



## INHS Newsletter – May 2026

Dear INHS members,

Welcome to our May newsletter. The newsletter provides a monthly snapshot of international publications that have recently been added to the INHS website and information about upcoming events occurring this month. We would also like to encourage you to get in contact with us if you would like to submit a contribution to our INHS blog. All blogs can be found [here](#).

Remember to follow us on our new social media channels:

- **LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-network-for-hate-studies/>
- **Bluesky:** [@inthatestudies.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/inthatestudies.bsky.social)

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### **New Blog Post:**

Read the new blog post 'Hate crime law reform in England and Wales: Another casualty of the “culture wars”?' by Prof Mark Walters [here](#).

### **A Message from the New Editorial Team of the *Journal of Hate Studies*:**

We are thrilled to announce the *Journal of Hate Studies* is accepting submissions for articles and reviews and will be publishing new, fee-free, open-access issues for the first time since 2023. We are grateful to [Gonzaga University](#) for their continued support of the journal and the [Center for the Study of Hate](#).

Respecting the interdisciplinary nature of the field, JHS is open to publishing original content as well as reviews of traditional academic and artistic works, digital new media and public works focused on hate and hate-related content.

We are inviting your participation to assist in this new iteration of the JHS. Here are some opportunities to help:

- Spread the word! Please share links to our revised website: <https://repository.gonzaga.edu/jhs/>
- Submit a manuscript for publication consideration. Find out more here: [Submission Guide](#)
- Consider serving as a peer reviewer. Tell us your areas of expertise. In our efforts to make publishing decisions in a timely manner, we are looking for individuals who are able to provide reviews within forty days of receipt. Find out more here: [The Peer Review Process](#)

- Contact us at [jhs@gonzaga.edu](mailto:jhs@gonzaga.edu) with your interest in writing a review of a book, a documentary, a serial podcast, an exhibit, or related work.
- Help us stay current with recent and upcoming work in the field at [jhs@gonzaga.edu](mailto:jhs@gonzaga.edu)

#### **Award Nomination for Countering Hate:**

The [Gonzaga Center for the Study of Hate](#) is seeking nominations for the Eva Lassman Take Action Against Hate Award which honours one individual and one organization annually for their work countering hatred. Submission deadline is **30 June 2026**. Find more information [here](#).

#### **Call for Papers:**

The [University College Cork](#), the [Norbert Elias Foundation](#), the [RC56 Historical Sociology](#), and the [Social Pathologies of Contemporary Civilization Research Network](#) are seeking abstracts for their upcoming international conference 'Social Pathologies: Developmental and Processual Perspectives on Contemporary Malaises' to be held 2-5 December in Cork, Ireland. Submission deadline is **15 May 2026**. Find more information [here](#).

The [ISA RC48 Network on Necropolitics and Mass Violence](#) is seeking abstracts for their first annual conference 'From Enforced Disappearance to Border Violence: New Directions in the Study of Necropolitics' to be held 7-9 September 2026 in Bilbao, Spain. Submission deadline is **15 May 2026**. Find more information [here](#).

The [Social Sciences](#) journal is seeking submissions for their special issue 'Exposing the Extent of Online Hate Crimes and Hate Speech, and the Barriers and Challenges in Responding to Them'. Submission deadline is **26 September 2026**. Find more information [here](#).

#### **Registration for upcoming conferences:**

The [University of Plymouth](#) will be hosting their 2026 Annual Critical Criminology Conference 'Rage Against the 'Machines': Feeling and Challenging Systems of Normalisation and Oppression' **4 June 2026** in Plymouth, UK. Find more information [here](#).

The Slovenian National Committee of the [UNESCO Management of Social Transformations Program \(MOST\)](#), the Slovenian Social Science Association and the [Faculty of Information Studies](#) are hosting the 19th Slovenian Social Science Conference 'Dialogues on Social Transformations in a Divided and Diverging World' **8-9 June 2026** in Ljubljana, Slovenia. **Registration closes 10 May**. Find more information [here](#).

The [Centre for International Studies and Research at the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje](#) is hosting the 4th World Conference for Religious Dialogue and Cooperation 'Religion as a Weapon of War: In the Past, Present and Future' to be held **22-26 June 2026** in Skopje, North Macedonia. **Registration closes 15 May**. Find more information [here](#).

The [BSC Hate Crime](#) and the [BSC Victims Network](#) will be hosting their hybrid conference 'Online Hate, Harm and Victimisation: Emerging Challenges for Research and Practice' **4 June 2026** in Newcastle, UK. Find more information and book your free spot [here](#).

The [South African Sociological Association \(SASA\)](#) is hosting their 31st Annual Congress 'Solidarity: Possibilities and Pitfalls' **6-9 July 2026** in Johannesburg, South Africa. **Registration closes 15 June**. Find more information [here](#).

The [ThinkJustice Foundation](#) and the [Critical Criminology Network of the British Society of Criminology](#) will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Global Criminology and Victimology (hosted by the [Parul Institute of Law](#)) at Parul University in Vadodara, Gujarat, India on **29-31 July 2026**. Find more information [here](#).

The [University College Cork](#), the [Norbert Elias Foundation](#), the [RC56 Historical Sociology](#) and the [Social Pathologies of Contemporary Civilization Research Network](#) are hosting their international conference 'Social Pathologies: Developmental and Processual Perspectives on Contemporary Malaises' **2-5 December 2026** in Cork, Ireland. Find more information [here](#).

### **Preview of Events in June:**

2 June - [Discussion - The Politics of University Speech, London, UK](#)

4 June - [Hybrid Conference - Online Hate, Harm and Victimisation: Emerging Challenges for Research and Practice, Newcastle, UK](#)

4 June - [2026 Annual Plymouth Critical Criminology Conference - Rage Against the 'Machines': Feeling and Challenging Systems of Normalisation and Oppression, Plymouth, UK](#)

8-9 June - [19th Slovenian Social Science Conference 'Dialogues on Social Transformations in a Divided and Diverging World', Ljubljana, Slovenia](#)

19 June - [BSC HCN Virtual Writing Group \(UK\)](#)

20 June - [Hybrid Lecture – Saving Our Digital World, London, UK](#)

22-26 June - [4th World Conference for Religious Dialogue and Cooperation 'Religion as a Weapon of War: In the Past, Present and Future', Skopje, North Macedonia](#)

### **Events in May:**

6 May

[BSC HCN Virtual Writing Group \(UK\)](#)

7 May

[Hybrid Book Launch - Politicized Religion and the Reframing of Fundamental Rights, London, UK](#)

[Webinar - South Asia's Misinformation Crisis and the Road Ahead](#)

7-8 May

[9th International Conference on Gender Research \(ICGR\), Gdańsk, Poland](#)

13 May

[Hybrid Seminar – Why Populists are Winning and How to Beat Them, London, UK](#)

19 May

[Discussion - The State of the United States: Universities and Higher Education, London, UK](#)

28-29 May

[Challenging Hate: A Human Rights Approach Conference, Limerick, Ireland](#)

[13th European Conference on Social Media, Larnaka, Cyprus](#)

\*More future events can be found [here](#).

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