



TEN YEARS OF

Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship, University of Bristol

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Ethnicity is now seen as a major feature of the social structure, personal identity, transnational networks and political conflict across the world. It is seen by some as challenging existing social hierarchies and conceptions of citizenship, and by others as introducing a new tribalism and threatening democracy and economic development. With the growth of the Muslim populations in western Europe and concerns about integration a special regional focus has emerged on Muslims and the place of religion in public affairs.

The Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship was set up in 1999 in recognition of the importance of ethnicity to the study of contemporary societies and politics, and prospects for social justice and social cohesion. The interdisciplinary Centre, located in the Department of Sociology, as well as the Bristol Institute of Public Affairs, co-ordinates and promotes the study of ethnicity in two broad areas:

- Ethnicity and state structures, cultural pluralism and its institutionalism, the politics of multiculturalism and other forms of 'difference', including gendered ethnicity and ethno-religious identities, minority rights and human rights, challenges to secularism, the nation-state and other aspects of existing conceptions of citizenship.
- Ethnicity and socio-economic structures with a special focus on racialised exclusion, inter-generational poverty, labour markets, health, education, ethnic stratification and social mobility, ethnic competition and ethnic networks as a local, national and transnational economic resource.

While the latter represents the longstanding focus of studies in racism, inequality and social citizenship, the former represents some of the more recent political and intellectual developments which have broadened the field of study.

The Centre provides a home for inter-disciplinary work in both these areas, and for empirical and theoretical enquiries which bring these dimensions of citizenship together. Centre members collaborate with partners in the UK, the rest of Europe, North America and are involved in global networks. Public engagement is also a key activity. These aims are pursued through funded research, publications, conferences and seminars.

Current core activities include the completion of the [Leverhulme Programme on Migration and Citizenship](#), jointly with the [Migration Research Unit](#) at [University College London](#), funded with over £1 million by [The Leverhulme Trust](#). The Programme runs from 2003 to 2010 and consists of eight linked projects.

New start-ups include two major European projects: 'EURISLAM : Finding a Place for Islam in Europe' led by Prof. Statham and 'ACCEPT: Tolerance, Pluralism and Social Cohesion' led by Prof. Modood, with Dr Fox and Dr Meer; and an AHRC funded project, 'Muslim Participation in Contemporary Governance in Britain', led by Dr O'Toole, with Prof Modood and Dr Meer.

The Centre also produces the international journal [Ethnicities](#), published by Sage Publishers since 2001 and edited by Tariq Modood and Stephen May of Waikato University, New Zealand. The Centre recognises the policy importance of the subject.

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For further details of the Centre's work and staff, including downloadable publications and media appearances, see: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sociology/ethnicitycitizenship>