

**Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Conference**  
1 July 2021 – Conference Close by BAMSA

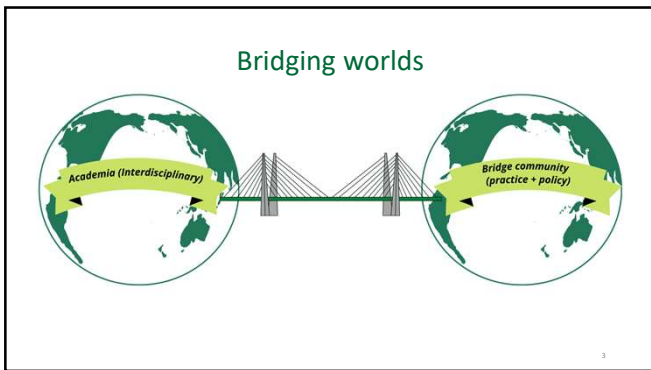
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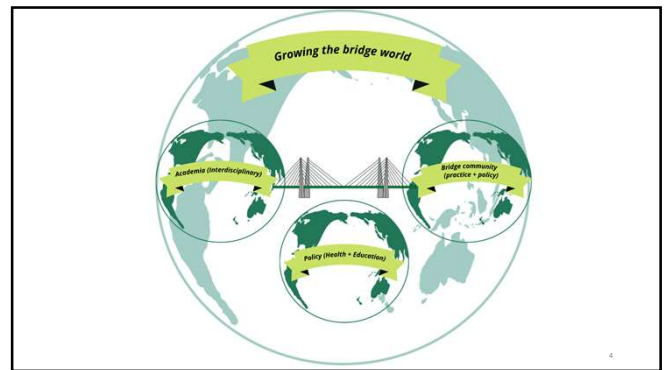
**BAMSA Conference – Evaluation**

- ✓ Please complete the conference evaluation form
- ✓ <https://stirling.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/bamsa-conference-2021-survey>
- ✓ The link is now live
- ✓ All comments and feedback will inform BAMSA's future work

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- Mindsports - dialogue between academia and bridge community: language
- Wellbeing - what makes life worth living in relation to bridge?
- Pandemic Bridge – flexible and uncertain futures

**Survival of the game**

- Ageing Well – celebrated rather than lament it as older people's leisure
- Education – rethinking pedagogies
- Youth – welcoming inclusive spaces; engaging with ways they learn
- Intergenerational relations – further research required – is it always harmonious?
- Marketing – link typology to PERMA? Recognising diversity of motivations

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- **Cheating:** individuals in 2015 led the way and now organisations have caught up – new polices and procedures
- **Sexism:** Tendency for organisations to turn a blind eye?
- not see an institutional need to address structural inequality
- Academic lens can help to shift thinking of complex social problems
- Time for change

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### New Sheriffs in Town: Call for Action

Authorities: power to shape the future but...  
Is there a will to tackle gender inequality and sexism?

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### The Missing

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- Missing players: 40-50% not online – what's being done?
- Missing voices: drop-outs, race/ethnicity, LGBTQ
- Missing middle: over focus on young or old?
- Missing policy: gender & inclusivity (welcoming to all social groups)
- Missing: bridge politics

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### Cross-cutting themes

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- External and internal worlds
- Self and society
- The private/individual versus the public/institutional
- Continuums rather than dichotomies but further unpacking
- Future research: a new approach?
  - inter-disciplinary project where bridge as illustrative case study of what it offers rather striving to 'prove' what it can do

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### Practical Sessions on RealBridge

Pairs Winners: Bridge at the Top Book as prizes  
Jan Kamras & Ewan McNay, Barry Balof & Frank Morgan

Mini-Bridge: Toolkit for online delivery

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### Thank You

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