2021 Cross-Institutional PhD Colloquium
Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Migration Research
Monday 21 to Tuesday 22 June 2021

The Essex Centre for Migration Studies, UEA Migration Network, Sussex Centre for Migration Research and Kent SRT Migration & Mobility are hosting our third annual PhD Colloquium.

Racial and ethnic inequalities, especially in health, have risen to prominence with the growing evidence of disproportionate effects of the pandemic on ethnic minorities across the globe. Many of the Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups in the UK and other Western countries are either descendants of immigrants or are immigrants themselves, and the current global health crisis has exposed the long-term inequalities in health, housing and labour market that migrant-origin individuals have been facing. We propose to look closer at the nexus of migration and ethnicity research and invite PGR scholars who work on either substantive or methodological issues related to ethnic inequalities of migrants and their descendants to contribute to this debate. We hope to provide a platform for a discussion that will deepen our understanding of both long-standing inequalities and the emerging new issues related to ethnic inequalities and migration.

Alongside three panels by promising PGRs from across the globe, this Zoom-based colloquium will open and close with two keynote lectures. All times are BST.

Monday 21 June 2021
14:00-15:00 Keynote speech
• Prof Lucinda Platt, London School of Economics: ‘Covid-19: A window on ethnic and racial inequalities?’
15:00 -16:30 Panel 1: Race, gender and identity
• Saskia Papadakis, Royal Holloway, University of London ‘Reimagining the North-South divide: place, race and migration in postcolonial England’
• Jake Watson, Boston University ‘Place, legal status, and refugees: how urban incorporation regimes shape refugee identity’
• Sanjaya Aryal, University of Essex ‘Intersectionality of gender relations among Nepali care workers’ families in the UK’

• Özge Kaytan, Middle East Technical University ‘Constructing ethnic identity on the edge of transnationality: Turks of Bulgaria’
16:45-18:15 Panel 2: Racialisation and rights
• Francesco Marchi, University of Naples ‘Humanitarianism, racialisation, and the production of a surplus humanity. Towards a postcolonial inquiry of the humanitarian government’
• Rebecca Mitchell, University of Sussex ‘The experiences of refugees and asylum seekers with chronic illness who access healthcare in England’
• Eduardo Sanchez Molano, University of Sussex ‘Gaining visibility through protest? Young Rohingya responses to the military coup in Myanmar’
• Anisha Debarman, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai ‘Space, face, and netnography: the visibility of everyday violence in urban spaces faced by the pan-northeastern community in Bangalore’

Tuesday 22 June 2021
14:00-15:30 Panel 3: Ethnicity and the life course
• Julia Rüdel, Heidelberg University ‘The higher, the better? Testing the relative impact of social capital on high- and low-skilled immigrants’ labour market integration’
• Alessandro Ferrara, European University Institute ‘Aiming too high or scoring too low? Heterogeneous ethnic gaps in upper secondary enrolment and outcomes beyond the transition in France’
• Claudia Brunori, European University Institute ‘An immigrants’ paradox in mental health? A life-course perspective’
• Karl (Ka U) Ng, McGill University ‘Segmented dissimilation? Ideal family size and timing of birth among immigrants and their children in France’
15:45 -16:45 Keynote speech
• Dr Kate Choi, Western University, Canada ‘Multiracial families in the era of international migration’

Your keynote speakers
Kate H. Choi is a family demographer, inequality scholar, and quantitative sociologist. Her research investigates the nature, determinants, and consequences of social inequality. Within this broader theme, her work focuses on three substantive topics: determinants of partner selection and consequences of marital sorting for inequality in future generations; racial and socioeconomic disparities in education, family formation and health; and the determinants and consequences of migration.

Lucinda Platt is Professor of Social Policy and Sociology in the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research interests focus on inequality, particularly in relation to migration and ethnicity; and she also works on inequalities faced by disabled children and adults, as well as on processes of socialisation and occupational choice. She has published widely on these topics. The revised and expanded edition of her book Understanding Inequalities: Stratification and Difference was published in 2019. She has longstanding interests in longitudinal analysis and data collection and has been a co-investigator on the large UK household panel study, Understanding Society, since it started. She is a member of the expert panel for the IFS Deaton Review of Inequality (www.ifs.org.uk/inequality).