

BSA Race and Ethnicity Study Group Annual Report 2024-2025

New convenors: Syra Shakir, Oluchi Mellor, Rémy Twahirwa, Doğuş Simsek

Conveners stepping down in December 2025: Narzanin Massoumi, Farjana Islam, Patricia Irizar

Membership

We have **797 JISC mail subscribers**, 81 BSA members and 716 non-members, and extensive activity through the listserv. This leads 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). Our study group presence has also increased through social media engagement via our X and Facebook accounts, event promotion and organisation, relevant news, publications, and activism including petitions.

Communication/Forums

All convenors manage the JISC Mail email list, with shared responsibility for the Facebook and Twitter (X) accounts, Rémy manages the Blue Sky account.

The RESG Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BsaRaceAndEthnicityStudyGroup?fref=ts>) currently has **768 members**.

The Twitter (X) account (<https://twitter.com/bsarace>) has **2016 followers**.

Budget

Our budget currently sits at **£ 603.70**.

2024-2025 RESG Developments, Activities and Events:

- We have 4 new convenors, Syra Shakir, Oluchi Mellow, Rémy Twahirwa, and Doğuş Simsek. The old convenors will step down from their roles in December 2025, to support the transition for the new convenors.
- We have now created a Blue Sky account (BSArace.bsky.social).
- We have created a shared gmail account (bsaraceethnicitystudygroup@gmail.com).
- BSA Annual Conference Race, Ethnicity and Migration Stream 2025 (coordinated by Patricia Irizar and Farjana Islam), in Manchester.
- BSA Annual Conference Race, Ethnicity and Migration Stream 2024 (coordinated by Spela Zorko and Meghan Tinsley), online.
- The RESG mentoring program is up and running, with ECRs paired with appropriate mentors.
- BSA Annual Conference 2024 session chairing (Patricia Irizar)

Forthcoming Events:

- BSA Annual Conference 2026: Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Stream, in Edinburgh
- BSA Annual Conference 2026: Race, Ethnicity, and Migration social event (networking, sharing research, collaborations)

Future Plans:

- Organise a RESG collaborative stream plenary discussion for the BSA Annual Conference 2026.
- Hold regular RESG study group socials (online) to create networking opportunities and to discuss the types of events members would like in the future.
- Check in with the RESG mentorship scheme (mentors and mentees).
- Update the BSA website for the RESG study group to include a page for members to share working papers or recently published papers.
- Encourage more proposals for badged and RESG supported and organised events.
- Create concrete plans for high income generating events, including future joint/collaborative study group conferences.

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