

BEYOND 2015

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EQUALITY
HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

12 & 13 February 2015, British Academy,
10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH

The Equality and Diversity Forum and EDF Research Network are holding this two-day conference as part of the [Beyond 2015 project](#) bringing together expert speakers and innovative thinking from research, NGO and policy circles around the UK.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1. Thursday 12 February: Reviewing where we are

10.30-11.00 Registration with tea and coffee

11.00-11.10 Welcome

Marie Staunton CBE · Equality and Diversity Forum
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11.10-12.30 Session 1. Progress on equality, human rights and social justice: official perspectives

Panel chaired by Dr Sarah Spencer CBE · COMPAS, University of Oxford

Alison Pritchard · Government Equalities Office

Rob Linham OBE · Ministry of Justice (

Mark Hammond · Equality and Human Rights Commission

Dr Evelyn Collins CBE · Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

Kate Bennett · Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales

Prof Alan Miller · Scottish Human Rights Commission

- 12.30-1.15 Lunch (with screening of Equally Ours human rights films)
- 1.15-2.30 Session 2. Progress on equality, human rights and social justice: perspectives from researchers and NGOs
Panel chaired by Dr Sarah Spencer CBE · COMPAS, University of Oxford
Asif Afridi · brap and Equality and Diversity Forum
Dr Sally Witcher OBE · Inclusion Scotland
Dr Paul Chaney · Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods
Colm O’Cinneide · University College London
- 2.30-2.40 Comfort break
- 2.40-4.00 Session 3. Access to justice
In the wake of changes to legal aid and judicial review, how great is the gap between the rights people have on paper and in reality?
Panel chaired by Prof Lizzie Barmes · Queen Mary University of London
Presentation by Prof Morag McDermont · University of Bristol
Comment by Les Allamby · Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
Comment by Lord Low of Dalston CBE · Low Commission
- 4.00-4.15 Tea and coffee break
- 4.15-5.30 Session 4. The cumulative impact
What do we know about the impact for different groups of the wide range of austerity measures that have been introduced since 2010?
Session chaired by Liz Sayce OBE · Disability Rights UK
Presentation by Prof John Hills FBA · CASE, LSE
Comment by Fran Bennett · University of Oxford
- 5.30-7.00 Networking reception

Day 2. Friday 13 February: Looking forward

- 8.45-9.15 Registration with tea and coffee
- 9.15-10.30 Session 5. Where do we want to be?
Future studies – how do we want UK society to look in ten years' time?
Session chaired by Robin Allen QC · Cloisters
Presentation by Prof Ziauddin Sardar · the Muslim Institute
Comment by Ryan Shorthouse · Bright Blue
Comment by Dr Iyiola Solanke · University of Leeds
Comment by Joseph Harker · The Guardian
- 10.30-11.45 Session 6. How do we get there?
How adequate are existing frameworks for analysing inequality?
Panel chaired by Dr Tania Burchardt · CASE, LSE
Niall Crowley · Independent equality expert
Prof Anthony Heath CBE FBA · University of Oxford
Emma Hutton · Scottish Human Rights Commission
Mary-Ann Stephenson · Coventry Women's Voices
- 11.45-12.00 Tea and coffee break
- 12.00-1.15 Session 7. Maximising the impact
What are the next steps in bridging research and policy agendas?
Panel chaired by Danielle Mason · Cabinet Office
Helen Barnard · Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Rebecca Fairbairn · Economic and Social Research Council
Bharat Mehta OBE · Trust for London
- 1.15-1.30 Closing remarks
Amanda Ariss · Chief Executive, Equality and Diversity Forum

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