



## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS WORKSHOP

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 10:00 – 12:30

Global Studies Resource Centre, Arts C175, University of Sussex

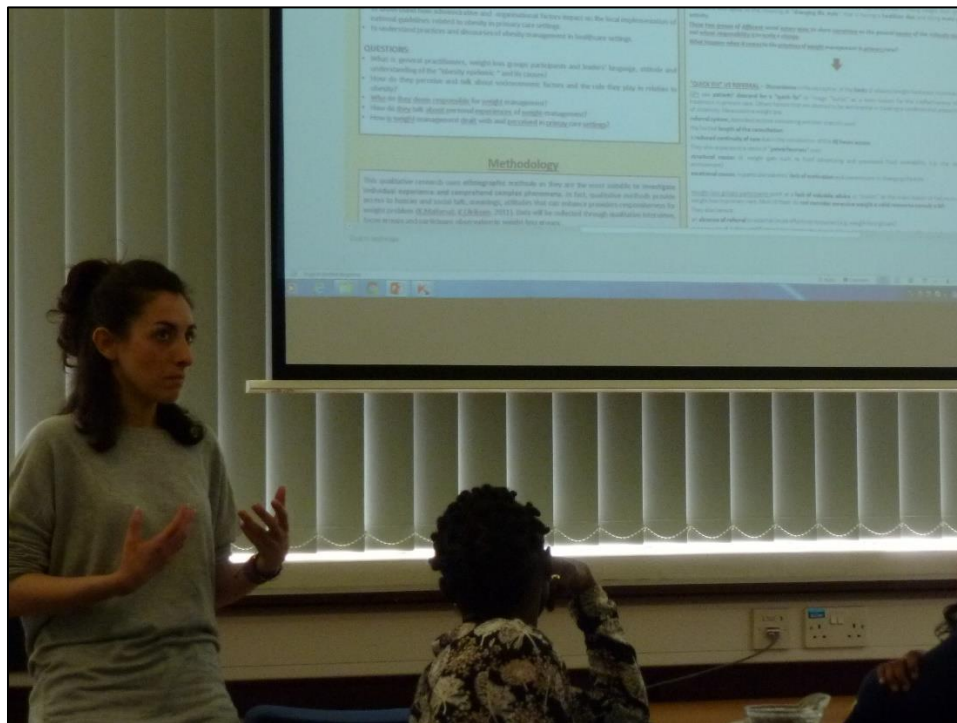
### Workshop Timings

10:00	<b>'Sexuality, Sexual Reproductive Health Rights, and the Law'</b> MaryFrances Lukera (Law, LPS)
10:10	<b>'The Translocality of Wellbeing Experiences Among Sri Lankan Muslim Domestic Workers and their Kuwaiti Women Employers'</b> Sajida Ally (Anthropology, Global Studies)
10:20	<b>'Discourses of obesity in health care and weight-loss settings in Brighton and Hove: a qualitative study'</b> Lavinia Bertini (Anthropology, Global Studies)
10:30	<b>'How can we integrate cognitive and evolutionary perspectives into studies of reproduction and health?'</b> Martha Newson (Anthropology, Oxford)
10:40	<b>General Discussions and Q&amp;A</b>
11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:10	<b>'Doctors of the World Brighton Project: Access to Healthcare'</b> Katie Turner and Bernadette (Brighton Team Lead, Doctors of World)
11:30	<b>'My experience of working with Marginalised Males'</b> Anupama Roy (BSMS)
11:50	<b>'Litigious Love: Same-Sex Couples and Mediation'</b> Maria Moscati (Law, LPS)
12:10	<b>'Human rights and the experience of disability in Vietnam'</b> Rachel Burr (Education, ESW)
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>

## Photos of the Event



Lavinia, MaryFrances, Sajida and Martha – CORTH doctoral members



Lavinia speaks about her qualitative study on obesity in health care settings



Martha discusses her research on football fan culture and identity fusions



Katie and Bernadette speak about their experiences working for Doctors of the World



Our new CORTH Governor, Maria Moscati



Sveinn and Asta, two visiting doctoral students from Iceland



The CORTH group

## **Workshop Summary**

The CORTH Research in Progress Workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 began with presentations from five doctoral students talking about their current research. They each had 10 minutes to present their research and the topics that were discussed ranged from sexuality to migrant health, obesity to thinking about cognitive perspectives.

We then had presentations from research activists and those who are applying their research in everyday contexts. A Brighton based NGO discussed their work in the city that seeks to ensure excluded people overcome barriers to healthcare. This was followed by contributions from postgraduate and faculty members of CORTH speaking about their current research projects as listed in more detail below.

Below is more in-depth information on the topics spoken about at the workshop. We have attached some of the important information and website links, as well as some presentation slides, for those of you who may be interested in finding out more.

We thank the participants for joining us in making this a really stimulating event, and we thank MaryFrances Lukera and the Doctoral Pathway Development Fund for providing us with the funds to hold this workshop, as part of the follow up to the multidisciplinary workshop we had in March on 'Sexuality, Sexual Reproductive Health Rights and the Law'.

### **MaryFrances Lukera**

MaryFrances is a PhD candidate in the Sussex Law School. Her thesis is entitled "Promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health of Sex Workers in Kenya: A Human Rights Approach" under the supervision of Prof Susan Millns and Dr Charlotte Skeet. She is an Associate Tutor for Justice, Equality and Society as well as a Tutor in Widening Participation.

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/people/peoplelists/person/299756>

[https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/fida\\_20081201.pdf](https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/fida_20081201.pdf)

### **Sajida Ally**

Sajida Ally completed her PhD in Social Anthropology at the University of Sussex in January 2016 within the areas of Asian transnational labour migration and health and wellbeing, focusing on the intersections between embodied health experience, gender, kin and communal relations, and development interventions towards low-wage Sri Lankan Gulf-bound migrant workers. At the workshop she spoke about 'The Translocality of Wellbeing Experiences Among Sri Lankan Muslim Domestic Workers and their Kuwaiti Women Employers.'

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/profiles/219104>

## **Lavinia Bertini**

Lavinia's PhD research draws on this previous experience and shifts its focus on the impact of obesity-related health policies on local clinical realities. By exploring everyday narratives and perceptions of obesity used by different, clinical actors such as GPs, nurses and weight loss groups' participants, she examines the diversity within biomedicine in understanding the "obesity epidemic" discourse. This investigation promotes a reflection on body politics and technologies of policy and governance as well as on social reproduction of identities linked to health, social class and gender.

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/corth/people/laviniabertini>

Lavinia recommends this book for further reading into her research theme <http://www.fattalknation.com/>

Workshop slides: [Discourses of obesity in health care and weight-loss settings in Brighton and Hove: a qualitative study \[PDF 627.02KB\]](#)

## **Martha Newson**

Martha is currently in the final year of her DPhil under the supervision of Professor Harvey Whitehouse. Her doctoral research investigates the causes and consequences of identity fusion, a unique form of extreme social bonding. Focusing on football fans in the UK, Brazil, and Spain, she explores the roles of: emotional arousal as measured by self-reports and physiological measures, such as cortisol in saliva samples and heart rate; team performance (both long term effects of supporting Premier League teams and immediate effects of World Cup losses); and the 'self-shapingness' of episodic memories. She also examines two consequences of identity fusion among football supporters and football hooligans: out-group hostility and parochial altruism.

<https://www.icea.ox.ac.uk/about-us/people/martha-newson/>

## **Katie Turner and Bernadette, Doctors of the World, Brighton Service.**

Doctors of the World UK is part of the global Médecins du Monde network, which delivers over 400 projects in 80 countries through 3,000 volunteers.

Their vision is of a world in which vulnerable people affected by war, natural disasters, disease, hunger, poverty or exclusion get the healthcare they need regardless of income or status.

Through their health programmes and advocacy they work to ensure excluded people overcome barriers to healthcare.

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/pages/brighton>

## **Anupama Roy**

“My experience with marginalised groups have mostly been with FSW (Female Sex Workers) and MSM (Males having Sex with MSM in India and England. At the workshop I tried to draw similarities and dissimilarities between the groups and the countries and how that influenced my research interests which is similar to the work done at CORTH.”

Workshop slides: [Experiences of working with marginalised groups \[PDF 1.49MB\]](#)

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/profiles/367086>

## **Maria Moscatti**

Maria Moscatti is Lecturer in Family Law at the School of Law at Sussex. Her research interests focus on issues in and the relations between ADR, Access to Justice, Comparative Family Law, and Human Rights (with a focus on children, and on LGBTI people). She works with a comparative and interdisciplinary approach. Her research has addressed legal, procedural and social dimensions of same-sex unions and their disputes focusing on three discrete but related areas. These areas are: firstly, the socio-historical context of same-sex unions and their disputes; secondly, legal, procedural and social developments of same-sex unions and disputes within the Italian scenario; and, thirdly questions of access to justice and dispute resolution.

Maria coordinated a recent EU funded research project called Litigious Love: Same-Sex Couples and Mediation in the EU ( <http://www.litigiouslove.eu> ), which collected data on the nature of disputes and the resolution of such disputes between same-sex partners and same-sex parents in four legal cultures in Europe. Overall the project attempted to raise awareness on the rights of same-sex couples and on the manner in which social disapproval, homophobia and lack of protective legislation all have an impact on sources of disputes between same-sex partners and on the resolution of those disputes. This work led to a further research project (also EU funded) concerning domestic and dating violence on lesbian and transgender women in the EU.

Following from this research, Maria has received funding for impact development from the University of Sussex in order to undertake a new project aiming at writing informative material for the children of same-sex couples regarding disputes involving their parents. She also started a research concerning the rights of LGBTI children and young people.

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/profiles/355203>



**Rachel Burr**

Dr Rachel Burr is a Teaching Fellow in Social Work and Social Care, Education Department at the University of Sussex and at the workshop she spoke about human rights and experiences of disability in Vietnam.

Workshop slides: [Human Rights and the experience of disability in Vietnam \[PDF 1.99MB\]](#)

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/profiles/253546>

