



# Hematopolitics

January 2025



## Welcome back!

Welcome back and a Happy New Year from the Hematopolitics team! We've got a busy year ahead of us and lots of exciting upcoming events.

## Our network page is live!

We're thrilled to share that our network page is now live. Thank you so much to all our network members who have contributed their profiles so far. There is still time to add your biography to our network webpage. Simply email us a short biography and a link to your institutional profile. View our network members page [here](#).

## Project Updates

### It's the final countdown!

We're delighted to share that our new exhibition, 'Blood: Ties and Tensions', will be opening at Thackray Museum of Medicine in Leeds on February 8th.

After months of research, workshops, field trips, and meetings, our exciting exhibition is almost ready to open! 'Blood' will trace the politics and anthropological implications of blood donation and transfusion over the last three centuries. It will feature objects dating as far back as the nineteenth century alongside pieces created by members of our wider Hematopolitics community. Do let us know if you plan on visiting the exhibition – we can't wait to hear your thoughts!

### What's the bloody point? A Hematopolitics research seminar!

Our very own PhD student Sarah Chadwick will be giving her first paper on her research project next month! Entitled 'What's the Bloody Point? The Racial Dynamics of Blood Donation in England, c.1946-c.2000', Sarah's paper will address the recent history of blood donation and the politics of racial othering within medical institutions.

When? 4th February 2025, 4pm.

Where? University of Leeds (West Yorkshire), [Parkinson, 4.20](#).

If you're in the Yorkshire area, please consider coming along!

## Members' News

### Blood Under the Skin

One of our brilliant network members, Dr [Morteza Hashemi](#) (University of Nottingham), recently presented his documentary "Blood Under the Skin" to the Scottish Parliament.

The documentary "Blood Under the Skin," inspired by Dr. Morteza Hashemi's research at ICEMiC, delves into Scotland's social dynamics through a grassroots blood donation campaign led by Scottish Shi'a Muslims in partnership with the NHS. It premiered in the Scottish Parliament on November 7, 2024. The event included a panel featuring Bill Kidd MSP (event sponsor), Kaukab Stewart MSP (Scottish Minister of Equalities), Professor Marc Turner (Director of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service), community activist and blood donation coordinator Ifty Ali, director Chris Godwin, Reverend Gareth Jones (Interfaith Officer, The Methodist Church), and other community activists.

You can watch the "Blood Under the Skin" documentary on the University of Nottingham's YouTube channel. [[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4\\_QLXd1x8x4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_QLXd1x8x4)].

### Making it to the Registers

We're excited to share with you details of an exciting research project led by one of our research network members, Professor [Marie-Andrée Jacob](#) (University of Leeds).

[Making it to the Registers](#) is an AHRC funded-project that seeks to interrogate the lived dimensions of the regulation of global, migrant healthcare workers in the UK. You can follow the project on their BlueSky account [@makingregisters.bsky.social](#)

### Calls for Papers and Participants

Jini (Jieun Kim) is looking for contributions to an open panel (in-person), 'Porous Bodies, Fluid Boundaries' for the [4S Conference](#) in 3-7 Sep 2025, Seattle.

Marie (Marie-Andrée Jacob) is looking for abstracts (of 250-300 words) for the 2025 W G Hart Workshop focusing on the role of law in regulating the global movement of care.

Sarah (Sarah Chadwick) is looking for participants for her project on blood donation and social difference.

## Get in Touch!

Do you have an upcoming event, publication, or CFP you'd like to share with our network? We are always looking for new resources, connections, and experiences! Get in touch with us via our email: [hematopolitics@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:hematopolitics@leeds.ac.uk)

You can also keep up with all the latest news about the project via our social media! Follow our BlueSky account [@hematopolitics.bsky.social](#) and our X account [@Hematopolitics](#) for opportunities to network, news on events, and updates on our upcoming exhibition.

For a text-only version of any of our newsletters (incl. posters and graphics), please get in touch with our Digital Engagement Fellow, Claire, via our email address.