

BSA Family Study Group Annual Report 2010

Name: Family Study Group
Established: active since 1969
Number of members: c 178
Expenditure:0.00
Income: 0.00

Aims: The Study Group aims to facilitate interchange between all those interested in the broad area of families, intimacy and personal relationships.

Review of the year: Over the past two years membership of the Families and Relationships Study group has risen by a third. The vibrancy and high level of interest in this area is further demonstrated by the number of paper submissions received for the BSA Annual Conference, Families, Relationships, Lifecourse Stream. In 2011, for the first time, the stream has been allocated 2 parallel streams to accommodate this popularity. We are honored that Professor Arlie Hochschild accepted our invitation to speak at a Steam Plenary event, as a guest of the Families and Relationships Study Group.

As convenors we ensure that the email list continues to provide a dynamic channel of communication, enabling members to hear about up and coming events, job vacancies, studentships and fellowships, and new books published in this field. The membership of this group, as measured by the email list, has expanded this year and the Study Group continues to go from strength to strength.

There are two publications in production, edited by past and present Study Group convenors. Both of these publications come from recent Study Group events: *Displaying Families*, edited by Julie Seymour and Esther Dermott (Palgrave Macmillan), and a Special section of *Sociological Research Online* 'Rethinking Concepts: Families, Intimacies and Personal relationships', edited by Jacqui Gabb and Elizabeth Silva. These collections are due for publication in 2011.

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