

<p>Institution: University of East London</p> <hr/> <p>Unit of Assessment: 23</p> <hr/> <p>a. Overview</p> <p>The Sociology unit at UEL is a diverse, multidisciplinary space, and an internationally recognised centre of excellence. Since 2008, we have continued as a significant force in Sociology, and we submit 23 high-quality staff (19.4 FTE) from our large and thriving community of researchers. The UoA's distinctiveness lies in its theoretical and methodological range, which mirrors Sociology's own contemporary interdisciplinary concerns, drawing on anthropology, political economy, social psychology and psychoanalysis, international development, politics, refugee, urban and gender studies. Much of the UoA's research takes place within eight thematic clusters that engage with the overarching theme of <i>social change</i> from a plurality of angles, issues and methodologies. Research is formally structured around one University research institute, the London East Research Institute (LERI); three University research centres: the Centre for Research on Migration, Refugees and Belonging (CMRB); Centre for Social Justice and Change (CSJC); and Centre for Narrative Research (CNR); and four Research groups: the Feminist Research Group; Psychosocial Studies Research Group; Psychology and Social Change Research Group and Anthropology of/in the Contemporary World Research Group. The UoA also works in a long-standing partnership with the Tavistock & Portman NHS foundation trust.</p> <hr/> <p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>In RAE 2008 the UoA's stated five-year objectives were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) To continue to shape, theoretically and methodologically, research about social change; ii) To enhance its international standing around this key theme; iii) To expand grant income across all clusters and staff levels; iv) To build the graduate student community, especially through 1+3 studentships and professional doctorates. <p>i) Since RAE2008 we have continued to shape, theoretically and methodologically, research within- and between our groups, centres and institute around eight thematic clusters:-</p> <p>The <i>Social and Political Theory</i> cluster pervades the UoA's entire knowledge commons in all research centres, institutes and groups. Its aim has been to engage with existing debates and epistemological positions vis-à-vis contemporary processes of social change, and it continues to generate new theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches on themes such as: philosophical underpinnings of social theory (the only theme in RAE2008); complexity theory, intersectionality, international relations and environmental politics; microsociological approaches in science and gender studies; commons, utopia, contemporary capitalism and social movements; European politics. Cluster Members are: Anthias, Cudworth, De Angelis, Firth, Hall, Hobden, Radeljic, Robbins, Rustin, Sampson, Tamboukou, Tsilimpoundi, & Yuval-Davis.</p> <p>The <i>Divided Societies, Migration and Contested Belonging</i> cluster, incorporates the work of several colleagues who explore different facets of identities, citizenships and belonging in relation to ethnic, national, racial, religious and political divisions, invoking various degrees of social and political strife and conflict as well as researching migrant and refugee communities. The cluster also analyse various ideologies and political projects that unite these experiences, from nationalism to social cohesion. The research is being carried out in different spatial and temporal settings, from the locality of East End and other parts of London, in the UK and outside it, North and South. This cluster's work is mostly concentrated in CMRB and CSJC. Members of this cluster are: Andrews, Anthias, Bhattacharyya, Donà, Korac-Sanderson, Marfleet, Radeljic, Tsilimpoudini (ECR), Woods (ECR), Wright, & Yuval-Davis.</p> <p>The <i>Urban Studies</i> cluster continues its focus upon urban social change, deploying interdisciplinary perspectives to develop new theoretical approaches to understanding mega events, for example using the concept of 'legacy' and exploring its implications for local communities, social equality and urban development. Since 2008 this cluster's research programme has extended to cross-country, comparative research on the 'legacies' achieved by Olympic host cities with implications for policy (see RA3b). Cluster members are: Poynter, Rustin, Tsilimpoundi (ECR)</p> <p>The <i>Gender Studies</i> cluster brings together a range of interdisciplinary approaches to the analysis of gender relations, which span a range of sociological, historical and psychosocial</p>

approaches. Social change, in terms of unsettling gendered structures, practices and ideologies, are at the core of this cluster: rooted as it is in the legacy of feminist politics. Much of the work within this cluster is organised around the **Feminist Research Group** and the **CNR**. Members of this cluster are: **Anthias, Bhattacharyya, Cudworth, Korac-Sanderson, Tamboukou, Tsilimpounidi** (ECR), Voela, Wright, **Yates, & Yuval-Davis**.

The ***Development and Sustainabilities*** cluster brings together a range of interdisciplinary approaches to the contemporary topical question of socio-economic change, within the horizon of social, economic and environmental sustainability. Issues dealt with here are: unsustainable aspects of economic globalisation; the development of commons; poverty; social cohesion; human wellbeing; international migration; gender and sustainable livelihoods. This work is mostly concentrated in the activities of the **CSJC**. Members of this cluster are: **Cudworth, De Angelis, Filtzer, Firth** (ECR), **Hobden**, Tiwari, & Wright.

For the ***Narratives and Discourse*** cluster, social change is approached through the prism of *stories and discursive practices*, seen as the means by which individuals breathe public life into personal experience, but also as a primary tool by which individuals recognise and affirm themselves as members of a group, thereby often acting as a catalyst for raising political consciousness. Much of the work in this cluster is organised around **CNR** as well as the **Psychology and Social Change Research Group**. Members of this cluster are: **Andrews, Donà, Harper, Korac-Sanderson, Squire, Tamboukou & Voela**.

The ***Anthropology and Contemporary Worlds: Knowledge and Translation*** cluster is distinctively marked by anthropological approaches to social change and provides for cross-disciplinary synergies vis-à-vis a topics such as: effects of economic change and threats to the commons; new forms of legal and illegal income generation; peace building and conflict regulation in violently divided societies; and issues about human cooperation. Much of the work of this cluster is organised within the *Anthropology and Contemporary Worlds* research group. Members of this cluster are: **Donà, Halstead, Jamieson, Power, & Radeljic**.

The theme of social change is also tackled through the interplay of social and psychological perspectives in the ***Psychosocial Studies*** cluster. This represents a growing body of work that researches the relationships between society, culture, and the psyche, focussing on issues of childhood, gender, crime and mental health. Here the individual is viewed through a profoundly social lens, demanding sociological attention in order to understand the nuanced and multi-layered relationships that exist in the interactions between psychosocial experience and the forces of social change. Staff in this cluster collaborate with the *Psychology and Social Change* and *Psychoanalytic Studies* Research Groups and **CNR**. Members of this cluster are: **Ellis, Finn, Harper, Jimenez, Rustin, Squire, Tucker, Voela, & Yates**.

ii) The international standing of the staff is evidenced in the extensive record of international collaboration and networks in all eight clusters (see section e), and by the international profile of our outputs and engagement with the discipline.

iii) A large proportion of staff members have obtained external income, from across diverse funding bodies. We have expanded grant income across all clusters. Also, all levels of staff, from ECR to professorial, have participated in bids. This is documented in section d.

iv) The graduate student community has flourished since 2008 and we have markedly increased the size, completions and dynamism of our PhD community. Since 2008 we have had PhD students from France, Belgium, Italy and Germany in Europe, South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya and Nigeria in Africa, Bangladesh and India in Asia, Chile and Brazil in South America, as well as from Australia.

Future strategy

In line with the *UEL Research Strategy* our key objectives and activities for 2014-2019 are:

i) To respond to current challenges, that social sciences in general, and sociology in particular, are facing within the austerity climate; and to develop and shape innovative theoretical and methodological approaches that can have a formative and transformative impact on society, both in East London, and in other localities across the world.

ii) To continue to shape research on social change by developing existing research strengths and activities, creating more synergies among our research clusters, centres and institutes. We will seek not only to consolidate our themes, but also to intensify occasions for productive exchanges

among the clusters in such a way as to develop common frameworks that can help generate multifaceted research on social change. For instance, the recent development of the Gender Studies (GS) cluster, among others, will be instrumental to such development. New initiatives we are looking to develop include: a recently founded Feminist Research Group; a strand researching capabilities, social movements, community development and the commons, that is social systems characterised by communities sharing resources, within the SJRC; a psychosocial studies research hub building on the work taking place nationally in the BSA Psychosocial Studies study group; the Media and Inner World research network (see impact statement) to consolidate impact and develop international links with new partner organisations in Eastern Europe.

iii) To participate in, develop, and strengthen, interdisciplinary links between and within our Schools of Law and Social Studies (LSS) and Psychology; and contribute to UEL's interdisciplinary research themes in: *Politics, Culture and Society, Social Equality and Justice, Human Rights and Security*; and the theme of *Sustainability*; and to continue to develop our links with researchers in other UoAs across the University and beyond, especially in Law (UoA20), Social Policy and Social Work (UoA22) and Communication, Cultural and Media Studies (UoA36).

iv) To further expand grant income across all clusters and staff levels by furthering mentoring ECR and mid-career staff especially. It is our intention to increase annual external grant capture towards the 2008 sector norm of £24,425 per FTE per annum by 2019.

v) To further support and strengthen the postgraduate community particularly in the light of the new regulations across all funding bodies.

vi) To continue to nurture and support researchers across the career ladder by continuing our annual sabbaticals scheme, mentoring and supporting new ideas and projects through R&D seed funds. We will develop our research activities through sustaining and strengthening existing research infrastructure and more specifically through expanding our internationally high profile publications as well as our editorial connections and networks.

vii) To continue supporting the work of our Research Institute, Centres and Groups; to design and shape impact (and pathways to it) through our research projects, both internally and externally funded; to continue hosting distinguished visiting scholars as well as post-doctoral researchers; to expand our existing international research networks by visiting universities, as well as by encouraging our staff to become advisors or consultants for national and international organizations and institutions; to continue our graduate studentships and bursaries.

viii) Finally, just as it is generally recognised that social change may be driven by a diverse array of social forces, so this UoA recognises that its own development is a form in which social change is enacted. This places our unit squarely in the centre of contemporary sociological discourse. 'Impact' is intrinsic to the developmental process in our social sciences as the current selection of 'impact case studies' and research clusters demonstrates (see REF3a).

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Recruitment objectives and successes: one key objective of recruitment has been to ensure that all new recruits actively engage with research and contribute to the research culture of the UoA. This policy is evident in the advertised requirements of all new jobs. The number of our ECR demonstrates that this policy, through the years, has been successful. We have not just recruited ECRs, but also staff at all levels of seniority, with research areas that strengthen different aspects of our profile. **Career development at all stages in research careers:** the school has a yearly staff development review for all staff, in which the development needs are reviewed and agreed upon in discussion with a senior member of staff in a collegial and non-managerial spirit. This system has proven to be an effective mechanism through which to identify staff development needs, channel resources and plan academic life by ensuring that the needs for research expressed by the member of staff are weighted against the time allocation for teaching and administrative activities. Staff can access research training through the UEL *Researcher Development Programme* designed in line with UK Concordats with UEL recently awarded the *HR Excellence in Research Award*. Staff members also negotiate research time and sabbaticals against teaching and administration responsibilities with relevant LSS programme leaders, during annual advance timetabling. Staff receive research allowances within their regular work schedules, and can apply for semester-long sabbaticals every four years. They can also apply to the University sabbatical scheme every three years. Approximately 12 UoA members receive

sabbaticals annually, usually for empirical research or monograph completion. This represents a doubling of the sabbatical frequency in relation to RAE 2008. Staff also negotiate with LSS in order to take up distinguished visiting positions in other universities (eg. **Andrews** 2011 Visiting Professor at the Wissenschaftszentrum of Berlin). **Support for early career researchers:** each staff member has a mentor, and new staff are helped to find research mentors on arrival. Research progress is part of discussion throughout probation reviews. Staff are invited to join research Centres and Groups, and encouraged to give a seminar presentation during their first year. They are included in planned research collaborations, encouraged to attend PhD supervisory training, supported in University Promising New Researcher fellowship applications and advised about external grant applications. Since 2008, 3 members of staff in this unit have been awarded promising researcher awards.

Succession planning with particular reference to early career researchers: we have a good succession planning process in place. Strategically, we actively recruit new members of staff at a junior level and invest in their career development. This is demonstrated by 3 ECR. Many members of staff who are now in leading senior research roles in the UoA have been successfully retained through the school investment in them, despite a very mobile job market. The University runs yearly promotion rounds; with panels that include externals and that allow all staff to apply and to perceive the promotion mechanism to be fair. Through this mechanism, since 2008 there has been five promotions to readership (**Cudworth, Tiwari, Yates, Halstead, Wright**) and four promotions to professor (**Andrews, De Angelis, Marfleet, Tamboukou**).

The role and involvement of joint appointments and the balance between short-term and long-term contracts: We have one joint appointment with the Tavistock Clinic (**Rustin**), and eight members of staff in the submission are on fixed-term contracts, hence there is a good balance as most of our staff are on permanent, long-term contracts. In three cases (**Marfleet, Rustin, Robbins**) we have made use of part-time contracts to retain retiring staff whose contribution we considered important. In other cases (**Jamieson**), we initially used short-term contracts to strengthen curriculum and research development in areas hit by student recruitment difficulties and in the hope to retain recruited staff that were replacing retiring colleagues. In one case, (**Yuval-Davis**), the fixed-term contract is in conjunction with the development of a research centre and will be partially supported by her new major European research grant.

Equality of opportunity: The UoA -- and the University -- takes equality of opportunity very seriously. The University of East London is home to one of the most diverse student and staff bodies in the country, with some 60% of our students and over 20% of our staff coming from ethnic minority backgrounds. The University charter states its commitment to "working together to build a learning community founded on equality of opportunity" in which "discriminatory behaviour has no place . . . and will not be tolerated." As a UoA, our practices are most attentive to the question of equality of opportunity. For example, records show that sabbaticals have been awarded equitably across different seniority levels of category A staff. We support career breaks and encourage flexible working and fully embrace Athena Swan initiatives.

Standards of research quality and integrity are maintained through: 1) the mentoring scheme. Research mentoring is an important aspect of developing and sustaining academic research for all staff. It is designed to give individuals effective support in achieving their research goals, whatever these may be. It involves one colleague acting as an academic research 'friend' to another. Research mentoring discussions are confidential, and the research mentoring process is driven by the mentee; 2) Annual staff development reviews mentioned in previous sections; 3) our policy allowing up to 1100 pounds year for each member of staff to attend conferences; 4) a "light touch" management approach enabling peer review system for research grants that add to the internal mentoring scheme and the University support for writing grants; 5) feedback from the University Research Ethics Committee (UREC) which has specific responsibility for institutional oversight of matters relating to ethics in research undertaken by both staff and research students that involves human participation, personal data or human empirical research.

ii. Research students

The UoA has a vibrant research community and a flourishing research culture that supports and promotes PhD students and young researchers (see section c). This is reflected in the fact that in the last five years we have had 28.5 completions and been successful in attracting 5 AHRC and 3 ESRC studentships in the field of open competition, which has now discontinued. We also attracted an ESRC-funded NOVELLA scholarship for an Associate Postgraduate Certificate. In

addition we have hosted 2 commonwealth split-site scholarships between the Centre for Narrative Research and Kwazulu-Natal and Wits Universities in South Africa, while colleagues of the unit (**Andrews, Squire, Tamboukou**) have been invited to become part of supervisory teams of externally funded PhD studentships in Europe (Belgium, Ireland, France and Sweden). The unit also has a NORAD funded split site Ph.D. funding (Seyoum Hameso). As noted above, UEL is a member of the New London Graduate School, a consortium of Anglia Ruskin, UEL, Greenwich, London South Bank and Middlesex. The administrator for this consortium is based in the UEL Graduate School. At the moment the activity of the NLGS is focussed around the social science, arts and humanities disciplines and we have a lively seminar series with a website (<http://www.nlgs.ac.uk/index.htm>), which acts as a portal to the postgraduate training opportunities available for students at the five partners.

We have also attracted externally funded studentships from universities in the UK, Belgium, Ireland, Sweden and Australia including 2 Commonwealth Fund split-site studentships from South Africa. Completion rates have increased since RAE 2008, while FTE registrations have more than doubled since 2001, financially supported by scholarships, bursaries, hardship funds and excellence awards. Amongst other achievements, 6 completed PhD students since 2008 have already become full time academics, 3 have got prestigious postdoctoral positions in the UK and abroad, 3 have already published their PhD thesis and more have co-edited books and journals in collaboration with their supervisors and other colleagues in the school. The UoA supports an active graduate community of 39 current PhD students. The student body reflects the UoA's overall commitment to social and practice engagement. Its many part-time, working students are fully included in the UoA's dynamic research culture through participating in seminars, publication projects as well as the organisation of research events. Crucially, research students are also active in the specific programmes of the various research centres seminars, conferences and other activities. Some indicative events of this scholarship involvement include amongst others, the PhD annual yearbook, which has already produced 5 volumes since 2007, ISSN: 2041-9090, (<http://www.uel.ac.uk/lss/research/yearbook/>), as well as the organisation of graduate conferences, symposia, research networks and BSA affiliated Study Groups.

We have introduced a discipline/subject specific research-training programme that has been running successfully since 2008 on a weekly basis of 2-3 hours seminars. The UoA gives PhD students the opportunity to study and work in a purpose-built research and study space housing 30 networked computers with email, internet, database access, bibliographical and qualitative analysis software, printers, phones, faxes, photocopiers, locker. Students receive photocopying and conference allowances, newly increased to up to £250 yearly. A senior staff member and one administrator oversee graduate affairs. The unit also offers extra funding for research training purposes that are not covered by the school and university research training programme, and supports master classes for PhD students by renowned scholars in the UK and overseas.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

External funding is central to the UoA's research culture. Several submitted staff members have won external research income: our mean income per FTE per year from 2001-2008 was £3,558.20; and this has almost doubled in the period (2008-2012) to £6,884.40. The range of financial support has also increased, indicating the UoA's breadth of research. Large-scale grants came from **Yuval-Davis**, who is a partner and research leader of WP09 of the EU RF07 research programme on EUBorderscapes (2012-2016) which include 7 research partnerships of 22 academic institutions in 17 European and non European countries. This raised about 780k Euros for CMRB, UEL and the Gender Studies Centre, Umea University. Another large grant comes from **Yates**, with funding from the AHRC of £117k, with Roehampton University. Many staff obtained smaller academic research council and foundation grants e.g. ESRC (**Robbins** and Poynter); Leverhulme Trust (**Donà, Squire**, and Halstead); UKIERI, (Tiwari, **De Angelis** and Pickering-Saqqa 2011-2012); ESRC seminar series; British Academy (Marfleet, **Tamboukou**). In this period (while in previous post Birmingham University) **Bhattacharyya** received a series of grants: 'Vulnerable Workers in the Hospitality Industry', pilot project funded by BERR, completed April 2009 - £4K; 'The development of student cities', pilot project for Birmingham City Council, 2009 - £30K; 'Transnational entrepreneurs and the remittance economy', pilot project for Birmingham City Council, 2009 - £30K; 'Asian women and attitudes to depression', British Academy small grant, to report November 2009 - £5.5K; 'Definitions and understandings of deprivation', project for Birmingham City Council, 2010 - £28K; 'Political Disengagement', project for Birmingham City

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Council, 2010 - £27K.

In 2011 the CMRB along with the Runnymede Trust organized two conferences on racism, migration, religion and secularism, (followed by Runnymede publishing the collection edited by **Yuval-Davis** and Marfleet). Tiwari received a ESRC-ICSSR (Indian equivalent of ESRC) scholarship exchange in 2008/2009. The UoA has also attracted UK government funding (**Donà**, Poynter) and local authorities funding (e. g. Tower Hamlets, **Cudworth**; Five London Borough, Poynter, **LERI**; Greater London Assembly, Poynter, **LERI**; see Impact Case Study) as well as Corporate funding (Poynter, **LERI**) and funding from Charities and Non-Governmental Organisations (**Squire**). **Andrews** has received approximately £30,000 from the city of Berlin, which supports the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, for her research on the national identity of former East German dissidents.

Grants obtained include many sizeable amounts as co-investigators, for instance **Tamboukou's** Australian Academy Humanities Visiting Fellowship. External funding has also been secured for the organisation of UEL conferences from the Runnymede Trust (CMRB), British Psychological Society, and a large scale grant for a multi-media archive on London and the Olympics legacy (£102k) has been secured from HEFCE/JISC. **Squire** and **Andrews** are both co-investigators on the ESRC funded, National Centre for Research Methods Phase III node **NOVELLA (Narratives of Varied Everyday Lives and Linked Approaches)** (<http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/>) concerned with the everyday habitual practices of families. The total ESRC allocation for the node is £1,292,164, and **Squire** and **Andrews**, part of the management team and on .1 each, are particularly involved with delivering the Training and Capacity Building component of the node. Funded projects drive many publications - for instance the four collections on Bourdieu's work by **Robbins**, the three edited books on the London and the Olympics by **LERI** staff, and the draft of reports and journal articles emerging from Centres' research. Funded projects also facilitate graduate development. Most UoA research is small-scale, qualitative, clinical, or theoretical. Appropriate funding for such work has been successfully pursued. This kind of work has consolidated its relevance as a proportion within the UoA. Compared to pre-2001, and following on RAE 2008, the UoA focuses less on extensively-funded, policy-related work, and more on developing its research base.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

UEL's Sociology UoA is an internationally recognised institution of excellence. Since 2001, this distinguished and innovative research community has continued its evolution as a significant force in sociology. The UoA's distinctiveness lies, first, in its theoretical and methodological interdisciplinarity, which mirrors sociology's own contemporary concerns, while also drawing on philosophy, politics, history, political economy, anthropology, social psychology and psychoanalysis. Second, the UoA makes a distinctive contribution to questions of social exclusion and social change which are at the centre of current sociological, policy and popular debate.

Since 2008 we have delivered 83 *international* keynote addresses, had 12 advisory positions to *International* bodies, 31 pieces translated -- including Chinese, Croatian, Greek, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovenian and Spanish-- and 28 *International* recognitions, prizes and awards. UoA members have substantial international research profiles. Since 2008 this UoA has produced 22 monographs, 23 edited books or journals, 108 refereed journal articles, 87 chapters in books, 46 book reviews, more than one hundred blog entries, 11 articles in the press, 6 interviews, 12 research reports, and two national press podcasts.

Interdisciplinary work: There is a very high degree of interdisciplinary work in UEL Sociology, covering the intersection between sociology, politics, philosophy and political economy; and at the interface of Sociology and Psychology To provide a comprehensive review of this is impossible here, suffice therefore three examples one from a centre and one from two members of staff.: CMRB, directed by Profs. Nira **Yuval-Davis** and Philip Marfleet continues and expands the work of the previous Refugee Research Centre (RRC). Much of the vibrant work of CMRB has been carried out in cooperation with other leading academic and policy forums, such as the Centre for Refugees research in Oxford University, Runnymede Trust, Morgan Centre in Manchester University and the Pear Institute in Birkbeck College, and has organized conferences and other activities with grassroots organizations and activists such as the Exiled Journalists Network, Migrant Information Network. **Cudworth's** is also working on issues of anarchist theory and practice in animal studies with colleagues in geography at Sheffield Hallam University, UK. **De Angelis'** work combines social theory with political economy. His study of the role of Foreign

Domestic Investment with economist David Harvie (Leicester), has received a 2009 Sage best paper award.

Collaborations with industry, commerce, third sector and other users of research: We have an impressive range of collaborations with local councils, community associations, professional institutes, radio and press media, NGOs, EU institutions, NHS trusts, clinics and museums. For example: Tiwari has been an invited member of the committee on the European Report on Development 2012/2013 by the European Commission, **Europe Aid Development and Cooperation Directorate-General, Policy Formulation**, Brussels (September 29th, 2011 and March 30th, 2012) and is on the board of ChildReach. **Harper** has appeared on Radio 4's Document and All in the Mind programmes and the Guardian Science podcast discussing the use of psychological techniques in national security interrogation, and he has written for the Guardian. Since 2009, **Yuval-Davis** is expert consultant, The International Council on Human Rights Policy, Geneva; since 2010 a member of the Equality and Diversity forum and research network; since 2011, a member of consultation group advising Farida Shaheed, the Special Rapporteur for *Women's Cultural Rights* for the Human Rights Commission, Geneva; in 2012 – a consultant for the International Migration Archives. **Tsilimpuodini** (ECR) engaged in activities of knowledge transfers with the Gauteng Department of Education.

National and International academic collaborations: Our staff collaborate with a range of overseas universities and many of our staff as visiting Professors or research fellows, for example at: The American University in Cairo; the Autonomous University, Barcelona; Wissenschaftszentrum of Berlin; the Research **Centre for Gender Studies, University of Umea**; Australian Academy of Humanities; The British Educational Research Association; University of Peloponnes; Aristoteleion University of Thessaloniki; the Centre for Sociological Research University of Belgrade; Department of Health of Essex University; Department of Sociology, MacMaster University Canada, Umea University, Sweden. Honorary Professors include **Yuval-Davis** at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Aalborg University, Denmark. **Woods** (ECR) is Faculty Fellow, Centre for Cultural Sociology, Yale University.

Academic collaboration is also evident in: a) extensive external PhD examining (about 36 in total) as well as in external PhD supervision (about 5); b) the research fellows visiting our UoA: we had more than a dozen **Visiting Fellows** for example from the USA, Germany, Belgium, Finland, Sweden, Canada, Australia, and Greece; c) establishment of academic networks by our staff. For instance, CNR was instrumental in establishing, and has close associations with the Australian Narratives Network, the Swedish Narratives Network, the Netherlands Narratives Network, the Research on Interpersonal Violence Network and the Reflexive Academic Writing Network in Sweden. The international dimension of LERI research and knowledge exchange between two Olympic cities (London and Rio de Janeiro) received recognition (bronze award) from Research Councils UK/Podium in 2012 for its exceptional contribution to research (see <http://megaeventcities.wordpress.com/home/>) Also, **Yuval-Davis** has established Borderscapes network with 22 academic partners worldwide and CMRB seminar series on Borders and Bordering.

Seminar series, contribution to journal editorship and preparation, conferences and research-based CPD: Most research active staff involved in journal or book series editorships, and act as reviewers for the preparation of journals publications. We just provide here three examples: **Robbins** is an editorial board member of the *Journal of Classical Sociology*; **Tamboukou** is co-editor of *Gender and Education (2012-present)*, editorial board member of *Gender and Education (2006-2012)* and on the International Advisory Board of *Journal: feminist critique (2010-present)*; **Yuval-Davis** is an editor of the book series: *The Politics of Intersectionality* for Palgrave MacMillan, New York; and on the Editorial Advisory Boards of several journals, among which are *Ethnicities*, (UK) and *the International Feminist Journal of Politics* (Routledge). She was also on the founding editorial board of the *Journal of Race and Ethnicity* of the American Sociological Association. The UoA also plays an active role in peer reviewing for journals and books. Among the publishers they collaborate for peer reviewing are: Berghahn Books; Brill Publishers, Leiden, Cambridge University Press; Macmillan Publishers; Oxford University Press; Palgrave and Taylor and Francis Group; Policy Press, Bristol; Polity Press, Cambridge; Pluto Press; Routledge; Rowman and Littlefield, University Wales Press, Sage and Zed Books. We can only offer a small selection of the journals in which our staff have offered peer review services: *American Sociological Review*; *Aging and Society*; *Antipode*; *Body and Society*; *Contemporary*

Sociology; Culture and Society; Scandinavian Journal of Social Theory; Ethnic and Racial Studies; European Journal of Women's Studies; Feminist Review; Gender and Education; Health, and Social Care; International Journal of Migration; Journal of Classic Sociology; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Journal of Intercultural Studies; Review of Radical Political Economics; Social Science and Medicine; Sociological Forum; Sociology; Sociology of Health and Illness; Space and Society; Theory Culture and Society. Selected examples of peer reviewing for national and international funding bodies are: **Robbins** is member of the ESRC Peer Review College. In Jan 2009 he refereed Research Fellowship application for Calgary Institute for the Humanities, Calgary, Canada, and in May 2011 he refereed a research proposal for Austrian FWF – Der Wissenschaftsfonds. **Tamboukou** has been a reviewer for the Croatian Science Foundation, July 2011 Science and Technology Foundation in Portugal, March 2009, the British Academy, April 2011 and the Austrian Science Fund, Humanities and Social Sciences in 2012-2013. Marfleet has acted as referee/ assessor for the Economic & Social Research Council, Nuffield Foundation, Leverhulme Trust, Council for British Research in the Levant (British Academy). **Korac** acts as a referee for the Leverhulme Trust, for the Portuguese Academy of Science and the ESRC. **Tiwari** has been a reviewer for Global Development Network grants (2006-2009), ESRC small grants and ESRC-DFID International Development (Poverty Alleviation) call. She has also been the grant reviewer for ESRC/DFID 2009/2010 and for Global Development Network 2006-2010. **Yuval-Davis** reviewed research proposals, among others, for the ESRC, the ESF, the SSRC, the Australian Social Sciences Research Council, the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the European Science Foundation, the Leverhulme Foundation, the Nuffield Foundation, the Viennese Social Sciences and Humanities Council and the UN Research Institute for Social Development, Geneva. Several conferences, symposia and workshops, have also been convened by members of this UoA. We will provide here only the example of **Donà** who is a 2012 invited pre-congress workshop convener, on Conflict, post-conflict and forced migration, at the XXXth *International Congress of Psychology, Cape Town, South Africa*. She also convened with Walby, S. (2012) the special events Panel on 'Violence and Society' at the *British Sociological Association* annual conference, Leeds, 11–13 April. Together with Voutira, E. (2011) she organized Theorising refugee and forced migration studies: A Roundtable discussion on interdisciplinarity, *XXIII IASFM Bi-annual Conference 'Governing Migration*, 3-6 July Uganda and The boundaries of the field of refugee studies, convened for the *12th Bi-Annual Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration*, Cyprus, June-July 2009. She convened (2009) Conflict and post-conflict narratives, at the *International Society of Political Psychology* annual conference, Dublin, July 14-17, and (2008) Technology and forced migration: the importance of virtual worlds in transnational communications, convened at the *11th Bi-Annual Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration*, Cairo, 6-10 January.

Contribution to professional associations or learned societies, and developmental disciplinary initiatives, both national and international: Also in this case, the contribution of the UoA is relevant. To provide only a few examples: **Donà** was **Executive Committee Member** International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, fundraising and development officer (with Dr. L. Hammond, 2008-2009) and as Grant applications referee Economic and Social Research Council, UK Department for International Development/Economic and Social Research Council. Since 2004, she is also President of the Scientific Committee, School for Transpersonal Psychology as well as academic fellow Italian School for Psychotherapy. **Yuval-Davis** is member of REF panel. **Squire, Anthias** and Rustin are members of the Academy of Social Sciences. **Yuval-Davis** is also a member of its nominations committee. She is past president and, with **Anthias**, a permanent member of the board of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee 05 on Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations. **Robbins** acted as an Associate Director of the School of Higher Studies in Social Sciences between 2009 and 2010 where he explored differences between the English and French traditions in the epistemology of social sciences. Marfleet is a British Academy - British Council for Research in the Levant Trustee, Council Member, Research Committee Member (2010-12) Chair, Academic Advisory Committee, Save the Children Fund UK – Research Office, Middle East Region (2011-12). Poynter is an invited member of the Royal Society of Arts, Research Ethics Committee. Tiwari is an elected member of the executive council of the Development Studies Association of UK and Ireland.