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IDENTITY, ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COHESION

Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, and Singapore (June 12, 2007) - A new publication launched today seeks to address some of the most pressing topics of current political and social concern. ***Identity, Ethnic Diversity and Community Cohesion***, published by SAGE, engages leading academics, policymakers, think-tank representatives and community workers in a thought-provoking discussion of what is meant by community; the balance between equality, integration and diversity; and the relationship between identity and community cohesion.

Identity, Ethnic Diversity and Community Cohesion includes contributions from some of Britain's foremost thinkers on multi-culturalism and ethnic diversity from the ESRC Identities Programme and the Runnymede Trust, including Lord Parekh (Chair of the Runnymede Commission on the Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain). The title draws together the findings of a roundtable discussion jointly organized by the ESRC and the Runnymede Trust in 2005, highlighting major re-examinations of multiculturalism in the wake of public response to events including the London tube bombings and the Iraq war. By bringing together policy makers and academics, the title highlights the strong links between theory, practice and policy in this important area of research.

Edited by Margaret Wetherell (Director of the ESRC Identities and Social Action Programme) and Michelynn Lafleche and Robert Berkeley (Director and Deputy Director of the Runnymede Trust), ***Identity, Ethnic Diversity and Community Cohesion*** includes a series of policy positions, case studies and reflections on community cohesion. The book is expected to attract interest from researchers in social policy, community studies, politics and sociology, as well as policymakers and those working in the public sector.

Identity, Ethnic Diversity and Community Cohesion was published in 2007 by SAGE Publications.

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The **ESRC Identities and Social Action Programme** consist of 25 research projects in UK universities focussed on identity and social exclusion; identity, community conflict and community cohesion; emerging identity trends and identity and political engagement.

The Runnymede Trust is an independent policy research organization focussing on equality and justice through the promotion of a successful multi-ethnic society. Founded in 1968 as a Charitable Educational Trust, Runnymede has a long track record in policy research, working in close collaboration with eminent thinkers and policy makers in the public, private and voluntary sectors.