

THE WORD

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



WELCOME COLLEAGUES, MEMBERS & FRIENDS...

...to the first of hopefully many newsletters from the British Sociological Association's Urban Theory & Research Study Group. In this newsletter is a little info about the convenor (forgive me), a heads up on our member listings and some information on the upcoming events and facilities provided by the group to encourage networking, enterprise and both scholarly activity as well as professional development in our areas of interest.

I am hopeful that we can have a profile on a member of the group in every newsletter to help us all get to know who each other are and what we do. Also I encourage you to use the online discussion forum on the BSA website (<http://www.britisoc.co.uk/specialisms/>) to post information about calls for submission, funding initiatives, project in development or for partner institutions or practitioners in any and all areas related to Urban Theory and Research.

Information on the group and its activities is regularly updated. Also on the webpage you can find details of registration - **free** for BSA members though a nominal registration charge for non-members is levied this is minimal.

We aim here to create a globally recognisable '**brand**' of excellence in urban theory and research that members of this group can proudly use, and link into, for a wide range of academic endeavour, such as:

- **Fuel generation of collaborative research bids & link to research institutes**
- **Create a dynamic forum for theoretical debate**
- **Assist and develop publications strategy & skills throughout the career path**
- **Assist in development of academic enterprise**
- **Promote individual excellence and activities**
- **Proactively engage and foster networks for academics and practitioners**

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US...

Dr Peter Rogers
Group Convenor

UTR STUDY GROUP PANEL AT MMU SUMMER CONFERENCE

Taking advantage of the reformation of research institutes at Manchester Metropolitan University the UTR group is looking to develop embedded networks and partnerships with a number of groups. Among these are the newly established work streams within Research at MMU Sociology department – including the *Popular and Urban Cultures Group* (PUC) and the new emerging research centre – under the acronym *Institute for Social and Spatial Transformations* (SST).

As part of this re-launch of research at MMU a conference is being held this summer (July 9-11 2007), and the Urban Theory & research group are hoping to run a paper/panel session at this event. The call is currently being re-branded along the themes of the new research centre, though the overall theme of the conference is '*Everyday Life in the Global City*'.

We are encouraging members of the study group to attend this conference and if we have enough confirmations will try to host a social event alongside the conference for presenters, members and associates to get to know each other and enjoy the 'facilities and faculties' the conference provides.

Details of the conference are available either by clicking the link below or viewing the UTR online forum of the BSA forums page, keep checking back as we expect these to be updated soon.



Geoffrey Manton Building – MMU Sociology

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<http://www.hlss.mmu.ac.uk/graduateschool/?p=41>

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MEMBER PROFILE



NAME: Dr Peter Rogers
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Position: Lecturer in Cultural Studies
Enterprise: Research Coordinator of Popular Urban Cultures Research Group
 Convenor of Urban Theory and Research Group

Peter works in the broad areas of citizenship and space, spatial theory, youth culture and social / spatial exclusion, and anti-terrorism and urban governance – to name a few of the most current themes.

He is currently writing a book with Dr Jon Coaffee & Dr David Murakami-Wood for Palgrave Macmillan based on their ESRC funded research project 'The Everyday Resilience of the City'; due for publication towards the end of 2007.

LINK: <http://www.sociology.mmu.ac.uk/profile.php?id=550>

Welcome to Kojak... our very own urban investigator who provides a much needed cover story for those amongst you who have the urge to tell it like it is... we encourage radical thinking here and Kojak is the **private-eye-in-the-sky-on-high** overseeing our associated pseudonyms and protecting radical thinkers... got a thought (?) send it here and let Kojak protect your opinions!



The BSA currently supports over 40 study groups and there are often opportunities for us to work together and in collaboration. These are some of the other study groups within the BSA (from A-F).

Study Group	Convenor(s)
Ageing, Body & Society	Azrini Wahidin Julia Twigg
Animal/Human	Rhoda Wilkie
Auto/Biography	Gill Clarke
Consumption	Lydia Martens
Disasters	Anne Eyre
Education	Diane Reay Valerie Hey Stephen Ball
Emotion	Elaine Crawley
Environment	Simon Guy
Family	Esther Dermott Julie D Seymour
Food	Wendy Wills

UTR DISCUSSION BOARD ACTIVE



JUST CLICK HERE TO SEE WHATS ONLINE:
<http://www.britisoc.co.uk/phpbb/viewforum.php?f=11&sid=1d50b466956bd1dd1e19e4e52f96d49c>

Hyperlinks should be included and you can **ctrl+click** to go to the web page in the PDF version of this newsletter.

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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>