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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 Leeds School of Social Sciences (LSSS) and School of Health and Community Studies (SHC) in different programmes:

- Interim Director of CeASR & Director of Research REF Units 19 & 20: [Prof Karl Spracklen](#)

- **Crime, Justice & Society** - Programme Lead TBC

- **Global Inequalities** - Programme Leads [Dr. Joseph Ibrahim](#) & [Dr. Sophia Price](#)

- **Social Change**- Programme Leads [Dr. Laura Davies](#) & [Dr Chris Till](#)

- **Peace, Conflict and Human Rights**- Programme Leads [Dr. Maria O'Reilly](#) & [Prof Rachel Julian](#)

- **Child Welfare**- Programme Lead [Prof Nick Frost](#)

- **Play and Playwork**- Programme Lead [Prof Fraser Brown](#)

- **Prison Research Network (PRISON)**- Programme Lead [Dr Bill Davies](#)

- **Quantitative Methods Network (QMN)** - Programme Lead [Dr Chris Byrne](#)

CeASR has two cross cutting initiatives:

- **Early Career Researchers Network** which focuses on specific support needed to

develop research and writing

Programme Lead [Dr Linda Asquith](#)

- **Pedagogy Research** which develops from the teaching and learning cross CeASR

Programme Lead- TBC

*The CeASR Webpage is currently under construction and being updated, we shall announce once it is completed.*

### From the Director of CeASR

Despite lockdown, CeASR continues to thrive as you can see from all the excellent activity in this newsletter.

One major change that has occurred over the summer is Rachel Julian stepping down as Director of CeASR, although she will continue to be heavily involved. I'd like to thank her for all the hard work she put into re-energising and re-focusing CeASR. and offer congratulations on her promotion to Professor.

I have stepped in as Interim Director to make sure of two things in the next twelve months.

The first thing is to try to maintain the research activity and ensure that we award CeASR grants. We now have a stream dedicated to new and returning researchers, as well as bigger grants for researchers who have been assigned research

independence under our Code of Practice. All information and application forms were emailed 12<sup>th</sup> October, but please ask Cat Brooke if you require one. **The application deadlines are 15<sup>th</sup> December and 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

The second thing I need to do is plan and shape the role of CeASR. Do we keep the programmes that we have? Do we need some other centres that align with subject groups? How do we interact with other schools as well as School of Health and Community Studies? I am going to start developing conversations with a number of key people to see if we can find a way forward. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in that conversation.

And, of course, if any member of CeASR would like advice, support or help while we are working remotely, please get in touch.

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### Upcoming Events and Training

**Social Change Reading Group**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm via the Social Change "Team", discussing Meer N (2019) W. E. B. Du Bois, double consciousness and the 'spirit' of recognition. Please contact Chris or Laura for access or further information.

**CommUNITY Film launch** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1-2pm, to celebrate

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In place of face to face trainings and seminars, there are many online opportunities. Feel free to share any that you think may be useful to other people.

### Recent Publications

**Asquith, L.** (2020) 'Fortress Britain or Migratory Haven? Genocide survivors' experiences of Migration to the UK' in Eski, Y. *Genocide & Victimology*; London, Routledge.

**De Angelis, M** (2020) *Competing Narratives in the Nexus of Migration, Crime & Gender* in M. Althoff, B. Dolinger & H. Schmit (eds) *Conflicting Narratives of Crime & Punishment*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Catterall, I., Mitchell, S.M., **Dhingra, K.**, Conner, K., & Swogger, M. (2020). Brief motivational intervention for substance use may decrease violence among heavy alcohol users in a jail diversion program. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854820958747>

**Goodwin, T.** (2020) *Translating the Psychoanalysis of Origins: Reflections on Nicolas Abraham's "Introducing Thalassa" and Sándor*

*Ferenczi's Theoretical Legacy*. Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities. ISSN 0969-725X (In Press)

**Goodwin, T.** (2020) *Introducing Thalassa* by Nicolas Abraham. Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities. ISSN 0969-725X (In Press)

Lindell, Johan & **Ibrahim, J.** (2020) 'Something 'Old', Something 'New'? The UK Space of Political Attitudes After the Brexit Referendum', *Sociological Research Online* <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1360780420965982>

**McNeil, B.E.** (2020) 'Nietzsche and Eternal Recurrence'. Palgrave Macmillan.

**Shaw, M.** (2020) 'School bullying in a pandemic', Covid-19 Special Paper 16, UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/jill-dando-institute/research/covid-19-special-papers>

The above paper was re-published by Policing Insight: <https://policinginsight.com/features/opinion/school-bullying-during-a-pandemic/> and SSAT (Schools, Students & Teachers network) <https://www.ssatuk.co.uk/blog/school-bullying-during-a-pandemic/>

**Spracklen, K.** (2020), 'Performing science-fiction fandom through

debating controversy: Communicative leisure, collective memory, and Rogue One: A Star Wars Story below the line at The Guardian', *Journal of Fandom Studies*, 8(1): pp. 103-117.

**Spracklen, K.** and Robinson, D. (2020), 'Putting faith in vinyl, real ale and live music: A case study of the limits of tourism policy and a critical analysis of new leisure spaces in a northern English town', *Tourism, Culture and Communication*, 20(2-3): pp. 151-161.

**Spracklen, K.** and Spracklen, L. (2020), 'Simply the best, or remembering when Tina Turner met the Winfield Cup: Nostalgia and the construction of authenticity in rugby league online spaces', *Sport in Society*, published online at <https://doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2020.1789103>

Thurnell-Read, T., Herbst, J., Robinson, D. and **Spracklen, K.** (2020), 'Rhythm and booze: Contesting leisure mobilities on the Transpennine Real Ale Trail', *Mobilities*, published online at <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450101.2020.1820189>

**Spracklen, K.** (2019), 'Cycling, bread and circuses? When Le Tour came to Yorkshire and what it left behind', *Sport in Society*. <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/blog/research-enterprise/2020/09/when-le-tour->

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**Spracklen, K.** (2020), Metal Music and the Re-imagining of Masculinity, Place, Race and Nation, Bingley: Emerald

**Taylor, S.** (2020). 'Transformation through loss and grief: A study of personal transformation following bereavement'. The Humanistic Psychologist.

**Taylor, S.** (2020) 'When Seconds Turn Into Minutes: Time Expansion Experiences in Altered States of Consciousness'. Journal of Humanistic Psychology.

**Taylor, S.,** Charura, D., Williams, G., Shaw, M., Allan, J., Cohen, E., Meth, F., & O'Dwyer, L. (2020). Loss, grief, and growth: An interpretative phenomenological analysis of experiences of trauma in asylum seekers and refugees. Traumatology.

**Taylor, S.** (2020). The Clear Light: Spiritual Reflections and Meditations Book, New World Library.

#### Good news

**Alexandra Bradley** was invited by One Small Thing to write, design and develop the documentation for 'Working with Trauma Quality Mark' which is a new quality assurance accreditation for organisations to demonstrate their good practice

when working with individuals with trauma histories. This is the first in the country and was published at the One Small Thing Annual Conference on Tuesday 20th October. <https://onesmallthing.org.uk/news-1/2020/10/21/working-with-trauma-quality-mark>

**Chris Byrne** established the new **Quantitative Methods Network**. The purpose is to enhance research and teaching of quantitative methods within CeASR by creating an online space for the discussion of quants-based research, and for the dissemination of quants-related learning and teaching resources. If you would like to join the network, you can do so by self-enrolling on its dedicated MyBeckett module, which is now live (CRN 01333).

The network will hopefully also be in a position to stage some quants-related research events in future.

**Natalia Gerodetti**, who established and ran the Social Change Programme alongside co-lead Laura Davies, has now stepped down from this role and we welcome Chris Till to take over. A huge thank you to Natalia and all the best to Chris!

**Rachel Julian** was promoted to Professor in July and is the first female Professor in Politics and International Relationship at Leeds Beckett University; congratulations on a fantastic achievement!

**Rachel Julian's** research partnership in Myanmar is extending

to her providing research training to Nonviolent Peaceforce Myanmar and the Emerging Women Leaders Network. This will enable them to collect data and improve participation in the peace processes.

**Rachel Julian** was an invited speaker at the Women Peace and Security in SE Asia online seminar series in October, run by Nonviolent Peaceforce Philippines.

**Rachel Julian** is providing research training in participatory methods to projects in Nigeria, Kenya and Vietnam as Co-I in GCRF Challenge Network called 'Partnerships for Equality and Inclusion'. This will be videos and online Q and A and will help projects to design research to enable excluded people to participate in health and education projects.

**Lisa Long** had her paper 'The Ideal Victim: A Critical Race Theory (CRT) Approach' accepted for publication in the International Review of Victimology.

**Maria O'Reilly** attended 'Applying Feminist institutionalist approaches to the study of International Relations' virtual workshop in September, co-hosted by University of Reading and Newcastle University, where she presented "Unpacking Defence Sector Reform Through a Feminist Institutional Lens".

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**Mandy Shaw** had her research 'School bullying - before, during and beyond the Covid-19 pandemic' published in the LBU Together Blog: <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/blog/s/lbu-together/2020/07/school-bullying/>

**Steve Taylor's** paper on the psychological phenomenon of "group flow" in relation to the bands Black Sabbath and Joy Division has been accepted by the journal 'Metal Music Studies' to be published December 2020.

**Steve Taylor** hosted a launch event for his published book of poetry 'The Clear Light' on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.  
<https://www.alternatives.org.uk/event/clear-light>

**John Willott** and Dr Naeema Hann, together with colleagues at NATECLA (National Association for Teachers of English and Community Languages), completed a contract to provide a Literature Review and expert advice for the project 'Suitable and Effective ESOL for Refugees.' This is part of a national project led by Migration Yorkshire, who have been appointed by the Home Office to deliver it in collaboration with Strategic Migration Partnerships across England. Building on this, John, Naeema and Nicole Whitworth are part of a new project led by Migration Yorkshire, together with the universities of Oxford, Leeds and Huddersfield, and the Institute for Public Policy Research. The project

is supported by the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), a European Union fund designed to help member states manage migration and implement, strengthen and develop a common EU approach to asylum and immigration.

Leeds Beckett University has approved a policy for **Open Research**, which sets out the University's commitment to making the products of our research (both outputs and research data) publicly available. For full details, please visit our [Open Access](#) page and read the [Open Research Policy](#). You can also view a [short video explaining the policy](#) in Panopto.

**Social Change Programme** has set up a Microsoft Teams group which will become the main source of information for the programme. Please feel free to post messages on the "conversation" wall in Teams especially if you are looking for help, ideas or collaborations.

Social Change have also set up some activities for both staff and students to become involved in:

- Monthly reading group
- An informal peer review system
- Virtual writing retreat

CeASR was proud to fund the **Asylum in Art Exhibition** which was organised by **Maria De Angelis** and took place at the Leeds Church Institute in October. This collaborative project, with Leeds

Beckett University; Critical Friends from City of Sanctuary, Refugee Education Training Advice Service (RETAS); Toast-Love-Coffee café; Asmarina Voices; Hinsley Hall; Universities Chaplaincy in Leeds and photographer Jeremy Abrahams, was based on the collective experience of 15 former detainees and shone a lens on what life is like inside a British Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) and beyond release into a community in the city of Leeds.



### Funding news

The following researchers were successful in their applications for internal CeASR REF 19/ 20 units funding in Spring 2020, so look out for hearing about their research over the next year:

- John Willott
- Madeleine Castro
- Sofia Persson



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- Tom Goodwin
- Rachel Julian
- Natalia Gerodetti

**Mandy Shaw** received a CeASR small grant to research the bullying of school teachers. She has completed the first stage of data collection via an online survey and will soon start the second stage via online interviews.

**John Willott** received a CeASR small grant to work with PAFRAS (Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) a community-based charity that supports destitute asylum seekers in Leeds. The project employed a student Research Assistant (Samara Rossiter, MA International Human Rights Practice) who conducted a literature review to understand how enforced destitution impacts young asylum seekers, focusing on challenges faced and best practice in addressing needs. The work supported a successful bid by PAFRAS to the Paul Hamlyn Foundation to continue their work for another two years, and BA International Relations student Lola Phillips-Leal has started a volunteering placement with them.

**UKRI to Pilot Early Career Researchers Forum**  
UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) is launching a pilot forum this month and seeks to recruit 400 Early Career Researchers.

The forum will connect the ECR community and allow UKRI to engage with the sector on the issues that matter to them. To find out more, and apply, complete the online [form](#).

#### Changes to UKRI funding application processes

UKRI is implementing major changes to how it interacts with applicants and stakeholders across research, business and government, to reduce the burden placed on researchers and innovators applying for funding. The eligibility criteria for organisations applying for both research and innovation funding will be simplified - and application to their 200+ research and innovation grant schemes will be streamlined. UKRI also plan to launch a new streamlined, two-stage application process for standard grant rounds, working with key stakeholders to design, deliver and evaluate the impact of these changes. Further details of the plans are available [here](#).

#### Final Deadline Confirmed for UKRI Funding Call to address COVID-19

Applicants have until mid-December to apply for short term projects addressing and mitigating the health, social, economic and environmental impacts of COVID-19.

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has confirmed the final deadlines for its ongoing call to support short-term projects of up to 18 months in

duration addressing and mitigating the health, social, economic and environmental impacts of the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak.

Following the strong initial response to the call, UKRI is focusing its funding for new research proposals in the areas of the portfolio not previously funded. Details of research questions UKRI is particularly interested in funding are available [here](#).

Researchers will also be able to repurpose existing UKRI award funding to address COVID-19 research priorities. Requests to do so should be submitted to [CV19researchinnovation@ukri.org](mailto:CV19researchinnovation@ukri.org).

Proposals will be accepted from anyone who is normally [eligible to apply for UKRI funding](#).

There are two routes to apply for this scheme:

For applications to the research councils, bids must be led by an eligible research organisation or Public Sector Research Establishment (PSRE). Applicants should fill in the application form on the call [webpage](#) via the [Joint Electronic Submission \(Je-S\) system](#) by the final 15 December 2020 deadline.

*If you're interested in applying for or would like to talk through any other funding opportunities, please get in*

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### Let's get to know...

#### Chris Till, Co-Lead Social Change Programme...

I am Senior Lecturer in Sociology in Leeds School of Social Sciences with teaching and research interests in health, bodies and digital technologies (and how these converge) as well as social theory. Before I came to Leeds Beckett in 2013, I had research and teaching posts at the University of Leeds and the University of Sheffield. I have conducted empirical and theoretical research into the history of eating disorders, the responsible innovation of medical technologies and the notion of ethics in the work of Zygmunt Bauman and Michel Foucault.

My recent research has focused on the impact of digital technologies, data and networks on how health and exercise are managed and conceptualised. I have proposed that notions of health and exercise are becoming merged with those of work and productivity. This occurs through consumer wearables and apps as well as workplaces using wellness interventions to improve professional performance.

I have simultaneously developed a related interest in the methods and

strategies used to manage and shape the behaviour of workers, citizens and users of wearable devices and social media. I propose that a conception of these as "automatic subjects" has become increasingly prominent and manifests in the structure and design of various technologies and interventions which focus on the use of "nudges" and other subtle measures to control and shape the behaviours and "habits" of targeted individuals.

Other projects I have contributed to have explored the significance of notions of community to members of CrossFit gyms and used big data to explore the potential of commercial and geodemographic datasets to assess the impact of localised health interventions.

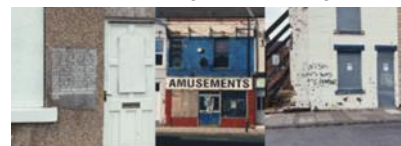
I am a co-editor for the journal *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine* and a co-convenor of the Yorkshire Medical Sociology and Digital Sociology study groups for the British Sociological Association.

The next CeASR newsletter will be out in semester 2 2020/ 2021, please send anything you would like to be included to [Cat Brooke](#) by **1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**



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