

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, the Cultures and Communities Research Institute, 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).

Registration through EventBrite: [\[link here\]](#)

Symposium

10:00-10:10 Opening remarks

Pier-Luc Dupont, Swansea University, Director of Comparative Politics and Policy Research Centre

Jon Fox, University of Bristol, Director of the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship

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 Accommodating transnational religious diversity: Liberal secularisms, multiculturalized 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 Bristol School of Multiculturalism 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

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

Tariq Modood, University of Bristol, Founder of the Bristol School of Multiculturalism

Hosted by David Turner, Swansea University, Director of the Cultures and Communities Research Institute

**** The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception.**