

International universities symposium brings perspective to multiculturalism and diversity

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As the anniversary of 9/11 approaches academics and policymakers will gather for a global symposium to look at ethnicity, diversity and multiculturalism this week.

The Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Culture at the University of Birmingham will be holding the Universitas21 conference which will explore notions of diversity, multiculturalism and transnationalism.

Delegates will gather to discuss topics as diverse as Race Relations in Hong Kong and Cosmopolitanism after multiculturalism. Highlights include a session on French Muslims and the Racialisation of Identities.

Key academics from the UK presenting on the day include Professors Mike Cruise, Michael Keith, Sharman Pretty, Tariq Modood and Mairtin Mac an Ghail.

Dr Tahir Abbas, Director of the Centre says: 'The symposium comes at a time when we must engage and develop inter-disciplinary expertise across the range of issues.

This event is an important opportunity to highlight work carried out in this area, and to cross-fertilise thinking in an international context'.

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