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CSI Nuffield

Welcome to the Centre for Social Investigation eNewsletter.

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New Research

New report on foodbank use in West Cheshire with the <u>Trussell Trust</u> and <u>University of Chester</u>. The report – entitled <u>#stillhungry</u> – explored in detail the reasons for people seeking emergency food from foodbanks and the duration of the income crises that prompt them to seek help using. The report attracted media coverage from national and local news outlets, including <u>Church Action on Poverty</u>, <u>The Daily Mirror</u>, and <u>The Guardian</u>, alongside interviews with local radio stations in Oxford and Cheshire.

Dr Lindsay Richards, along with Nuffield colleague Marii Paskov, published an article on <u>social class</u>, <u>employment status and inequality in</u> psychological well-being in the UK in Social Science & Medicine.

Professor Anthony Heath and University of Manchester colleague Professor Yaojun Li published an article on the social mobility of ethnic minorities entitled <u>Class Matters</u> in the American Journal of Sociology.

New briefing notes on <u>trends in educational mobility</u>, <u>Muslim employment</u>, and parents' time investments in their children.

Current projects

Dr Valentina Di Stasio received a British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant to conduct a field experiment on the returns to education of different ethnic groups in the British labour market.

We are working on projects on attitudes to immigration in Europe with collaborators at the University of Manchester and the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. We will be presenting findings at a conference at the British Academy (convened by Anthony Heath and Rob Ford) in November – get a preview of findings in this blog post and sign up here.

Events

CSI were very active during the <u>European Social Survey conference</u>, held in Lausanne in July. Anthony Heath presented papers on attitudes to immigration and on national identity and belonging with Silke Schneider. Lindsay Richards presented on subjective social status with Marii Paskov (for which there is an <u>accompanying blog post</u>) and on Muslim attitudes with Asma Mustafa.

We also had a busy time during the <u>conference</u> of the European Consortium for Sociological Research, held in Oxford last month. The CSI team presented work on parental investment in children's cognitive development, spouses' class and female political party identification, psychological well-being in the UK, and Sunday sociality in the 1950s.

Elisabeth Garratt attended an event hosted by the APPG on Poverty entitled Foodbanks: From Crisis Response to Crisis Prevention.

Engagement

CSI submitted evidence to the independent review into <u>Issues Faced by Businesses in Developing Black and Minority Ethnic Talent</u>, and the <u>All Party Parliamentary Group on social integration</u>. Our submissions are available on request – please email us at <u>csi@nuff.ox.ac.uk</u>.

Anthony Heath participated in a roundtable on 'The 2020 targets: tackling ethnic inequalities across government' organised by IPPR and Runnymede.

Anthony Heath gave a presentation 'How do Europeans differ in their attitudes to immigration?' at the OECD Working Party on Migration at the OECD conference Centre, Paris.

We wrote a post for The Conversation entitled <u>'It's employment status, not class, that affects mental health'</u>.

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