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The BSA Urban Theory and Research Study Group

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WELCOME COLLEAGUES, MEMBERS & FRIENDS...

...to the April / May edition of the UTR newsletter from the British Sociological Association's **Urban Theory & Research (UTR) Study Group**.

I had hoped to be able to give some comprehensive feedback from the conference in this month's newsletter but I was only able to attend for one day this year so I've dropped some notes on the study group convenors lunch in here for your interest but rest assured a more comprehensive overview of the conference will be coming out in the next edition of Network Newsletter.

It was nice to see a few full colour copies of 'The Word' in pride of place on notice-boards around the conference venue and that several of our members were presenting papers at the conference. With this in mind I'd also like to take this chance to ask for some views or ideas from members about what they would like to see coming out of the UTR over the course of the next year and any notions of thoughts on future practice, events, networking or third stream activities would be welcomed.

Remembering that we thrive or die on the input and participation of our members I can't stress enough how grateful we are for the continued support of the BSA membership and the stalwart and tireless staff that support us in the BSA office.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US...

Dr Peter Rogers
Group Convenor

WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember to send information and updates to us so we can keep firing out these regular updates for members of the group.

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

Not in a creepy way but in regards to your work, publications interests, activities or even just thoughts a feelings to discuss with our resident investigator *Kojak*.

Please do get in touch and support the UTR

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FEEDBACK FROM THE STUDY GROUP CONVENORS LUNCH

Thursday 12th April 2007
BSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
University of East London (Docklands Campus)

The general purpose of this closed session at the conference is to give study group convenors an opportunity to touch base, find out what's happening with and through the other study groups, share best practice and generate possible collaborations as well as taking care of the broader housekeeping functions that underpin the ability of these groups to work both within, across and outside of the BSA.

In particular the future for study groups is looking much brighter as there is now more room in the remit of the BSA office to support study groups; particularly in reference to online development, event management and revenue generation through activities.

There also may be more opportunities in future for the study groups to coordinate a deeper involvement in the annual conference itself, as well as concentrated event management support from the specialised, hard-working and stalwart team in the BSA head office and around the country.

Many more opportunities are going to arise to develop the impact of study group activities in future. So please stay in touch and do get involved.

MEMBER PROFILE



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Paul's research is broadly concerned with exploring three sets of inter-relationships: social and spatial patterns of exclusion and inequality; the city and the suburbs; class and 'other' stratification axes. Most of his research has been undertaken in London and South East England on urban issues. His most recent urban research was funded by the Canadian Government and examined the work histories of migrant hotel employees in Toronto. Paul's recent co-authored book, with Tim Butler, is 'Understanding Social Inequality' (2007) published by Sage.

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UTR Events Update

Everyday life in the global city – MMU

Manchester Metropolitan University. July 9-11 2007.
EXTENDED SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Securing the Urban: Practice, Policy & Research

Proposed Symposium Summer 2008.
Call for papers forthcoming pending viability assessment and member feedback

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What events would be useful to UTR members? What themes do you want to discuss? What organisations do you need to link into, or partnerships would you like to develop? We can help, let us know and we will try to move the UTR forward based on your needs.

KOJAK... investigates the Easter Holidays and will return with observations in the *next issue...*

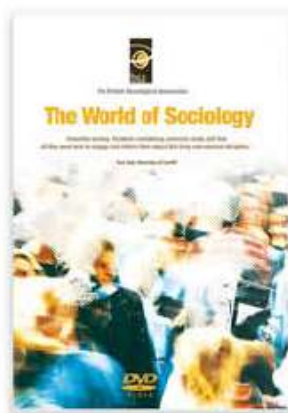


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