

Call for papers: '**Hopeful meanings of residential segregation**' session at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual Conference, London, 28-30 August 2019

### **Session Abstract**

The UK Government's Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper, published in 2018, situates residential segregation as a key issue to be addressed. It asserts that "There are town and city neighbourhoods where ethnic minority communities are increasing in concentration with growing isolation from White British communities....This residential segregation impacts on opportunities for social mixing and may lead to higher levels of mistrust between people of different backgrounds" (p12), thus echoing discourses that have been familiar in UK and other contexts over the last two decades. Residential segregation can undoubtedly be an outcome of inequalities (in housing and employment markets, for example) and processes of exclusion (such as territorial stigmatisation and discriminatory practices). However, there is also potential for 'good segregation' and this has long been recognised (Peach 1996), yet the hopeful meanings of segregation remain peripheral in political, popular and academic understandings.

This session aims to garner argument and evidence of alternative understandings of residential segregation that emphasise the benefits and necessities of residential co-location of those with shared identities at different life stages (e.g. during early settlement, family building, and ageing in place). This might include discussion of residential separation as important for social solidarity, social movements, planning and amenity development, cultural and creative expression, entrepreneurial and economic vitality. At a time of political turbulence and a rise in nationalist discourses and attentiveness to threatening difference, this session examines the possibility, suggested by Merry (2013), that separation is a route to equality and citizenship. In interrogating these ideas, we welcome papers that consider residential segregation along varying lines of difference including ethnicity, religion, migration status, age, class. We encourage theoretical and conceptual contributions and empirical papers from the UK and elsewhere. We are keen to represent a diversity of methodological approaches (quantitative and qualitative) and we encourage submission from early career researchers.

If you would like to present in this session please submit the following to Nissa Finney ([Nissa.Finney@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:Nissa.Finney@st-andrews.ac.uk)) by 1pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019:

- Title of paper
- Abstract of paper
- For all authors: name, affiliation, email address, whether presenting

This session is being convened by Nissa Finney (University of St Andrews), Albert Sabater Coll (University of St Andrews) and Gemma Catney (Queens University Belfast) and is sponsored by the RGS-IBG Population Geography Research Group. We convene this session in memory of Professor Ceri Peach.

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