.

### Forthcoming Events:

- Race, Ethnicity and Migration Stream Plenary on ‘The Politics of Minority Women’ with Professor Gurminder K Bhambra and Professor Leah Bassell, BSA Annual Conference in April 2019 at Glasgow
- BSA RESG Study Group Meeting, BSA Annual Conference in April 2019 at Glasgow

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