

# BSA Annual Review, 2019

## President's Report

**Looking back over 2019 and forward to the remaining months of my Presidency of the BSA (how did it go that fast?!) is a somewhat dizzying experience. This time last year, Brexit was uppermost in many of our thoughts, already several months overdue and fuelling progressively more insular political and public debate in the UK. As I write this, 10 weeks into the Covid-19 crisis in the UK, Brexit is barely mentioned, Wuhan has become a globally known city and comparative analysis of government public health policies around the world a topic of public conversation.**

Our understanding of both points in time – and indeed the connections between them – is immeasurably enriched by sociological analysis. Last August, we were delighted to co-host a joint session with the ESA on 'Populism, Nationalism and Brexit' at their Conference in Manchester (<https://es.britsoc.co.uk/3000-sociologists-in-manchester-for-the-14th-european-sociological-association-conference>). What a pleasure to be with 3000+ sociologists from all over Europe (and many from way beyond) at that time, reminding us of our ties and the power of our collaborative efforts.

Today, the feeling of such a gathering is almost impossible to recall. However, faced with the inevitability of cancelling our own Annual Conference as the Covid-19 crisis worsened, I was truly proud to see the BSA and our members rally online during (what would have been) conference week. The week's events continued through a variety of channels, culminating in a marvellous online symposium focussing sociological attention on 'Sociology and the Crisis'. From medical sociology, to sociologies of race and racism, mobility, technology and the analysis of inequalities: the reach of sociological insight was there to see. It is notable, that since UKRI schemes for rapid response Covid funding began, the Economic and Social Research Council has (as reported unofficially) seen the largest number of applications of all Research Councils. I cannot say that these are all from Sociologists – but I wouldn't be surprised!

Like many other organizations, the BSA has been hit by Covid, incurring financial losses from cancelling conference, which only adds to the looming challenge of Plan S, which will impact significantly on income from our journals. But we are a robust organization, with sound mitigation strategies in place. Our Study Groups have already organizing some great online events [www.britsoc.co.uk/events](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events) and the BSA Medical Sociology Conference will host a series of events during conference week 09/09/2020 – 11/09/2020.

On that footing we are confident in looking forward to

however everyday life begins to emerge from 'lockdown' and especially to our 70th Annual Conference in 2021 which will focus on 're-making the future' – a theme that could hardly be more timely. Inspired by some successes of our online activities this year, and determined that the 70th will be the biggest and best conference ever, planning is already underway to innovate with formats and open our doors to a wider range of sociologists – not least to build on the success of our conference for A-Level teachers last November and strengthen our ties with A-Level students.

In the meantime, do let us know about how life is changing during Covid – sociologically and for sociologists – and remember that we are always keen to publish members' wider news, reflections and short research pieces on our website:

[www.britsoc.co.uk](http://www.britsoc.co.uk)

– Susan Halford

## BSA Charitable Objectives

**The advancement of public education by the promotion and diffusion of the knowledge of sociology by lectures, publications, the promotion and publication of research and the encouragement of contact between workers in all relevant fields of enquiry.**

## Core Values and Objectives

### 1. Promote sociology

- Promote sociology as an academic discipline that aims to improve understanding of society and social processes through research, teaching and public engagement.
- Encourage sociologists to take part in debates and make an impact on important societal issues, where appropriate.
- Provide a strong and well-respected voice at relevant major policy and funding platforms in the UK.
- Offer an effective and regular presence in the conventional media, in social media, and through an effective website, full of useful and current resources.
- Develop strong and collaborative working partnerships with cognate national and international organizations and associations.

### 2. Support sociologists

- Be the natural home of researchers and teachers of sociology in the UK and the first port of call for anyone seeking advice or information about sociology in the UK.
- Provide information about the discipline of sociology in the UK and useful and current resources for both members and external users.
- Offer a broad programme of events, including high-profile public events.
- Strengthen links with schools and colleges and sociologists outside of academia.
- Support sociologists at all stages of the career spectrum (with particular focus on early careers in the period 2017-2019).

### 3. Sustain the British Sociological Association

- Act as the UK's national subject association for the discipline of sociology.
- Develop the range and quality of publications.
- Diversify financial resources.
- Maintain effective, stable and motivated staff, trustees and volunteers.



## Because of the lockdown, the BSA is publishing online here its annual review of its activities rather than in print

**Chair's Report** **T**owards the end of last year I'm sure that many of us felt that we were experiencing a period of tumultuous upheaval, with the impending departure from the EU and with the UK seeming irreconcilably divided between those eager to push Brexit over the line and those who had been holding on to fading hopes for a last minute reprieve. At that point the HE sector had also embarked upon a protracted period of strike action supported by members across the country. However, even these hugely significant events, as we now know, were about to be dwarfed by the pandemic that was already waiting in the wings.

Needless to say that all of this taken together has presented the BSA trustees and staff with very considerable challenges, as has evidently been the case for many at this time, albeit that what we have had to deal with evidently in no way approaches the

experience of those who have tragically lost family and friends in recent months.

For the BSA the key issues have been financial, organisational and, of course, social. Undoubtedly, one of the most disappointing aspects of this scenario for us thus far arose when, in early March, we had to regretfully take the difficult decision to cancel our annual conference. While in retrospect this may seem straightforward, at that time the course of the pandemic seemed less certain. We were in a position of having to make the call, as payment deadlines for conference contracts were coming due, but where we still had some residual concerns that we might be jumping the gun. The pace at which events unfolded, however, meant that within a week or so the decision seemed inevitable. Aside from the financial impact on the BSA of cancelling the 2020 conference, our greatest regret here was in losing the opportunity that all of us look forward to in getting together with colleagues and friends for lively debate and, of course socialising. Following from this, we were also left with little option but to cancel other key events in the calendar.

While all of the above has concentrated the mind in recent months, we have been very concerned to take timely and practical steps to mitigate damage to the Association wherever possible, as well as to plan for a positive way forward. The swift organisation of online alternatives to the conference appear to have been very well received by members, and are testament to the creativity and resilience of the BSA staff in responding to these challenges, as well as to the proactive input of the various members and contributors who helped make this programme of events a success. As is the case in many of our institutions, this has been a steep learning curve, while there have been some positives that will feed into future events.

On that point, and looking beyond the BSA's internal operations, there will be a number of opportunities as well as challenges presented as we move towards the much discussed 'new normal'. As with all traumatic events, amidst their downsides, such instances also regularly present us with opportunities for reassessment of where we are and where we're going, crucially allowing us to pause and to reflect upon and confront the maladies and injustices around us and to imagine a more positive way forward. As we know, persistent tensions and gross inequalities in our societies have been starkly demonstrated in recent weeks and months, together with evidence of a groundswell of desire for progressive change on a number of fronts. It also seems likely that there will also be a contest between those of us who want to see that progressive change as we emerge from the current crisis and those intent on restoring the status quo. The BSA intends to be proactive in this regard, not least by pushing forward with our equality and diversity agenda, confronting widening insecurities and challenging a return to austerity, while advancing a sociological perspective on what looks likely to be a great debate around how we might shape our future.

- John Bone

### Strategic priorities 2017-2019

- Increase number of academic sociologists with membership.
- Increase number of senior members of the profession with membership.
- Broaden membership base further beyond academia.
- Develop and implement database of sociologists to champion sociology.
- Develop regional mentoring cafes for early career researchers.
- Develop and implement strategy to address diversity within BSA.
- Develop public engagement initiatives including social media
- Develop the journals.
- Explore property purchase to house the BSA office.
- Promote and facilitate legacies and donations.

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## Publications

**In alignment with the BSA's goals – to promote sociology, support sociologists and**

**ensure the sustainability of the BSA – the publications team's first priority is to develop the journals. It has been an eventful year for our four journals, with all achieving record high impact factors: *Sociology* (2.817); *Work Employment and Society* (2.364); *Sociological Research Online* (1.181) and *Cultural Sociology* (1.239). During the year we issued a call for and appointed a new editorial team for *Sociological Research Online*. We would like to express our thanks to the outgoing editors, Charlie Walker (University of Southampton), Steven Roberts (Monash University) and Sanna Aaltonen (University of Eastern Finland).**

Throughout 2019 the journals published several special issues and held a number of events. For example, *Work Employment and Society* sponsored a symposium 'Worlds of Work: Implications of Urbanisation, Technology and Sustainability' at the University of Hong Kong to develop international connections, while *Sociology* hosted a successful session at the BSA Annual Conference on 'Migration and Crisis in Europe'. The editors of *Cultural Sociology* represented the journal at the ASA and ESA conferences and held a panel at the Latin American Sociological Association showcasing innovative work on elites in Mexico and Chile. The journals are also making use of social media to promote their work, for instance with *Sociology* producing three podcasts.

Each year the publisher SAGE, awards a prize for an innovative and/or excellent article in each of the journals. The 2019 winners were:

- *Sociology*: Nira Yuval-Davis, Georgie Wemyss, and Kathryn Cassidy for 'Everyday Bordering, Belonging and the Reorientation of British Immigration Legislation'
- *Work Employment and Society*: Jill Rubery, Damian Grimshaw, Arjan Keizer and Mathew Johnson for 'Challenges and Contradictions in the 'Normalising' of Precarious Work'
- *Cultural Sociology*: Varvara Kobyschka for 'How Does an Aesthetic Object Happen? Emergence, Disappearance, Multiplicity'
- *Sociological Research Online*: Rosalind Gill and Shani Orgad for 'The Amazing Bounce-Backable Woman: Resilience and the Psychological Turn in Neoliberalism'

In addition to the journals, we saw new titles published in both our book series. *Money*, by Mary Mellor, is the latest in our 21st Century Standpoints series, while four books were published in the Sociological Futures series: *Climate Change and Intergenerational Justice* by Tracey Skillington; *Social Beings, Future Belongings: Reimagining the Social*, edited by Anna Tsalapatani, Miranda Bruce, David Bissell and Helen Keane; *Youth, Place and Theories of Belonging*, edited by Sadia Habib and Michael RM Ward; *What is Food? Researching a Topic with Many Meanings*, edited by Ulla Gustafsson, Rebecca O'Connell, Alison Draper and Andrea Tonner.

The publications team have also been much preoccupied with ongoing developments in open access publishing associated with Plan S (see *Network* Summer 2019), which originally proposed that all articles derived from publicly funded research must be published in open access journals by January 2021. These proposals have altered since and have received varying support; however, they have reenergised the move towards open access publishing, with consortia of institutional libraries (mainly in the US, UK and Europe) putting pressure on publishers to offer open access publishing without significant extra costs. Most British and European based journals, including those of the BSA, are now constrained to move towards open access. Throughout 2019 we engaged in significant discussion, analysis and representation on the effects this could bring for the BSA and for Sociology as a discipline. We worked on with the UKRI to contribute to their open access review, which will result in their new policy for research council funded research and also have implications for the REF-after-REF 2021. This will have major implications for both the BSA and our members. This is being managed at present, during a period of transition, through Open Access Sales Deals (OASDs) between institutional library consortia and journal publishers, in the BSA's case, SAGE. The major impact of this on

the BSA is that it will likely reduce the income we receive from our journals. For our UK members, an open access sales deal may have one major advantage: the ability to publish open access in established reputable journals without having to pay extra for the privilege, as long as your institution is participating in these sales deals.

There is, however, a down side: the threat this poses to intellectual property and academic integrity under the proposed licensing system. Most open access supporters are insisting on the most permissive form of copyright licence, CC-BY, which allows for 'adapting, remixing, transforming and building upon' the work for any, including commercial, purposes. The BSA, along with other learned societies in the social sciences and humanities, has contested this at every point but the battle has been lost as far as journal articles are concerned, though books may not be subject to the same conditions. The one proviso, of which members should be made aware, is that a case can be made, on an article by article basis, for a CC-BY-ND licence (which prevents adapting, remixing and transforming). The BSA continues to promote the use of exceptions on licences in policy and to encourage all members to look into licencing so that they are aware of their options and implications. These OASDs are likely to be in place for the 2020 calendar year, so authors should be alert to this possibility (and the risk of the default CC-BY licence) for any articles accepted for publication from now on.

**The BSA currently publishes a variety of academic books and journals. We thank the many people who contribute their time to these publications, including editors, board members, peer reviewers and our publishing partners: SAGE, Policy Press and Routledge.**

### **Cultural Sociology (published by SAGE)**

Impact Factor: 1.239  
Board Members: 31 Editorial Board members,  
29 International Advisory Board members  
Issues per year: 4 – March, June, September, December

### **Sociological Research Online (published by SAGE)**

Impact Factor: 1.181  
Board members: 28 Editorial Board members,  
29 Associate Board Members  
Issues per year: 4 – March, June, September, December

### **Sociology (published by SAGE)**

Impact Factor: 2.817  
Board members: 30 Editorial Board members, 30 Associate Board members, 15 International Advisory Board members  
Issues per year: 6 – February, April, June, August, October and December

### **Work, Employment and Society (published by SAGE)**

Impact Factor: 2.364  
Board members: 31 Editorial Board members, 35 Associate Board members, 28 International Advisory Board members  
Issues per year: 6 – February, April, June, August, October, December

### **Sociological Futures Book Series (Routledge)**

Volumes published in 2019:

- *Climate Change and Intergenerational Justice*, by Tracey Skillington
- *Social Beings, Future Belongings: Reimagining the Social*, edited by Anna Tsalapatani, Miranda Bruce, David Bissell, Helen Keane
- *Youth, Place and Theories of Belonging*, edited by Sadia Habib, Michael RM Ward
- *What is Food? Researching a Topic with Many Meanings*, edited by Ulla Gustafsson, Rebecca O'Connell, Alison Draper, Andrea Tonner

### **21st Century Standpoints Book Series (Policy Press)**

Volumes published in 2019:

- *Money* by Mary Mellor

# Public Engagement As the public face of sociology in Britain, the BSA

engages in a number of activities to promote the discipline beyond academia and showcase the value of BSA membership.

In 2019-20, the BSA organised a number of high profile, and well-received events. In partnership with the British Library, the BSA hosted the ninth annual Equality Lecture – delivered by Jack Halberstam, Professor of Gender Studies and English at Columbia University, entitled ‘Trans\* – Beyond a Politics of Recognition’, still available for viewing: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZa9VqZVibc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZa9VqZVibc)

Supporting our sociology teacher colleagues and making sure that they are introduced to the latest sociological research is a main objective. Alongside the annual feminism lecture for schools in East London, in November 2019, the BSA delivered a highly successful teacher conference – ‘The State of the Art’ – held in London with over 100 delegates. The enthusiasm and support for this offer, and considering that sociology is the eight most popular A-level (fifth most popular for young women), means that the BSA is committed to continue working in this area – supporting teachers and promoting sociology to the next generation.

The BSA schools prize is another way to engage students with the BSA. This year a record number of high calibre entries were received and it was pleasing to see that school-based sociology is fostering the sociological imagination in creative ways, with students able to apply their knowledge to contemporary social life – the winning entry tackled issues of polarisation, identity and politics in their discussion of Brexit.

An important role of the Association is to represent 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. Outward-facing public engagement activities in 2019 included the following *see table, right*

## Communications activities

### Website

This year saw page views reaching over 709,000 during the course of the year – a 43% increase in traffic from last year. The most popular pages were our events pages and What Is Sociology section.

### Press

In 2019 the Media Consultant, Tony Trueman, issued 12 press releases (23 in 2018) and took around 35 enquiries from the media. Directly as a result of the press releases, the BSA was mentioned in the following media:

Media type	Number in 2019	2018
National newspapers and websites	12	13
National radio	1	2
International media online	9	6
Specialist media online	22	26
Local radio	0	0
Local media websites	0	0
Magazines	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>

The national media included The Observer, The Independent, the Daily Mirror and The Telegraph.

### Network and social media

In 2019 Tony edited three issues of *Network* with a total of 132 pages, around 80,000 words. Tony sub-edited or wrote all of the 140 articles and laid out the magazine. He wrote in-depth pieces on: empathy among sociology students; the challenge of Brexit; the BSA's first event in Whitehall; the challenge of open access; and PhD students' experiences. During the first half of the year, Tony issued over 2,000 tweets/retweets, 120 Facebook posts and 100 LinkedIn posts.

## A list of public engagement activities

Academy of Social Sciences	Facilitating representation at key strategic meetings and events
BSA Sixth Form Prize	Providing funding, promotion and facilitation of pre-tertiary award
BSA Feminism Event	Providing funding, promotion and facilitation of pre-tertiary activity
BSA Discover Sociology	Providing funding, maintenance and promotion of satellite website which supports pre-tertiary sociology
BSA Everyday Society	Launching a new digital platform for short articles on current sociology to extend the reach of sociological research to the public, government bodies and beyond
BSA Research Project	Providing funding, promotion and support for research on race, ethnicity and sociology teaching provision in British universities
BSA Teacher Conference	Providing funding, promotion and facilitation of event for pre-tertiary teachers
BSA Discover Sociology	Providing funding, maintenance and promotion of satellite website which supports pre-tertiary sociology
AQA UK Awarding Body	Supporting relationship development with this pre-tertiary sociology exam board including encouraging knowledge exchange
British Academy	Providing BSA Fellow candidate suggestions
British Library	Providing joint funding, promotion and facilitation of Annual Equality Lecture (Jack Halberstam – 2019)
British Library	Partnering with the BL on the BSA Postgraduate Fellowship for Sociology at the British Library, including joint funding, development, fellow recruitment and supervision, and promotional activities
Campaign for Social Science	Supporting the campaign with a financial donation
Discover Society	Supporting this independent, online magazine including free circulation to BSA mailing list and free space at the Annual Conference
Economic and Social Research Council	Responding to consultation on researcher development and leadership in the social sciences
Encyclopaedia of Higher Education	Contributing article for book published by SAGE
European Sociological Association	Providing funding, promotion and facilitation of joint ESA-BSA event relating to Brexit
European Sociological Association	Facilitating staff knowledge exchange between ESA and BSA
Government Brazil	Publishing open letter in support of Brazilian sociology departments
Government China	Publishing open letter in support of freedom for students to peacefully protest
Government UK	Facilitating sociological contributions to ONS consultation to review how to measure human capital in the UK
Government UK	Seeking and submitting feedback on the REF process
Government UK	Providing impact case study examples to Academy of Social Sciences Lobbyonomics initiative
Government UK	Providing funding, promotion and facilitation of event on higher education policy – impacts of the marketization of HE
OCR UK Awarding Body	Supporting relationship development with this pre-tertiary sociology exam board including facilitating contact with Sociology lead and encouraging knowledge exchange
Open Access activities	Contributing to discussions and consultations about Plan S
Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021	Seeking and submitting nominations for REF panel representatives
Sociological Research Association	Supporting this sister organisation by writing an article on Plan S for their members' magazine
University and College Union strike engagement	Maintaining 'radio silence' during the strike period in solidarity with members affected by the strike

## Membership

Membership 2019 was a year of many challenges for members; looking forward, things now look even more complex and uncertain. As was the case in 2018, we saw many members, although not all, affected by industrial action, this time over both pay and pensions, while many of us are also managing competing demands over different higher education metrics. These contexts have affected membership numbers as people have struggled with the financial implications of strike activity and, particularly those who are early career academics, precarious employment contracts.

The total number of members in 2019 was 2288, this reflects a reduction of 410 people during the year, after membership peaked in 2017 with 2,759 members. Our retention of members is also dropping, now standing at 62%, which is lower than the past 3 years. We do need to ensure we are serving members well and by doing so also support the discipline. It is important we are there for members at different stages of their career: from those at the early stages of their careers in an ever intensifying job market, to those mid-career academics often shouldering the biggest management roles, alongside care responsibilities in their own lives, and finally senior sociologists working to both move debates forward and also support those at earlier stages in their careers.

Mentoring is one area of work for members that has increased. Mentoring at the annual conference in 2019 generated extremely positive feedback from those who participated and we are very grateful for the members who gave their time to work with early career academics. We know that conversations that began there continued long after. An area we are looking at is both mentoring activities outside of conference opportunities and mentoring for sociologists at different stages of their career. While mentoring is only one response to the challenges of contemporary higher education, feedback from members is that it is something they value greatly.

Looking ahead, we recognise the need to review both benefits and costs for different categories of membership. This process began in 2019 and will be ongoing in 2020. It is clear that what we work on also needs to factor in the very serious impacts the coronavirus pandemic is having on members. Very positively, the work of the study groups remains a strong backbone to the organisation and we are very grateful for all the hard work that group convenors put into their activities. We have 60 Study Groups and 4 Special Interest Groups, *see events section below*, and 2019 was as busy as ever for them.

## Events

2019 was busy with events run by members, both within study groups, as well as those organised by individual members.

Supporting groups and members to manage events successfully is a core activity for membership, trustees and staff. Overall 50 events took place, from the flagship annual conference, to study group annual conferences, to regional workshops and symposia, alongside, finally, a range of public facing activities.

The Annual Conference at Glasgow Caledonian University did see a drop in numbers. In 2018, 715 attended, while in 2019, 660 participated; the pre-conference Postgraduate day also saw a drop from 31 in 2018, to 17 in 2019. We believe a range of factors contributed to the small drop, but nevertheless we need to work to ensure the conference is a vital opportunity for members to come together – something, clearly, which is now an even bigger challenge. Feedback from those who attended the conference was overwhelmingly positive, with a strong sense of collegiality visible in interactions, and a coherence to the programme thanks to the efforts of the Plenary Speakers and the stream coordinators.

Beyond the annual conference, the events calendar is made up of many different local activities reaching both other sociology colleagues and other communities who it is important we engage with. Thanks to the work of convenors there were 18 successful study group events across the year, including the SocRel Annual Conference with 77 delegates at Cardiff University, the Bourdieu study group annual meeting, with 29 delegates, and the Human

Reproduction Annual Conference, with 24 delegates. The Biennial Food Study Group Conference took place in Italy at Monash University, Prato, although it experienced a drop in numbers from 120 in 2017 to 66. The largest study group annual conference is that organised by the Medical Sociology study group. In 2019 their annual conference was held at York, again with a small drop in numbers from 320 to 275; nevertheless, it remains an important annual activity for medical sociologists who often find themselves working outside sociology units. Two new study groups held their first events, the New Materialisms study group and the Post/Decolonial Transformations study group. We continued to receive and support a high number of applications for postgraduate forum regional events (20 applications and 14 funded) and early career forum regional events (11 applications and 8 funded).

A range of events ran in 2019, which were focused on bringing sociological ideas to different communities outside of academia. The final Equality Lecture was held at the British Library. The event began in 2011 and has proved to be very popular, over the last 9 years over 1000 people have attended. At this year's lecture, given by Professor Jack Halberstam, we had over 130 delegates. We are discussing what we would like to replace this with going forward and appreciate still our long association with the British Library. The British Library also hosted the Sociology in the Archives event, at which over 50 attendees were told about the race and ethnicity research that can be supported by the materials held in the library. Finally, we held two events for schools: the ever popular Annual Feminism and Sociology event for pupils on the 18th December with 70 attendees, and the Presidential one day event for teachers with over 60 attendees. Closer ties with both sociology pupils and teachers in schools is a priority area for us going forward. *See page right for a list of events*

## Prizes

The BSA publicly recognises the outstanding contributions that individual members and sociologists make to the discipline in a number of ways, including through award schemes. In 2019 the following awards were conferred:

**Distinguished Service to British Sociology Award:**  
Professor Alan Warde

**National A Level Sociology Competition:**  
Hannah Watkins – Brooke Weston Academy, Corby

**Phil Strong Memorial Prize:**  
Lijiaozi Cheng – University of Sheffield

**BSA Philip Abrams Memorial Prize:**  
Remi Joseph-Salisbury, *Black Mixed-Race Men: Transatlanticity, Hybridity and 'Post-Racial' Resilience*

**SAGE Prizes for Innovation and/or Excellence:**  
Nira Yuval-Davis, Georgie Wemyss, Kathryn Cassidy  
'Everyday Bordering, Belonging and the Reorientation of British Immigration Legislation' *Sociology* 52(2): 228

Rosalind Gill, Shani Orgad, 'The Amazing Bounce-Backable Woman: Resilience and the Psychological Turn in Neoliberalism' *Sociological Research Online*

Varvara Kobyscha, 'How Does an Aesthetic Object Happen? Emergence, Disappearance, Multiplicity' *Cultural Sociology*

Jill Rubery, Damian Grimshaw, Arjan Keizer, Mathew Johnson  
'Challenges and Contradictions in the 'Normalising' of Precarious Work' *Work, Employment and Society*

**Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness Book Prize:**  
Katherine A Mason, *Infectious Change: Reinventing Chinese Public Health After an Epidemic*, Stanford University Press

# Events List

DATE	TITLE
25 January	BSA Death Dying and Bereavement and Violence and Society Study Groups Joint Event, University of Salford
01 February	BSA Human Reproduction Study Group Winter Event; University of the West of England, Bristol
14 February	BSA Early Career Forum Regional Event: Cycling Cultures: Insights and Methods MMU, Manchester
01 March	BSA Postgraduate Forum Event: 'These are a few of my favourite things': Exploring the Value of Material Culture in the Everyday; University of Sheffield
15 March	BSA Postgraduate Forum Event: Gender and Working Lives, University of Cambridge
04 April	BSA Early Career Forum Regional Event: Theorising Worker-employer Relations in the New World of Work, Leeds University
05 April	BSA Postgraduate Forum Regional Event: Researching(in)equalities at Work, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester
06 April	BSA Early Career Event: Symbolic Objects in Contentious Politics, University of Aberdeen
15 April	BSA Postgraduate Forum Regional Event: Estranged Students in Post-compulsory Education: A Sense of Strangeness in Widening Participation, University of Strathclyde
23 April	BSA Annual Conference 2019 - Postgraduate Forum Pre-Conference Day: A Non-conference, Conference, A day of Self-care, Glasgow Caledonian University
24 April	BSA Annual Conference 2019: Challenging Social Hierarchies and Inequalities, Glasgow Caledonian University
29 April	BSA Postgraduate Forum Regional Event: Young Lives in Contemporary Times: Transitions, Challenges and Opportunities, University of Stirling
03 May	BSA Early Career Forum Regional Event: Challenging and Changing Institutional Abuses of Power, University of Abertay, Dundee
10 May	BSA Postgraduate Regional Event: Dear Diary... Exploring Social Sciences Diary Method Research, Gender and Sexuality Focus, University of Warwick
14 May	BSA Postgraduate Forum Event: Girling Feminism, Towards a Feminist Theory of Girlhood, University of Glasgow
14 May	BSA Postgraduate Forum Regional Event: Researching Relational Space, Concepts, Methods and Implications, Lancaster University
24 May	BSA Alcohol Study Group Event, BSA Meeting Room, London
28 May	BSA Early Career Forum Event: Smalltown Boys and Country Girls, Gender and Sexuality Within the Rural Idyll, University of Lincoln
04 June	BSA Early Career Forum: Working Interdisciplinarily, Opportunities and Challenges, University of Warwick
10 June	BSA New Materialisms Study Group One-day Symposium, BSA Meeting Room, London
12 June	BSA Human Reproduction Study Group Annual Conference 2019, De Montford University, Leicester
13 June	BSA Human Reproduction Study Group: International Expert Symposium, Comparative and Transnational Perspectives on Technologies of Fertility Preservation and Extension, De Montford University
14 June	BSA Postgraduate Forum Event: Surveillance in the 21st century, From the Mundane to the Spectacular, Royal Holloway University of London
18 June	BSA Early Career Forum: Breaking the System, Using Imagination and Hope to Navigate Early Career Academia, BSA Meeting Room, Durham
24 June	Sixth BSA Food Study Group Conference: Food Systems & Society 2019, Monash University, Prato, Italy
27 June	BSA Postgraduate Forum Regional Event: The Embodied Researcher in Sport, Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury
28 June	BSA Rethinking Higher Education: Challenging the Values of Market and Performance Criteria, NCVO, London
09 July	BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group (SocRel) Annual Conference 2019, Cardiff University
17 July	BSA Digital Sociology: Who We Are and What We Are For, BSA Meeting Room, London
05 September	BSA Sports Study Group Postgraduate Research Forum, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford
06 September	BSA Theory Study Group Event: The Future of Social Theory, BSA Meeting Room, London
06 September	BSA Social Work and Sociology Group: Addressing the (Poverty) Elephant – the Role of Social Work and Sociology, University of Birmingham
11 September	South West Regional Medical Sociology Group Conference 2019, University of Plymouth
12 September	BSA Medical Sociology Annual Conference 2019, University of York
13 September	PGR Mental Health Conference, Northumbria University, Newcastle
20 September	BSA Youth Study Group Event 2019, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester
27 September	Building on Bourdieu in National and International Spaces, Sheffield Hallam University
03 October	BSA Postgraduate Regional Event: Gender and Networks, University of Manchester
16 October	BSA Food Study Group Talk, University of Plymouth
23 October	BSA Visual Sociology Study Group Event, The Bluecoat Museum, Liverpool
25 October	BSA Post/Decolonial Transformations Study Group Event, BSA Meeting Room, London
01 November	BSA/BL Equality Lecture: Trans* - Beyond a politics of recognition, British Library
08 November	BSA Postgraduate Forum Autumn Event: Creating Space in Academia, London School of Economics
14 November	BSA Early Career Forum Event: The Listening Guide in Feminist Narrative Research, University of Huddersfield
18 November	Sociology in the Archives: Black and Asian Activism by and for Young People, NCVO, London
19 November	BSA Presidential Event: The State of the Art, A one-day event for A-level Sociology teachers, NCVO, London
20 November	BSA Postgraduate Regional Event: Reproduction and Risk, University of Leicester
29 November	BSA Consumption Study Group: Rethinking Consumption, BSA Meeting Room, London
05 December	Death and Relationships - BSA Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement Study Group Annual Symposium, University of Sheffield
09 December	BSA Risk & Society Study Group Event: Tensions at the Front Line of Risk Work, Implications for Policy and Practice, BSA Meeting Room, London
18 December	BSA Sociology & Feminism 2019, NCVO, London

## Finance

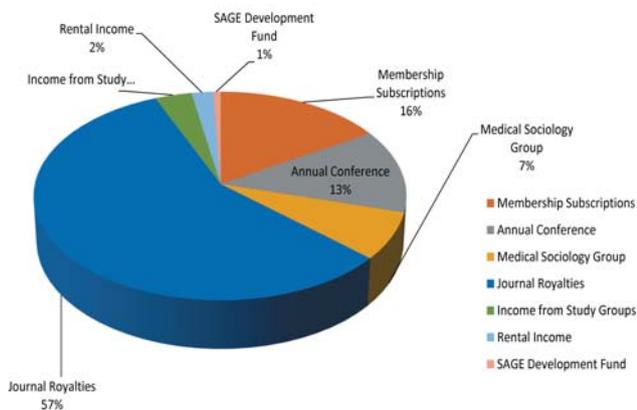
**A**uditors Haines Watts were reappointed for year-end 31 December 2019. They have continued to monitor and enhance financial controls within the Association.

The three principal sources of income for the Association are membership subscriptions, annual conference registration fees and publication royalties. The Association is also now generating rental income from tenants occupying the ground floor of the offices in Durham. 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).

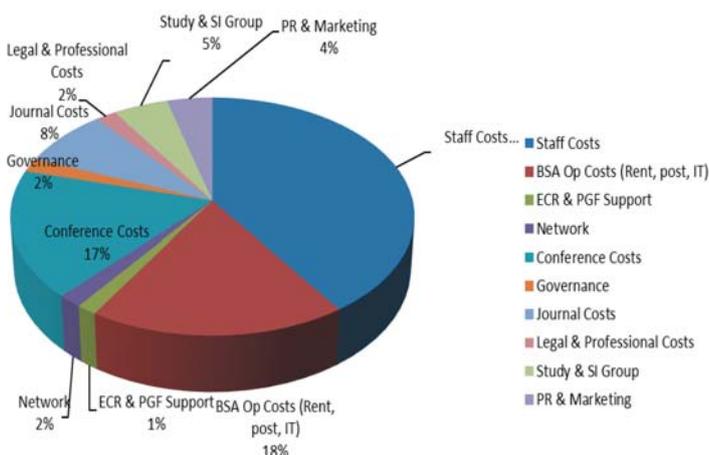
The year-end consolidated financial statements for the Association in 2019 show a surplus of £113,460 against a surplus budget of £33,130. This result is mainly attributable to the success of the royalties from the BSA/SAGE journals following the renegotiation of contracts at the beginning of 2016, the favourable increase in value of investments and the favourable movement in the pension liability. The financial statements for 2019 include gift aid from BSA Publications Ltd of £448,818. In 2020, due to the detrimental impact of Covid-19 the Association is working to a £42,506 deficit budget. The Association holds unrestricted reserves of £911,749, 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 (£208,157), property funds (£1,003,532), funds for the strategic priority (£3,529) supporting *Sociological Research Online* and funds to cover further costs of implementing the new CRM system in 2020 (£9,780).

– Dr Chris Yuill, Treasurer

## Income to December 2019



## Expenditure to December 2019



## Constitution

**T**he 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 Board of Trustees which is made up of ordinary members of the Association. The elected members of the Board are the legal Trustees of the Association. Current activities in any given year are driven and directed by the Board of Trustees and supported by an Advisory Forum which represents members across a broad range of constituencies. The Board of Trustees is also supported by a dedicated team of staff based at the Association's registered offices in Durham.

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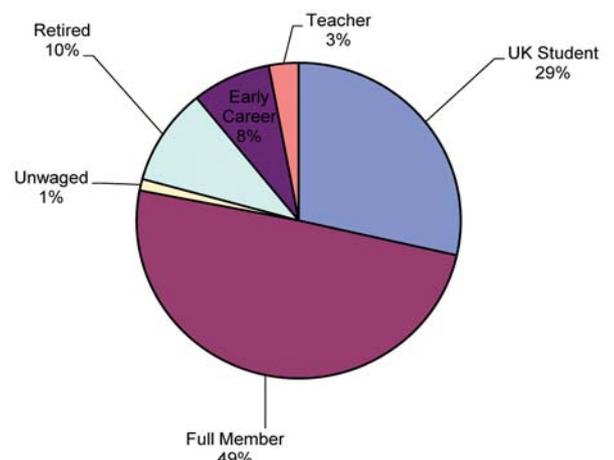
## Risk Management

**T**rustees 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 November 2019 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.

Long-, medium- and short-term risks identified included the following: IT infrastructure including cyber-security and website functionality; impact of changes to academic publishing, particularly in relation to open access; membership retention and recruitment; conference performance; overseeing the output of contractors with regards to IT, journals and media; changes in Higher Education policy and funding; diversity within the BSA; socio/political climate. 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.

– Dr Chris Yuill, Treasurer

## Membership by Category, December 31 2019



# Acknowledgements

The BSA thanks all those who gave generously of their time and expertise during the 2019 calendar year, serving in many important roles vital to ensure the smooth running of the Association and its many activities.

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