

CASP Newsletter: Spring 2019

We're very pleased to announce the return of the CASP Newsletter this spring. The newsletter is an important medium through which to keep our wider network informed of the centre's activity, celebrate our members' achievements and sustain our shared interest in social policy issues.

Message from the Director

Welcome to the CASP newsletter which will become a regular feature in the future. You are receiving this as you have been engaged with us in some capacity, such as attending one of our events, in the past. We hope it will serve to keep the wider social and public policy community of our activities and research. It is intended that there will be three newsletters each academic year. If you do not wish to receive them please follow the link below to unsubscribe.

Social Policy at Bath and CASP members have been receiving awards and recognition for our research. I was awarded a CBE last year for my work on social mobility and child poverty. More recently Prof Joe Devine was made a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences for his research on extreme poverty, power and voice for the poor. Whilst the Dept. of Social and Policy Sciences at Bath was ranked 36th in the world by the QS World University Rankings in social policy and public administration. This obviously represents collective recognition of all our staff's efforts. It would be cheeky of me to highlight one or two projects so I will emphasise the scope of CASP research affiliates. Louise Brown's engagement with social workers in low and middle income countries, Rana Jawad's building of a network of researchers and policy makers in Middle Eastern and North African countries, Yvonne Jewkes studies on rehabilitation in prisons through to Harry Rutter's work on obesity and evidence building in public health.

Finally, I am stepping down as Director of CASP and so the next newsletter will be from the new director who I am sure will be younger and more energetic in driving CASP forward. I hope that you all find something of interest in the newsletter and it stimulates you to look at our soon-to-be revamped website.

Paul Gregg, CASP Director

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Announcements

[Professor Joe Devine conferred as Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences](#)

Following an extensive peer review process, Professor [Joe Devine](#) and 72 fellow academics, practitioners and policy-makers were awarded the prestigious title. Joe was credited for his internationally-recognised work focussing on extreme poverty and the efforts of poor people to secure access to resources, power and political voice.

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[The University of Bath ranked 36th in the world for Social Policy & Administration](#)

The QS World University Rankings awarded the University 36th place worldwide for Social Policy & Administration in 2019. As the university's social policy research centre, CASP is particularly proud of this news.

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[European Society for Population Economics \(ESPE\) Annual Conference 2019](#)

Registration is still open to attend the 2019 conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) taking place in Bath on 20-22 June 2019.

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[Launch of the MENASP website and database](#)

As part of Dr Rana Jawad's Social Mobilisation for Social Policy: Building the Policy Making of State and Society in the Arab Region project, the team have recently launched a website providing information about the MENA Social Policy network. As part of the project, Dr Jawad and her team are relaunching a survey used to create a database of social policy expertise in the MENA region.

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Current Research Projects

[Social and economic consequences of health: causal inference methods and longitudinal, intergenerational data](#)

April 2018 – March 2021

Research team: Dr Matt Dickson, IPR (University of Bath) with Dr Laura Howe (University of Bristol); Dr Alisha Davies (Head of Research and Development Public Health Wales); Dr Neil Davies (University of Bristol); Dr Hayley Jones (University of Bristol); Dr Frances Rice (Cardiff University)

[Couples balancing work, money and care: exploring the shifting landscape under Universal Credit](#)

March 2018 – ongoing

Research team: Professor Jane Millar, IPR (University of Bath); Dr Rita Griffiths, IPR (University of Bath); Marsha Wood, IPR (University of Bath); Levana Magnus, IPR (University of Bath); Fran Bennett (University of Oxford)

[NEWFAMSTRAT: The New Shape of Family-Related Gender Stratification](#)

August 2016 – July 2021

Research team: Professor Lynn Cooke (University of Bath), Rossella Icardi, Anna Erika Hägglund, Soyoung Kweon

[The Nature and Regulation of Medical-Industry Relationships](#)

January 2017 – December 2019

Research team: Dr Piotr Ozieranski (University of Bath) with Dr Shai Mulinari (Lund University); Professor Lawrence King (University of Massachusetts)

[The rehabilitation prison](#)

November 2018 – October 2021

Research team: Professor Yvonne Jewkes (University of Bath); Dr Kate Gooch (University of Bath)

[Towards a new model of evidence for public health](#)

May 2015 – October 2019

PI: Professor Harry Rutter (University of Bath)

[Co-Create: prevention of overweight and obesity in adolescents](#)

May 2018 – April 2023

PI: Professor Harry Rutter (University of Bath)

[Evaluation of the health impacts of the UK Treasury Soft Drinks Industry Levy](#)

June 2017 – December 2021

Co-I: Professor Harry Rutter (University of Bath)

[Social Mobilisation for Social Policy: Building the Policy Making of State and Society in the Arab Region](#)

September 2017 – January 2020

Research team: Dr Rana Jawad (University of Bath); Dr Bethany Shockley (University of Bath)

[CO-CREATION: The Cohesive City: Addressing Stigmatisation in Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods](#)

Research team: Dr Ana C Dinerstein (University of Bath); Dr Christina Horvath (University of Bath) with Dr Juliet Carpenter (Oxford Brookes University)

[The Art of Organising Hope](#)

2017 - Ongoing

Dr Ana Dinerstein (University of Bath)

[Transnational transformations in social protection: concepts, instruments and contexts](#)

July 2017 – Ongoing

Research team: Dr Rana Jawad (University of Bath); Emma Carmel (University of Bath); with Dave Gordon (University of Bristol); Rod Hick (Cardiff University) and Paul Cloke (University of Exeter)

[Standing Seminar in Critical Theory](#)

May 2019 – August 2020

Research team: Dr Ana C Dinerstein (University of Bath)

Member Activities

Members of CASP have been invited to participate in and present at a number of national and international events in recent months, these include:

[Approved Mental Health Professional National Conference](#)

Dr Jeremy Dixon will be a key note presentation at the Approved Mental Health Professional National Conference on 14 May in Birmingham. His presentation is entitled: 'Treading a tightrope: Professional perspectives on balancing the rights of patients and relatives under the Mental Health Act in England'.

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[Addiction and the Family International Network: First AFINet International Conference](#)

November 2018

Professor [Richard Velleman](#) was the conference organiser as well as chair of a number of sessions. Richard also presented three papers: 'What is the 5-Step Method and how has it developed', 'Data on the effectiveness of the 5-Step Method', and 'Issues and dilemmas: Aiming for self-sufficiency, quality and data collection'

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[Comparative Organizational Inequality Network \(COIN\)](#)

January 2019

NEWFAMSTRAT team members Professor Lynn Cooke and Anna Hagglund attended the semi-annual workshop of the international Comparative Organizational Inequality Network (COIN) in Copenhagen.

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[Safeguarding Adults at Risk of Harm](#)

January 2019

Dr Jeremy Dixon of the University of Bath organised a one day conference entitled 'Safeguarding adults at risk of harm' which took place at the university. Speakers included Dr Adi Cooper OBE, Dr Jeremy Dixon, Ethena Morgan (Bristol City Council), Caroline Goodwin (South Gloucestershire Council) and Laura Roberts (Wiltshire Council), and Dr James Gregory

[Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research](#)

January 2019

Dr Ricky Kanabar was invited to present a paper on retirement expectations and changes in state pension age legislation. The visit was also the opportunity to start a new project on the role biomarkers may have in explaining labour supply. This paper was also presented at [the International Pensions Workshop](#) (Leiden) and the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences that same month. It will also be presented at [the New Social Risks and Pension Policy in Europe workshop](#) (Berlin) in May 2019.

[ISA RC28 Spring Meeting 2019](#)

March 2019

NEWFAMSTRAT team members presented two papers at the RC28 conference in Frankfurt, Germany. These were 'Educational differences in employment sources of the Finnish fatherhood wage premium' (Cooke and Hagglund), and 'Are parenthood wage effects influenced by changes in family policies in Germany and Finland?' (Icardi and Hagglund).

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[A Path to Sustainable Social Work Services](#)

March 2019

Dr Louise Brown organised a two-day workshop at the University of Bath as part of her Global Challenges Research Fund project. The workshop was entitled 'A Path to Sustainable Social Work Services' and was attended by delegates from Tanzania, South Africa, the USA and the Netherlands.

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[The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference](#)

April 2019

Dr Jonathan James of the University of Bath presented 'Smoking, Information and Education: Evidence from the 1962 report by the Royal College of Physicians' at the Royal Economic Society Annual Conference in Warwick.

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[The University of Maastricht Learning & Work Seminar](#)

Dr Jonathan James of the University of Bath presented 'The Formation and Malleability of Dietary Habits: A Field Experiment with Low Income Families' at the University of Maastricht Learning & Work seminar.

Members of the CASP network have been invited to participate in the following events taking place in the coming months:

[International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion \(IMISCOE\)](#)

[Dr Emma Carmel](#) will be presenting her research Mobile Welfare in a Transnational Europe: An analysis of Portability Regimes of Social Security Rights (TRANSWEL) at a number of high-profile events in the coming months. These include the Socio-legal Studies Association (April 2019); Social Policy Association (July 2019), as well as Europe's leading migration studies conference, IMISCOE, where Dr Emma Carmel is co-chairing a panel, and author or co-author of three papers.

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[Finnish Centre for Pensions presentation](#)

Dr Ricky Kanabar is invited to present at the Finnish Centre for Pensions (FCP) in Helsinki in June 2019. The visit will also mark the beginning of a new project with FCP researchers, analysing the 2005 Finnish Pensions Reform.

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Latest Publications

'A Computer-Based Incentivized Food Basket Choice Tool: Presentation and Evaluation', Jonathan James (University of Bath), Michèle Belot (University of Edinburgh) and Jonathan Spiteri (University of Malta), in *PLoS ONE* January 2019

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'From high school to the high chair: Education and fertility timing', Jonathan James (University of Bath), Sunčica Vujić (University of Antwerp) in the *Economics of Education Review* April 2019

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'Supporting Addictions Affected Families Effectively (SAFE): A mixed methods exploratory study of the 5-Step Method delivered in Goa, India, by lay counsellors', Nadkarni, A., Bhatia, U., Velleman, R., Orford, J., Velleman, G., Church, S., Sawal, S. and Pednekar, S. in *Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy*, 26:2, 195-204

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'Temporal pathways of change in two randomized controlled trials for depression and harmful drinking in Goa, India', Singla, D., Hollon, S.*, Velleman, R.*, Weobong, B., Nadkarni, A., Fairburn, C., Bhat, B., Gurav, M., Anand, A., McCambridge, J., Dimidjian, S. and Patel, V. [*contributed equally] *Psychological Medicine*, 1–9

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Governance Analysis. Critical Enquiry at the intersection of politics, policy and society (Edward Elgar). Carmel, E. 2019 (forthcoming)

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Boundaries of European Social Citizenship: EU Citizens' Transnational Social Security in Regulations, Discourses and Experiences. (Routledge), Amelina, A., Carmel, E., Runfors, A., Scheibelhofer, E. (eds) 2019 (forthcoming)

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In the Media

['Healthy meal kits can boost children's long-term health'](#)

Press release on the University of Bath website (17 April 2019)

And

['Giving children a taste for fresh food is recipe for long-term health'](#)

The Times (16 April 2019)

A paper co-authored by Michèle Belot (Oxford), Noemi Berlin (Paris X Nanterre), Valeria Skafida (Edinburgh) and Jonathan James (Bath) attracted the attention of the media for its findings on the formation and malleability of dietary habits in low-income families.

[Professor Paul Gregg on the World at One](#)

On Tuesday 30 April, Professor Paul Gregg was invited to speak on Radio 4's *The World at One* to comment on [the State of the Nation report](#) on social mobility which was released that week.

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[Lynn Prince Cook interviewed by Centre for Business Organisations and Society \(CBOS\) blog](#)

The University of Bath's [CBOS](#) asked Professor [Lynn Prince Cook](#) to participate in an interview featured on their blog in March 2019. The piece was entitled 'Understanding Inequality at Work' and included Lynn's reflections on gender balance in academia and her research on inequality and intersectionality.

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[Yvonne Jewkes 'Prison Crisis and the Penal Merry-go-round' on the IPR blog](#)

Professor Yvonne Jewkes was invited to contribute to the Institute for Policy Research's blog. Her post, 'Prison Crisis and the Penal Merry-Go-Round' discusses the challenges facing the prison system in the UK today.

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Recent Events

There have been a number of events organised by CASP on the University of Bath campus in recent months. Here are some of the most recent of these.

[The experiences of unaccompanied children in the UK asylum system](#)

Tuesday 14 May at 1.15pm in 6 East 2.2

PhD candidate Fran Johnson presented the findings from her PhD fieldwork of 2017, concerning the experiences of unaccompanied children seeking asylum in a city in southern England.

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[Ending the Pacific chronic disease crisis: Insights from Tonga and New Zealand](#)

Tuesday 21 May at 1.15pm in 6 East 2.2

Professor Louise Signal explores the challenge of ending the chronic diseases crisis in the Pacific with local, regional and global level solutions.

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[Social Mobility and Education in Britain](#)

Tuesday 21 May at 5.15pm in 10 West, 2.45

This event was jointly organised with the Institute for Policy research (IPR). Dr [Erzsébet Bukodi](#) and Dr [John Goldthorpe](#) discussed their recently published book, *Social Mobility and Education in Britain: Research, Politics and Policy*, in which they show a marked disconnect between the findings of sociological research and the current discussion of social mobility in political and policy circles.

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Other News

[Healing the Generational Divide](#)

Chuka Umunna MP, Wera Hobhouse MP, and Dr Matt Dickson (University of Bath, CASP member) were invited to preside over the launch of the All Parliamentary Party Group (APPG) on Social Integration's interim report, 'Healing the Generational Divide'. The event was organised by the Institute for Policy Research (IPR) at the University of Bath.

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[Dr Emma Carmel on sabbatical visit to Canada](#)

Dr Emma Carmel of the University of Bath has on a sabbatical visit to Canada where she spoke to members of the Canadian government responsible for digital government. Dr Carmel also met with influential local research institutes (Institute for Governance and Foresights Institute), as well as former privacy commissioner - and founder of 'Privacy-by-Design' principles - to discuss the use of automation and algorithmic government across a number of policy domains.

[CASP, CDAS and the Shanghai Academy](#)

[Dr Ricky Kanabar](#) recently visited [the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences](#) and Shanghai University to discuss the possibility of developing a hub for the study of ageing as a collaboration between CASP, the Centre for Death and Society at the University of Bath (CDAS) and [the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences](#). The institutions are co-organising two conferences in June 2019, one in Beijing and one in Shanghai. The conferences are being jointly organised with CDAS's [Dr John Troyer](#) and [Dr Chao Fang](#).

[Global Challenges Research Fund \(GCRF\)](#)

Professor Joe Devine returned to Bangladesh earlier this year to follow up research into the Government of Bangladesh's decision to adopt 'special measures for extreme poverty' in its 7th Five Year Plan. This policy decision was tied to research carried out by Professor Devine as part of the GCRF funding he was awarded.

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[Biomarkers and labour supply](#)

Dr Ricky Kanabar has been awarded funding to carry out research the role biomarkers play in influencing labour supply at older ages. The project will be conducted in partnership with the [Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research](#) (MPIDR) and [Auckland University of Technology](#).