

BSC Hate Crime Network Newsletter – March 2023

Welcome to the BSC Hate Crime Networks Members' Newsletter for March 2023.

The newsletter provides an update on the latest news and events regarding the Network. The BSC Hate Crime Network is intended to provide a forum for those who are researching/working in the field of hate crime. More information about the Network can be found [here](#). If you have any queries about the newsletter or the Network, please contact Dr Irene Zempi (irene.zempi@ntu.ac.uk).

Things to look out for in this issue include: “Sophie and Sylvia Lancaster Prize” 2023; Podcasts on "Misogyny Online: Extending the boundaries of Hate Crime" and "The Permission to be Cruel: Street-Level Bureaucrats and Harms Against People Seeking Asylum"; “Spotlight”; “Researching within hate studies” online events

BSC Hate Crime Network “Sophie and Sylvia Lancaster Prize” 2023

Guidelines

Aim

To acknowledge the valuable contribution to the field of hate crime and celebrate excellence and innovation in this field by members of the British Society of Criminology. Submissions can be related to academic work, policy, practice or activism in the field of hate crime.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants:

- must be members of the BSC;
- for article submission nominations: must have published/shared this work between 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023
- for policy, practice or activism nominations: must have been active in the role they have been nominated for between 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023
- may nominate themselves, though they may also be nominated by others with the applicant's permission. All nominators must be a member of the BSC;
- can only submit work which have direct relevance to the field of hate crime.

How to Apply

All nominations should be submitted to Professor Jon Garland (j.garland@surrey.ac.uk), co-ordinator of the BSC Hate Crime Network “Sophie and Sylvia Lancaster Prize” 2023. Nominations should include a 250-word supporting

statement explaining how the applicant meets the eligibility criteria. These nominations must be received by **5pm on Friday 28th April 2023**.

Further Information

All submissions will be judged by a panel of reviewers and the prize - £100 worth of Palgrave books - will be awarded at the BSC Conference, University of Central Lancashire, 27-30 June 2023. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

BSC Hate Crime Network podcasts

Latest BSC Hate Crime Network podcasts include "Misogyny Online: Extending the boundaries of Hate Crime" and "The Permission to be Cruel: Street-Level Bureaucrats and Harms Against People Seeking Asylum".

"Misogyny Online: Extending the boundaries of Hate Crime"

For this podcast, guests were Dr Michael Rowe and Dr Ruth Lewis who won the 2019 BSC Hate Crime Network Article Prize for their paper: Rowe, Michael, Lewis, Ruth and Wiper, Clare (2018) Misogyny Online: Extending the boundaries of Hate Crime. *Journal of Gender-Based Violence*, 2 (3). pp. 519-536. ISSN 2398-6808

Podcast link available [here](#)

"The Permission to be Cruel: Street-Level Bureaucrats and Harms Against People Seeking Asylum"

For this podcast, guest was Dr Monish Bhatia who won the 2021 BSC Hate Crime Network Article Prize for their paper: Bhatia, M. (2020) The Permission to be Cruel: Street-Level Bureaucrats and Harms Against People Seeking Asylum. *Crit Crim* 28, 277–292 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-020-09515-3>

Podcast link available [here](#)

"Spotlight"

In December 2022, the British Society of Criminology Hate Crime Network introduced a new initiative entitled, 'Spotlight'. The aim of spotlight is to bring awareness to a specific individual or organisation who are working towards tackling hate crime across the different strands using our social media channels (Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook). Spotlight has provided a platform for individuals and organisations to raise

awareness of how they are working to tackle hate crime and influence change. Furthermore, followers of the Network have gained insight to those in society who are working towards tackling hate crime, how they are influencing change, and sources of reliable, peer-reviewed literature. Spotlight has initially focused on the BSC Hate Crime Network committee members. From March 2023, we are expanding to include those outside the Network. Spotlight started as a weekly initiative – from March 2023, it will continue monthly. If anyone would like to feature on spotlight, please get in touch with Mikahil Azad (Mikahil.Azad@bcu.ac.uk).

‘Researching within hate studies’ online events

Recording for latest online event “Public Engagement and Policy Impact” with Dr Chris Allen on 7th December 2022 is available [here](#)

In this interactive workshop, Dr Chris Allen offered advice and reflected upon his own experiences of ensuring research impact and working within public engagement. During the workshop, Dr Allen discussed how we do public engagement, and the strategies that we can employ to enhance our engagement with this. He also outlined some of the common pitfalls when academics engage with public engagement, and helped to think about the ways we might overcome and avoid these. Moreover, Dr Allen considered the importance of research impact and many ways that this can take shape. Dr Allen paid particular attention to how we can enhance our research impact within policy/political spaces.

Forthcoming Events:

23 March 2023, 14:00 – 15:00 Reserve a spot [here](#)

“Sexual Harassment in the Night-Time Economy: negotiating the right to space” – Michelle Cunliffe, Nottingham Trent University

Abstract: Sexual harassment is a global issue that disproportionately affects women (Gouseti, 2020; Stanko, 1990; Vera-Gray, 2016). Sexual harassment in public spaces, in particular in the Night-Time Economy, is relatively sparse. Whilst research has explored safety and women's perceptions of safety in licenced venues, the focus tends to be on drink spiking and rape. Despite unwanted sexual behaviours such as touching and unwanted attention being documented as pervasive there is a lack of research in a UK context that focuses specifically on sexual harassment in licenced venues. This presentation will present the initial findings of the authors PhD thesis. Using a feminist methodological approach and based on semi-structured interviews, the experiences of women who have been impacted by and witnessed sexual harassment in licenced venues will be discussed. This research will illuminate the ways in which women experience harassment and how space and safety are negotiated in licenced venues.

Findings suggest that the appearance of men and women and the appearance of venues influence perceptions of safety. Women also negotiate their rights to space in licenced venues by avoiding certain areas of space or accessing areas collectively. Findings also suggest that sexual harassment is presented as 'just routine' and interestingly, in some cases, women position themselves as abject when they do not experience unwanted sexual behaviours.

19 April 2023, 14:00 – 15:00 Reserve a spot [here](#)

“Microaggression towards Asian students” – Ammeline Wang, University of Manchester

Abstract: The role of microaggressions in advancing the concerns of hate crimes is that they constitute 'low-level' behaviors that contribute to the escalation of bias-motivated behaviors along the hate crime continuum. Grounded in a framework of structural oppression, the premise of microaggressions is that they are behaviors that are motivated primarily – if not solely – by an individual's (conscious or unconscious) prejudices. However, microaggressions is a concept that attends to the structural and systemic oppression (both historical and contemporary) that minority groups have had to contend with for generations; a history that international students, as temporary migrants, do not share with their British born and/or bred counterparts. Using 'knowable community' (Williams, 1987) as a conceptual frame, this presentation focuses on how Southeast Asian and Mainland Chinese interpret the concept of microaggressions and how they navigate their experiences of microaggressions in the UK. The findings gathered from six focus groups and an online questionnaire administered to Southeast Asian and Mainland Chinese international students reveals that in the absence of a "knowable community", the visceral impacts of microaggressions and the cumulative effects of dealing with discriminatory or exclusionary behaviors can be lost on international students, particularly for those who may not have had to contend with such behaviors until arriving in the UK. I conclude that the concept of microaggressions cannot simply be bolt on to the hate crime debate on the basis that it captures the 'low-level' exclusionary or discriminatory behaviors that are, on the one hand, not serious enough to be considered a 'crime' in law but, on the other, are thought to be dangerous enough to establish, reinforce, and validate harmful stereotypes against certain groups. Rather, I suggest that university policies aimed at tackling microaggressions could perhaps focus on mobilizing curiosity in a non-defensive way, particularly when it comes to interacting and dealing with international students who originate from different cultures.

31 May 2023, 14:00 – 15:00 Reserve a spot [here](#)

**“The Normalisation of Online Hate: Trolling, Diet Culture and Filtered Lifestyles”
- Lauren Doyle, University of Sunderland**

Abstract: The academic study of the vulnerability posed by the digital world remains an evolving interdisciplinary discussion. Social media plays a significant role in the growing incorporation of the digital world in day-to-day living; even more so following the Covid-19 pandemic. Although social media provided a forum for enhanced connectivity in the isolating period of a global lockdown, it has been recognised as a potentially harmful and vulnerable space for its users (see Lavis & Winter, 2020; Bailey et al., 2022; Price et al., 2022). This lecture aims to explore the potential 'harms' posed on social media platforms through a zemiological lens by drawing upon the early findings of the presenter's doctoral research. The findings of this study will be framed through the lens of participant's lived experience of the 'normalisation of online hate' in the form of trolling, weight stigma and the [lack of] regulation of expressions of hate online. This will be thematically positioned into the context of diet culture and filtered lifestyles.