



BSA EARLY CAREER FORUM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest edition of the BSA ECF newsletter. The aim of this regular publication is to keep you informed and up-to-date on events and issues relevant to the ECF membership.

In this edition you will find feedback from the latest BSA Council meeting (June 2010) and the regular feature of "In the News and On the Move", as well as details of some 'Upcoming Events' which we hope will be of interest.

Don't forget to check out:

- The **ECF webpage** – www.britisoc.co.uk/ECForum/ for regular updates on ECF events
- The **BSA Jobs in Sociology – Vacancies Board** on www.britisoc.co.uk/about/Jobs
- Upload your CV to the BSA **CV Noticeboard** on www.britisoc.co.uk/members/
- ECF member contributions to **Network** for a commentary on the latest issues facing EC Sociologists.
- The **ECF Facebook** group to network with fellow ECF members, discuss current issues/concerns and contact your ECF convenors

You can always **contact us** on ECForum@britsoc.org.uk with any ECF news/discussion pieces or updates!

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ECF Convenors

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ECF on Facebook.



Our ECF group on **Facebook** now has over 100 members. To find us search for "BSA Early Career Forum" and click on the "join group" link. Please use the group as a discussion forum, to make contact with other ECF members, to find out about upcoming events or to raise any issues/questions with the ECF convenors.



ECF in Network

Have an issue you want to air? We are on the lookout for thought-provoking articles from our EC community for inclusion in *Network*.

Read anything inspiring recently? Or want a free copy of a recent book? The *Network* editorial team is looking for book reviewers for the next issue.

Interested? Please contact alison.danforth@britsoc.org.uk for more details.



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Feedback from the June BSA Council Meeting

On 4th June, the BSA council convened for their summer council meeting at the BSA Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf, London. Three issues on the agenda were particularly relevant to ECF members:

1. We have appointed a **third ECF convenor**, Dr Tam Sanger, to join our team. Many of you may remember Tam from her time with the BSA as a PGF convenor. We are excited by the addition of fresh ideas to the ECF and are confident that Tam's addition to the team will enable us to tackle some of the bigger projects we have in the pipeline for the ECF.
2. We formally launched the **Professional Development Award (PDA)** at the end of May. The first round of PDAs are due to be awarded over the summer. [Update: twelve applications have been received and are currently being considered].
3. We are in the process of organising an ECF event related to the **ESRC Small Grants Scheme**. This interactive workshop, which we hope will take place around October/November, will assist ECF members in the application process and help them develop their grant proposal writing skills. More details will be available soon.

If you have any issues you would like raised at the next Council meeting, which Tam will attend in October, please do not hesitate to contact us on ECForum@britsoc.org.uk.



☞ ECF members - in the news and on the move



In the news:

Dr Anne-Marie Kramer's paper on family history research at the BSA was widely taken up in the national media (Daily Mail; Daily Telegraph; Metro Nationwide; Sunday Telegraph) and featured on websites globally. She also did live radio interviews for BBC Radio 5 Live, BBC local radio stations and national radio stations in Ireland and South Africa. There has been a feature in Take a Break and the Education supplement of the Guardian.

If you are "in the news" and would like to advertise your media exposure let us know: ECForum@britsoc.org.uk



On the move:

Dr Hayley Davies is now working as a Child Studies Postdoctoral Research Associate at King's College London and can be contacted on Hayley.davies@kcl.ac.uk.

We wish all the ECF members "on the move" the best of luck with their new positions.

If you are "on the move" and would like to advertise your change in employment details let us know: ECForum@britsoc.org.uk



Upcoming events

SRA Event for new/early career researchers

23rd September 2010 5-7pm
GfK NoP, Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 9UL

An annual event providing an opportunity for networking and learning about career opportunities across the varied sectors social researchers work within .

Additional information can be found at <http://www.the-sra.org.uk/events.htm>.

'Starting Off': Early Careers induction sessions now available for UCU members in Scotland

UCU members new to tertiary education in Scotland are being offered an opportunity to attend a one-day induction session taking place over September. The sessions are aimed at supporting new staff through the challenging experience of starting a new career and will look at your rights at work, classroom control, assertiveness skills and your health, safety and welfare. The courses take place in Aberdeen on Thursday 16th September, Dundee on Friday 17th September, Edinburgh on Thursday 23rd September and Glasgow on 24th September. To book your place email acowan@ucu.org.uk

Call for contributions

Got an Early Career event you want to advertise?

Let us know about it! Email us at: ECForum@britsoc.org.uk and we will post it on the ECF webpage

Would you like to write a discussion piece for Network?

Contact us to find out how. We look forward to hearing from you at ECForum@britsoc.org.uk

Want to publicise your media exposure/new job details?

If you have any media exposure/new job details you would like to publicise in the next edition of the newsletter simply email us the details at ECForum@britsoc.org.uk

Have an idea to improve the ECF?

We are always looking to drive the ECF forward and meet the needs/demands of our members. Contact us at ECForum@britsoc.org.uk with your ideas.