CeASR Newsletter
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Welcome to Semester 1 2019/20 CeASR Newsletter. If you have anything you’d like to be included in the next edition, please contact Cat Brooke: c.brooke@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Introduction

The Centre for Applied Social Research (CeASR) is a University-wide Research Centre which orchestrates interdisciplinary research across the social sciences in Leeds School of Social Sciences (LSSS) and School of Health and Community Studies (SHC) in different programmes:

Director of CeASR: Dr. Rachel Julian

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

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

CeASR has two cross cutting themes: Early Career Researchers Network which focuses on specific support needed to develop research and writing and Pedagogy Research which develops from the teaching and learning cross CeASR.

• ECRN- Programme Lead Dr. Linda Asquith

Pedagogy Research Lead: to be advertised shortly.

Find out more about the Centre on the CeASR Webpage

From the Director

CeASR exists to support researchers who’s focus is the social life in Yorkshire, the UK and Internationally. CeASR supports through internal events and conversations, funding programmes, invited guests and peer to peer training. In 2019-20 our focus will be on building partnerships and collaboration across all the programmes. Partnership and collaboration are essential for developing research which is embedded in the social structures we investigate and connecting research to communities and changing policy. To support this focus on partnership and collaboration we have a new funding scheme and will support those wanting to build and develop strong partnerships.

Upcoming Events and Training

Dates for your diary and further details to follow:

Semester 1 Seminars

Crime Justice and Society
• Linda Asquith- ‘Life After Genocide’: 9th October 2.00-3.30pm, BPA101.
• Don Crewe- ‘Blame, and Responsibility, Revisited’: 6th November 2.00-3.30pm, PD218.
• Alex Bradley- ‘Identifying Best Practice in Trauma-Informed Women’s Rehabilitation and Recovery’: 19th November 2.00-3.30pm RB515.

Global Inequalities
• Professor Pete Milward (Liverpool John Moores University) ‘LGBT& football fan networks movements’: 7th November 2.00-3.30pm, BPA103

Politics & International Relations (PIR)
Dates as follows in RB513, details TBC:
• 2 Oct
• 16 Oct
• 30 Oct
• 13 Nov
• 27 Nov
• 11 Dec

Festival of Politics and International Relations (PIR) 18-22 November 2019. This annual event involves a programme of talks, debates, workshops and other events providing opportunities for argument and discussion on a range of social, political and economic issues – contemporary and historical, national and global.

Larger grants training & advice session 2nd October 11-12pm, CL410c (see funding news below).

Researcher intelligence Survival Kit (RiSK) September-December 2019
An exciting new RiSK training programme is aimed at helping academics to develop their skills, knowledge and capabilities in relation to writing research grant applications. This programme is aimed at researchers from all levels and maps broadly to the requirements of research funding bodies. Book your place via iTrent

Recent Publications

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Good news

We are starting 2019/20 by saying goodbye to all who have left to embark on new ventures and welcoming new staff and research students to the Social Policy Group within LSSS. We wish them all the best with their career, studies and life at Leeds Beckett University. New research students will be welcomed at the induction on Monday 7th October 10-1pm, CL216.

Fraser Brown has been awarded the prestigious Brian Sutton-Smith Award for Scholarship in Play. https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/blogs/school-of-hcs/2019/06/award/

Tom Cockcroft has his 2nd sole authored book “Police Culture: Research and Practice” accepted for publication in March 2020, Policy Press.

John Craig was chair of the organising committee for International Teaching and Learning conference in Brighton in June which was the first ever conference jointly organised by the APSA, BISA, ECPR and PSA and on the theme of ‘Teaching Politics in an Age of Populism’.

Darren Hill has been promoted to Reader in School of Health and Community Studies.

Darren Hill and Erika Laredo have their paper “First and last and always: streetwork as a methodology for radical community social work practice” selected as one of the Critical and Radical Social Work new Editors’ Choice articles in Bristol University Press website

Rachel Julian is Co-Investigator in a successful GCRF Development Funding bid with Aberystwyth focussing on networking people together working on local civilian protection in South East Asia.

Rachel Julian spent a week in August in the Philippine island of Mindanao in training local researchers in a project funded by United States Institute for Peace.

Sophia Price was awarded internal Building International Collaborations (BIC) funding to develop partnerships with academics and policymakers in Ghana and Nigeria on the impacts of trade liberalisation on migration.

Sophia Price has been appointed as Chair of the School of Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee.

Sophia Price was an invited participant at the Free University of Brussels Conference on European Solidarity in June.

Sophia Price presented papers in September on trade liberalisation and the gendered dimension of EU development cooperation to UACES, the Academic Association of European Studies in Lisbon.

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Chris Till has recently been appointed as co-editor of "Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine" and a contributing editor to the "Cost of Living" blog.

Waqas Tufail co-authored a report “Leaving the war of Terror” which was launched in Parliament in September, hosted by the Shadow Home Secretary Dianne Abbot MP.
https://www.tni.org/en/event/leaving-the-war-on-terror

Colin Webster retired after 14 years at Leeds Beckett University but will still be involved in projects such as an ESRC research bid. Colin is writing a new book “Poor Crime, Rich Crime”.

Funding news

CeASR internal funding has been launched for both small grants and larger ones for partnership and collaboration development. Deadlines for applying for the small grants are 30th September, 12th December, 1st March and 10th May. The deadline for large grant is 15th October. Information and application forms can be found here.

The Building International Collaborations (BIC) Prize Funding for international partnership development has been announced. This new funding training from the research hub will take you from idea to application.

The following researchers were successful in their applications for internal CeASR funding in March and June 2019 rounds so look out for hearing about their research over the next year:
- Rachael Aplin
- Alex Bradley
- Chris Byrne
- Tom Cockcroft
- John Gregson
- Rachel Julian
- Sophia Price
- Waqas Tufail
- Colin Webster

Internal funding from Research Office
1. The Building International Collaborations (BIC) Prize provides funds for staff to travel to countries on the Development Assistance Countries (DAC) list to build and grow collaborative links with researchers in these countries. The main outcome of the scheme is to enable academics to develop collaborations such that the networks and partnerships are in place to underpin future research activity. We expect to make a number of awards available to support development activities of those researchers who identify collaborative links and partnerships with DAC listed countries.
2. The Building International Collaborations Follow on Funding (BIC FOF) provides funds for BIC Prize awardees from 18/19 to travel to countries on the Development Assistance Countries (DAC) list (and potential reciprocal travel) with the aim of maximising the collaborative links, which they have built using the BIC Prize, by carrying out early stage research activities. The prize enables researchers to conduct activities essential to preparing the grounds with a view to applying for external research funding within 18 months of completion.

External funding opportunities
1. Wellcome Trust Collaborative Awards in Humanities and Social Science - Wellcome Trust Collaborative Awards in Humanities and Social Science
2. New Round of AHRC-ESRC-FCO Knowledge Exchange Fellowships
3. The Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness (SHI Foundation) runs four grant schemes for work in the field of the sociology of health and illness. The deadlines have been announced as 31 October 2019 and 31 March 2020 - http://www.shifoundation.org.uk/?page_id=22
4. British Academy Small Grants - https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/ba-leverhulme-small-research-grants

If you’re interested in applying for or would like to talk through any other funding opportunities, please get in touch with our Research Funding Advisor Nicoletta Mirachi

Let’s get to know…

Sophia Price and Joseph Ibrahim-Global Inequalities Programme Co-Leads
As well as Head of Politics and IR, Dr Sophia Price is also co-lead of the CeASR Global Inequalities research programme, with her work and research interests perfectly aligning her for this role. Sophia has worked at Leeds Beckett for 11 years, originally as a Senior Lecturer in Economics and then as a Senior Lecturer and Principal Lecturer in Politics. Previously she worked for the Open University and the
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University of Manchester, where she completed her PhD in Political Economy. She is a feminist political economist and her research has covered a range of themes, including the EU’s trade and aid relations with Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, EU-West African trade liberalisation, financial inclusion strategies in the Global South, and gendered governance practices in trade and of key institutions such as the EU and the IMF. Recently her research has focused on the impact of Brexit on EU and UK aid policies. She regularly presents her research at international and national conferences, and as an invited speaker to external organisations and events. She is the co-editor of the Lynne Reiner Advances in Political Economy book series and is the Chair of the School of Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee.
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Dr Joseph Ibrahim is Senior Lecturer in Sociology. He co-leads the Global Inequalities research programme for CeASR with Dr Sophia Price. His research interests are in the field of political sociology which include a number of aspects that relate to globalization and the consequences of uneven distribution of wealth leading to political discontent, for example: political mobilizations, protests, revolts, rebellions, strikes, collective action, political ideologies and the rise of populism vis-a-vis austerity and the global crash. He has published three books, including a monograph entitled Bourdieu and Social Movements, 2015 (Palgrave) and two edited volumes on Contemporary Left-Wing Activism: democracy, participation and dissent in a global context, 2019 (Routledge). His role in Global Inequalities is to support the research ambitions of colleagues and to help them increase the quality and quantity of research outputs. This includes inviting internal and external speakers to present and disseminate their research through a seminar series and given his experience on several editorial boards he is also happy to offer informal advice to colleagues on how to get their work published on themes aligned with programme, broadly conceived.

Sophia and Joseph are both very happy to discuss ideas and potential research collaborations with colleagues who wish to become involved with the programme.
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A word with…

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

Karl is responsible for developing REF units social policy and politics, which closely align with CeASR and has set out a set of objectives which show how he is thinking research will develop into the next REF cycle. The full list is available from Cat Brooke and Karl is happy to discuss them. They include the relationship between research and teaching, improving the quality and quantity of research, staff being recognised internationally in their disciplines, and the range of methods we use for ethical research.

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The next CeASR newsletter will be out in semester 2, please send anything you would like to be included to Cat Brooke