



Ethnicity: University Research Theme Report, May 2005 – May 2006

Summary

The Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship was founded as a URC in 1999 and in 2002 won a £1m Leverhulme Programme jointly with UCL. The year just finished was the mid-point of this programme (2003-08) and saw the (delayed) appointment of a new Chair, Paul Statham (from September 06), the next major step in the development of this theme at Bristol. At the same time we increased our level of activity in relation to other projects, especially international, and public engagement, and look forward to joining BIPA. We had a book launch in the House of Lords, a prize for a journal article and the journal, *Ethnicities*, was selected for indexing in ISI.

A. Leverhulme Programme on Migration and Ethnicity with UCL (2003 – 2008)

The year was the mid-point of the Programme, with three projects coming to an end. Each was involved in a number of seminar and conference presentations and these are now being revised as submissions to journals. The three projects were:

- *Social Capital, Gender and Differential Outcomes* (T Modood, S Thapar-Bjorkert and G Sanghera; with C Dwyer and B Shah at UCL)
- *Nation, Class and Ressentiment* (S Fenton and R Mann)
- *Ethnic Segregation and the Transition from School to Work* (N Khattab, T Modood, R Johnston, I Sirkeci, K Mansi and K Paton).

The final two Bristol Leverhulme projects begin in the second half of 2006:

- *Academics and Globalisation* (S Fenton, T Modood and C Smetherham)
- *National Identity, Citizenship and Religious Difference* (T Modood; with C Dwyer at UCL).

There was a two days mid-Programme Conference in Bristol in March, *Mobility, Ethnicity and Society*, which included eminent guest speakers and discussants. The Conference Programme and papers, and details on the above project are available from the Programme webpages at <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sociology/leverhulme>

B. The themes reflected in the Leverhulme Programme are part of other on-going or new work or research bid activity. For example:

1. National Identity

Jon Fox continued with his work on nationalism, with special reference to Rumanian Hungarians, and published articles in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* and *Nations and Nationalism*, and with the latter won an Association for the Study of Ethnicity, Nations and Nationalism Prize.

Continuing with the theme of national identity, Steve Fenton has published a chapter on 'Race and Nation' *The Sage Handbook of Nations and Nationalism*. He has also presented papers on Resentment, Indifference and English National Identity to Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand in February and the University of Malaysia at Sabah, Kota Kinabalu in March 2006.

As in the Leverhulme Programme, the major focus of national identity work was Britain. Fieldwork in Bristol, under the direction of Tariq Modood was undertaken for a joint 2 year ESRC project with Glasgow University on racism and national identity and the first paper was submitted to a journal. Additionally, Modood gave several talks on Britishness, including at a major Fabian Conference led by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown.

Steve Fenton, Fox, and Robin Mann submitted a proposal on, 'Everyday Nationalism in England and Wales' to the ESRC but it was not successful.

2. Participation in and Benefits of Education and Employment

The first major comparative study of the US-UK on this topic was published (600+ pages) by Cambridge University Press in 2005, edited by Modood (with US colleagues, G Loury and S Teles). Building on this, Modood, J Squires (Politics) and RS Dhimi, won and worked on the project, *Developing Positive Action Policies: Lessons from N. America and Europe*, Department of Works and Pensions, (£70k), with the published report due shortly.

Leon Tikly, Chamion Caballero and Jo Haynes in GsoE (Haynes is now back in Sociology) (with D Gillborn, IoE and J Hill (Birmingham LEA) completed an evaluation of a national programme to raise African Caribbean achievement in secondary schools for the DfES. It has been very well received and is being published in July. Articles are also forthcoming from its predecessor project examining mixed race children's experiences in English schools, including in *British Journal of Sociology of Education*.

An interdisciplinary collaboration was created for the large ESRC grant application focussing on ethnic segregation and school achievement (£475k sought by Modood, S Burgess and D. Wilson in Economics, R Johnston and P. Rich in Geography (and R. Lupton at IoE). It was not successful but some of the work fed into a further ESRC application for £130k led by Nabil Khattab with Modood (A Brimicombe) (awaiting result) and a collaborative tender by Khattab and Burgess to the DfES for £73k (unsuccessful).

Steve Fenton completed a consultancy for OECD on Labour Market Integration of Young Immigrants in Switzerland and presented the results to a conference jointly organised by OECD and the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. The report will be published later in 2006.

Harriet Bradley has continued her work with G Healy (QMUL) on the gender and ethnicity in employment, with two new funded projects: on young minority workers in the labour market (ESF), and on the impact of workplace cultures on ethnic minority women (Equal Opportunities Commission). A conference, 'Inspiring young Black Workers' is being held at QMUL in July, and two books are in progress.

Bradley has also been developing work on the intersection of ethnicity and gender with researchers at the Institute of Social Research (ISF , Oslo), where she held a 4 weeks visiting fellowship, and is a partner to a research project submitted to the Norwegian Research Council.

Relatedly, Esther Dermott and Haynes sought funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation for 'Parental Roles in Mixed Parentage Families' but were unsuccessful.

3. Multiculturalism

Modood's book, 'Multicultural Politics', published in March 2005 was the basis for considerable public engagement in 2005-06, including a panel discussion consisting of Stuart Hall, John Keane and Ziauddin Sardar, chaired by Lord Professor Bhikhu Parekh, at the House of Lords, the Edinburgh Book Festival and the many media and public talks he gave on Muslims and multiculturalism. The book has been reviewed as 'engaged and impassioned political theory at its very best' (*Political Studies*).

Modood organised with G Levey (University of New South Wales), and I Ang (Centre for Cultural Research, University of Western Sydney) a colloquium on *Religion and Multicultural Citizenship*, in Sydney in July 2005. The papers are being edited for publication with Cambridge University Press.

Modood joined a 32 scholars major international research initiative, *Ethnicity and Democratic Governance*, which won \$2.5million by the Canadian SSHRC, which enables members to put forward joint proposals for funding during 2006 – 2111.

Fox and Modood have secured a Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professorship for Rogers Brubaker (UCLA) to visit Bristol in October, 2006.

4. Europe

A Bristol based European network led by Modood produced the co-edited book, *Multiculturalism, Muslims and Citizenship: A European Approach*, Routledge, 2006. Working with a co-editor, A Triandafyllidou (Athens) it was used to secure funding for a 9 countries partnership within the EU Sixth Framework Programme for *A European Approach to Multicultural Citizenship: Legal, Political and Educational Challenges* (EMILIE), 1,295,000 Euros (of which Bristol receives 174,000 euros).

Besides Fox's work on central and eastern Europe (mentioned above), Will Guy continued with his long-standing work on the Roma in this region. He was the lead researcher on the Minority Rights Group project to evaluate EU-funded Phare programmes to promote greater integration of Roma and worked on this and related activity with Roma NGOs in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary; and as a consultant for the European Commission in Bulgaria.

C. The international quarterly journal, Ethnicities

Before the end of its fifth year (2005), *Ethnicities*, co-founded by Modood and S May (Waikato, NZ), was accepted for indexing/abstracting in 22 scientific databases, including ISI (something relatively rare for a journal at such an early stage), and was available through 274 libraries.

D. New Chair

Paul Statham is to join the Department of Sociology and the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship from the 1 September, 2006. He founded and directed the Centre for European Political Communication at the University of Leeds, where he has led on a number of cross-national projects. He is bringing three new projects with him. One of these relates to multicultural democracy and social capital studied across six European countries and so will strengthen the European and political multiculturalism streams within the URC.

E. Postgraduates

Sociology continues to attract students to our MSc Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (and students on other MScs do its units, including a significant number from Politics) and Phd students. We are aware that postgrad and research students pursue Ethnicity topics in other Depts/Schools and as teaching/supervision is not part of the URC remit we have made no effort to monitor or coordinate this development. (Does UPARC think we should?)

The Ethnicity Phd students in Sociology are very active in giving presentations at national and international conferences, many of which end up as publications. We have a good record in getting our Phd students into research posts. We have been unlucky in an application for an ESRC Postdocs and two others are pending.

F. Supporting Colleagues in Related Activities

While the Ethnicity Centre/Theme is concentrated in Sociology, we have over the years been instrumental in fostering a stream of work in GSoE; in facilitating the development of a 'From Baltic to Balkans' network in the Arts and SSL Faculties; in assisting the Colonialism Leverhulme Programme bid from the Historians; and in participating in the short-lived Global Islam network in the Arts and SSL Faculties. The (temporary?) disappearance of the latter is regrettable in itself and as a potentially important partner for the Ethnicity URC, given the strengths of the URC, and in the light of developments such as the new AHRC-ESRC Religion and Society Programme to which £7.5m has been committed for 2006-11.

We are aware that there are colleagues who work on the key URC topics of ethnicity, racism, nationalism and Muslim politics and while we think that there should indeed be different centres of overlapping activity, as each has its own distinctive take, we intend next year to explore anew the scope for synergies.

The URC is imminently to move into the new **Bristol Institute for Public Affairs**. This will enable it *for the first time to be in one physical space* and so to begin to think of itself more as a Centre; and at the same time to interact and collaborate with other BIPA Centres.

Further details of our activities and samples of our work are available at <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sociology/ethnicitycitizenship>

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