



Winter report

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Minorities and Philosophy chapters met regularly in the autumn term to address MAP relevant issues, hosted a variety of events, and initiated a number of training and advocacy activities. The following report comprises some of the highlights of these activities from the UK region in the Autumn term of 2015.

Events

The Sheffield chapter hosted Monica Mookherjee, who gave the Annual MAP at Sheffield Lecture on 'Addressing religious inequalities through theories of recognition'.

The Leeds chapter hosted a two-day conference on implicit bias, with keynotes from Jules Holroyd, Ian Kidd, Jennifer Saul and Katherine Jenkins, in addition to ten papers from postgraduate speakers. There was even an ice-breaker treasure hunt across the city!

The Bristol chapter screened a documentary on women in academia, which you can see [here](#). They also arranged for Richard Pettigrew to deliver a talk to Bristol undergraduates on equality and diversity.

The Edinburgh chapter was involved in the organisation of the New Enlightenment Lecture 2015, which was given by Alison Wylie, entitled 'What Knowers Know Well: Why feminism matters, to archaeology for example'. The discussion addressed the costs of the exclusion of minorities in academia, and strategies for change.

Chapters have also hosted both regular and one-off reading groups. These included a weekly reading group on 'The Racial Contract' by Charles Mills at Leeds, whilst the UCL chapter ran a group on Sally Haslanger's 'Resisting Reality'.

Good practice, training and advocacy

Chapters have been meeting regularly to identify harmful practices in the discipline, and to discuss and implicate ways to address these to promote a more inclusive culture. The Stirling chapter trained two course representatives in MAP issues, whilst the Sheffield chapter are encouraging other reading groups to identify and discuss work by authors from underrepresented groups. The Leeds chapter continue to support the [Diversity Reading list](#), whilst the UCL chapter are to run sessions on seminar discussion and practice, with the aim of improving engagement and inclusion.

Mentorship Scheme

At last count we have 17 mentors who have volunteered to provide occasional mentoring advice to students over email. Between them they have expertise covering a range of minority statuses including those relating to race and ethnicity, sexuality, disability, income background, and gender. Anyone who identifies as a member of a group that is underrepresented in philosophy and may benefit from mentoring is encouraged to look through the mentor database (<http://mapuk.weebly.com/uk-mentors.html>) and email their chosen mentor directly.

Thanks

We'd like to thank all of our new and existing chapters for all of their hard work organising and hosting a fantastic and varied programme of events. We'd also like to thank our ever-growing network of mentors, and all of those who have participated in MAP UK activities, as well as our various supporters in our home departments and beyond who have helped to make our activities possible.

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