

# BSA Early Career Forum

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## Transnational education at a juncture: Sociological futures post-Brexit

- To what extent can the symbolic capital of a British degree continue to travel across space, post-Brexit?
- Within the complex modes of mobilities of transnational education (TNE), will Brexit trigger new or stifle current forms of mobilities? Should there be a theoretical re-definition of the mobilities within TNE? If yes, how?
- What are the embodied experiences of TNE institutional agents and the students *in situ*?
- In relation to Early Career Researchers who are engaged in TNE teaching and research, to what extent might their career / research trajectories be impacted by the uncertainties/opportunities brought about by Brexit?
- To what extent are the TNE students'/academics' interests represented?

Nearly one in every three students of UK's universities is a TNE student, i.e. they earn their British degrees while they are partially or entirely based in a different country from the UK. In 2012, the UK's TNE export amounted to £18 billion, with a projected increase to £30 billion by 2020 (HEGlobal, 2016). However, the recent events of Brexit seem to have brought this into question, raising practical, empirical and theoretical concerns.

This **one-day seminar** seeks to serve as a platform for these questions to be debated and to make important theoretical, empirical and methodological contributions to TNE as manifest in the cogent disciplines of sociology, anthropology, human geography, education, political science and others.

We are delighted to announce our keynote speakers:

- **Dr Johanna Waters**, University of Oxford
- **Professor Catherine Montgomery**, University of Bath

### Call for abstracts

We invite both established and early-career (including postgraduate) researchers who would like to present at the event to submit titles and abstracts of max. 250 words. In your abstract, please tell us about how your research contributes to one or more of the above questions. Abstracts will be used as the basis for a selection for a special issue.

- Deadline for abstract submission: **10 March 2017**
- Presenters will be notified by **24 March 2017**

For more information or to submit an abstract, please email Cora Lingling Xu ([1.xu@keele.ac.uk](mailto:1.xu@keele.ac.uk)) and Reza Gholami ([r.gholami@keele.ac.uk](mailto:r.gholami@keele.ac.uk)) using 'BSA Early Career Forum: Transnational Education post-Brexit' in the subject line.

### Registration

Registration costs £10 for BSA members and £25 for non-members, and will open from **17 March 2017**.