

# **‘We Move!’ Perseverance Under the Pandemic and Beyond**

Applied Sociology Student Conference hosted  
by the Centre for Applied Sociology Research

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Date: Tuesday 25 May 2021

Time: 10:00-16:00 (BST)

Location: Online via Zoom

Welcome to 'We Move, Perseverance Under the Pandemic', a student led conference, hosted by the Centre of Applied Sociology. Students will present a diverse range of engaging papers through individual papers, posters and two way discussions. These focus on their identities, and how they have navigated them throughout their lives, but specifically during these difficult times. In 2009 Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie gave a wonderful Ted Talk, entitled 'The Danger of a Single Story' which makes many valid points about why although we may belong to one group, our identities, stories and experiences are not monolithic. However, I adapt this saying by recognising that the students' papers demonstrate how the story of one can be that of many. This is because the individual stories shared will resonate with other students and people more broadly.

In terms of the structure of the conference, this is an online event. Registration begins at 9.45am, and there will be a joint keynote speech by Professor Tracey Reynolds (University of Greenwich) and Professor Gayle Letherby (Plymouth University). Following this, guests can join sessions of their choice, and will be given the relevant Zoom links, so they can access them. The sessions are outlined in the schedule below.

## Programme

9.45-10.00	<b>Check-in on Zoom</b>	
10.00-10.15	<b>Introduction and Overview of Conference</b>	Louise Owusu-Kwarteng, University of Greenwich Ewa Sidorenko, University of Greenwich
10.15-11.00	<b>Keynotes and Responses</b>	Professor Tracey Reynolds, University of Greenwich Professor Gayle Letherby, University of Plymouth Chair: Dr Elena Vacchelli, University of Greenwich
11.00-11.15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>11.15-1.00</b> <b>PARALLEL SESSION 1</b>	<b>'Rhythms of Life' – Music, Social Media and the Social Self</b>  Chair: Dr Adam Elliott Cooper Sociology, University of Greenwich	<b>11.15-11.30 Marie Bouquet</b> Travelling Experiences and Development on the Sense of Self  <b>11.30-11.45 Khimran Vagha</b> Growing Up as a British Indian Young Person  <b>11.45-12.00</b> Discussion  <b>12.00-12.20 Eleanor Cox and Louise Owusu-Kwarteng</b> Black Women within the Rave Culture  <b>12.20-12.35 Khonaf Kako</b> Being a Film Buff and Observing 'Diversity' in the Media  <b>12.35-1.00</b> Discussion
<b>11.15-1.00</b> <b>PARALLEL SESSION 2</b>	<b>Mental Health and Everyday Life Experiences</b>  Chair: Mayo Femi Obalemo, Greenwich Student Union	<b>11.15-11.30 Sophie Hannigan</b> Post Natal Depression and Impacts on Family Life  <b>11.30-11.45 Sophie Radcliffe</b> Anxiety, and Social Media  <b>11.45-12.00</b> Discussion  <b>12.00-12.15 Sophie Dondi</b> Travelling, Identity and Impacts on Mental Health  <b>12.15-12.45</b> Discussion
1.00-1.45	<b>Lunch</b>	

<p><b>1.50-3.30</b></p> <p><b>PARALLEL SESSION 3</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction to Afternoon Sessions</b></p> <p><b>More Than Just the One Thing: Intersectional Identities and Life Experiences</b></p> <p>Chair: Professor Mark O'Thomas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences</p>	<p><b>1.50–2.00</b> Introduction</p> <p><b>2.00–2.20 Cornelie Madinda</b> Being Mixed Race in a UK and African Society</p> <p><b>2.20-2.40 Umana Choudhury</b> Migration and Ethnic Identity</p> <p><b>2.40-3.00 Tahlia Green</b> Experiencing Dysfunctional Relationships and Impacts on Selfhood</p> <p><b>3.00-3.30</b> Discussion</p>
<p><b>1.50-3.40</b></p> <p><b>PARALLEL SESSION 4</b></p>	<p><b>‘Make it Fair!’ Using our Education to Promote Social Justice</b></p> <p>Chair: Professor Jane Harrington, Vice Chancellor, University of Greenwich</p>	<p><b>1.50-1.55</b> Introduction</p> <p><b>1.55-2.10 Brad Rees</b> The Education System and its Response to my ADHD – A Need for More Justice</p> <p><b>2.10-2.25 Louise Hewitt, Victoria Box and Lidia Stoica</b> Reflections on Innocence Project</p> <p><b>2.25-2.40</b> Discussion</p> <p><b>2.40-2.55 Nele Riemann</b> Experiencing Dyscalculia Within the German Education System</p> <p><b>2.55-3.10 Steph Larkin</b> Unequal Access to Oxbridge</p> <p><b>3.10-3.25 Nishath Akthar</b> Bangladeshi</p> <p><b>3.25-3.40</b> Discussion</p>
<p><b>1.50-3.30</b></p> <p><b>PARALLEL SESSION 5</b></p>	<p><b>‘The Things We Do Makes Us, Us’ Presentation of Self, Reflexivity and Life Choices</b></p> <p>Chair: Professor Anne Wihstutz, Sociology, Protestant University of Applied Sciences Berlin</p>	<p><b>1.50–2.00</b> Introduction</p> <p><b>2.00-2.15 Cinzia Billson</b> Witchcraft and Feminism</p> <p><b>2.15-2.30 Ebony Owusu Nepaul</b> ‘Why Don’t You Just Eat More Healthily?’ Food Inequalities and Impacts on Working Class People in Birmingham</p> <p><b>2.30-2.45</b> Discussion</p>

		<p><b>2.45–3.00 Nadja Maurer</b> Gender Identities and Navigating Life</p> <p><b>3.00-3.15 Sindija Sevucka</b> Being an Eastern European Young Person, Brexit and Life in the UK</p> <p><b>3.15-3.30</b> Discussion</p>
3.45-3.50	<b>Plenary and Closing Comments</b>	Louise Owusu-Kwarteng