

THE WORD

A FREE Newsletter from
The BSA Urban Theory and Research Study Group

A study group of the British Sociological Association



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WELCOME COLLEAGUES, MEMBERS & FRIENDS...

...to the latest update from British Sociological Associations Urban Theory & Research Study Group.

Thanks to all of you for all the support in recent months, it's been a busy time for the UTR and lots of things are in the pipeline for future events and hopefully publications as well.

As always I encourage you to use the online discussion forum to keep us all updated on current events and current 'affairs of state' or the 'state of affairs' in your respective parts of the world.

You can access the forum through the BSA website (<http://www.britisoc.co.uk/specialisms/>) and please feel free to post information about and potentially interesting calls for submission, funding initiatives, projects in development or even for partner institutions or practitioners in any and all areas related to Urban Theory and Research.

Good news is thanks to the member subscriptions from our external membership we've made a little bit of cash this financial year (B.S.A. financial years run 1st October-30 September), not much but a nominal amount so those of you who have followed up your interest in the group with a subscription I'd like to thank you for your support. Please keep it coming as the more members we get the more we can finance future events for the group and the more we can do.

We are also looking into the potential for sponsorship, though there are some legal issues with charitable agencies and contributions to be checked over with the B.S.A. office on that score.

We also have listed in this issues several calls and opportunities for further member participation so please check them out and contact me if you would like to increase your involvement in the working of the group, or even if you have a profile we might post in the newsletter, a project or publication to promote, or a comment or question to make to Kojak (he loves to hear from you as much as I do) please do get in touch.

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU...

Dr Peter Rogers
Group Convenor



UTR STUDY GROUP PANEL AT B.S.A ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

A proposal has been made to the BSA conference committee on behalf of the BSA study group for a panel at the BSA conference. We are waiting to hear back on this before confirming the speakers or even the final 100% assurance of the running of this event at Warwick in 2008 but we have high hopes of being able to offer all the information for the next issue of THE WORD

fingers crossed

Thanks go to all those currently engaged in developing this event, especially the prospective speakers who we look forward to bringing together for this landmark event.

UTR STUDY GROUP CONVENOR INDUCTED AS A TRUSTEE OF THE B.S.A.

Dr. Peter Rogers has been inducted recently as a trustee for the B.S.A. joining Graham Harvey (Open University), Judith Burnett (UEL) and Howard Wollman (Napier) as new trustees on the B.S.A. Council. Whilst this role is still being negotiated he has confirmed his delight at this opportunity to advance the interests of all study groups, as well as to represent the B.S.A and the UTR in a new capacity.



**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORTED
NETWORK IN THE RECENT B.S.A SURVEY OF
MEMBERS ON THE VALUE OF NETWORK TO
THE B.S.A**

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MEMBER PROFILE



NAME: UNSPECIFIED
A.K.A. KOJAK

Location: UNKNOWN

Position: Freelance journalist
Social Scientist

KOJAK has stepped into the profile space this month as there wasn't a member of the study group available. He/She prefers not to discuss him/herself so there is little we can tell you.

He/she often jokes that they are related to the STIG, and has a penchant for expensive cigars and literary verbosity mixed with a degree of cynical appraisal. His/her current work involves deep cover investigations of academia, what is often referred to as the 'intellectual Chinese whisper effect' and a fascination with departmental and well as 'real world' politics.

We'd like to tell you where Kojak is based and where they come from but we just don't know! Hopefully another member of the study group will rise to the challenge and proffer some information about themselves for the next issue. There will be no note from Kojak in this newsletter if we give him/her more than a couple of column inches they become unbearable for weeks!

UTR SPECIAL ISSUE PROPOSAL

The UTR study group is putting together a special issue proposal for a forthcoming issue of *Sociology* (2009-2010).

The proposed editorial team would like to take this opportunity to invite expressions of interest for the proposed journal in order to support the bid from all members of the UTR and associated colleagues who have an issue to state or a suggested area of interest that may benefit the proposal which is currently aiming to offer papers on the broad themes of:

- The critical state of urban sociology
- Positive interdisciplinarity in urban sociology
- Innovative case studies in urban research

Contact Group Convenor for more info: P.rogers@mmu.ac.uk

SOCIOLOGY COMPASS CALL FOR PAPERS (2008-09)

Sociology Compass is run by a team of Section Editors under the auspices of Editor-in-Chief Joel Best and guided by an international Editorial Board. It is a rather special journal in that it aims to publish critical reviews of the literature on very specialised sub-fields within sociology.

Sociology Compass publishes original survey articles, which summarise the state of the field for non-specialists. They can discuss recent research of debates in a field, provide a comparative look across boundaries/disciplines, or offer a fresh perspective on a controversial topic. New articles are published each month to keep readers updated on developments.

Articles should be of around 5000 words, and for this section be on a Social Movement or collective behaviour topic. Benefits of writing for *Sociology Compass* include:

- Fast publication, typically 8-10 weeks from acceptance final, peer-reviewed version
- A citable peer-reviewed article, with a permanent URL
- A wide, international audience through a global medium
- A free PDF off-print of your article
- Free individual access to the site

In addition, you will receive free Blackwell books of your choice to the value of £30/\$50 if your manuscript is submitted by a pre-agreed deadline.

Paul Bagguley

You can see more about the *Compass* journals on:
www.blackwell-compass.com

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BSA WEBSITE AT:

<http://www.britisoc.co.uk/phpbb/viewforum.php?f=11>

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 – god forbid – a scholarly article or polemic to the cause then contact **Peter Rogers:** P.rogers@mmu.ac.uk

...& **DON'T FORGET** to sign up and register for the UTR online. You can find our registration forms and information about the group online at <http://www.britisoc.co.uk/specialisms/URBAN+THEORY+AND+RESEARCH+STUDY+GROUP.htm>