

BSA Violence Against Women Study Group - Annual Report

- **Account balance as at the end of 2025**

£1546.14

- **Membership/JISC subscriber numbers**

179 JISC subscribers

- **Convenor details**

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Dr Kim Heyes. Reader, School of Nursing and Public Health, Manchester Metropolitan University

- **Aims of the group**

The aim of the Study Group is to provide a feminist space for academics, students, practitioners and activists to analyse violence against women, to network, share work and ideas, foster thoughts and interest and to support each other in working to combat violence against women

- **Activities from 2025 and any future plans**

Since becoming co-convenors in mid-late 2025, convenors coordinated a well-attended and -received VAW plenary stream at the April 2026 annual conference. The plenary stream was an interactive panel discussion on hope in troubled times between feminist academics, chaired by co-convenor Dr Katherine Allen and featuring panellists Professor Miranda Horvath (University of Suffolk), Dr Yemisi Sloane (Anglia Ruskin University), Dr Kim Heyes (Manchester Metropolitan University) and Dr Shoba Arun (University of Essex).

Convenors also organised an informal meeting for current and prospective VAW group members at the conference, to introduce ourselves, explore members' ideas and aims for the coming year, and facilitate networking.

We are planning to coordinate a series of special online events for the VAW group, hosting supportive writing workshops for early career and established researchers, and curating a submission for a special issue of Gender & Justice journal.

We plan to submit a VAW plenary stream proposal for next year's annual conference.