ETHNICITY CENTRE BULLETIN – NOVEMBER 2010

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1. New school, new website, new bulletin

Welcome to this first edition of the Ethnicity Centre News Bulletin. Some of the key changes at the Centre include:

- The Centre for Ethnicity and Citizenship is now part of the newly formed School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies (SPAIS) at the University of Bristol.
- We have a new website that is continuously updated to keep track of our activities and projects.
- Dr. Marta Bolognani, Dr. Daniel DeHanas and Jan Dobbernack have joined the Centre in 2010. Dr. Nabhil Khattab has left us to take up a research post at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- Since 2010 a new book series on the Politics of Identity and Citizenship, published with Palgrave, is now being edited at the Centre.

We hope you enjoy reading about our work!

Tariq Modood

2. Grants and Awards

Marta Bolognani and Paul Statham have been awarded £210,000 by the Norwegian Research Council to be part of their project titled PREMIG (Possibilities and realities of return migration: perspectives on integration, exclusion and withdrawal) in conjunction with the Peace Studies Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO).

Tariq Modood has been awarded an AHRC Fellowship for 2010-11 to release him from some of his university duties to allow him to write and complete a book manuscript on 'Secularism and the Accommodation of Muslims in Western Europe'. For part of this time he will be a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna.

Ranji Devadason has been awarded funding under the ESRC-ICSSR Scholarship Exchange scheme 2010 to extend her study about transnational professionals in Global Organisations to additional sites in India. This will entail a research visit to the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) in Banagalore and fieldwork with international NGOs and multinational corporations situated there.

Nabil Khattab has been awarded a 3 years Ma'of fellowship by the Council for Higher Education in Israel, as well as grants by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to conduct research on religion to develop new research ideas.
Nasar Meer has recently been appointed Senior Lecturer at Northumbria University, a position he is due to take up in 2001; Varun Uberoi has taken up a permanent lectureship at Brunel University.

Steve Fenton is collaborating with other researchers at the Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods (WISERD) in a thematic group on Language, Citizenship and Identity, looking at attitudes towards minorities and immigrants in Wales.

3. News from Projects at the Centre

ACCEPT Pluralism (2010-2013)
ACCEPT is a new research project at the Centre, funded by the European Commission’s Seventh Framework Programme. It starts from the realization that in recent years there have been increasing tensions between national majorities and ethnic or religious minorities across Europe. It asks how cultural difference is debated and tolerated, respected or rejected in 15 European countries. In studying the conditions of tolerance and respect, it also explores how much cultural difference can be accommodated within liberal and secular democracies. The British contribution to this project is run by Professor Tariq Modood (Principal Investigator), Jan Dobbernack and Dr. Nasar Meer. The Hungarian part is run by Jon Fox (Principal Investigator), Aniko Horvath and Zsuzsa Vidra. More information.

Muslim Participation in Contemporary Governance (2010-2012)
The research analyses the participation of Muslim actors within a range of governance arrangements at local and national levels. It aims to understand: how current government strategies and policies relating to citizenship recognise and respond to Muslim religious difference; how participatory forms of governance engage with Muslim groups, religious values and identities; and the impact of Muslims’ participation in governance on policy processes and outcomes and for the organisation of and relations between Muslim civil society organisations more broadly. The project has begun to investigate the range of ways Muslims are participating in policy areas including equalities, multiculturalism and cohesion, faith sector engagement and counter-terrorism. The research is conducted by Therese O’Toole (Principal Investigator), Daniel DeHan, Tariq Modood and Nasar Meer. More information.

EURISLAM (2009-2012)
EURISLAM is an international comparative research project, funded by the European Commission’s Seventh Framework Programme, that analyses how the incorporation of Islam in European Member States is influenced by national traditions of identity, citizenship and church-state relations. EURISLAM will study how these traditions have affected interactions between Muslim immigrants and their off-spring and the receiving society. Fieldwork will be conducted in Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the UK. The project is run by Paul Statham and Marta Bolognani. More information.

Marta Bolognani

- Bolognani, M. (as guest editor) (in press, 2010). Media in South Asia in the Noughties, special issue of Contemporary South Asia, December


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Ranji Devadason


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• National Equality Panel (NEP) (2010) An Anatomy of Economic Inequality in the UK, London: Government Equalities Office (Modood was part of the ten-member panel that produced this major report chaired by Prof John Hills).


Therese O’Toole


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