

BSA Youth Study Group report

The past year has been a busy one for the Youth Study Group. In July 2010, it held a conference at the University of Surrey, entitled 'Youth 2010: Identities, Transitions, Cultures'. The conference attracted over 100 papers from across the world, addressing different aspects of the theme. The quality of papers was very high and will result in two publications: a special issue of the *Journal of Sociology*, on 'Youth: Identities, Transitions, Cultures', to be published in December 2011, and a special section of *Sociological Research Online* on 'Young People, Education and Inequality' scheduled for publication in 2012.

Two further events are planned for the coming year. On 21st February, the group will be holding a Research Development Workshop for research students and early career researchers. The purpose of the day is to provide a platform for youth studies researchers to present their work in a supportive, constructive and intellectually stimulating environment. Then, on 24th June, the group is collaborating with the Education Study Group to run a one-day symposium on the theme of 'Young People's Mobilities and International Education'. Further details about both events can be found on the Youth Study Group website.

During the year, Paul Hodgkinson stepped down as one of the group's convenors. Paul has devoted a huge amount of time, energy and enthusiasm to the group over the past six years, and we would like to express our sincere thanks to him. Although we were sad to lose Paul, we are very grateful to Steve Roberts from the University of Southampton who has agreed become a co-convenor of the group. He joins Sian Lincoln and Rachel Brooks.