
Welcome to the October edition of the BSA PGF newsletter. It includes the at-a-glance contents list, details of forthcoming events and a call for notification for future events.

Don't forget to check out:

- The **website** – www.britisoc.co.uk/students for regular updates on PG events
- The **forum** - <http://www.britisoc.co.uk/phpbb> for all the latest PGF discussions
- Network for PG relevant news and reviews
- And coming soon, **PG Focus**, the PGF Podcast series (see the website)

or **contact us** on PGForum@britsoc.org.uk with any PGF news/updates!

Allison, Mark, Mike & Tung
PGF Convenors

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PG Profiles

Every month our PG Profiles section will feature profiles of different PG researchers. The idea of PG Profiles is to highlight the work and research interests of the members to the wider community in order to promote and help facilitate cooperation and networking.

This initiative has generated an unprecedented response from the PG community, and we will be working our way through the mountain of profile submissions in the coming months. We are also currently in the process of establishing a format for adding these profiles to the BSA website so that the full archive will be available online. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this section, please send them to PGForum@britsoc.org.uk



Nancy Lombard

Institution: Glasgow Caledonian University

Stage of Research: PhD: Writing Up

Areas of interest: Gender, Violence, Feminism, Children and Young People

Any other activities: Glasgow Children's Panel Member, Women's Aid, National Deaf Children's Society

Email address: nancy.lombard@gcal.ac.uk

Christina Scharff

Institution: Gender Institute, London School of Economics

Stage of Research: PhD: Year 3

Areas of interest: Young women's relationship with feminism, feminist (dis-) identification, 'difference', performativity theory, discursive psychology

Any other activities: Lost (and Found) in Translation: A postgraduate teaching and learning project funded by C-SAP, the Higher Education Academy's Subject Centre for Sociology, Anthropology and Politics and coordinated by PhD students at the Gender Institute, LSE.

Email address: C.M.Scharff@lse.ac.uk



Jennifer Peet

- Institution:** The University of Edinburgh, School of Social and Political Studies (Sociology)
- Stage of Research:** PhD Year 1
- Areas of interest:** Narrative inquiry; memory; biographical disruption, identity and belonging; oral testimony/oral history; relationality and narrated subjects; socio-biographical and socio-historical research; Indigenous Australian child removal histories
- Any other activities:** Affiliated with the Centre for Narrative and Auto/Biographical Studies
<http://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/NABS/>
- Email address:** j.peet@sms.ed.ac.uk



Gillian Macdonald

- Institution:** University of Bristol
- Stage of Research:** PhD: Year 3
- Areas of interest:** Violence Against Women, Children's Welfare and Family Policy, Social Work, Sociology of Childhood, Socio-Legal Studies (Family Law)
- Any other activities:** Member of the Violence Against Women Research Group (University of Bristol)
Co-convenor of the BSA Violence Against Women Study Group
Children and Families Social Worker
- Email address:** Gillian.Macdonald@bristol.ac.uk
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The BSA is now on Facebook!



Are you a fan of the BSA? Then make it official and join us on facebook!

The BSA has created a facebook fan page with the intention of sharing information and involving sociologists in its development. Check us out at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-British-Sociological-Association/119899944760> and spread the word!

New Member Benefit!

The Gourmet Society Dining Card:

The regular price is £53.50 for a year. BSA members can purchase a card for £27.95, plus get two additional months free. Gourmet Society Dining Card holders are entitled to 2-for-1 meals or 25% off the entire bill (including drinks) at over 3,000 participating restaurants across the UK.

More info can be found at <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/join/Gourmet.htm>

ASA Blog discusses the financial crisis

<http://blog.theasa.org/>

The ASA blog's (it is at <http://blog.theasa.org/>) attempt to discuss the financial crisis seeks to bring together anthropologists, sociologists, who work on the cultural political economy, anthropology of money, class, labour, industry, economic anthropology, informal economy, wall street as an ethnographic site, micro finance, the nature of capitalism and the modern state so as to comment and examine the current situation.

Seemingly an 'unanthropological' topic this blog (from mid September 09 to mid December 09) is not about personal opinions of the bloggers only. This discussion would also highlight how ethnographic techniques can be applied to explore such dynamic issues in the modern world. Gillian Tett, an anthropologist who is the Assistant Editor of Financial Times predicted the credit crisis two years ago when she was largely ignored by the banking world. She felt how her training in social anthropology alerted her to the danger and the need to listen to 'social noise' as well as 'social silences'.

To quote Tett (Barton 31st October 2008, The Guardian),
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2008/oct/31/creditrunch-gillian-tett-financial-times>):

"I happen to think anthropology is a brilliant background for looking at finance," she reasons. "Firstly, you're trained to look at how societies or cultures operate holistically, so you look at how all the bits move together. And most people in the City don't do that. They are so specialised, so busy, that they just look at their own little silos. And one of the reasons we got into the mess we are in is because they were all so busy looking at their own little bit that they totally failed to understand how it interacted with the rest of society.

"But the other thing is, if you come from an anthropology background, you also try and put finance in a cultural context. Bankers like to imagine that money and the profit motive is as universal as gravity. They think it's basically a given and they think it's completely apersonal. And it's not. What they do in finance is all about culture and interaction."

These and other related issues will be discussed by the following group of bloggers from mid September 09 till mid December 2009:

Mid September – end September: Prof. Alexander F. Robertson, Anthropology, Edinburgh University

Early October – Mid October: Dr. Gillian Tett, Anthropologist and Assistant Editor, Financial Times

Mid October-End October: Prof. Stephen Gudeman, Anthropology, University of Minnesota & Dr. Massimiliano Mollona, Anthropology, Goldsmiths College, London University

End October - Mid November: Prof Karen Z. Ho, Anthropology, University of Minnesota

Mid November – End November: Prof. Keith Hart, Anthropology, Goldsmiths College, London University

Early-mid December: Prof. Bob Jessop, Sociology, Lancaster University

Please visit the blog, participate, comment and take part in the discussions.

1. Forthcoming events at a glance:

Events are listed in chronological order:

	Conference	Location	Date
A	BJS Lecture – Bringing the penal state back in – Key Speaker: Loic Wacquant	London School of Economics	6 October 2009
B	International Conference on the Theory and Practice of Working with Children and Young People	Liverpool John Moores University	21-23 October 2009
C	Rethinking Complicity and Resistance: The Relationship between Visual Arts and Politics - A two-day Postgraduate Conference	University of Aberdeen	23-24 October 2009
D	WHAT ARE SCHOOLS FOR? Visions and scenarios for the future of education and schooling.	University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland	22 - 24 October 2009
E	2nd NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME CONFERENCE	British Library, London	28 October 2009
F	Youth Transitions in Troubled Times	SSPSSR, University of Kent	28 October 2009
G	Affirmative Action in the Labour Market: International Perspectives	British Academy, London	2-3 November 2009
H	Rethinking Concepts: Families, Intimacies and Personal Relationships - BSA Families and Relationships Study Group Colloquium	BSA Meeting Room, London	6 November 2009
I	Diasporas, Migration and Media: Crossing Boundaries, New Directions	Utrecht University, Netherlands	6-7 November 2009

J	Death, Dying and Bereavement Study Group Annual Symposium	University of Sheffield	16 November 2009
K	Academy of Social Sciences Public Lecture: The Issue of Risk	British Library, London	18 November 2009
L	Changing Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships in Learning and Teaching: The Future of Social Sciences in the University (Organised by: C-SAP)	Jurys Inn, Broad Street, Birmingham	25-27 November 2009
M	BSA/C-SAP Event – Early Career and Refreshers Event for sociology	Manchester Business School, University of Manchester	11-12 December 2009
N	British Sociological Association Annual Conference	Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow	7-9 April 2010
O	2nd BSA Food Study Group Conference	British Library Conference Centre, London	5-6 July 2010

2. Further Information about events listed in section 1.

A. BJS Public Lecture - Bringing the Penal State Back In.

Tuesday, 6 October 2009 at 6.30 p.m. in

The Sheikh Zayed Theatre (New Academic Building) The London School of Economics, 54 Lincoln's Inn Field, London WC2A 3LJ

This lecture draws on classical theory, social history, and a comparative analysis of the penalization of urban poverty in advanced societies at the century's turn to argue that we need to bring the penal state back to the centre of the sociology of social inequality, public policy, and citizenship

Speaker *Loic Wacquant*, Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

Respondent *Nicola Lacey*, Professor of Criminal Law and Legal Theory, Department of Law, LSE

Chair *Fran Tonkiss*, Editor, *BJS*, Department of Sociology, LSE

A reception will follow in the foyer adjoining the lecture theatre

For directions to both lecture and reception:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/mapsAndDirections/findingYourWayAroundLSE.htm>

The event is free and open to all with no ticket required

Main contact - Events at events@lse.ac.uk

For further information about the event www.lse.ac.uk/events or call 020 7955 6043

B. International Conference on the Theory and Practice of Working with Children and Young People, Liverpool John Moores University, 21-23 October 2009

The conference is organised by the Faculty of Health and Applied Social Sciences, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, UK. The purpose of the conference is to bring together academics and practitioners to debate and analyse the challenges experienced by those who work with Children and Young People nationally and internationally, and to acknowledge, celebrate and critically analyse a range of responses.

The conference is organised as a set of parallel workshops and plenary keynote lectures to enable input from respected speakers to combine with maximum opportunity for interaction with academics and practitioners from across the globe. In addition there will be a scheduled series of poster presentations to enable colleagues to showcase a variety of projects and initiatives. The combination of academic research and practitioner input will make for an energising and stimulating experience. The conference will also include a Welcome Dinner which will be hosted in Giles Gilbert Scott's spectacular Anglican Cathedral, and the Conference Gala Dinner which will be hosted in the magnificent St. George's Hall.

The conference is organised around five themes, which represent key tensions, challenges and social policy responses for those concerned with work with young people and children:

- Evidence Based Practice
- Growing up in the globalised 'risk' society
- Participation
- Higher Education
- Health and Well-Being

C. Rethinking Complicity and Resistance: The Relationship between Visual Arts and Politics - A two-day Postgraduate Conference University of Aberdeen, 23-24 October 2009

This conference invites a critical rethinking of the complementary concepts of complicity and resistance: asking complicit with what; resistant to what? It does so in the context of current critical debate in the field of contemporary visual arts, promoting a provocative and challenging exploration of the technical, thematic, and institutional possibilities/limitations/implications of artistic strategies aimed at intervening in the political.

Keynote Speaker: Zeigam Azizov.

Call for Papers

Submission Deadline: 11h September 2009

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/visualculture/rcr/call.shtml>

D. WHAT ARE SCHOOLS FOR? Visions and scenarios for the future of education and schooling University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland, 22 - 24 October 2009

Organised by the Educ8 Group: an international research group on social and educational inequalities: www.educ8group.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Professor David Halpin, Institute of Education, University of London

Dr. Susanne von Below, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

Download the call for papers here:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/res/educ8group/educ8wroclaw2009.pdf>

In contemporary society, school faces a crisis of meaning. There are contradictions in the demands made of schooling today: to prepare workers for the knowledge economy, to achieve social justice, instill civic values and to develop the individual whilst offering 'choice' to pupils and parents and demonstrating efficiency in the use of public funds. Schools are subject to increasing scrutiny in terms of examination performance, curriculum and in many other areas.

The aim of this workshop is to step back from the everyday issues and pressures of schooling and education policy to think again about what schools are for and what they should be for. What does a utopian vision for schooling look like? And can it help us to make schooling better?

We welcome papers based on empirical research, educational field experience or political experience in the field of education, which advance conceptual clarification and present utopian visions for or from school, defend schooling as it is or consider how changes might practically be brought about.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: 15 JULY 2009

E. 2nd NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME CONFERENCE, British Library, London, 28 October, 2009

The second NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME CONFERENCE will be held on Oct 28th at the British Library, London and is supported by the Environment Agency.

Following last year's successful inaugural event the NECC 2009 once again focuses on environmental crime and eco-security, issues high on the agenda of national and local governments. These emerging threats are a growing global problem which have a direct impact on the environment.

This conference will bring together academics, practitioners, industry, law enforcement and policy-makers to explore a range of current and future eco-crime problems such as wildlife crime, industrial pollution and illegal waste disposal. We will better define the problem, and begin to explore remedial and preventative actions, particularly by bringing together an interdisciplinary effort using crime science, environmental engineering and systems engineering approaches.

Key Sessions include:

- ADOPTING AN INTELLIGENCE-LED APPROACH
- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESPONSE
- DEBATE: IS ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME TREATED SERIOUSLY?
- CASE STUDIES OF CROSS-AGENCY COLLABORATION

This event is a must for anyone seeking to understand this emerging new threat, and to make contacts with those who will be at the forefront of this agenda in the coming decade.

EARLY BIRD RATE £75/-Concessionary rate (UCL staff, UCL students, non-UCL students): £50
(Rate includes full-day conference from 9.15am-4.30pm and includes lunch)

REGISTRATION at:

<http://www.cscs.ucl.ac.uk/events-1/necc/national-environmental-crime-conference/>

F. Youth Transitions in Troubled Times: A BSA Youth Study Group one-day event for postgraduates University of Kent, 28th October 2009

Keynote speakers:

Sue Heath, Professor of Sociology, University of Southampton

Valerie Hey, Professor of Education, University of Sussex

The current economic downturn has major implications across the life-course, but it is widely acknowledged across disciplines that the impact of recession upon particular groups of young people is likely to be especially profound.

This event will bring together postgraduate researchers and academics to discuss the impact of the current recession on young people's transitions in education, employment, housing and relationships. It will be an informal environment for postgraduate researchers on youth experiences and transitions to discuss how the current context resituates their research and impacts on the lives of their respondents. The day aims to raise questions about the way in which the current economic downturn might affect the transitions of young people in different ways to recessions past. It hopes to emphasise the extent to which gender, race and class shape the transitions young people are able to make in the current economic climate.

We invite postgraduate and new researchers to submit abstracts of 250 words (max) for papers which address one or more of the following, contextualised by the current economic downturn:

- formal and informal learning
- capitals theory and class, race and gender
- the heterogeneity of youth experience
- education policy
- the role of work/employment
- changing understandings of the markers of adulthood
- processes of dis/identification
- psychosocial affects

Please send your abstracts to Steve Roberts at youthttt@gmail.com by Friday 25th August 2009. Each presentation should aim to last a maximum of 20 minutes to be followed by 10 minutes of questions and discussion.

Postgraduates who do not wish to present are warmly encouraged to attend. Please contact Steve Roberts or Sarah Evans at youthttt@gmail.com for further information.

G. Affirmative Action in the Labour Market: International Perspectives

2-3 November 2009

The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1

Convenors: Professor Anthony Heath, FBA and

Professor Christopher McCrudden, FBA

A British Academy/Nuffield Foundation Conference

Affirmative action – taking race, ethnicity, or gender into consideration in an attempt to promote equal opportunity or increase diversity – is an issue of increasing concern to both policy makers and academics. However, although there has been extensive analysis of these measures in individual countries, their effectiveness has not as yet been rigorously assessed comparatively or from a cross-disciplinary perspective.

Based on papers by the leading authorities on those jurisdictions that have most experience of the use of such measures, including Canada, Fiji, India, Malaysia, Namibia, Northern Ireland, South Africa and the USA, this conference will provide the first major comparative study by the leading authorities on

this topic.

About the Convenors:

Anthony Heath is a sociologist who specialises in the quantitative analysis of survey data, with a particular interest in ethnic and religious inequalities.

With Sin Yi Cheung he edited *Unequal Chances: Ethnic Minorities in Western Labour Markets* for the British Academy. Christopher McCrudden is a specialist in human rights law and recently published *Buying Social Justice* (OUP, 2007).

They have been working together on a project funded by the Nuffield Foundation assessing the affirmative action programme in Northern Ireland.

For further information and to register for this event please visit our website.

The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH Tel: 020 7969 5200, Fax: 020 7969 5300, Web: www.britac.ac.uk

H. Rethinking Concepts: Families, Intimacies and Personal Relationships - BSA Families and Relationships Study Group Colloquium, BSA Meeting Room, London, 6 November 2009

Date: Friday 6th November 11.00-4.00

Venue: BSA Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf, London SW6 2PY

This event aims to encourage critical dialogue on the value of prominent concepts used in the study of contemporary living, notably families, intimacies and personal relationships.

The colloquium will feature keynote presentations from:

- Dr Val Gillies, Families and Social Capital Research Group, London South Bank University
- Prof Lynn Jamieson, Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh
- Prof David Morgan, School of Social Relations, Keele University
- Prof Carol Smart, Morgan Centre for the Study of Relationships and Personal Life, University of Manchester

These presentations and pre-circulated position papers will lead into structured group discussion. The event aims to provide a dialogic environment to allow us to advance our thinking.

To facilitate discussion, the colloquium is intentionally small, with the number of participants being limited to 40 people. Places will be allocated through abstracts that demonstrate critical engagement with the key concepts and set of questions.

Abstracts of 200-250 words should be submitted by Friday 11th September 2009 to Sarah Batt, research secretary in CCIG a.s.c.batt@open.ac.uk.

Please put author name and short abstract title in the email subject, for example: Smith J. Happy families? Participants will not make formal presentations but will be expected to read the pre-circulated papers and to critically engage in small group discussion of the framing and concepts used in the study of contemporary living.

Cost: Registration £35 BSA members and £50 non-BSA members (including lunch and refreshments).

I. "Diasporas, Migration and Media: Crossing Boundaries, New Directions", Utrecht University, Netherlands , Nov 06 - Nov 07, 2009

Studying the relationship between diasporas and the media presents several challenges and issues that are at the core of humanities, social sciences, anthropology, and cultural and media studies.

In the last two decades, an increase in the number of theories and amount of empirical research in the field, with topics ranging from diaspora, mobility, migration, ethnicity, cosmopolitanism, postcolonialism, identity politics, representation, and practices of media production and consumption, have enhanced our understanding of the everyday lives of diasporas and migrants.

Through this process, the area of diaspora, migration and media has evolved to embrace different theoretical and methodological perspectives, resulting in a plethora of work, and as a result, consolidating its position as an important area of investigation.

On the other hand, any emerging canon needs to be criticized and challenged if the field is to retain its dynamism. In addition, the increasingly vocal critiques against multiculturalism give rise to defensive writing: is it time to develop more positive and forceful lines of enquiry.

The aim of this workshop, then is to address the state-of-the-art in the field by inviting colleagues – academics, non-academics, researchers and PhD students - to map the diverse areas of investigation and/or present ongoing empirical and theoretical work that might offer a critique as well as point out new directions in the field.

We invite abstracts (500 words) that address the following themes, but would be happy to consider proposals which fall outside of them:

- The local/global diasporic cultural experiences
- Dynamics of migration and memory
- Dynamics of Representation, discourse and language
- Subjectivity, emotion and identity
- Diaspora, youth and media
- Diasporic Audiences
- Diaspora and Queer theory
- Visual Cultures and Diasporas/Migrants
- Music and Diasporas
- Cultural Citizenship
- Cultural policy and Diaspora
- Web 2.0, social media and diasporas: what are they doing for diasporas and minorities?
- The backlash against multiculturalism and/in the media
- Diasporic/minority media: what is new?
- Urban environments and multicultural encounters
- Diasporic generations, communication and media

The deadline for submissions is extended to 30 June 2009.

Registration fee: £50

Contact: olga.bailey@ntu.ac.uk, sophia.smithers@ntu.ac.uk

J. Death, Dying and Bereavement Study Group Annual Symposium, University of Sheffield, 16 November 2009

Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement (DDB) Study Group
Theme: Social Class, Death, Dying and Bereavement
Monday, 16 November 2009, 10.30am–4.30pm
ICOSS, University of Sheffield, UK

Call for Papers

To mark the new status of the Death, Dying and Bereavement Symposium as part of an independent British Sociological Association Study Group, the theme for this year's meeting reflects sociology's roots in the study of social class. We therefore invite presentations which address death, dying and bereavement in terms of social class, either through ongoing research, already published studies or theoretical discussion. Alongside sociology, the symposium welcomes papers from people in other arts, humanities and social science disciplines. The following questions have prompted us to select the theme of social class: Has the concept of social class become too complex for use, or just plain irrelevant? Has Death Studies led us astray from core sociological questions? With an eye to reforming 'deathways', have we privileged middle class agendas?*

Please send 250 word abstracts for 20 minute papers to Kate Woodthorpe at k.woodthorpe@open.ac.uk.

Deadline for abstract submission is Friday, 18 September 2009.

K. Academy of Social Sciences Public Lecture: The Issue of Risk, British Library, London, 18 November 2009

The Academy of Social Sciences has arranged a new series of Public Lectures jointly with the British Library and the ESRC and the first two events will be held at the BL on 15th September and 18th November respectively.

The aim of the series is to present social science to a general public audience under the overarching theme of 'Myths and Realities'. The second evening looks at 'The Issue of Risk'.

Wednesday 18 November 2009, 6pm – 7.30pm (followed by a drinks reception)
Tickets £6, £4 concessions.

Explore the issues, misconceptions and facts around risk. The speakers are:

- Chair: Sir Bill Callaghan, Chair of the Legal Services Commission
- Neil Budworth, Corporate Health and Safety Manager for E.On UK and Past President of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
- Professor Jenny Kitzinger, Director of Research, School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies, Cardiff University
- Professor Bridget Hutter, Professor of Risk Regulation and Director of the ESRC Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation, London School of Economics and Political Science

Book your place via the British Library's website: www.bl.uk/whatson or for more information, contact social-sciences-events@bl.uk

L. Changing Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships in Learning and Teaching: The Future of Social Sciences in the University (Organised by: C-SAP), Jurys Inn, Broad Street, Birmingham, 25-27 November 2009

This conference brings together people engaging in learning, teaching and assessment in the social sciences and those wanting to enhance the staff and student experience within higher education today. The purpose of the conference rests on the recognition that the provision of higher education, and the institutions through which it takes place, as well as the students it serves, are changing rapidly, offering new demands and opportunities for us all. Social scientists are, perhaps, uniquely well placed to research, understand and respond to these changing roles, relationships and responsibilities. At this conference we will examine:

- the roles of students, the University, academics generally, and social scientists in particular in the present era;
- the rights and responsibilities of teachers, students, Higher Education Institutions and the sector as a whole;
- the relationships that create learning communities within the sector and determine the engagements of social scientists with both wider politics and our publics.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

- David Gellner, Professor of Social Anthropology University of Oxford
- Professor Kevin Bonnett, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Student Experience, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Prof Marilyn Strathern, University of Cambridge
- Rosemary Deem, Dean of History and Social Sciences, Royal Holloway, University of London
- Dr Jacqui Briggs, Political Science Association (PSA)
- Pam Tatlow, Chief Executive, Million+
- Aaron Porter, National Union of Students (NUS)

Email: f.l.worrall@bham.ac.uk

Web link: www.c-sap.bham.ac.uk/events/conference_09/

M. BSA/C-SAP Event – Early Career and Refreshers Event for sociology teaching staff

Manchester Business School, University of Manchester
Friday 11 – Saturday 12 December 2009

http://www.c-sap.bham.ac.uk/events/new_event.htm?id=220

This two day residential and continuing professional development event provides an opportunity for newly-appointed and existing teaching staff in sociology to share and evaluate a range of approaches, methods and resources for learning and teaching in the disciplines.

N. British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Glasgow Caledonian University, 7-9th April 2010

The British Sociological Association invites submissions to its 2010 Annual Conference. The 2010 Annual Conference follows the successful new format introduced in 2009. Participants can present on topics they wish within broad streams (and open streams) that reflect the core research areas of the membership:

- *Crime and Control*
- *Culture and Consumption*
- *Education*
- *Families, Relationships, Lifecourse*
- *Media*
- *Medicine, Health and Illness*
- *Methodological Innovations*
- *Professional Forum*
- *Religion*
- *Science and Technology Studies*
- *Social Divisions / Social Identities*
- *Space, Mobility and Place*
- *Theory*
- *Work, Economy and Society*
- *Open Stream(s)*

All BSA study groups are strongly encouraged to contribute posters/ papers and other activities addressed to these streams. There will also be opportunities for study groups to meet independently.

The Keynote Plenaries and Sub-plenaries will address the Conference theme:
Inequalities and Social Justice

Abstract submission form available from:
BSA Website: www.britsoc.co.uk/events/Conference

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 25th September 2009: Deadline for abstract submission.

Friday 15th January 2010: Last date for presenters to register.

E-mail: BSAConference@britsoc.org.uk

***O. 2nd BSA Food Study Group Conference, British Library Conference
Centre, London, 5-6 July 2010***

Following the success of last year's event, the aim of this 2nd conference is to further explore the interface between food, society and public health through a sociological lens. Understanding patterns of food consumption, food acquirement or food production offers wider insights into social class, ethnicity, self-identity and the life course and the implications for national and global inequalities.

Food systems and eating practices are changing in response to the worldwide economic downturn and ever present environmental concerns, including climate change. This raises many questions, including: How are people responding? Is there a return to a 'make do and mend' mentality in relation to food? Are families passing on food skills and knowledge in a bid to 'pull together' and cope with change? Are food systems and eating practices becoming more sustainable?

What about food production and consumption in less developed countries? We are keen to explore how changing food systems are impacting on food security and livelihoods in developed and less developed countries. Is innovative action being taken to maximise the use of locally grown food, both in terms of improving sustainability and with regard to the taste/enjoyment of food?

This leaves us with the further question of whether current policies and interventions to improve diet and reduce levels of obesity remain pertinent, or do we need new solutions in a changed and changing world?

Academics, practitioners, policy makers and other research users are encouraged to come together to explore these themes over 2 days. The number of delegates will be limited to around 150 in order to focus discussion.

We would welcome single papers (oral or poster) and suggestions for themed sessions (methodological/substantive or in relation to translating research into policy/practice). Submissions from cross-national and multi-disciplinary teams are welcomed. Early expressions of interest with regard to organising round table discussions, workshops, symposia and networking sessions are encouraged.

Postgraduate and early career researchers are supported through special 20 minute oral paper sessions. A prize will also be awarded for the student poster which best communicates its research findings. 40 minute oral sessions will be available for more established researchers.

Postgraduate and early career researchers as well as more established scholars are encouraged to participate.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 29 January 2010: Deadline for submission of all abstracts.

Monday, 8 March 2010: Notification to presenters regarding acceptance.

Monday, 7 June 2010: Registration deadline for presenters.

3. Funding Opportunities/Job opportunities/Prize awards

1. PhD Studentship: London Olympic and Paralympic Games

The School of Sport, Tourism and the Outdoors at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston is pleased to announce a full-time PhD studentship for up to three years.

Project Reference: RS/08/23

Closing Date: Wednesday 28th October 2009

Provisional Interview Date: Monday 16 November 2009

Project Title: The Greening of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012

Project Aim: With London staging the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the Summer of 2012 this PhD offers an opportunity for a sociological investigation of International Olympic Committee and Olympic host initiatives to date and those being undertaken by the London organisers in light of the IOC Agenda 21.

Note: Previous applicants need not apply

More details, person specification and application procedures can be found at:

http://www.uclan.ac.uk/information/research/research_degrees/studentships.php

and in <http://www.jobs.ac.uk>

It is anticipated that the successful candidate will commence in January 2010.

2. Sociology of Religion Study Group Postgraduate Liaison Officer

Sarah-Jane Page, the SOCREL Postgraduate Liaison Officer, will be stepping down from the role at the next SOCREL Conference, after submitting her PhD thesis. This will leave us with a vacancy.

Are you interested in being the SOCREL Postgraduate Liaison Officer?

The new appointment will work with the rest of the SOCREL committee to make sure that student members of SOCREL are kept up-to-date with matters of specific interest to them. They will also facilitate contact between student members and the SOCREL committee. In return for their hard work and dedication, the Postgraduate Liaison Officer is offered free places at SOCREL events and all travel expenses are reimbursed. The appointment will also enable the Liaison Officer to make many worthwhile contacts with people in the SOCREL community and will, of course, enhance the Officer's CV.

The Liaison Officer's tasks include:

- § Circulating information to other postgraduates via the postgraduate e-mail distribution list. This includes the weekly job list.
- § Obtaining feedback from the postgraduate community about their experiences within SOCREL by administering an annual electronic questionnaire.
- § Helping organise postgraduate workshops/events.
- § Representing the interests of Postgraduate members at the AGM.
- § Writing an annual report on postgraduate activities, presented at the AGM.
- § Helping to organise (with the Study Group Chair) the 'Religion' stream at the BSA annual conference.
- § Offering general support to postgraduate SOCREL members.

If you would like to become the new Postgraduate Liaison Officer, send an e-mail to

sarah@sociology.eclipse.co.uk. Include a statement about why you want to become the Postgraduate Liaison Officer and attach a CV. Informal enquiries about the role can be addressed to Sarah-Jane at the same address. The role will become vacant at next year's SOCREL annual conference (due to take place April 2010) giving you plenty of time to learn about the role from Sarah-Jane. We will offer you all the support you need to settle in.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: OCTOBER 31st 2009

3. *Development Fund Studentships for immediate allocation, Loughborough University*

The Department of Politics, History and International Relations (PHIR), Loughborough University has one Development Fund PhD Studentship for immediate allocation. The studentships will fund a PhD student for 3 years at standard home rate. The studentships are available immediately and are intended to fund students who must be in place and registered from 1 December 2009 at the latest. If a suitable student cannot be found in time, the studentship may be reallocated elsewhere. Applicants must be of the highest quality to get approval from the University.

Non UK/EU student can only be considered if the Dept. meets the difference in fees provided by the studentships - so priority is for UK/EU.

The Department has a range of expertise, but I would be happy to supervise projects on any aspect of political sociology and especially projects relating to gender, sexuality, peace movements and South African history, politics and society.

To be eligible for this award the student would need to be registered with the University of Loughborough by 1st December 2009.

Further information about the Department can be found at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/eu/>

Or by contacting:

Dr Daniel Conway d.j.conway@lboro.ac.uk

4. Publications: Introducing new journals and calls for Journal submissions

1. *Sociology Call for Tenders: Special Issues 2012*

Tenders are invited for a team of guest editors to produce a special issue of *Sociology* (vol. 46). The issue will be published in October 2012 on a theme of the guest editors' choice.

Sociology is acknowledged as one of the leading journals in its field. For more than three decades it has made a major contribution to the debates that have shaped the discipline and it has an undisputed international reputation for quality and originality.

The team should consist of two or more editors. Applicants should have a clear vision of the purpose and content of their special issue. They should be willing to work closely with the journal chair and editorial board, BSA office, Publications Directors and publisher to produce and promote the special issue. They should be able to show high academic standing and demonstrate that they will have sufficient time to undertake the substantial workload associated with editing a special issue. The BSA welcomes teams including a mix of experienced and early career academics or postgraduates, providing that the team is led by the experienced members and that all members can meet the bid criteria.

Deadline for tenders: Monday 22 February 2010

If you would like further information, please email Alison Danforth, BSA Publications Officer, for a full list of criteria and information on how to apply.

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publications@britsoc.org.uk

5. Other News

1. Postgraduate Training Opportunity at British Library

The British Library is offering new postgraduates the opportunity to attend training days in English, History, Social Sciences, Modern Foreign Languages and Art and Design in partnership with academic centres of excellence. These specially tailored days of talks, workshops, discussions and networking opportunities combine a general introduction to the library with special sessions on subject specific material. Researchers will have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the British Library collections, from oral history recordings to modern literary manuscripts and ephemera through a variety of sessions with curators.

The link is:

<http://www.bl.uk/aboutus/acrossuk/highered/heresearchers/natrestraining/trainingdays/trainingdaydates.html>

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- ***Got a Postgrad event you want to advertise? Let us know about it!***
Email us at: PGForum@britsoc.org.uk and we will include it in the next edition of the PGF Newsletter: The newsletter is distributed on the 1st of every month, therefore submission deadlines are the 25th of the preceding month.
 - ***Don't want to wait for the newsletter to find out about PG events?***
All these events are also advertised on the BSA website at:
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/ForthcomingEvents.htm>
 - ***For comments, queries and posts about current PG life and post-PhD experiences, visit the PG Forum online at:***
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/phpbb/>
 - ***Join the BSA Facebook Fan Page***
 - ***Look out for Postgrad related news and reviews in "Network"***
 - ***Look out for our upcoming announcement about the launch of 'PG Focus' podcasts, which will include interviews with our "Evening with..." hosts, PG students talking about their research and other interesting issues facing PG's today.***
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