

BSA Race and Ethnicity Study Group

Annual Report 2025–2026

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Membership

Between 2025 and 2026, JISC Mail subscribers increased from 797 to **836**, representing a growth of 4.9%. BSA members increased from 81 to **87** (7.4% growth), while non-members increased from 716 to **749** (4.6% growth). Overall, the listserv subscriber base grew by **4.9%** during this period.

Our study group's presence has also increased through social media engagement via our Bluesky and LinkedIn accounts, including event promotion and organisation, sharing relevant news and publications, and supporting activism initiatives such as petitions. Since launching these accounts, we have grown our audience from zero to **71** followers on Bluesky and **377** followers on LinkedIn, representing a net increase of **448** followers across both platforms.

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).

Communication/Forums

All convenors manage the JISC Mail email list, with shared responsibility for Linked account. rémy-paulin twahira managed the Bluesky account.

The Bluesky account (<https://bsky.app/profile/bsarace.bsky.social>) has **71** followers.

The LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/bsa-race-ethnicity-study-group>) has **377** followers.

Budget

The Study Group's budget increased from £603.70 in 2025 to **£3,103.70** in 2026, representing a **414%** increase (£2,500 additional funding¹).

2025-2026 RESG Developments, Activities and Events:

- We decided to deactivate our X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook accounts due to concerns regarding the increasing prevalence of bots and the politicisation of these platforms. To maintain and expand our online presence, we established new accounts on LinkedIn and Bluesky.
- We continued to engage with members through the JISC Mail mailing list, including regular 'Notes from the Convenors' that provided updates on the Study Group's activities and developments.
- As a Study Group, we signed the SISP letter to the British Sociological Association, sent to President and VP on 18th September 2025 (<https://socispal.wordpress.com/sisp-statements/>), and actively supported its key demands through our programme of activities. As such, we incorporated sessions on Palestine into our activities, including:
 - A dedicated session within the *Critical Currents* seminar series.
 - A plenary stream on scholasticide at the BSA Annual Conference 2026.
- We coordinated the Race, Ethnicity and Migration Plenary at the BSA Annual Conference 2026 in Manchester (coordinated by Oluchi Mellor and Doğuş Simsek), featuring presentations by Syra Shakir and invited external speakers on scholasticide.
- We organised a social event for members during the BSA Annual Conference 2026, in Manchester.
- We held a special event during the BSA Annual Conference 2026 on Day 3 (delivered by Syra Shakir).
- We delivered monthly online sessions of our Critical Currents seminar series (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1htvPBD7w12b9xB5oCNTRbSbamF3M-1cFlbBWGDFd0tA/edit?usp=sharing>) throughout 2026 (January–December), providing a platform for critical discussion and scholarly exchange. Attendance figures are reported separately (see Appendices A and B).
- Oluchi Mellor and Doğuş Simsek chaired several sessions at the BSA Annual Conference 2026, contributing to the delivery of the conference programme.

Forthcoming Events:

¹ The substantial increase in the Study Group's budget during 2025–2026 was made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor. We would like to express our sincere thanks for their support.

- Online seminars for Critical Currents (July to December 2026)

Future Plans:

- Organise in-person event for members in June 2027;
- Organise and launch the inaugural BSA RESG Paper Prize competition in 2027, including the establishment of a Selection Committee, a mentoring scheme involving RESG colleagues for prize winners, and a presentation of the winning paper(s) at the BSA Annual Conference 2027;
- Organise a RESG collaborative stream plenary discussion for the BSA Annual Conference 2027 (social, plenary, stream, etc.);
- Continue our online research seminars Critical Currents (end in December 2026);
- Review the RESG Mentorship Scheme (2024–2025), including feedback and outcomes from both mentors and mentees, and assess the feasibility of launching a new cohort in Autumn 2026;
- 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.

Appendix A - Attendance report for Critical Currents;

Month	Attendance
February	21
March	15
April	11
May	12
June	17

Appendix B - Poster and Programme of Critical Currents

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Every second Tuesday
@ 1PM-2PM
Online (Teams)

**Theorising Across
the Arab World**
10/02/2026
Sara Khash
lisa minerva luxx

**Policing & Anti-racist
Praxis**
10/03/2026
Bisi Akintoye
Victoria Burgher

Law & Whiteness
14/04/2026
Abiodun Abdul
Aureja Stirbyte

**Media &
Representation**
12/05/2026
Jay Dunstan
Nadia Haq

Museums
09/06/2026
Erin O'Brien
Senel Wanniarachchi

Palestine
09/07/2026
Madeline-Sophie Abbas
Yara Shahine Gharable

**Language &
Belonging**
08/09/2026
Maria Bibiloni
Ryan Lutz

**Workplace &
Citizenship**
13/10/2026
Sugandha Agarwal
Tuba Tayfun Kayalarli

**Immigration
& Detention**
10/11/2026
Nabila Islam
Adam Kluge

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online research seminars on race & ethnicity