

Please join us for our next LSE Sociology Research Seminar on Wednesday 21st February with Sivamohan Valluvan. Sivamohan will be talking on: **New Nationalism, Old Ideologies and Left Problems**

(St Clement's Building, Room S219 - 12.30 - 14.00)

Abstract:

This talk will argue that one core feature of challenging the contemporary nationalist capture involves properly reckoning with its conjunctural affinity to multiple ideological repertoires, some of which we mistakenly consider to be inured from such trends. These multiple discursive heritages include but are not limited to: the liberal – nation in relation to Eurocentric interpretations of tolerance, free speech, secularism, the rule of law and civility; the neoliberal – nation as mediator of economic enterprise and ‘homo economicus’; the conservative – nation in nostalgic relation to the provincial, imperial, Christianist, or rustic whiteness; and the communitarian left – nation in relation to the welfare state and broader anti-market, anti-globalisation sentiments. Particular attention will be given in this talk to the challenges that new nationalism poses to the possibilities of a popular but anti-racist Left politics.

Bio:

Sivamohan Valluvan joined Warwick Sociology as an Assistant Professor in 2017, having previously worked at the University of Manchester. Valluvan’s research interests lie in racism and ethnicity, nationalism and cosmopolitanism, consumerism, urban inequality, and social and cultural theory more broadly. His [PhD thesis](#) (awarded 2014) explored urban multiculturalism as lived in both London and Stockholm. Other prior writing has engaged the [2011 riots](#), theoretical debates regarding [cosmopolitanism](#) and [postcolonialism](#), alongside interrogations of [what is meant by ‘post-race’](#). On-going research areas include the rise of a new nationalism that traverses a range of ideological and cultural repertoires - a project that will culminate in a forthcoming book titled, *The New Nationalism* (Manchester University Press).