



Annual Review 2013-14



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MISSION STATEMENT

The British Sociological Association's mission is to represent the intellectual and sociological interests of its members. In doing so, the Association aims to do the following:

- provide information and services to members
- seek to influence policies affecting sociology within the wider social sciences remit
- promote the identity of the discipline and its practitioners/scholars
- enhance the context for the pursuit of sociology
- maintain and encourage links with sociologists throughout the world
- publish journals, books and other materials
- generate income from activities related to the work of the BSA
- establish and maintain suitable systems of management for the BSA
- act as responsible employers, with appropriate concern for the health and welfare of its employees



BSA Durham Office



BSA London Meeting Room Internal View



BSA London Meeting Room External View

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SPECIALIST AND STUDY GROUP CONVENORS 2014

The BSA currently operates a network of more than 40 varied study groups, each focusing on a specific area of interest within sociology. Depending on where our members are in their academic careers, there is also support for emerging talent through our Postgraduate Forum and Early Career Forum, providing a professional and social network in which individuals with specialised research, teaching and interests can connect and develop their own ventures. Not all sociologists have permanent associations with academic institutions either. Sociologists come in all shapes and sizes so there is also support for our specialist groups such as the Sociologists Outside of Academia Group (SOA), bringing people together with similar experiences and challenges in their professional lives.

CURRENT CONVENORS	STUDY GROUP	Dr Kehinde Andrews	Race & Ethnicity
Dr Wendy Martin	Ageing, Body & Society	Dr Aaron Winter	Race & Ethnicity
Prof Julia Twigg	Ageing, Body & Society	Dr Tom Brock	Realism & Social Research
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Prof Karl Spradlen	Alcohol	Dr Rebecca Catto	Religion
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Mr Michael Erben	Auto/Biography	Prof Paul Martin	Science & Technology Studies
Miss Jessica Abrahams	Bourdieu	Dr Elizabeth Dinmie	Scottish Studies
Dr Gauran Burke	Bourdieu	Dr Dominic Duckett	Scottish Studies
Dr Nicola Ingram	Bourdieu	Dr Mehreen Mirza	Sexual Divisions
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Dr Gynor Bagnall	Museums & Society		

EVENTS 2014

8 January BSA Social Network Analysis Group (SNAG) Workshop: Using Mixed-Methods in Social Network Analysis University of Greenwich, London	30 May BSA Medical Sociology Wales Group Event: Socio-Physiotherapy Panel Cardiff University
24 January BSA Work, Employment and Economic Life Study Group Seminar: 'It's Not Immaterial': Materiality at Work BSA Meeting Room, London	30 May 2014 Equality Lecture: Tom Shakespeare: Enabling Equality: From Disabling Barriers to Equal Participation British Library Conference Centre, London
31 January BSA Race and Ethnicity Study Group Conference: Contemporary Theories of Race, Racism and Ethnicity Newman University, Birmingham	31 May BSA Teaching Group Regional Conference University of Surrey, Guildford
12 February BSA Digital Sociology Study Group Workshop: Social and Political Critique in the Age of Austerity Keele University	3 June BSA Regional Postgraduate Event: Exploring Narrative Approaches to Research and Re-Presentation in the Late Postmodern Era The Open University, Milton Keynes
22 February BSA Teaching Group Regional Conference University of Salford, Manchester	5 June BSA Media Study Group Event BSA Meeting Room, London
24 February BSA Medical Sociology Yorkshire Group Inaugural Event University of Sheffield	6 June BSA Theory Study Group: Early Career Theorists' Symposium London School of Economics
25 February BSA Bourdieu Study Group Event: Bourdieu in Migration and 'Race' / Ethnicity Studies BSA Meeting Room, London	9 June BSA Medical Sociology Early Career Researcher Summer Event Cardiff University
28 February BSA Risk and Society Study Group Event: Risk in Health and Social Care: Politics, Theory and Practice BSA Meeting Room, London	12 June BSA Education Study Group Conference: Making a Market in Higher Education: Changing Landscape, Continuing Inequalities? Sheffield Hallam University
12 March BSA Early Career Forum Event: Demystifying the 'Insider/Outsider' Debate in Qualitative Research Nottingham Trent University	13 June BSA Regional Postgraduate Event: Youth Activism and Resistance University of Leicester
19 March BSA Medical Sociology Wales Group Event: Medical Sociology and Getting Published Cardiff University	13 June BSA Regional Postgraduate Event: Pace, Penalty and Pirouette: The Sociology of Physical Culture Glasgow Caledonian University
26 March BSA Medical Sociology North East Group Seminar: Towards a Sociology of Diagnosis: Reflections and Opportunities Teesside University, Darlington	18 June BSA Regional Postgraduate Event: Citizenship in the 21 st Century: Sociological, Political and Cultural Perspectives University of Huddersfield
1 April BSA Climate Change Study Group Event: Writing Excellent Articles About Climate Change: Workshop and BSA CCSG Article prize-giving BSA Meeting Room, London	23 June BSA Medical Sociology Wales: How Should We Study the Social Context of Suicide and Self-Harm? Cardiff University
3 April BSA Regional Postgraduate Event: Ending the Apprenticeship: From PhD Student to Early Career Researcher Northumbria University, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	24 June BSA Regional Postgraduate Event: Mapping Feminisms: Feminist Histories and Futures University of Edinburgh
22 April BSA Annual Conference Postgraduate Day Event University of Leeds	30 June BSA Sociology of Food Study Group Event: Food and Society British Library Conference Centre, London
23-25 April BSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014: Changing Society University of Leeds	1 July BSA Food Study Group Workshop: Doing Food Research: Social Scientific/Qualitative Approaches University of Westminster, London
7 May BSA Weber Study Group Event: Max Weber, Markets and Economic Society University of Warwick	1 July BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference Postgraduate Workshop University of Sussex, Brighton
12 May BSA Social Network Analysis Group (SNAG) Seminar: Mixed-Method Approaches to Social Network Analysis Middlesex University, London	2-4 July BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference Religion and Crisis University of Sussex, Brighton
14 May BSA Medical Sociology Applied Qualitative Health Research Group One Day Symposium Newcastle University	4 July BSA Gender Study Group and BSA Youth Study Group Joint One Day Seminar: Masculinities, Adaptation and Difference BSA Meeting Room, London
16 May BSA Medical Sociology West Midlands Group Event: 'Under-served' or 'Hard to Reach'? Community and Participatory Approaches in Health Research Coventry University	11-13 July BSA Auto/Biography Study Group Summer Conference: People and Places Wolfson College, Oxford
29 May BSA Regional Postgraduate Event: The Sociology of Technologically Mediated Reproduction De Montfort University, Leicester	24 July BSA Human Reproduction Study Group Annual Conference Lancaster University
	10-12 September BSA Medical Sociology Group 46 th Annual Conference Aston University, Birmingham
	28 November BSA Ageing Body and Society Study Group Conference British Library Conference Centre, London

To find out more about events hosted by the British Sociological Association please visit www.britisoc.co.uk/events

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The environment of higher education in England remains volatile and uncertain, with knock-on effects in other jurisdictions. There will be significant consequences in Higher Education (across a range of subjects) and for teachers in Further Education (FE) and Schools with modifications to the A-level curriculum, and for-profit providers likely to target Higher Education (HE) in FE as well as low-cost higher education in universities once the student cap is lifted in 2015.

There will be significant fall-out from REF 2014, with fewer staff submitted, and fewer Units of Assessment at the Sociology Sub-Panel, and a reinforcement of the impact agenda within RCUK funding and in the next REF. Open Access publishing under Article Processing Charge and the disruption of subscription-based journals is also likely to create difficulties for early career researchers in getting published and professional associations in maintaining their income.

The activities of the Association are vital in representing sociology within consultations and other fora where the public value of sociology can be advocated. In this context, I have taken up all opportunities, whether these are made available as President of the BSA, or on another basis, to be alert to developments affecting our interests – for example, during the last year, I have been a member of the ESRC Training and Skills Committee, the AQA HE Panel for Sociology A-level and the HEFCE Expert Reference Group for Open Access and Monographs. This has been invaluable in informing the Association's responses to different requests for consultation.

I have also given invited talks on issues of higher education and the future of sociology at the International Sociological Association Conference of National Associations, European Sociological Association Conference, the Annual Conference of the Australian Sociological Association and the conference of the US Midwest Sociological Society. I have also thought it vital to engage with the major intellectual issues confronting our discipline and wider society, through organising events on the challenge of Big Data, participating in public debates on higher education and democracy, etc. Finally, and in my view, most importantly, I have been involved in setting up (together with Sue Scott and supported by Gurminder K. Bhambra, Mark Carrigan, and, of course, Policy Press and the BSA) the new, free online magazine of social research, policy analysis and commentary, **Discover Society**.

The latter continues my commitment to the democratic values of the public university – expressed through the Campaign for the Public University – against those of the privatised, marketised university and its emphasis on education as a private investment in human capital. The space for critical, reflective debate is being narrowed. I end this, my final report, with the same statement as my last report: in difficult times, sociology's task must remain an expansive one, to serve publics by new explanations of the present and new imaginations of the future.

Prof John Holmwood
President



CHAIR'S REPORT

It has been another very full year of activity for the BSA with a lot of success but also with some signs of risk ahead. I would like to thank all those who do work for the Association – as members or as staff – for their efforts over the past year.

We held three very successful conferences made possible only by the hard work of our events team: the Annual Conference in London was the third largest in our history; WES had a very successful conference in Warwick and MedSoc's numbers were up 7% on the previous year. In addition, there were many other events organised by study groups and constituent interest groups.

We have continued to prioritise our external profile with the activities of our President John Holmwood; the involvement of our Chief Executive in the Campaign for the Social Sciences; our expanding media coverage (the highlight being coverage of the British Class survey around the Conference); and with our annual events – the Presidential event on Big Data in October and the Annual Equality Lecture. In the wake of our 'Engaging Sociology' conference, it was heartening to see the establishment of the Activism in Sociology Forum aiming to engage more thoroughly with community groups and take sociology to places it has not been reaching as well as informing research with insights from community organisations.

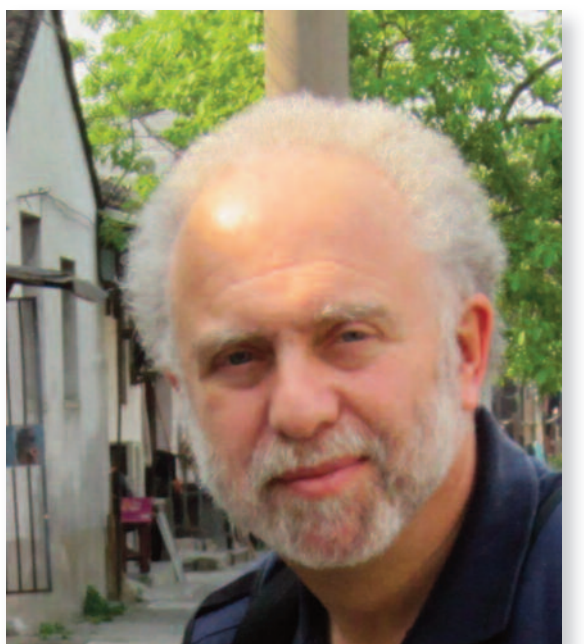
We continue to see more active study groups; currently there are 41 as well as five special interest groups. The Teaching Group group continues to develop with successful regional events for teachers in schools and colleges. These build on other initiatives such as the promotional materials produced for schools and university departments as part of the Discover Sociology initiative all using our new look.

So we could consider last year to be one in which sociology is booming and again BSA membership increased. However, we are all aware of clouds on the horizon and also of the difficult background against which many sociologists do their teaching and research. The funding regime in England and Wales gives rise for increasing concern notwithstanding (or because of) the promise to raise the cap on student numbers. Open Access continues to create uncertainty for academic journal publishing and the long term health of the BSA's finances as our membership fees cover only a small part of our activities and so much of our income stems from journal royalties. We have therefore again been very active in responding to a range of consultations on Open Access.

Some initiatives have been harder to progress. Working with HAPS (Heads and Professors of Sociology), progress on providing support for regional sociology recruitment events has been slower than we had hoped and the development of our new website has proven much more complex than anticipated. We hope to see progress on both of these fronts in the coming months.

A final point surrounds the governance of the Association itself. Most of the activity of the Association is member led – through study groups, fora and interest groups. This is enabled by extremely hard working staff, led by Judith Mudd, who work for the benefit of members. Trustees – coming from the membership – supervise the direction and activities of the Association on behalf of members; they do not substitute themselves for the members and, like the staff, try to accommodate and take notice of the incredibly wide range of views and interests of our members. But we could do with more members, particularly from the larger Sociology departments, coming forward as trustees to ensure that the governance of the Association is as representative as possible. It would be good to have trustee places contested by multiple candidates so that there are elections for trusteeship. These are hard times for anyone working in academia, or other parts of the public sector or third sector. But the BSA can only be as strong and successful as the members make it and we do need your time and commitment to ensure our continuing success.

Howard Wollman
Chair



AWARDS 2013

The BSA has worked to promote sociology and represent sociologists in Britain since 1951. The Association publicly recognises the outstanding contributions that individual members and sociologists make to the discipline in a number of ways, including through award schemes.

In 2013 the following awards were conferred:

Distinguished Service to British Sociology Award

Sara Delamont

Publications Prizes

- **Philip Abrams Memorial Prize**
Alice Mah
- **SAGE Prizes for Innovation and/or Excellence**
- **Cultural Sociology**
Matthias Gross
- **Sociological Research Online**
Sumi Hollingworth & Ayo Mansaray
- **Sociology – Joint Winners**
Michael Burawoy and Stephen Kemp
- **Work, employment and Society**
Philippe Askenazy, Jean-Baptiste Berry, Françoise Carré, Sophie Prunier-Poulmairé & Chris Tilly
- **Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness Book of the Year Prize**
Michael Montoya
- **Phil Strong Memorial Prize**
Jeremy Booth

BSA/HEA National Award for Excellence in Teaching Sociology

Sociology Teaching Team - Aston University

BSA National 6th Form Sociology Prize

Lauren Seward - Trinity School, Newbury

BSA MEMBERSHIP 2013

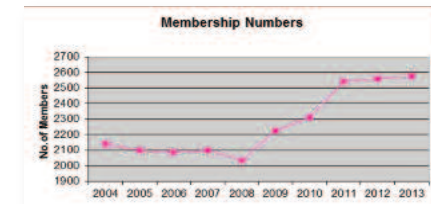
The BSA is the largest sociological network in the UK with membership at the end of 2013 at 2578. Our study groups provide a diverse, vibrant culture through which our members organise many regular and special events, which provide essential lifeblood to the discipline. We estimate that these events reach an extended network of around 5000 participants. Our membership statistics continue to illustrate healthy growth, as between 2009 and 2013 the numbers increased by 16 per cent.

Anyone who is engaged in, has influenced or is interested in contributing to the promotion of sociology is encouraged to become a BSA member. The Association continues to be very active in encouraging individuals to join and become active in the wide range of activities that it facilitates in conjunction with its membership. BSA members include researchers, teachers and students, as well as practitioners in many fields. In recent years we have seen our Sociologists Outside Academia group continue to grow and provide new dimensions to the Association, enabling the BSA to develop, reach and influence a number of fields.

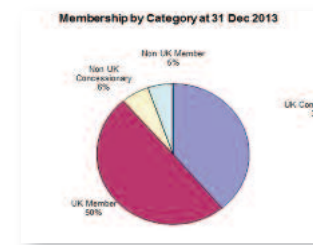


Teaching Group 6th Form Award

Last year we noted that changes to publishing income models meant that membership would have to increase its role in financially sustaining the activities that further the Association's goals. This, we believe, can be achieved by attracting greater numbers of members. We have been proactive in working to grow membership in light of these developments and will continue to do so in the coming year. Following a strategic review we have introduced new membership categories as an initial stage of what will become a more widespread evaluation of the way the BSA functions in the new academic and economic environment. The coming year will see a sustained dialogue with the membership as we look to restructure and streamline the services offered to our members. It is our goal to ensure that membership is 'fit for purpose' given the realities of today, and that members feel able to express their views on future developments. We will work conscientiously to ensure that all consultations are considered and that decisions are communicated clearly.



Membership continues to provide access to a package of services including a monthly eNewsletter, triannual issues of BSA magazine *Network*, professional advice and support in a number of areas, a range of face-to-face and virtual networking and career opportunities. Our website, which will be updated in the coming year, promotes UK and worldwide sociological events, calls for papers, and a range of other opportunities, including the jobs board.



Over the last 12 months the Association continued to promote the discipline by hosting over 50 events. We also published the Discover Sociology booklet, which has proven a popular resource for encouraging students to engage with sociology. The Association's property (purchased in 2009), located in south west London, continues to provide a key resource for members and many meetings have taken place there, including Council, Post Graduate Forum, Honorary Vice Presidents, Journal Editorial Boards and numerous study groups.

The BSA has numerous reciprocal arrangements with other associations, which means that BSA members can attend other association events at reduced rates and enjoy benefits offered by other associations. As part of a package of improved membership benefits we aim to grow these interdisciplinary networks in the coming year, as we recognise that many sociologists work beyond single discipline departments and across university faculties.

BSA members select to receive print journals *Sociology* or *Work, employment & society* free as part of their membership. They can also subscribe to *Cultural Sociology* at a much-reduced rate. Members are also eligible for other journal and book discounts by ordering direct from SAGE Publications. In addition to print journals, BSA members have free online access to the SAGE Sociology Full-Text Collection and SAGE Research Methods.

The BSA support fund continues to be an important source of financial support for our concessionary members. Successful applicants benefit from up to £250 of support for research-related expenses and event attendance.

Dr David Mellor and Dr Milena Stateva
Membership Services Directors



PAM Winner 2013 Alice Mah



BSA/HEA Teaching Prize Award

PUBLICATIONS 2013

BSA Publications is always very active due to dedicated and professional Editors and Directors; 2012-2013 was no exception.

All four BSA-affiliated journals experienced many positive developments. The new *Sociology* Editorial Team (based at the Open University and the University of Surrey) started in January 2013. The journal launched its e-special initiative and is developing a podcast series. We published an article based on data gathered through the BBC Class Survey; it became one of the most downloaded articles amongst all SAGE social science journals and has initiated further debate on class.



Publishers' Exhibition BSA Annual Conference

For *Work, employment and society*, 2012 marked 25 years of publication. The journal hosted a lively one-day conference and published a successful special issue in honour of the occasion. The 2013 WES Conference, held at the University of Warwick, was a significant academic success. Submissions continue to rise significantly and we have adopted the 'OnlineFirst' method of publication.

In 2012, *Cultural Sociology* increased to four issues a year. David Inglis moved from University of Aberdeen to Essex and the journal wished farewell to Andrew Blaikie. Matthias Zick Varul (University of Essex) joined David Inglis as Editor.

Sociological Research Online published three special sections in 2013 on the missing middle of youth studies, girlhood, and the riots and has been developing a blog. The Editors provided a number of very well-attended workshops on publishing.

Open Access continues to be a focus for the Publications group. We responded to consultations with various bodies and attended many events. In April 2013, the Association decided to hybridise all the journals: both the Gold and Green routes are available with compliant embargo periods. This change protects our income and makes us compliant with the mandates of many national and international funding bodies. We continue to monitor the changes in the industry and to contribute to the many discussions.

To expand the portfolio of BSA Publications, we have been exploring options for a BSA book series – Sociological Futures – aimed at showcasing emerging and innovative work. Discussions with publishers revealed significant interest and we have chosen to work with Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group) on this project.

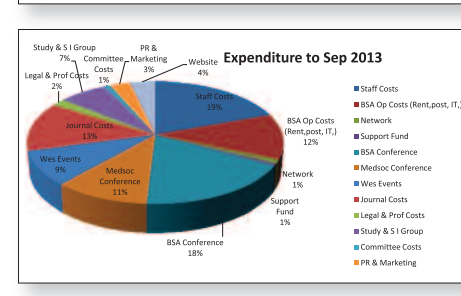
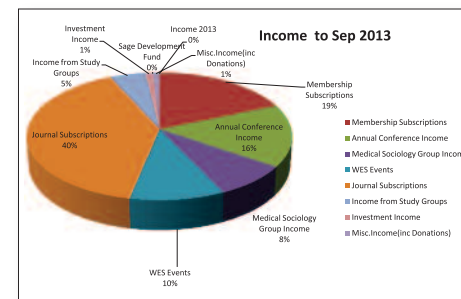
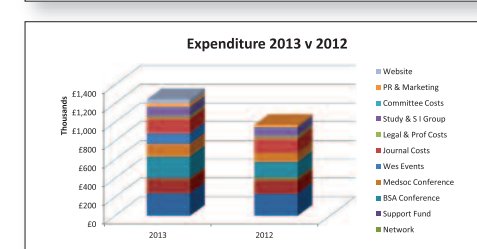
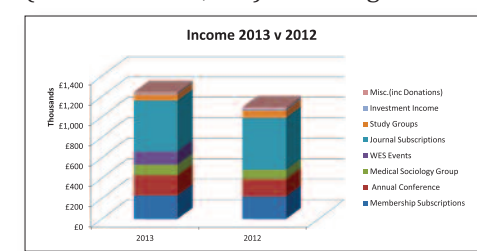
Dr Caroline Oliver and Prof Louise Ryan
Publications Directors

FINANCIAL REVIEW 2012/13

Auditors Haines Watts were reappointed for year-end 30 September 2013. They have continued to monitor and enhance financial controls within the Association.

The three principal sources of income for the Association are membership subscriptions, annual conference registration fees and publication sales. This income is used to meet a range of expenditures connected to the provision of services to members and support for the wider promotion of sociology. Staff salaries at the BSA office are the principal financial outlay (the position of trustee is voluntary and carries no stipend).

The year-end consolidated financial statements for the Association in 2012/13 show a break even position against a deficit budget of £5000. This result is mainly attributable to the success of the royalties from the BSA/SAGE journals (additional £79,000) offsetting the additional expenditures from the Annual Conference and website development. In 2013/14, the Association is working to a £2000 surplus budget.



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The Association holds unrestricted reserves of £623,000, sufficient to enable the running down of the Association over a period of one year should members vote to discontinue the Association or it prove no longer (financially or otherwise) viable. Additional reserves are maintained as designated funds for BSA study groups (approx. £273,000), a pension liability fund in the event of withdrawal from the current scheme (£78,000) and the London property (£356,000).

STATUS, CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE 2013

The British Sociological Association (BSA) is an incorporated Association and is registered as a *Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having a Share Capital* under company registration number 3890729. The Association holds charitable status under registration number 1080235. As a charity, the Association controls a trading subsidiary: BSA Publications Limited. BSA Publications Limited publishes sociological works on behalf of the parent body, the British Sociological Association.

The activities of the BSA are overseen by an elected Council made up of ordinary members of the Association. Elected members of Council are the legal trustees of the Association. Current activities in any given year are driven and directed by an Executive Management Team made up of trustees elected from within the Council and supported by a dedicated staff team based at the Association's registered offices in Durham.

RISK MANAGEMENT 2013

Trustees review the Association's objectives and identify the major risks (within and beyond the Association's direct control) to which the charity may be exposed on an annual basis. For the financial year under consideration, a review was undertaken in September 2013 with discussion around a range of risks facing the Association. As well as meeting the requirements of charity law, the review provides an excellent basis for forward planning.

Short-, medium- and long-term risks identified included the following: cuts in Higher Education funding; conference performance; implementation of a new website; relationships within the governance structure; publishing industry developments in relation to journals; the protection of the Association's reserves in the current economic climate; recruitment and effective working of the Executive Management Team; membership retention and recruitment; editorial team appointments. More details of the BSA risk register are available on request and are included in the Annual Accounts as part of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Association.

Howard Wollman
Chair

CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS 2013

An important role of the Association is to represent the interests of members and the discipline in both academic and broader public environments. We would like to thank the many individual members who gave their time and energy during the year to contribute to consultations, represent the BSA at strategic events and respond to requests for support and collaboration from allied organisations, including:

AcSS	Supporting the Academy including facilitating BSA representation at ethics project meetings
AcSS	Submitting nominations for AcSS Academician awards
AcSS	Supporting the Campaign for the Public University
AcSS	Supporting the Campaign for Social Science including meeting with representatives of the Government Social Research Unit at the Treasury
AcSS/ESRC	Enabling BSA representation at the Learned Society Working Group on Open Access
AcSS/ESRC	Supporting the Evaluation of Learned Societies Project 2013
ABS	Submitting a formal representation in respect of <i>Work, employment & society</i> and <i>Sociology</i> to the ABS International Guide to Academic Journal Quality
British Academy	Responding jointly with the Council of the Heads and Professors of Sociology (HAPS) to the British Academy Consultation on the Creation of a Qualification in Undergraduate Quantitative Methods
British Academy	Submitting evidence to the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission
British Academy	Supporting the project on Open Access Journals in Humanities and Social Science
BBC	Supporting the BBC Thinking Allowed Ethnography Award
BSA	Producing, distributing and supporting a new booklet, <i>Discover Sociology</i> , designed to promote sociology to all schools, colleges and universities in the UK that teach sociology
ESRC	Facilitating BSA representation at meetings of the ESRC
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Government	Submitting a response to the House of Lords Science and Technology Select Committee Short Inquiry into the Implementation of Government Open Access Policy
Government	Facilitating BSA representation at the launch of the social science division of the Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology
Government	Submitting a response to the UK Government Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) Committee Inquiry into Open Access
Government	Responding to the Department for Education consultation on A-level subject content for 2015
Government	Responding to the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation consultation on A-level reform
Government	Submitting nominations for Queen's Honours
Government	Responding to 'Measuring Child Poverty: A Consultation on Better Measures of Child Poverty'
HEFCE	Responding jointly with HAPS to the consultation on Open Access (October 2013)
HEFCE	Responding jointly with HAPS to the Consultation on Open Access publication for the Research Excellence Framework (REF) post-2014
ISA	Facilitating BSA representation at meetings of the ISA
ONS	Responding to the consultation on the census and future provision of population statistics in England and Wales
RCUK	Responding jointly with HAPS to the consultation on Revised Open Access Guidance

Academy of the Social Sciences (AcSS), Association of Business Schools (ABS), British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), British Sociological Association (BSA), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), European Sociological Association (ESA), Higher Education Funding Council of England (HEFCE), International Sociological Association (ISA), Office of National Statistics (ONS), Research Councils UK (RCUK)

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS 2013

A key goal of the BSA is to be the natural home of researchers and teachers of sociology in the UK. With a significant number of high profile events, the BSA events remained some of the main places in the UK to promote sociological theory and practice, to network and collaborate. Seventy-eight events, mostly organised by the diverse BSA study groups, provided vivid platforms for members and the public to get together to explore cutting edge themes and to challenge conventions and established 'truths'.

Conferences have been identified as the third arm in our income generation strategy and a significant part of the BSA vision is to ensure that the resources support a regular programme of events showcasing the value of sociology. Tighter budgeting procedures have been introduced and the format of the Annual Conference was changed in 2009. These have been significant factors in the success of recent conferences, with more delegate participation and more involvement by the study groups. The conferences today offer greater value for money and remain a key motivation for joining the BSA.

In 2013, the BSA Annual Conference was held at the Grand Connaught Rooms, London, with a topical theme of 'Engaging Sociology' and 14 individual streams in specific areas of sociological studies. Participation remained high, with 791 delegates – the third highest in our history. The conference included the Presidential Address from John Holmwood (University of Nottingham) and plenary presentations from Elijah Anderson (Professor at Yale University) and Polly Toynbee (*The Guardian* Columnist). The programme is usually shaped by the abstract submissions, mostly from members, which helps us to reflect members' current areas of professional interest or concern. We envisage even greater communication with members – on designing, but also costing, the wide range of forums and formats. This is linked to our overall aim of engagement as a key principle at all levels of BSA activity.

The BSA postgraduate events are notable for their continued success: eight of the 78 events were designed specifically for postgraduate sociologists, often organised by postgraduates themselves. These events offer opportunities to further professional skills, enable a voice for the new generation of sociologists and create dialogue with influential researchers.

The 45th Annual Medical Sociology Conference was held at the University of York and attracted 393 delegates, up 7% on the previous year. Plenary speakers were Professor Catherine Pope (University of Southampton) and Professor Sarah Cunningham-Burley (University of Edinburgh) and a special event 'Teaching Medical Sociology' was facilitated by members of BeST (Behavioural and Social Scientists Teaching in Medicine).

The 2013 Work, employment and society Conference was held at the University of Warwick and was successful in attracting 353 delegates from diverse backgrounds. The plenary speakers were Professor Saskia Sassen (Columbia University) and Mr Han Dongfang, an advocate for workers' rights in China.

The BSA President, Professor John Holmwood organised a seminar in collaboration with Dr Emma Uprichard University of Warwick and Dr Abby Day, Goldsmiths, on 'The Challenge of Big Data', in association with the British Library. Administrative data and its linkage to other large data sets, data mining, and the increased proprietary interest in large data all pose a fundamental challenge for the social sciences to confront big data with big questions.

The BSA also held the third of its Equality Lectures, in partnership with the British Library. Through her talk on 'The Art of Association: The Formation of Egalitarian Social Capital', Danielle Allen (Princeton University) explored the egalitarian benefits of a connected society and how to cultivate the necessary habits and skills of association.

After another successful year in 2013, BSA conferences and events will continue to stay high on the Association's agenda and priorities in 2014. We look forward to a full and dynamic programme to come.

Dr David Mellor and Dr Milena Stateva
Membership Services Directors



Annual Conference Elijah Anderson Plenary Speaker



Annual Conference Round Table Session



Equality Lecture Danielle Allen

JOURNALS

The BSA currently publishes two wholly owned journals: *Sociology* and *Work, employment and society*. BSA Publications Ltd has a share in two other journals: *Sociological Research Online* and *Cultural Sociology*.

Cultural Sociology

Editors:

David Inglis (University of Exeter) and Matthias Zick Varul (University of Exeter)
Robin Wagner-Pacifici (New School of Social Research, NYC, USA)
Garry Crawford (University of Salford) and Jessica Evans (Open University)

North American Editor:

Book Review Editors:

European Review Editors:

Board Members:

Issues per year:

Sociological Research Online

Editors 2012-2016:

Review Editors:

Chair of Management Board:

Chair of Editorial Board 2012-2014:

Editorial Assistant:

Board members:

Issues per year:

SRO has been published on the World Wide Web since March 1996.

Sociology

Editors 2009-2012:

Editors 2013-2015:

Chair of Editorial Board 2011-2014:

Board members:

Issues per year:

Editors-in-chief 2011-2014:

Editors 2011-2014:

Chair of Editorial Board 2012-2015:

Board members:

Issues per year:

Network

Editorial Team 2013-2014:

Editorial Advisory Group 2013-2014:

Issues per year:

Rachel Brooks and Paul Hodgkinson (University of Surrey)
Edwin van Teijlingen (Bournemouth University) and Emma Casey (Kingston University)
Nigel Gilbert (University of Surrey)
Yvette Taylor (London South Bank University)
Catherine Norris (University of Surrey)
10 Management Board members, 46 Editorial Board members, 26 Associate Board Members
4 (February, May, August and November)

Amanda Coffey, Thomas Hall, Sally Power and Amanda Robinson (Cardiff University)

Andrew King (University of Surrey),
Karim Murji (Open University), Sarah Neal (University of Surrey), Sophie Watson (Open University) and Kath Woodward (Open University)

John Offer (University of Ulster)
25 Editorial Board members, 23 Associate Board members and 14 International Advisory Board members
6 (February, April, June, August, October and December)

Irena Grugulis and Mark Stuart (University of Leeds)
Andy Charlwood (Loughborough University), Chris Forde, Kate Hardy, Ian Kirkpatrick, Robert MacKenzie and Jennifer Tomlinson (University of Leeds)

Andrew Danford (University of the West of England, Bristol)
31 Editorial Board members, 30 Associate Board members and 28 International Advisory Board members
6 (February, April, June, August, October, December)

Tony Trueman
Judith Mudd
Alison Danforth
Chris Grieves
Carrie Dunn, Nic Groombridge, Abbott Katz, Melanie Lang, David Morgan, Kate Woodthorpe
3 (Spring, Summer, Autumn/Winter)



WEBSITE 2013

The proposed redevelopment of the BSA website hit a major road block at the end of 2013. After many months of delay, it became clear during a pre-delivery showcasing from the provider that the site would not be delivered to specification. Given the amount of time and resources spent on this project, this is a hugely disappointing setback for everyone concerned. The trustees are currently considering our options and in the meantime we will be making improvements to the existing site wherever we can.

Visits to the existing BSA website reached 256,000 over the course of the year; this signifies a forty six percent increase in traffic from 2012 which can, in part, be attributed to our increased social media activity. 'What is Sociology?' was the most popular page, with over 55,000 views which represents an increase of over one hundred percent on 2012.

The Association's social media following goes from strength to strength, with our Facebook page having over 4960 fans and Twitter feed having over 4700 followers (at 14 February 2014). Both continue to grow on a daily basis.

COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY 2013

Communications consultant, Tony Trueman (Academia), issued 17 press releases, took over 40 calls from the media and wrote and edited three editions of *Network* during 2013.

Media Coverage:

Directly as a result of press releases, the BSA was mentioned in the following media:
National newspapers and websites – 40 times (13 times in 2012)
National radio – 10 times (5 times in 2012)
Local media websites – 25 times (134 times in 2012)
Local radio – 5 times (4 times in 2012)
Specialist media online – 116 times (27 times in 2012)
Magazines – 6 times (5 times in 2012)
International media online – 117 times (7 times in 2012)
This is a total of 319 items in 2013, over 195 times in 2012.
Tony commissioned 12 articles for *Network* and sub-edited around 190. Each edition of carries around 25,000 words. Tony attended the BSA Annual, MedSoc and WES conferences.