

THE WORD

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The BSA Urban Theory and Research Study Group

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WELCOME... to the latest edition of the **BSA Urban Theory and Research study group newsletter.**

Here's hoping that the festive period brought smiles to all the faces of those nearest and dearest to you all. It's been a busy time over the last few months for me in particular moving from MMU to Macquarie University in Australia, so there hasn't been an real update since our November edition (and that's enough about me)... however we DO have a few things to acquaint you with regarding the activities of your study group over this period.

First and foremost is the UTR group session at the BSA conference this year (a full story with a breakdown of our session is included in the newsletter), and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank David, Chris and Tom for coming on board and agreeing to be a part of this event. We anticipate lively discussion so all are encouraged to come along and participate. This will no doubt pop up in a couple more editions of the Word as we get closer to the time of the conference.

We've also been working on putting together a special edition journal proposal for Sociology using the study group as a lens for focussing a discussion on the broader issues of urban sociology. This has now been submitted for consideration and we hope to hear back from the editorial board in the new year of 2008 as it unfolds.

It might also be useful in this editorial to offer a quick word to the membership regarding the continued development and sustainability of the UTR study group. Now that the UTR's founding convenor is based abroad it is more important than ever that we have ACTIVE membership and ongoing support from those who have signed up to the study group. If the UTR is to be the vibrant generator of papers, books and research proposals that it is intended to be the group will need stronger support from the members and more active engagement than ever.

Please do feel free to contact the convenor and offer your support, ideas for events and activities; and in particular the group will need to expand its managerial base so that we have a foot on both continents.

I hope from 'down under' to pursue contact with TASA (The Australian Sociological Association) and SAANZ (Sociological Association of Aotearoa New Zealand) and am hoping that offers for a team convenor based in the UK will be forthcoming to offer managerial support for the network that is grounded in Britain. Please do get in touch if you are interested in helping to fill this roll at the contact address listed below.

Finally a happy new year to you all and a big thank you goes out to all of those who have contributed to making our inaugural year such a success. With that continued support and more we hope to make the second year of the study group bigger, better and more fruitful for all members of the UTR in 2008.

Regards and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Peter Rogers
UTR convenor

THE URBAN THEORY AND RESEARCH STUDY GROUP



We need to expand our management team
Contact Peter Rogers with expressions of interest:

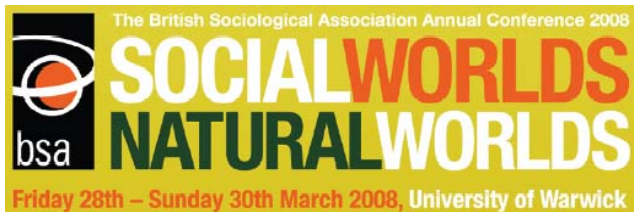
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1st Urban Theory and Research BSA Annual Conference Panel

Saturday 29th of March

SESSION THEME Critical & Complex Urban Studies: "The State We're in"

Prof. Chris Allen

Urban renewal and the 'relevant' university:
*Knowledge, power and partnership in the class remake
of the city of culture*

Prof. David Byrne

The Complex Urban:
*Urban systems as social and
natural complex systems*

Dr. Paul Watt

The only class in town?
*Gentrification and the middle-class colonisation
of the city and the urban imagination*

This session will be chaired by Dr. Peter Rogers.

Please check your conference pack details for times and locations closer to the time, or click here to check the online draft programme:

<http://www.britisoc.co.uk/events/ACProgramme.htm>

We will also be running an introduction to the study group session later in the day... check conference pack for details or click below to go to the BSA website:

TELL US ABOUT FORTHCOMING WORK FROM THE UTR MEMBERSHIP



We want to be able to offer support to our members, but we can only do this if **you tell us about your outputs**. Get involved in the expanding team here at UTR help raise the profile of your work even further...

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FORTHCOMING BOOKS, ARTICLES, PLENARIES, POLICY REPORTS, RESEARCH INITIATIVES AND FUNDING AWARDS.

WE ARE YOUR STUDY GROUP! USE US!

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

If you have an idea for a **UTR** newsletter, want to run and produce the newsletter, are a member and want to be profiled, or just want to get more involved in the UTR & contribute some news or even a scholarly article or polemic to the cause you can contact the study group convenor on this email address until the new university mail is confirmed, or other contacts become available as the team expands

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