

## ***Identities: 30 Years On***

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This year has marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the journal *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*. In the very first issue, our founding editor Nina Glick Schiller, set out the case for a new journal. ‘Cultural politics’, she maintained, ‘has emerged as a means of either maintaining or resisting domination’ (Schiller 1994: 1), and in ways that demand fresh and dedicated analyses. This was then, as it remains now, a deep intellectual project that is related to ways in which we can conceptualise language and text, history and power, and social and cultural experience, as well as specific sites and articulations of identity.

Spanning geographical registers, methodological approaches, intellectual traditions, and scales of the micro, meso and macro, *Identities* has some 30 years later generated a living archive through which do so. In so doing the journal has established itself as one of the leading interdisciplinary forums through which to continue these necessary analyses. While much has changed in the intervening period, therefore, the meaning of ‘identity’ in *Identities* continues to owe much to the journal’s provenance on the study of ethnicity, race, decoloniality, anti-racism, migration and culture.

Over this period, the work of the journal has relied on the extraordinary contribution of authors, reviewers, editorial board members, journal administrators and editors, and the production and publisher teams. Particular recognition is due to those who helped re-launch the journal, not least our predecessor Professor Claire Alexander and the *Ethnic and Racial Studies* team who supported this (especially Professor John Solomos, the late Professor Martin Bulmer and the Managing Editor Amanda Eastell-Bleakley). *Identities* is currently fortunate to be supported by Michaelagh Broadbent, our Editorial and Content Officer, and alongside ourselves as co-Editors, the team includes eight co-Editors whose expertise is key to every activity of the journal: Dr Jean Beaman, Dr Katucha Bento, Dr Paul Ian Campbell, Dr Emma Hill, Dr Gëzim Krasniqi, Dr Ala Sirriyeh, Dr Carolina Stefoni and Dr Sophia Woodman.

Our recent, current and upcoming issues reflect our critical tradition, including dedicated special issues on the exclusion and political engagement of ethnic minorities; migratory stratifications and social change; race and sanitisation in the nation state; global configurations of whiteness; Black studies and cultures in Britain; and racialisation and activism within diaspora.

We continue to develop and curate these collected works, including our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Collection which features articles from the journal’s 30 years of publishing research on race, ethnicity and culture. Spanning Volumes 1 to 31 (1994 to 2024), the collection illustrates the breadth and scope of research within the journal’s archives over these 30 years by distinguished scholars from across the globe.

The journal moreover has now expanded both in form and content, adding online media, including blog collections at [www.identitiesjournal.com](http://www.identitiesjournal.com) which spotlights commentaries and blog series by our published authors and other scholars in our connected fields. To mark our 30<sup>th</sup> year, in 2024 the journal has also launched *The Identities Podcast* as a new space within which to engage with discussions surrounding race, ethnicity and culture, and which serves as an invitation to continue our global conversations on identities, culture and power.

## **Reference**

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