CeASR Newsletter
March 2019

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Introduction

The Centre for Applied Social Research (CeASR) is a University-wide Research Centre which orchestrates interdisciplinary research across the social sciences in different programmes:

- Crime, Justice & Society - Programme Lead Dr Tom Cockcroft
- Global Inequalities - Programme Leads Dr. Joseph Ibrahim & Dr. Sophia Price
- Social Change - Programme Leaders Dr. Laura Davies & Dr. Natalia Gerodetti
- Peace - Programme Lead Dr. Rachel Julian
- Child Welfare - Programme Lead Prof Nick Frost
- Play and Work Play - Programme Lead Prof Fraser Brown
- ECRN - Programme Lead Dr Linda Asquith

Director of CeASR: Dr. Rachel Julian

Director of Research REF Units 19/20: Prof Karl Spracklen

Find out more about the Centre on the CeASR Webpage

What’s new?

In February, we welcomed five new research student starters to the Social Policy Group within our school; we wish them all the best with their studies and life at Leeds Beckett University:

- Rachel Anderson (Sociology)
- Christopher Anozie (Politics & International Relations)
- Toluwalase Fabiyi (Criminology)
- Jennifer Ann McCloy (Criminology)
- Hannah Toluwalase Fabiyi (Criminology)

Upcoming Events

- Peace Lecture: Jo Berry ’Making friends with the Enemy’. Friday 22nd March 2019
  https://joberryibu2019.eventbrite.co.uk
  https://wendystaintonrogersibu2019.eventbrite.co.uk
- Global Inequalities Seminar: Dr Stuart Hodgkinson, Associate Professor in Geography, University of Leeds (details TBC). Wednesday 1st May
- CeASR Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Networking Lunch: hosted by Rachel Julian Thursday 21st March 2018, BPAG02. Please get in touch with Cat Brooke to confirm your attendance.
- CeASR annual day of celebrating research: engaging with collaboration and partnership: hosted by Rachel Julian Tuesday 7th May 2019
  https://ceasrresearchday19.eventbrite.co.uk

Recent Publications

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

  https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/evidence-based-policing

PAPERS


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https://www.researchgate.net/publication/286646208_Students_as_producers_Designing_games_to Teach_social_science_research_methods_and_ethics


INTERVIEWS
Fraser Brown was interviewed January 2019 by the New York Times in connection with an article about risk and challenge in children’s play. The interview is due to be published in March 2019.

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS
Madeleine Castro was invited to deliver a paper for a departmental seminar to staff and students at University of Northampton (Psychology Dept.) ‘Disclosure and sharing stories: Similarities and differences between the Red Tent and Exceptional Human Experiences’ 24th January, 2019.

Maria O’Reilly participated in a workshop on “Gender and Extremism in the Western Balkans” in Belgrade, Serbia in March 2019. The workshop was organised by the OSCE Mission to Serbia, and brought together researchers and practitioners to discuss issues of extremism and gender through an interdisciplinary lens. Maria was one of fifteen participants to be selected to present a paper. Her presentation, on the theme "Agents of Violence or Agents of Peace? Gender, Extremism, and Female Ex-Combatants in Bosnia & Herzegovina", outlined the roles and motivations of female combatants involved in the 1992-95 war in Bosnia & Herzegovina. (Image below).

Sophia Price delivered a talk on Aid and Development Post Brexit in London on Wednesday 20th Feb in collaboration with JustShare https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/aid-and-development-post-brexit-tickets-53385560649#

Good news
Rachael Aplin’s book ‘Policing Honour-based abuse’ (in the UK) is due for release late spring 2019: Palgrave Macmillan. It will cover issues on victim blaming, child protection, partnership working with other agencies and issues of poor crime recording.


Maria De Angelis has had her paper: Asylum Seekers: A Critical Attitude on UK Immigration Removal Centres accepted for publication by Social Policy and Society. http://eprints.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/5733/


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Maria O'Reilly has been appointed recently to the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Gender Equality Act Compliance External Advisory Board. The Board was set up to identify guidance and training required for GCRF and Newton Fund applicants, to ensure compliance with the International Development (Gender Equality) Act.

Funding news

Linda Asquith is on the management committee as part of a successful COST bid, entitled ‘Cultures of Victimology’, along with Dr Simon Green from Hull and Prof. Antony Pemberton from Tilburg University, Netherlands.


Sophia Price was awarded £2,100 Building International Collaborations Prize (internal award under the Global Development (Gender Equality) Act).

Internal CeASR/ REF 19&20 Funding rounds have been held in December 2018 and February 2019 and the following have been awarded funding for their research projects:
- Linda Asquith
- Tom Cockcroft & Katie Dhillara (joint venture)
- Tom Cockcroft
- Maria De Angelis
- Katerina Gachevska
- Joseph Ibrahim
- Rachel Julian & Robin Redhead (joint venture)
- Rachel Julian
- Maria O'Reilly
- Sophia Price
- Thomas Purcell
- Karl Spracklen & Pamela Fisher (joint venture)
- Colin Webster

Please note the deadline for the next Internal CeASR/ REF 19&20 funding round is 31st March 2019. You can apply here and send your application to Cat Brooke

Let’s get to know...

Dr. Rachel Julian is Reader in Peace Studies and Director of CeASR. Rachel spent 20 years leading and managing NGOs in peace and conflict work before joining Leeds Beckett, and her work focuses on the experience and agency of people affected by violent conflict. Her primary interest is exploring the evidence that civilians can protect civilians from violence without using weapons and how this nonviolent approach challenges current norms in peacekeeping. Rachel’s recent research work has been in Myanmar (funded by AHRC) and Philippines (funded by United States Institute for Peace), and she has been invited to the UN in New York and the German Parliament to share her work. As Director of CeASR, Rachel leads the key goals of CeASR, i) to support all researchers within the 5 CeASR programmes to develop their ideas, skills, partnerships and impact. ii) to create an environment where researchers can access support, training, and meet colleagues to discuss research, CeASR has a regular newsletter, seminars, meetings and trainings, through which researchers can share good news, request specific support and access information relevant to being in the ‘Centre for Applied Social Research’.

A word with…

Direct of Research REF Units 19/20: Prof Karl Spracklen

"REF 2021 planning continues to be a key part of my work as Director of Research covering Social Policy and Politics. The University’s Code of Practice is out for consultation and will be approved as soon as the consultation is over. Individuals will have to decide themselves if they want to be considered to be a part of the REF, and we will have a panel for PIR and SWSP that will look at the evidence those people provide. We did very good in the last formal Audit and are on track with drafts of our impact case studies and environment statements. We need to think collectively about our Research Strategy above and beyond REF, so that everybody feels enabled to do research and everybody’s research is valued.

I finally moved to the city campus, after some months working between sites. You can now find me in Calverley 920. If
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you haven’t already come to see me, please do. I try to be around as much as possible, and I am always willing to talk with anyone about research.”

Please get in touch for more information or for an informal chat. K.Spracklen@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

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The next CeASR newsletter will be out in summer, please send anything you would like to be included in there to Cat Brooke.

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