

**BAME MENTORING AND EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
WINTER 2018**

Wk	Date	Time	Event/Title	Description	Facilitator	Room
3	Wed. 10 Oct	15:00 – 18:00	BAME Mentoring and Excellence Launch Event	Info Session and Social	All	Global Studies Resource Centre
4	Wed. 17 Oct	15:00 – 17:30	Transnational Dialogues Discussion with Jéssica Ipólito and Sara Branco, two young black Brazil student activists from the National Young Black Feminist Caucus in Brazil and “Elas - Social Investment Fund.”	<p>This meeting is part of a new project, which aims to build a global network of young feminists and student activists of color to support each other in their resistance against racism, sexism, transphobia, homophobia, and all forms of oppression. Jessica and Sara will talk about their work in Brazil on the <u>Building Movements – Feminismos Contemporâneos</u> project, which aims to strengthen the political organization of Black Brazilian girls and women and the <u>Transatlantic Exchange of Black Young Feminists project</u> which includes youth in Brazil, the UK and Latin America.</p> <p>This session will include a short presentation by Sara and Jessica and then an open discussion and sharing of experiences with the Sussex students. The session will end with discussions about further action and student exchanges.</p>	Althea-Maria Rivas	ARTS A01
5	Wed. 24 Oct	15:00 – 17:00	Finding Your Voice To register email ar289@sussex.ac.uk	This session focusing on building communication skills and locating your voice. When you find your voice, you don't find some new thing inside of you; instead you find a little more of you. You find a little more freedom to speak, express, and to let yourself be heard. This will be a 2.5 hour interactive session that will aim to build confidence to speak and be heard in classroom settings, presentations and other activities.	Althea-Maria Rivas	SB 317

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6	<i>Reading Week:</i> Wed. 31 Oct – Fri. 02 Nov	All Day	Decolonial Transformation Workshop	A key aim of the workshop is to think about and discuss how to move recent conversations around coloniality and decolonial transformations forward, linking academic scholarship with art, activism, and everyday life. This workshop brings together scholars, artists, students and activists to collaboratively imagine and reflect upon decolonial processes. It aims to further cooperative engagement in and among movements aimed at decolonial transformations, for realising educational justice, ecological regeneration and pluriversal futures. The workshop will include a variety of different events and forums over two and a half days, including panel discussions, interviews, interactive and participatory workshops, and creative spaces and performances. The afternoon workshops will be streamed to bring together work in Scholarship, Art, and Activism.	SOAS and Sussex staff and students	ACCA
7	Wed. 07 Nov.	15:00 – 16:30	Writing for Publication To register email ar289@sussex.ac.uk	This workshop is aimed at postgraduate students, PhDs and Early Career Researchers. It will go through things to consider, and tips, and strategies to use when writing for publication. The session will be run by the Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor (Interdisciplinary Research) and end with a Q&A where participants can ask all the questions they had but were not sure where to find answers about publishing, the REF, and other topics.	Prof Alan Lester	FUL 208
8	Wed. 14 Nov	16:00 - 18:00	Film and Panel Discussion	Film Screening and Panel Discussion on the House on Coco Road (2016): Set amidst the Grenada Revolution, THE HOUSE ON COCO ROAD documents one family's flight from racial tensions in 1980's Oakland, California, only to find themselves settled directly in the path of a U.S. military invasion. First hand accounts from activists Angela Davis, Fania Davis and Fannie Haughton weave together director Damani Baker's family portrait of utopian dreams, resistance and civil unrest with a film score composed by music luminary Meshell Ndegeocello.	Panel	Global Studies Resource Centre
9	Fri. 16 Nov	12:00 – 14:00	Building Research Networks To register email ar289@sussex.ac.uk	This session is focused on PhD student and postdocs and will focus on how to networks at the early stages of an academic career. This will be an informal session with the Director of Research and Knowledge Exchange for the School of Global Studies. Participants will have ample opportunities to ask questions about choosing conferences, professional networking, building research partnerships and working relationships.	Prof Mike Collyer	FUL 208

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9	Wed. 21 Nov	10:00 – 15:00	How to Write Workshop To register email ar289@sussex.ac.uk	This session is for BME students and staff that would like a space and a practical session on writing focused on the demons/ obstacles / glitches we face in our individual writing practice. The workshop will be a group discussion of personal process rather than the content, editing and pain of publishing. The session is a fully participatory one where we will conduct some writing, and peer review so as to fully engage with the embodied writing process. The aim here is to confront issues of what is at stake and what tools would enable a smoother practice. Hopefully by the end participants will have a clearer way forward. . . to write. The session will be run by Prof Tolia-Kelly, who joined Sussex in 2018 as a Professor of Geography and Postcolonial Studies.	Prof Divya Tolia-Kelly	Global Studies Resource Centre
10	Wednesday 28 Nov	10:00 – 15:00	Conflict Resolution and Mediation Skills Workshop - Brighton & Hove Independent Mediation Service (BHIMS) To register email ar289@sussex.ac.uk	This workshop will introduce students the basic of conflict resolution and mediation skills and theory. It is a hands-on workshop that will be run by the Brighton & Hove Independent Mediation Service. Student participants will receive a Certificate of Participation from the BHIMS upon completion.	Kathy Whitestone (BHIMS)	TBC
11	Wednesday 05 Dec	14:00 – 16:00	Prevent, Race and Empire Presentation	Talk and discussion facilitated by Nadya Ali a Lecturer in International Relations and an expert on UK Prevent.	Nadya Ali	JUB- 143
12	Wednesday 12 Dec	10:00 – 16:00	BAME Student Leadership Day To register email ar289@sussex.ac.uk	This will be a day-long event with a series of workshops and talks focused on student leadership, careers and activism. Students will be able to learn new skills and hear from leaders in respective fields about their experiences.	Various	TBC