

**“Bringing people together around British values and that kind of thing”;
Debating beyond multiculturalism and community cohesion in a bilingual Wales**

Home Secretary Sajid Javid recently announced that a greater emphasis on British values would be at the heart of the new UK Citizenship test (Home Office 2018). Statements such as this follow Dame Louise Casey’s review of UK social integration and the suggestion that a date should be set for all immigrants to learn English (BBC 2018). The era of multicultural inclusion has been supplanted by strategies and schemes which promote cohesiveness and common citizenship in the UK. This presentation frames UK integration ideologies around the more specific case of Wales and how belonging and integration plays out in a devolved nation. Considering the post-multicultural context of the UK, the presentation will consider how multiculturalism and cohesion has been interpreted in a bilingual and multi-ethnic Wales. By looking at interview data with civil servants, language teachers and migrants in Wales, divergent ideologies on the relationship between language and integration will be discussed and analysed. It will be shown that migrants, in many cases, provide alternative views on belonging and the Welsh language in comparison to teachers and politicians. The presentation will challenge both old and new ways of adopting nation-state integration models for sub-state nations and propose ways of conceptualising cohesion and citizenship at a local level. Despite the limitations and challenges of forging a unique framework for Wales that includes its bilinguality, it nevertheless moves towards rethinking the relationship between hosts vs. guests in an increasingly hostile 21st Century.