

**Economic and Social Research Council seminar series launch  
at the London School of Economics, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

***Ethnicity, networks and voice mechanisms in established and hard  
to reach BME communities: capacity building and beyond***

**PROGRAMME**

9.45-10.15 REGISTRATION

10.15-10.30 Welcome and Introduction: Nelarine Cornelius, Miguel Martinez  
Lucio and Pauline Seston  
*Introduce ourselves (MML); outline the day (NC); housekeeping (PS);  
About the ESRC and Seminar Series*

10.30-10.45 'Ethnicity, networks and voice mechanisms in established and hard-to-  
reach BME communities: capacity building and beyond' – Our Agenda  
Introduced by *Miguel Martinez Lucio, University of Manchester*

10.45-11.30 Round Table Debate: Defining the BMR Community Network  
Introduced by *Nelarine Cornelius, Brunel University*

- What are the main characteristics of BME communities and their networks:
- What types exist?
- What capacity issues exist and why?

11.30-11.45 Summing up of Round Table Event  
*Rob Berkeley, Runnymede Trust*

11.45-12.15 New Dynamics in Community Representation and Networks  
*Robert Foster, Red Ochre; Tamina Mir, Social Enterprise Coalition*

12.15-12.30 Discussion of Issues Emerging from Morning Session  
*Nelarine Cornelius and Miguel Martinez Lucio*

12.30-13.15 LUNCH

13.15-13.30 Introduction to Representation and BME Communities:  
Link to Leeds and Manchester University Sessions  
*Miguel Martinez Lucio and Robert MacKenzie, University of Leeds.*

13.30-14.30 Representation, BME Communities and Public Policy  
*Vandna Gohil, Voice4Change England*

14.30-15.30 Round table discussions: The Emerging Agenda for BME  
Communities, Networks and Voice:

**Table 1**

- What are the problems facing communities engaging in dialogue with the state?
- Overall, is there an emerging policy agenda?

**Table 2**

- What are the issues in terms of representation and sustainability in terms of participation?
- Overall, is there an emerging policy agenda?

15.30-16.00 Key Issues  
Future Seminars  
Dissemination Strategy  
Close and Summary  
*Nelarine Cornelius and Miguel Martinez Lucio*

16.00 Finish