


Britishness in the 21st Century

To be held at Keele University on Wednesday 19 June 2013

09.00 – 17.30

This one-day workshop hosted by the University of Keele in association with the

 **Global Faultlines** and RC4SPIRE will critically explore notions of Britishness and evaluate the key issues involved in formulating shared understandings of British national identity. We will consider the contradictions of British liberalism and imperialism and their legacies for national identity today. In particular, does the association of Britishness with liberal values of due process, human rights and toleration distract us from persistent global associations of the nation with imperial practices of European history, which perhaps manifest in new and even more troubling forms of imperialism? With the British economy facing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, to what extent is 'humanitarian intervention' via military activism, a new name for the old concept of imperialism and its associated control of resources? What are the politics of inclusion and exclusion around reconstructed notions of Britishness in response? Does the liberal-multicultural emphasis on group rights and differentiated citizenship assist or hinder a project of Britishness? Does the label 'Britishness' promise support for liberal values of tolerance, fairness, equality and respect; or is this mere self-congratulation, obscuring extensive problems such as unequal resources and social misrecognition? Will teaching Britishness to young people support a stronger sense of inclusion in the processes of local democracy? And what value does Britishness hold in the context of internationalisation and globalisation?

Speakers include: Professor Pnina Werbner , Dr. Nasar Meer and Dr. Daniel Burdsey.

Full programme attached. To register please complete the attached form and return to f.shain@keele.ac.uk

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CBA 1.080, CBA 1.081 and CB1.023

Programme – overview

09.00	Registration - Chancellors Building Reception
09.15	Introduction and Welcome Professor David Shepherd (<i>Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences</i>) CBA 1.080
9.30- 10.30	Dr. Daniel Burdsey ' <i>Sporting Britishness, multiculturalism and the politics of inclusion: from 'Khan's Army' to the 'Mo-bot'</i> ' CBA 1.080
10-30-10.45	Coffee
10.45 – 11.55	Session 1: "Re-defining Britishness" CBA 1.080
12.00 - 13.15	Session 2: "Cohesion, Citizenship, Belonging" 1.080 CBA, CB1.023
13.15-14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	Session 3 ' Reinventing Empire' CBA 1.080
15.45- 16.00	Coffee
16.00- 17.00	Dr. Nasar Meer, <i>Multiculturalism from a multinational space: Scottish perspectives on the 'new Scots'</i> CBA 1.080
17.00	Expert Panel/Review Session chaired by Professor Pnina Werbner CBA 1.080
17.30	Event Close

10.45 – 11.55 Session 1: "Re-defining Britishness"

- **“Living, dead, zombified, re-animated? A critical and metaphorical exploration of British multiculturalism since July 2005”** *Dr Chris Allen* Institute of Applied Social Studies (IASS), University of Birmingham
- **Multiculturalism, Religion and British Identity: The Case of Geert Wilders** *Dr Elizabeth Poole, Keele*
- **Hype! Stereotype, exaggeration, urban doom and the populist politicisation of the multicultural.** *Dr Gavin Bailey, University of Leicester*

12.00 - 13.15 Session2: "Cohesion, Citizenship, Belonging"

Educating for Britishness (CBA 1.023)

- **Educating for Britishness in the Twenty-First Century: integrationist and intercultural applications to citizenship and cohesion** *Dr Richard Race, Roehampton Unviersity*
- **Gay British Headteachers: In the closet or out of a job? A Foucauldian exploration of one school leader's recent experience and what might be learned.** *Robert Haines, Doctoral Candidate, Keele*
- **What are British Muslim schools and who are they for?** *Dr Damian Breen. Keele*

Social Justice and Inclusion/Exclusion (1.080)

- **Britishness and the Politics of Belonging: The Role of Ethnicity in Explaining British Asian Muslim Men’s Involvement in ‘Street Grooming’** *Dr Joanne Britton, Sheffield University*
- **Contemporary British Islamophobia**
Karamat Iqbal, Doctoral student at Warwick University, with a focus on ‘Pakistani boys’ education in Birmingham’
- **‘Understanding why Black Africans seek asylum in the UK: improving inclusion and social justice through redefining public image.’** *Theo Tambi, Keele University*

14.30 – 16.00 **Session 3 ‘Reinventing Empire’** CBA 1.080

- ***The Falklands War, 1982, and Britishness*** Dr. Helen Parr, Keele University
- **Settlers and Springboks: the Problem of Britishness in 21st-Century South Africa** Dr. Poppy Fry, University of Puget Sound
- **‘Narratives of Empire’: British national and imperial identities in the English national press coverage of the 2012 ‘Jubilympics’**, Jack Black, PhD Research Student, SSEHS, Loughborough University.
- **British citizen or other? Reflections on New Labour’s reforms to the UK citizenship process**, Dr Sherilyn MacGregor Keele University and Dr Gavin Bailey, University of Leicester