

Hybrid symposium and public lecture

The Bristol School of Multiculturalism: Enduring relevance, gaps and ways forward

Jointly hosted by Swansea University's Comparative Politics and Policy Research Centre and the University of Bristol Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship.

Date: 17 November 2025

Venue: Zoom and Swansea University, Singleton Campus, Keir Hardie 115 (symposium) and Faraday Lecture Theatre (public lecture). Zoom link available by registering through EventBrite.

Symposium

10:00-10:10 Opening remarks

Pier-Luc Dupont, Swansea University

Session 1 Diversity, belonging and recognition

Moderator: Erdem Dikici, University of the West of England

10:10-10:25 Theorising political belonging: The Bristol School and diverse membership in contemporary political communities

Clayton Chin, University of Melbourne

10:25-10:40 Populism, working-class dislocation, and the making of a multicultural civil society

Sam Taylor Hill, Bristol Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship

10:40-11:10 Q&A

11:10-11:20 Break

Session 2 Religion, secularism and legal pluralism

Moderator: Thomas Sealy, University of Bristol

11:20-11:35 From selective secularism to transcultural agency in Spain's religious diversity governance

Zakaria Sajir, University of Salamanca

11:35-11:50 Liberal secularisms, multiculturalised secularism and transnational religion
Erdem Dikici, University of the West of England

11:50-12:05 Navigating legal pluralism: Muslim family practices and state responses in
Britain
Fouzia Azzouz, University of Algiers II

12:05-12:50 Q&A

12:50-13:00 Break

Session 3 Multiculturalism in comparative perspective

Moderator: Pier-Luc Dupont, Swansea University

13:00-13:15 Building a multicultural nation: Learning from multicultural policy and practice in
postcolonial Singapore
Rebecca Grace Tan, National University of Singapore

13:15-13:30 Assessing Multiculturalism's Cross-national Fate with Greater Accuracy: Why We
Need a BSM Index
Arjun Tremblay, University of Regina

13:30-14:00 Q&A

14:00-14:15 Closing remarks
Erdem Dikici, University of the West of England
Thomas Sealy, University of Bristol

Public lecture (followed by drinks reception)

18:00-20:00 Multiculturalism, Islamophobia and antisemitism

Tariq Modood, University of Bristol

Founder of the Bristol School of Multiculturalism