Centre for the Study of ETHNICITY and CITIZENSHIP

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In this, the third year of the University Research Centre (URC), hosted by the Department of Sociology, major funding was secured. It enables what has been an association of researchers to develop into a funded programme of core projects. The Leverhulme Trust awarded £1 million for a major Research Programme, jointly with the Research Migration Unit, University College London on Migration and Citizenship. The Programme begins in April 2003 and consists of 8 linked projects over 5 years, covering topics such as academic globalisation, segregation, social capital and national identities. The Bristol team consists of Tariq Modood, Steve Fenton, Suruchi Thapar-Bjorkert and Ron Johnston (further details in Appendix 1).

New Funded Specific Research Projects

**Paul Burton**, working with Embrace, a non-statutory group based in Birmingham, was given £120,000 by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the West Midlands Regional Development Authority to test the practical applicability of a toolkit for auditing the involving of minority ethnic community groups in urban regeneration schemes.

Tariq Modood is part of a successful Institute of Employment Studies, University of Sussex bid to conduct research on *Ethnic Minorities, Higher Education and Progression into the Labour Market*, worth £250,000. The DfES funded project started in December, 2001.
Through the support of the Campaign for Resource we received a development grant of £10,000 from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and a personal donation of £250 from Mr. Paul Gulbenkian.

Tariq Modood has been awarded £15,000 for his project on *Moderate Muslims*, planned to start in Autumn 2002.

The URC successfully obtained a Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professor award for Ien Ang, Director of Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Western Sydney. In her visit in the spring of 2003, she will address the theme of *Globalisation, September 11 and Multicultural Democracy*, and will engage in some collaborative work with Brett St. Louis.

Helen Lambert and Suruchi Thapar Bjorkert are part of the successful team from the Faculties of Law, Medicine and Social Sciences which won a grant from the ESRC Research Seminars competition for a seminar series on *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Gendered Violence: National and International Developments in Theory, Research and Practice*.

**Events at Bristol, including Visitors**

Hassan Bousetta, Tariq Modood and Chamion Caballero, supported by Bristol City Council, organised the October conference, *Participation of Black and Other Ethnic Minority People in Public Life*. Over 80 people attended, including speakers from the rest of Europe, URC staff and research members and Ravi Dhami, a research student, was one of the discussants. The centrepiece of the conference was Hassan Bousetta’s project report, *Extending Democracy. Participation, Consultation and Representation of Ethnic Minority People in Public Life. A Report on the Bristol experience*. Subsequently, this was published by the URC and was the basis of a Bristol City policy seminar in January.
In the autumn of 2001, the University of Bristol held the event, Celebration 2001, to mark the 125th anniversary of the admission of women undergraduates on degree courses on equal basis as men (Bristol University being the first to do this in the UK). A series of lectures and other events were organised and the Centre was pleased to contribute to the organisation of some of the events. This included a seminar led by three distinguished notable ethnic minority Bristolians, namely, Paul Stephenson, Peaches Golding and Maqsood Zamir. And a lecture on the Racial Politics as the United Nations by Professor Michael Banton, former Chair, United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of Bristol.

Dr Anna Triandafyllidou from European University Institute, Florence was with us in December as a Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professor. Besides working with Tariq Modood and colleagues on the Multicultural Citizenship in Europe: Theory and Practice project, she gave two seminars on nationalism and migrants. Moreover, with Hassan Boussetta, her presentation on "Multicultural Europe and the question of Islam", was used to launch the URC’s Graduate Membership. She will return to Bristol in 2003.

Our second Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professor of the session was Patricia Hill-Collins, the Charles Phelps Taft Professor of Sociology and Professor of African American Studies at the University of Cincinnati. She was here in January and June 2002 and gave three very well attended talks on topics around race and gender, centering on the current experiences of African Americans.

The third Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professor of the session was Dr Rainer Baubock from the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna. He gave seminars on immigration and cultural autonomy in the Politics Department and on political
transnationalism in the Sociology Department, as well as joined a workshop to give feedback to the students from these departments on their PhD proposals.

Rainer Baubock returned in June, in which month the fourth Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professor, Riva Kastoryano, Research Fellow at the Centre National pour le Research Scientifique, Paris, made her first visit and gave seminars on the role of the state in the emergence of migrant and ethno-religious identities in Western Europe, and returned again in September. At the end of June, these two visitors were joined by Adrian Favell (UCLA), Ricard Zapata (Barcelona) and Hassan Bousetta (Leuven) for a meeting with Tariq Modood and Judith Squires on their collective book on European multiculturalism.

In July, Nadia Hashmi, arrived to take up her two months Colstons Fellowship, working with Tariq Modood on the views of Muslim schoolchildren in Bristol on the idea of a local Muslim school. It is hoped to publish this report in early 2003.

We were pleased to welcome a Visiting Research Student, Anja Bredal, from the Institute for Social Research, Oslo who was with the URC for six months. Her research topic is the perception of the marriage process amongst the ‘second generation’ in Norway and she gave a staff-student workshop on this topic at the end of her stay.

The final visitor of the year was Dr Geoffrey Levey from University of New South Wales, Australia, for whom the Centre was awarded a British Academy Visiting Fellowship. He met a number of people in Britain in relation to his research on Jews and multiculturalism and worked with Tariq Modood on a proposal to jointly organise a conference on comparative perspectives on religion and multiculturalism.

Conferences and Seminars


Ahmad, F. 'Meeting the Needs of Muslim Pupils', presentations to RE teachers with Professor Mark Halstead, part of a seminar series on 'Islam in British Schools', held at The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies in conjunction with the Oxford Quality Schools Assoc, 28th May and 10th June, 2002.

Ahmad, F. 'British Muslim Perceptions and Opinions on News Coverage of September 11', report submitted for the project: After September 11: A Comparative Analysis Of Television News Coverage And Its Reception In UK Families And Households, led by Dr Marie Gillespie, Open Uni, part of the ESRC's 'Transnational Communities Programme' and partly funded by the BFI, ITC and BSC, submitted July 2002. Web site: http://www.afterseptember11.tv/

Ahmad, F. ‘Restoring Fairness to the Fairer Sex’, paper presented as part of the Gender Dynamics series for the Best of British Islam Festival, organised by ArRum, FAIR, Khayaal Theatre Co., and IMAN, at ArRum, London, 29th July 2002.


Fenton, S. ‘Is class still working?’ , a paper presented to the BSA Conference, Leicester, March 2002

Fenton, S. Universidade da Beira Interior, Portugal: Invited Plenary Lecturer, conference on Ethnicity and Religion, April 2002


Guy, W. ‘Romani identity and post-Communist policy’, opening keynote speech for conference The Hungarian Roma in a Comparative Perspective, Centre for Multiethnic Research and Department of East European Studies, Uppsala University, 2002


May, S. ‘Ethnographies of hegemony: rethinking domination and inequality in a postmodern era’, Colloquium discussant. Sociolinguistics Symposium 14, Gent, Belgium, April 2002
May, S. ‘Moving beyond ecology of language and linguistic human rights: developing a non-essentialist defence of minority language rights’, Sociolinguistics Conference 14, Gent, Belgium, April 2002


Modood, T ‘Muslims in the West’, States of Anxiety Workshop, Centre for Psycho-Social Studies, University of the West of England, Bristol, April.

Modood, T. ‘Muslims and the Politics of Multiculturalism in Britain after September 11’, Public Lecture, University of Innsbruck, June.

Modood, T. ‘Multiculturalism, Muslims and the British State’, British Association for the Study of Religions, 2002 Annual Lecture, University of Surrey, Roehampton, 9th September.

Modood, T. ‘What Do We Know About British Muslims?’,


Thapar Bjorkert, S. ‘Killing Fields’: Reconceptualising Gender, Caste and Conflict, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Global Conference: Diversity Within Unity-Cultures of Violence, Anglo American College, Prague, Czech Republic, August, 2002

Thapar Bjorkert, S. ‘Colonizing the Revolutionary Body: Narratives from Colonial Prison’, Gender and Geographies Symposium, Faculty of Arts, University of Bristol, May 2002.
Publications

20001-02 was the second year of publication of the journal, *Ethnicities* (Sage), edited by Stephen May and Tariq Modood. The journal, which increased its issues from 3 to 4 per year, increased its subscriptions to over 250, including most of the leading US research university libraries. It was one of the first academic journals to have an editorial on September 11 (December 2001), followed by a Symposium (June 2002) and included debates on Critical Multiculturalism and Memorialising the Holocaust as well as articles on a variety of topics on ethnicity, religious identities and nationalisms. The run of issues included our first Special Issue, which was on Cities and Ethnicities (tables of contents of the four issues are in Appendix 2).


Banton, M. 'Comment' on Francisco J. Gil-White, 'Are Ethnic Groups Biological Species to the Human Brain?' *Current Anthropology* 42(4): 538-39.


September 11 and the Aftermath, Muslim Council of Britain, September, 2002 and on The American Muslim website, September, 2002.


Thapar Bjorkert, S with L. Ryan (2002) ‘‘Mother India/Mother Ireland’- Comparative Gendered Dialogues of Colonialism and Nationalism in the early twentieth century’, Women’s Studies International Forum, Vol.25, No.3, 301-313


**Media**

Fauzia Ahmad’s work on young Muslim women and Higher Education was given a full page spread, ‘ Free to live and learn’, Times Higher, 2 November, 2001.

Fauzia Ahmad continued with her contributions on British Muslims, especially post-September 11, on BBC Radio 5,
featuring on many occasions, particularly on the Fi Glover Show, The Nicky Campbell Show and on Late Night Currie. She has also participated in a number of internal BBC seminars.

‘British Muslim Women And September 11 – What Has Changed?’ Short contribution to a French Muslim women’s magazine, Hawwa, January 2002.

Hassan Bousetta - Interview: “Multiculturalisten zijn te optimistisch geweest” (Multiculturalists have been too optimistic), De Morgen, Belgian Flemish daily newspaper, Saturday 13th October 2001

Hassan Bousetta (with Hocine Ouazraf), “Belges et Arabes!” (Belgians and Arabs!), Le Soir, Belgian French-speaking daily newspaper, October 2001


Will Guy - Feb 2002 Interview for Přitomnost on situation of Roma (The New Presencer), leading Czech political journal.

Tariq Modood and some Bristol students, including Serena Hussain from the Department of Sociology were interviewed by a television crew about the experience of British Muslims, post-September 11. The item was screened in a Channel 4 News programme in March as part of their Muslim and British season.

Tariq Modood (with Michael Shiner) ‘Favourite Colours’, The Guardian (Education), June 25, 2002, pp.10-11. This article,
based on the BJSE piece, received wide publicity and was commented on by the Minister of Higher Education on BBC Radio.

Sujit Raman, a Marshall Scholar and a MPhil student in Sociology, had an article, entitled "India, Pakistan, and Operation Just Cause – some Ironies", published in the Houston Chronicle in January, 2002.

**Departures**

The start of this session saw the departure of Steve May, who returned to New Zealand to take up a Foundation Chair in Education and Language at the University of Waikato. We have not completely lost Steve, however, for he continues to be co-editor of *Ethnicities* and in December was made a honorary Senior Research Fellow by the University. At the end of January Hassan Bousetta terminated his Marie Curie Fellowship to join a research team on multiculturalism at the Katholieke Universitaat Leuven, Belgium.

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APPENDIX 1:

Leverhulme Programme on Migration and Citizenship at
Bristol University and University College London

The Leverhulme Trust has awarded a grant of over a million pounds to a joint research programme of the Bristol University Research Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship, hosted by the Department of Sociology, and the Migration Research Unit, based in the Department of Geography, University College London.

This newly funded joint Programme, consisting of eight linked projects over 5 years, commences in April 2003, and will look at three elements in human mobility and its consequences.

1. The diversity of movements of people today: these vary by motive for moving, length of stay, occasional or terminal return to the country of origin, onward movements to other destinations and so on. One project will study human smuggling and trafficking-networks between Pakistan and Britain, and several other projects will focus on the neglected topic of highly skilled migrants. Increasing sectors of employment, often dominated by large transnational corporations for whom movement of staff is routine, are being globalised and a new elite of internationalised workers has emerged. One of the sectors that will be investigated is the staffing and student recruitment of UK higher education. Another project will consider how far various types of movement are substituting for each other in the mobility of human expertise.

2. Settlement issues of previous generation(s) of migrants and descendants. One project, utilising the 2001 Census, will explore the thesis that residential concentration amongst ethnic minorities is no longer necessarily associated with socio-economic disadvantage, but is a reflection of the relaxation of the pressures of assimilation. Another project will explore the
utility of the concept of social capital by studying the reproduction of community and culture across generations and by gender in two Pakistani communities.

3. Impact on and interaction with the 'receiving' societies. Two projects will look at aspects of contemporary British and English national identities in the light of migration and associated changes. One project will look at how religious difference is being represented in national identity discourses. The other project will focus on how white English views of national identity vary by class.

This new Programme will be co-directed by Professor Tariq Modood (Bristol) and Professor John Salt (UCL). Other team members are Professor Steve Fenton, Professor Ron Johnston and Dr Suruchi Thapar-Bjorkert (Bristol), and Dr Claire Dwyer and Dr Khalid Koser (UCL).

The Leverhulme Trust was established in 1925 under the Will of the first Lord Leverhulme - William Hesketh Lever - the entrepreneur and philanthropist who established Lever Brothers in the late nineteenth century. The Trust provides some £25 million each year to promote research of originality and significance principally in the university sector across a full span of disciplines. Further details about the Trust are available from www.leverhulme.org.uk

Further details about the new Programme are available on: http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Sociology/main/resear~1/resear~1.htm
http://www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/mru/

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