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Welcome to the Centre for Social Investigation eNewsletter.

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Announcements

[Our Brexit survey was launched earlier this month](#) for our new ESRC-funded project intended to monitor changes in public attitudes relating to Brexit over the course of negotiations.

- Our survey on 'Red lines and compromises' includes a knowledge quiz as well as questions designed to find out where the public might be willing to compromise on key Brexit issues, and what their 'red lines' are. We are hoping to achieve a sample of 5000 respondents in each wave, and to complete six waves over the course of the project.
- We will be investigating how much of a priority people place on the ability to make laws independently of the EU; how much they think is reasonable to spend on 'the divorce bill'; and whether people are getting more concerned as negotiations reveal details about how rights of British expats in the EU may change.
- This is a fast-moving project, and we are aiming to publish first results in September. Keep an eye out on the [CSI website](#), on [Twitter](#), and in the next Newsletter.

We are also very pleased to announce a new project starting this month on social cohesion and well-being among adolescents in the UK. Dr James Laurence has joined us on secondment from the University of Manchester and will be working with data from the National Citizen Service, a scheme that brings young people from different backgrounds together for team-building and community service. The overall aim of the project is to understand how such schemes may contribute to social integration and cohesion in Britain.

New Research

New briefing note on [UK homelessness](#). Key findings:

- The prevalence of rough sleeping in England more than doubled between 2010 and 2015
- Following previous declines, rates of statutory homelessness have risen over the past six years
- So-called 'hidden homelessness' is poorly understood but affects considerable numbers of people, especially younger groups

New briefing note on [cybercrime](#). Key findings:

- In a world based on information technology, concerns about cyber-risks are highly prevalent
- A lack of confidence in data security is widespread, with the majority of Europeans perceiving that the risk of cybercrime victimisation is increasing
- Some crimes are increasingly being committed online: a larger proportion of fraud incidents in England and Wales in 2016 involved cybercrimes than offline crimes

Events

Lindsay Richards gave a talk entitled *Attitudes to immigration in Europe: how divided are we?* at an event organised by European Social Survey and Migration Policy Group (MIPEX 2015) on immigration. The event was held at the European Parliament and chaired by MEP Jean Lambert. You can [find out more about the event](#) or [download this handy booklet](#) produced by the ESS team.

Elisabeth Garratt spoke on *How do conceptualisations of food relate to understandings of and potential solutions to food poverty?* at the British Sociological Association Food Study group conference.

Anthony Heath attended the first roundtable discussion of the [Race Disparity Audit in the Cabinet Office](#).

Lindsay Richards presented [previous research findings](#) on class and mental health at a University of Manchester symposium on Social divisions, social exclusion and labour market.

Valentina Di Stasio presented *Different context, same disadvantage? Discrimination towards Pakistanis in Norway and the UK* at the 14th IMISCOE annual conference in Rotterdam, based on preliminary findings from the GEMM project. IMISCOE is Europe's largest network of scholars in the area of migration and integration.

Anthony Heath spoke at an event at Nuffield College on Liberal Nationalism and its Critics. The topic *Young People in Transition: the National Identity of Minority Youth* has also been the topic of [a recent blog post](#).

Engagement

Lindsay Richards and Anthony Heath wrote a blog post entitled "[Two Nations"? Brexit, inequality and social cohesion](#)". This accompanied a policy roundtable discussion at the British Academy.

Elisabeth Garratt wrote a blog post on [estimating the scale of homelessness in the UK](#).

Anthony Heath was interviewed about Theresa May's new extremism strategy on France 24, the English-language TV channel in France.



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