

**Minutes of the BREM network business meeting**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016, 11:00-12:30**  
**Room S0.50**

**Present:** Khursheed Wadia, Hannah Jones, Vicki Squire, John Solomos, Gurminder Bhabra, Emily Henderson, Veit Schwab, Lucy Mayblin, Poppy James, Reem Doukmak

**1. Summary of BREM events/activities 2015-2016 (KW)**

- joint Modern Records Centre/BREM event on refugee women and the international migration crisis
- ECR workshop (March 2016) on ethnographic approaches in migration research led by Margaret Hills de Zarate (March 2016)
- annual lecture given by Yasmin Alibhai-Brown (June 2016)
- RRDP Report 'The Long Wait' presented by Hannah Wahle (June 2016)
- award of a 4-year collaborative PhD award to Sociology, CLL and Coventry Ethnic Minority Action Partnership, starting in October 2016 .

**2. Events for 2016-17**

It was agreed that

- the basic BREM model of events from previous years was sound and that further events should be planned around this model in collaboration with other groups.
- We should look at other sources of funding; e.g. IAS network funding, Warwick Impact Fund, GRPs (Global Governance and International Development)
- Events proposed for next academic year could include:
  - Outward-facing event combining 'Migrating dreams and nightmares' exhibition and Simon Parker film 'Precarious trajectories' (HJ and VS)
  - Annual Lecture - invite Lemn Sissay (Poet, Chancellor Manchester University) (HJ). Please send other suggestions to HJ.
  - ECR workshop - invite Johanna Bockman as workshop lead (George Mason University VA, USA), IAS visiting fellow at IAS in 2016-2017 (GB)
  - Contribute to Prevent duty and implications in HE conference, October 2016 ( HJ)
  - Student and academic mobility event – 'the university as a site of border control' (EH/AMIN & VS/PGR students)
  - Contribute to BSA Diaspora, Migration, Transnationalism study group conference to be held at Warwick
  - *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting at Warwick - invite one of the attendees and/or nominate possible PGR student participants (JS).
- BREM should target new arrivals (PGR students and academic staff) at Warwick for network regularly.

### 3. Other initiatives

- Further development of Warwick scholarships for refugees programme - VS to write to Mike Glover (academic registrar) and Stuart Croft and suggest broadening out the scholarships for refugees working group if one exists, or creating a new working group from October 2016 open to academic staff with expertise in forced migration and links with migrant support organisations.
- BREM contribution to University of Sanctuary movement through advancement of scholarships and possible introduction of training for students, admin staff and others on migration causes, categories, flows and processes of integration etc. VS to send relevant links (see below).
- HJ summarised the Tate Modern exchange project of engagement with communities of artists, academics and other practitioners in order to create a space where dialogues on art and society can be had and asked how BREM could influence what is shown in the spaces of the new wing in an event planned for Spring 2017. BREM members were asked to forward suggestions to HJ. HJ to send further updates about next year's April/May event.
- University Brussels event - the University's Brussels Office is organising an event on migration and policy, in Brussels, in November 2016. The idea is to start building contacts between Warwick academics working on migration and EU policy makers. If BREM members are interested in contributing to this event they should contact VS or the University's European Strategy Team.

### 4. AOB

HJ - does anyone have images which could serve as part of the front cover for her co-authored book *Go home? Immigration controversies and performative politics*. Please forward to HJ.

KW has not responded to an Israeli scholar from Technion University who has asked to join the BREM mailing and membership lists. Further information to be sought.

#### Links to information on refugee scholarships:

UG admission for scholarships:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/funding/fundingyourstudies/otherfundingopps/article26/>

PG information:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/gsp/scholarship/typesoffunding/scholarshipsforrefugees>

For information on the University of Sanctuary movement please contact VS as the documentation referred to was sent directly to VS and is not available by other means - VS to update should this change.