

<b>Institution:</b> London South Bank University
<b>Unit of Assessment:</b> Social Work and Social Policy
<p><b>a. Overview</b></p> <p>This submission is based on the research activities of the <b>Weeks Centre for Social and Policy Research</b> in the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences (AHS). It comprises three sub-groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Families and Social Capital Research Group (FSC);</b></li> <li>• <b>Crime and Criminal Justice Research Group (CCJRG);</b> and</li> <li>• <b>International Development, Emergencies and Refugee Studies Group (IDEARS).</b></li> </ul> <p>The Centre was established in its current form in 2009 following a comprehensive strategic review of research activities in the Faculty. An Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR) was established to coordinate and develop world class research within AHS, with its director also director of faculty research. The Weeks Centre is one of four research centres within ISSR, alongside Psychology, Media and Culture (both submitted as separate UoAs) and Education. It is the direct successor of the former Social Policy and Urban Research Institute (SPUR) submitted in RAE2008. This submission therefore represents continuous investment and development in social science research over a period of more than 20 years. The Centre now involves 38 staff, plus 19 visiting professors, fellows and scholars. The Centre acts as the research arm of the Department of Social Science, offering critical support for the enhancement of research and scholarship amongst all teaching staff, as well as the development of world-class research amongst select researchers. It is also able to draw on the expertise of staff in other departments.</p>
<p><b>b. Research strategy</b></p> <p>The Centre encompasses a critical mass of research activities, creative research networks and targeted initiatives, organised around key specialisms within the three sub-groups. These have been sustained around the strategy outlined in the 2008 submission, necessarily modified by changing conditions. The central objective has been to sustain a dynamic research culture that encourages research of a high international standard on a selective, targeted basis.</p> <p>As foreseen in 2008, though at a faster pace than anticipated, there has been a major change in staffing especially at a senior level as a result of retirements and staff movements. We have made considerable and successful efforts to bring on younger staff during this period. 60% of staff are now under the age of 45, compared with 42% in RAE2008. This changed profile has impacted in the short term on research experience, hoped-for levels of income and PhD numbers, but more positively, has consolidated an energetic and self-sustaining research culture with considerable success. During the review period the Centre brought in £2.3million in research income. The University and faculty, through the ISSR, have continued to invest in the Centre with over £3.5million of QR, plus research development support, scholarships and replacement teaching during the REF review period. A similar number of staff to the RAE2008 is being submitted to REF2014. The Centre has successfully negotiated a change of leadership. Professor Rosalind Edwards left in 2010 (now at Southampton, but retains a research link with the Centre). Yvette Taylor was appointed Head of Centre in 2011. Under her leadership the Centre has continued to build on its interdisciplinary strengths, drawing on expertise in sociology and social policy, urban and development policy, geography, and economics, as well as on Feminist, Gender, Sexualities, Queer and Race theories. The Centre has developed a major focus on the intersections between key social differences, notably, class, education, location, race, gender and sexuality.</p> <p>A key objective of the Centre has been to enhance national and international partnerships and profile, especially through: collaborative seminar series and international conferences; joint research bids; hosting visiting professors, researchers and scholars from inter alia Australia, Canada, Europe and the UK; an interactive publicity and dissemination strategy with blogging and tweeting, improved websites, a regular newsletter, and events, such as the hosting of regular book publication events to celebrate members' achievements; and a programme of events, under the rubric 'Expanding the Feminist Classroom', part of the ESRC's Digital Social Research scheme, which has celebrated feminist thought through film, poetry and story-telling.</p> <p>The Centre's research objectives are reflected in the activities of the three research groups through which the Centre's research strategy is operationalized:</p> <p><b>Families &amp; Social Capital Research Group (FSC):</b>  <b>Gillies (Director), Reynolds (co-director), Bauer, Beaumont, Bond, Caballero, Holland, Hollingworth, Pinch, Robinson, Y. Taylor, Weeks, Weller.</b></p>

The FSC has a long pedigree of research around families, intimate life and sexuality issues. Funded by the ESRC for 5 years (2002-7), the University has continued to provide core funding to the FSC (£3.6million QR) since 2008. In addition, the FSC has continued to attract new external awards from the ESRC (£700k), and a broad range of other national funders including, AHRC, Big Lottery, British Academy, Heritage Lottery Fund, Runnymede Trust, as well as more specialist funders eg Lambeth Council, The Fostering Network, Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.

A number of important strands of research have developed from the original ESRC funding, linking families, relationships, and social capital, with a commitment to methodological innovation. The major ESRC funded *Timescapes* project, co-directed by **Holland**, was a collaborative qualitative longitudinal investigation. It involved 5 universities with 7 individual projects covering the life course and two integrative projects on archiving and secondary analysis. This was the first time that an attempt had been made to marry the small scale approach more usual in qualitative research with qualitative longitudinal research. Developing from this, in 2013 **Weller** was the recipient of funding (£89K) from the NCRM's programme of Methodological Innovation Projects, exploring the potential of video telephony in qualitative longitudinal research. **Robinson** and **Gillies** have developed innovative methods, including creative arts based approaches, to study young people and education.

The FSC's commitment to exploring the intersection of class, gender, sexuality and race in relation to family and intimate life has underpinned several strong research strands. Work on racial and ethnic mixedness (**Edwards, Caballero and Bauer**) developed alongside the original families and social capital research and has continued to flourish, with substantial public impact. The FSC hosted the launch of the 'Mixed Race Timeline', which sourced a range of archival material from national and local archives concerning lived experiences of racial and ethnic mixing in Britain. **Caballero** has worked as an academic consultant with the BBC to develop a successful television series, 'Mixed Britannia'. **Reynolds's** work on transnational families, parenting, youth and identities, especially in the Caribbean diaspora, is widely cited internationally. Parenting, marginalised motherhood, poverty and education has been an important thread of work (**Gillies, Robinson**). **Y. Taylor** has researched interactions of class, space and sexual identity in a variety of projects, such as in lesbian partnerships and parenting, and queer identifying religious youth. **Weeks** has continued his internationally renowned work on sexual theory, intimacy and identity. Associated research includes **Beaumont** on women's organisations, **Pinch** on spatial organisation of home and marginalised communities.

The FSC has hosted a range of seminar series that build on its research activity, eg on the significance of emotions and affect in social interactions. Downloadable papers produced from these events can be accessed as part of a Working Paper series via the FSC website [[www.lsbu.ac.uk/ahs/research/families.shtml](http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/ahs/research/families.shtml)]. Members of the Women's Workshop have met monthly at LSBU for nearly twenty-five years, incorporating academics from up to twenty institutions across the country. To date the workshop has produced a journal special issue and four edited book collections. FSC members have also organised numerous prestigious events with an applied emphasis. An international conference in June 2010 focused on 'family troubles', and brought together renowned and highly distinguished academics (such as Michael Rutter from the Institute of Psychiatry and Jill Corbin from Case Western Reserve University, USA) with practitioners and representatives from a range of organisations (including the Tavistock, Institute of Family Therapy and the Family and Parenting Institute). **Taylor** and **Gillies** are co-conveners of the BSA Families and Relationships Study Group with over 200 national and international members. The group organised successful and well attended conferences at LSBU in 2012 and 2013, on intersecting family lives and labour, intimacies, families and practices of consumption, and mothering and the new politics of parenting. Members of FSC also organised the 2013 Gender and Education Association biennial international conference at LSBU.

Visiting staff from both academic (eg Broad) and practitioner and Third Sector backgrounds (eg Navade from London Play and Walters from Age UK) continue to enrich the research culture. Funded research projects have been undertaken in collaboration with Age UK, Kids Company, Single Parent Action Network, The Daycare Trust and One Plus One. Members have also acted as consultants for a variety of organisations and bodies including the BBC, the Law Commission, Kairos, Naz Project London, Rukus Federation, Outburst UK and the Youth Citizenship Commission. **Bauer** has worked with One Plus One on an ESRC funded project to create online support resources for mixed couples and for professionals supporting them

[www.thecoupleconnection.net](http://www.thecoupleconnection.net)). **Gillies** and **Robinson** worked with Kids Company to produce a reflexive toolkit for practitioners working with at risk youth (<http://challenging-ideas.org.uk/>).

### **Crime and Criminal Justice Research Group (CCJRG):**

**Key researchers: Silvestri (Group Leader), Potter**

The Group is the direct successor to the Crime Reduction and Community Safety Research Group, established in October 2005. The group had built up a national and international reputation under the direction of Roger Matthews. Following his departure in 2011, the group reorganised to reflect changing research priorities and interests. The group has a reputation for delivering high quality research across a broad range of areas, including: Policing; Drugs and Crime; Green Criminology; Prostitution, Trafficking; Women Offenders; Anti-Social Behaviour; Deviant Lifestyles; Football Violence; Alcohol-related crime; and Youth Crime. Over the past three years, the group has moved into more specialised areas focusing particularly on issues relating to: gender and policing; women involved in prostitution; the diversion of women offenders from prosecution and custody and issues in green criminology. The group has preferred status with the Home Office for research tenders relating to women and criminal justice.

The Group is driven by a commitment to developing policy and practice understandings of crime and criminal justice, the results of which have real-life impact for practitioners and those who engage with the criminal justice system. Members have worked with a broad range of government agencies, including the Office for Criminal Justice Reform, Ministry of Justice, Government Office for London, the Scottish Executive, Northern Ireland Office, the Law Commission and the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, as well as working with various local authorities and a range of voluntary agencies. Recent projects include: a new assessment framework for use by Youth Offending Teams; work with the Independent Commission on the Future of Policing on gender; work with the Global Cannabis Cultivation Research Consortium; Women Exiting Prostitution, with Eaves Housing, culminating in a conference at LSBU in 2012; studies of trafficking of women in Scotland and Peru; evaluations of INSPIRE project in Belfast, and of conditional cautioning scheme for women offenders.

Work with users and the wider community include: **Silvestri**: academic advisor to the Griffins Society review on women offenders; board member of FPWP Hibiscus to advise on their future research strategy; participation in Home Affairs Committee investigation on Leadership and Standards in the Police; evidence to *Independent Inquiry Focusing on the Future of Policing in England and Wales* led by Lord Stevens (2012). **Potter**: presentation to expert seminar at the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BelSPO), 2012; advisor to the Green Party on drugs policy; evidence to the Law Commission reviewing aspects of Family law; a founding member of the International Green Criminology Working Group and contributor to [greencriminology.org](http://greencriminology.org).

### **International Development, Emergencies and Refugee Studies (IDEARS):**

**Kibreab, J.Taylor and Wade.**

The Group's main focus is to research the interaction between social policy and processes in the context of international development and from a rights-based perspective. It does this by: analysing social dynamics at the community level, particularly in low-income urban, migrant and refugee populations; by designing, implementing and monitoring poverty reduction programmes; and through influencing poverty-relevant policy in public health, urban management, environmental management, housing and urban development, refugee and migrant integration, and post-disaster reconstruction. A particular strength is cross-sectoral work to influence international, national and local government policy and practice. For example, **J.Taylor** has been involved in the design of poverty reduction programmes and projects in China. Working with the UNDP and the State Council's Leading Group on Poverty Reduction, currently he is advising on the development of poverty reduction programmes to 2020. He has continued with his work as an advisor to the Timor-Leste (East Timor) Government, most recently in his role as the principal author of the country's National Human Development Report.

A more anthropological interpretation is provided by **Kibreab's** work on the Horn of Africa, now published in several articles and two full-length books. Having earlier focused on natural resource management in Sudan, Kibreab has in the past few years focused his attention on Eritrea, identifying the social, cultural and political roots of dictatorship, examining forced labour and forced migration, and once again exploring the social, political and economic drivers of natural resource

management. **Wade** has internationally respected research expertise in Education for Sustainability, based on practical experience. She has spent 15 years as education advisor to Oxfam and has consulted widely for UNESCO. Evidence of the impact of her UNESCO research on policy can be found in the Bonn Declaration 2008, the Tokyo treaty 2009 and evidence of practice can be found in reports of the Asia Pacific Forum of ESD educators and facilitators and in the book (2012) 'EFA-ESD Linkages and synergies: Tales of HOPE 111'. She has been a Commonwealth Scholarship Commissioner since 2009.

Also working with the group are Dr Grimot Nane, an expert on corruption (visiting fellow of ISSR) and Dr Matthew Barac, Chair of Architects Sans Frontières (ASF-UK). Barac has recently founded the Humanitarian Hub at LSBU, which provides an interface between researchers and four key built environment charities in the UK. Harpham, now emeritus professor, continues to bring international-calibre experience of research and consultancy in public mental and urban health to the group. IDEARS has a cohort of 17 doctoral students and currently 47 overseas and UK students on its popular MSc courses in Development Studies, Refugee Studies, and Urbanisation and Development. The Group experienced a painful loss in March 2013 with the death of Professor Michal Lyons, who had coordinated the group. Her work on the interpretation of urban planning, local economy and land development, micro-businesses and disaster relief in Sri Lanka, India and East Africa made a major contribution.

### **Future research plans over the next 5 years**

Key drivers of the Centre's post-REF2014 research strategy are to:

- Enhance the Weeks Centre's reputation as a leading international centre for interdisciplinary social science and policy research.
- Ensure high calibre research staff are involved in the Centre's work
- Build the financial sustainability of the Centre.
- Ensure a vibrant research degree cohort in the Centre.
- Demonstrate relevance and impact of the Centre's work to the outside world and funders.
- Conduct the Centre's research and affairs in a professional manner, following best practice.

These goals will be realised through a 10-point plan:

1. Increase the number of active researchers who are of 3\* and 4\* standing by 50% by 2019. This will be achieved by building internal expertise through proactive support underpinned by effective promotion policies, together with strategic appointment of new staff. 2. Continue to support and enhance the international reputation of the existing subgroups, and encourage new specialism as they develop, eg in urban studies, environment, law, social work.

3. Increase the number of researchers achieving external funding from the Centre's main funders (especially ESRC) by 25%, and increase the total research income of the Centre by 50% by 2019.

4. Sustain existing partnerships both at national and international level, and increase their number; specifically to achieve four additional and significant international partnerships by 2017.

5. Develop a stronger European and international funding strategy, with partners. A specific objective will be to obtain at least 2 grants under the EU Horizon 2020 programme, including 2 Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships by 2018.

6. Build effective impact measurements into all research activity, through training, regular reporting, active pursuit of non-academic partnerships.

7. Work within the framework of the New London Graduate School to increase the number of doctoral students by 25% by 2018; to pursue national and international funding opportunities 8. Build supervisory capacity by expanding the number of experienced PhD supervisors by 50% by 2019, through second supervisor roles, training sessions and mentoring; 9. Continue to prioritise effective dissemination by academic and professional publications, blogs, workshops, seminars and conferences. Aim: to continue at least one externally funded seminar series and two international conferences per year.

10. Ensure that all research performed by the Centre is underpinned by the highest professional and ethical standards; that staff participate in relevant committees, especially professional bodies.

### **c. People, including:**

### **i. Staffing strategy and staff development**

There have been considerable staff changes since 2008. A number of key staff have left, either on transfer to other universities (Callender, Edwards, Matthews, Fooks) or into retirement or semi-retirement (Goulbourne, Harpham, Lyon; Holland and Weeks have reduced commitments). A senior colleague, Lyons, sadly died. High quality new staff have been recruited externally (for example, Y. Taylor, Potter, Bond). At the same time, there has been a conscious policy of internal staff development and promotion, to develop research leadership. Gillies, Reynolds and Wade have been promoted to professorships, Silvestri and Beaumont to a readership and principal lectureship respectively. A number of research staff (eg Bauer, Caballero, Robinson, Weller) have been promoted to senior research fellowships.

Full time teaching staff are supported in developing their research profile, through the Faculty's staff development programme and are linked to one of the research groupings (eg Beaumont, Bond, Potter, Pinch). All staff research plans are reviewed annually through the staff appraisal system. The Centre supports an annual bidding round for faculty fellowships, which allows research active staff to reduce their teaching loads to achieve specific goals (eg complete specific research or submit articles). Continuation of such support is dependent on achievement of agreed targets. The Centre has also been able to draw on University funding opportunities, notably the Research Opportunities Fund (£275k over three years) instigated after RAE2008 to support, in particular, early career research staff to develop their research profile. Staff supported include: Caballero, Beaumont, Potter, Robinson and Silvestri.

Adherence to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers is managed and coordinated at University level by the Organisational and Staff Development Unit and the Central Research Support Office (CRS), which provide information and training. As part of the University's Concordat Framework, the faculty has its own Concordat Coordinator (**Y. Taylor**) who facilitates dissemination and activities within the faculty. Consistent with the aims of the Concordat, the Centre has provided research staff with bridging funds when external funding comes to an end (eg Caballero, Weller). This has ensured a continuity amongst full time researchers. Continuous personal development is provided both centrally and in the faculty through a variety of internal courses, including workshops on managing research and supervision, and through funding attendance on external courses. Mentoring of research staff is provided by senior staff in the Centre and wider faculty. The Centre provides regular surgery sessions for staff planning external research bids, where proposals are outlined and support given by experienced staff.

The Centre works within a well-defined University equal opportunities policy that actively pursues equality and diversity. The faculty has actively participated in University initiatives to support equality and diversity policies among staff, for example through equalities networks such as Equinet (for BME staff), Gendernet (for women) and SONET, the LGBT network. The Code of Practice for selection of staff for REF2014 adopted by the University in 2012 makes clear that equal opportunities are at the heart of our selection process. In terms of this submission, the majority of those selected are women. Of the staff submitted, 5 of 7 professors, and all Readers, are female. 30% of those submitted are from BME communities. 60% are under the age of 45.

### **ii. Research students**

The faculty's research culture provides the context in which postgraduate research activity is supported. Because of the loss of experienced supervisory staff, and the difficulties of gaining ESRC designated training recognition, student numbers are down over the review period. To counter this trend, action has been taken to broaden the programme base. All PhD students are now affiliated with the New London Graduate School (NLGS), formed in 2010 by a consortium of five modern universities (LSBU, Greenwich, East London, Middlesex and Anglia Ruskin) to provide the benefits of a larger community of PhD students, a raft of specialised research seminars, advanced methods and subject training, and greater support in transferable skills. The University offers a Research Scholarship Scheme which provides fees, bursaries and consumables, and this is supplemented by faculty scholarships (Centre has received an average of 2 scholarships/year).

The number of staff with previous supervisory experience has increased by 50% during the review period. At University level, the Research Degrees Committee through its Economic and Social sub-committee, has responsibility for approving programmes of study, supervisory teams, progress, and examination arrangements. It also ensures that the individual programmes are conducted in line with the University's Code of Practice for Higher Degrees and that its policies and

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practices comply with national standards. In 2011, the University was commended in its QAA review for the introduction of trained independent chairs for examinations, and for its Key Skills programme, which provides all PhD candidates with training in transferrable generic skills. At the faculty level, the PhD programme is coordinated through the Graduate School with a dedicated support structure. A Postgraduate Board of Studies monitors student progress each term. A portfolio of MSc programmes (in Social Research, Development Studies, Gender and Sexuality) provides the core framework for research training.

There are dedicated research student rooms provided by the faculty adjacent to the Centre's main offices. These are furnished with pcs, printers and laptops, whilst audio-visual equipment may be borrowed from the faculty. Students can bid for small grants to cover conference attendance, travel, thesis binding costs etc. The faculty organises an annual Summer School for research students, now open to all faculties and NLGS research students, where PhD candidates have an opportunity to present their work in a supportive environment, and participate in wider discussions with senior researchers from within and outside the University.

**d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

Core funding for the Centre derives from QR income (£650k pa), which is devolved to the faculty by the University without top slicing, and then allocated by the Executive Dean on the basis of annual bids from research centres in the faculty. The income pays for the Head of Centre, research professors, core research staff, either in part or wholly, bridging funds, Centre fellowships and scholarships, and PhD small grants. External research income over the review period is £2.3million of which £1.6million is derived from ESRC awards (mostly FSC and IDEARS groups) with significant additional income (£364k) from central and local Government (mostly CCJRG).

The Centre is supported by a dedicated senior research administrator. The faculty has a full time Director of Research who has responsibility for all research matters, while the faculty finance officer has responsibility for research budgets. The Centre is also supported centrally by the CRS which provides advice and support on research funding opportunities, preparation of research bids, researcher training, and research governance. The Centre has a dedicated suite of newly refurbished rooms, close to the Department of Social Science and faculty facilities.

The University Research strategy is shaped by the University Research Committee (URC), chaired by an Executive Dean. The ISSR management committee, chaired by the Executive Dean of faculty coordinates research strategy within the faculty. The Executive Dean has budgetary responsibility and financial accountability and is able to devolve budgets. The Head of Weeks Centre has responsibility for day to day budgeting and planning. The University's Research Ethics Committee, approves and monitors relevant staff and PhD research projects.

**e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base**

The Centre has hosted 4 separate ESRC seminar series involving extensive partnerships, eg the current seminar series on diversity is organised in collaboration with Leeds University, and draws on expertise from a wide range of universities including OU, Nottingham, Kent, LSE, Portsmouth and London Metropolitan. The Centre focuses on research and debates that are of relevant policy and public interest. In September 2012, the Centre organised a conference (with IPSE, London Metropolitan University) on 'The Riots, one year on' which proved a major focus for debate with an edited volume being published. Similarly, a one day conference on queer sexualities, nationalism and racism in the new Europe, aiming to explore the relevance of nationalism and racism to critical sexualities studies in different European contexts, has resulted in an edited book (by Stella, **Y. Taylor, Reynolds** and Rogers).

International links include: **Y. Taylor**: Visiting Fellow Concordia University, 2009; Fulbright Distinguished Scholar, Rutgers, 2010-11; Visiting Scholar, Bain Research Group, Berkeley, 2012; Freilich Forum, ANU, 2012; McGill, 2013. **J. Taylor**: Adviser to UNDP China, on the Strategic Initiative to Support China's Poverty Reduction and Growth with Equality (2011-20) Strategy, prepared for the Chinese State Council Leading Group on Poverty Reduction; followed by the preparation of documentation and articles for the UN International Poverty Reduction Forum, held in Beijing, October 2012. Adviser to President of Timor-Leste, Dr Jose Ramos-Horta, on the establishment and implementation of Presidential Poverty Alleviation Unit, 2008-11. **Kibreab**: External expert to African Union Human Rights Memorial Project 2013; and to UN Human Rights Council on Eritrea. **Weeks**: Research links with Cenese, Universities of Havana and Nicosia.

Centre members actively participate in international conferences and seminars, including: **Y.**

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**Taylor:** Pacific Sociological Association conferences: 2008, 2011, 2012; UCD Dublin, 2010; Carleton, Ottawa, 2010; CUNY, 2011; ESA, Geneva, 2011; Rutgers, NJ, 2011; Sonoma State, 2011; University of Coimbra, 2011; Humanities Research Centre, ANU. **Bauer:** UCLA, 2010; University of West Indies, 2010; Bologna, 2012. **Gillies:** Bielefeld, 2010. **Holland:** University of Helsinki, 2009; ESA, Lisbon, 2009; Madrid, 2009; Oslo, 2010; Melbourne, 2010; Lisbon, 2012. **Reynolds:** Monash University Center, Prata, Italy, 2010; Amsterdam, 2012; European Congress of Family Relations, Lillehammer, Norway; 2012; Imscoe conference, Malmo, Sweden 2013. **Weeks:** Council of Europe, Paris, 2008; University of Ghent, 2008; European Conference on Families, Florence, 2008; University of Copenhagen, 2008; Rockefeller Center, Bellagio, 2008; Caixa Forum, Barcelona and Madrid, 2009; University of Tallinn, 2009; Universite Libre de Bruxelles, 2010; UCLA, 2010; McGill University, 2010; World Congress for Sexual Health, Glasgow (keynote), 2011; Lectures and seminars, Cuba, 2013; Cyprus Sociological Association keynote, Nicosia, Cyprus, 2013; Conference keynote, Berlin, 2013. **Kibreab:** Keynote Speech International Conference on the Horn of Africa, Lund, Sweden 2009 and 2013; Keynote 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, Nicosia, Cyprus, 2009; Keynote International Conference on Population Mobility in Sudan, University of Khartoum, 2010; . Keynote, the Regional Conference on Peace in the Horn of Africa, Atlanta, USA, 2010; Somalia International Rehabilitation Centre (SIRC), Lund, Sweden, 2011; University of Pretoria 2013. **J. Taylor:** Presentation to the United Nations International Poverty Forum, Beijing in 2011 on the inclusive development and social protection, and in 2012 on Inequality in Middle Income Countries. Addressed the China International Development Research Network, Beijing 2013. **Potter:** UNODC, Vienna, 2009; Dubrovnik, 2010; ISSDP, Utrecht, 2011; Belgian Science Office Expert Seminar, 2012; Bogota, Irun (Spain), and Atlanta 2013.

International PhD examining includes, **Kibreab:** Trondheim 2011; **Weeks:** University of New England, NSW, Australia, Trinity College Dublin, Oslo University, Deakin University 2008-13; **Weller:** Sydney 2010.

Staff serve on a number of editorial boards, including: **Y. Taylor:** *Sociology, Sexualities, Sociological Research Online* (chair of editorial board, 2011-to date). **Caballero:** *Race, Ethnicity and Education*. **Gillies:** *British Journal of the Sociology of Education*. **Holland:** *Sexualities, Ethnography and Education; Journal of Critical Education Policy Studies*. **Potter:** *Drugs and Alcohol Today*. **Reynolds:** *Sociology*. **Weeks:** *Culture, Health and Sexuality, Journal of Homosexuality, Sexualities; Parallax*.

All staff are actively engaged in reviewing for journals, publishers and research funders. Research bodies include ESRC, British Academy, Arts Humanities Research Council, Social Science Research Council, Australia, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, Fulbright, Rockefeller Foundation, Leverhulme, Rowntree, DfID, British Council. Publishers include: Routledge/Taylor and Francis, Polity, Palgrave Macmillan, OUPress, Manchester UP, Edinburgh UP, Oxford UP, Cambridge UP, Pearson, Blackwell, Ashgate, Sage. Amongst journals: all the above, plus: *Sociological Review; European Societies, Journal of Gender Studies, Gender and Education, International Journal of Social Science Research Methodologies, International Journal of Drug Policy, International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice, Journal of Family History, Gender and History, Twentieth Century Women's History, History of Education, Women's History Review, British Journal of the Sociology of Education, Policing and Society, International Journal of Police Science and Management, Journal of Women, Policy and Politics, Feminist Criminology*.

**Y. Taylor** was an executive member Feminist and Women's Studies Association, Sexualities and Space Queer Research Group, Executive member, Sexualities Network, ESA, Co-convenor, BSA Families and Relationships Studies Group. Runnymede Trust member. Visiting Professor, Plymouth. **Weeks:** Visiting Professor, Cardiff, IoE London.

Staff have received a number of awards and honours recognising their research achievements. **Y. Taylor:** Fulbright Scholarship 2011; British Academy Mid Career Fellowship, 2013. **Holland:** AcSS. **Reynolds:** Named Sociology Super Author 2012 by Routledge for contributions to field of sociology and publications in international peer-reviewed journals. **Weeks,** AcSS, FRSA; Simon and Gagnon Award for outstanding contribution to the study of sexuality, ASA 2010. Awarded an OBE for services to social science, 2012.