

BSA EVENTS



ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

Thursday 8th April 2010

18:00 – 18:45

**Carnegie Lecture Theatre C001, Glasgow Caledonian
University, Glasgow G4 0BA**

In the Chair: Professor Rob Mears, Chair of the BSA Council

The Annual Members' Meeting is the principal mechanism by which members can register their views on services and strategy within the Association. It is also an opportunity to discuss matters concerning the state of the discipline more widely. Members of the BSA Council will speak to the Annual Review, explaining current strategy, and will invite and listen to members' comments on the ways in which the Association is achieving its objectives.

All members are welcome

BSA STUDY GROUP EVENTS



How to get published in a BSA Journal

Wednesday 7th April at 17:00-18:30

Govan Mbeki A526C

Join us for a session on publishing in academic journals given by BSA journal editors. Learn more about the processes and key issues relevant to journal submission.



Meet the BSA Treasurer

Thursday 8th April at 15:00-15:30

Saltire Centre

Visit the Treasurer's Poster and find out about the Association's finances. The BSA Treasurer, Dr. Emmanuelle Tulle, will be on hand to answer questions.



Meet the Editors

Thursday 8th April at 18:45-19:45

Govan Mbeki A005

Join us for an opportunity to meet the BSA Publications Director and Editors of Cultural Sociology, Sociology, Sociological Research Online and Work, Employment and Society. Find out about the journals and how to submit your paper. There will also be a chance to have questions answered by the Publications Director and Editors.



Meet the Postgraduate Forum Convenors and the Early Career Forum Convenors

Saltire Centre

The BSA Postgraduate Forum Convenors and the Early Careers Forum Convenors will have exhibition stands in the Saltire Centre and be on hand throughout the conference to answer any questions and to meet conference delegates.

BSA STUDY GROUP EVENTS

BSA Ageing, Body and Society Study Group

Cultures of and Bodies of Ageing 1: Experiencing Bodily Ageing

Wednesday 7th April at 11:00 – 12:30

George Moore M402

Cochrane, B.

Growing old at the movies: Cinema-going as Embodied practice

Eman, J.

Managing ageing – a study of older former athletes

Simpson, P..

Fairy Tales: The politics of suffering, surviving
And surpassing in midlife gay Men's responses to ageing

Cultures of and Bodies of Ageing 2: Constructions and representations of older bodies by others

Wednesday 7th April at 15:30 – 17:00

George Moore M402

Iltanen-Tähkävuori, S.

The Dressed Ageing Body. Industrial Fashion Design and Practices of Women Constructing Social Age

Pickard, S.

The emergence of 'co-morbidity' as a classification and the governing of old age

Ward, R., Bytheway, B., Holland, C.

'The perception of a group in the body of the Individual' – gaining insights into everyday age

Yläne, V., Williams, A.

Viewing age: reactions to media portrayals of older people and ageing

Cultures of and Bodies of Ageing 3: Constructions of active ageing embodiment by older and younger people

Wednesday 7th April at 17:00 – 18:30

George Moore M402

Phoenix, C.

Narratives of Ageing: Projection, Inscription and the potential of Intergenerational Relationships

Tulle, E., Dorrer, N.

'It is a social thing': Divergent understandings
Issues of Identity Construction in Mature Bodybuilders.

BSA STUDY GROUP EVENTS

BSA Animal Human Study Group

Informal Networking Meeting of the Animal Human Study Group

Friday 9th April at 12:30-13:30

Govan Mbeki A303A

This informal networking meeting is open to all Study Group members and interested non-members, but primarily for postgraduate students researching in this field.

The aims of this session are to:

- provide a much needed opportunity for postgraduate students to network with peer and established researchers in the human-animal field.
- promote the Study Group to interested non-members.

BSA Families and Relationships Study Group

Rethinking Concepts: Families, Intimacies and Personal Relationships

Friday 9th April at 12:30 – 13:30

George Moore M404

There is a wealth of empirical studies on household trends and people's experiences of living together and apart-together in the UK. Critical engagements have moved away from supposed crises in 'the family' or decline in commitment, proposing new ways of understanding the connections and practices that constitute relationality in personal, intimate and family contexts. In this session we want to interrogate how far the prominent concepts of families, intimacies and personal relationships help us to understand the ways people create togetherness. Drawing together the threads of debate that emerged in the BSA Families and Relationships Study Group Colloquium (November 2009) we want to open out discussion to a wider audience. We aim to think about the ways that concepts enhance and/or restrain our capacity to know and make sense of everyday relation experience? What is the role of these concepts in grasping change and continuities in social life? How does the personal divide/separate from the social? How do these concepts distinguish from each other or link up? Do they ever merge or do they remain distinct at some level? Our engagement with these questions seeks to explore how ways of thinking and the formulation of arguments are embedded in theoretical debates that bring together understandings of personal and social worlds.

BSA Realism Study Group

Study Group Business Meeting

Friday 9th April at 12:30-13:30

Govan Mbeki A303B

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BSA Happiness Study Group

Study Group Business Meeting

Friday 9th April at 12:30-13:30

George Moore M137

BSA Scottish Study Group

Relaunch of the Scottish Studies Group: Meet and Greet

Friday 9th April at 12:30-13:30

George Moore M402

The Scottish Studies group has been re-launched this year. We are inviting old and new members to come along to a meet and greet event.

We see this study group as a forum through which researchers investigating issues relating to Scotland, its people and communities, culture and society, economy and politics within the 21st century can come together. We hope to consolidate research on Scottish society and politics in a changing global world, exploring what the global climate means in this local context and what tools we can use to explore this.

We are keen to bring together academics at all stages in their careers in a supportive environment to discuss and disseminate their work with each other and to a broader audience of activists, policy makers and practitioners. We hope to establish links with other universities and research centres which share common interests and create an informal and supportive discussion environment

We envisage the group will address multiple social, political and cultural and economic questions including

- Class identities
- Inequalities and social divisions
- Urban and rural identities and politics
- Contemporary migranhood and new communities
- Forms of nationalism, Scottishness and identities
- Sexualities, masculinities and feminities
- Politics and activism
- New media and technology
- Crime

We are keen to hear from members on these issues and help foster research agendas, methodologies and transfer knowledge

BSA STUDY GROUP EVENTS

BSA Visual Sociology Study Group

Text & Image panel 1

Wednesday 7th April at 15:30-17:00

Govan Mbeki A303A

This panel brings together three presentations from the BSA visual sociology study group responding to the theme 'text and image'. Community, space and identity are explored within three different contexts: public injecting environments in England, motherhood in inner-city Belfast, and ideas of community within minority ethnic groups in London. In 'Places of risk and hazard: public injecting environments visualised', Stephen Parkin reveals the taken for granted conditions of risk and harm and the effect of spatiality on shaping behaviour using a textual and visual model that incorporates a Bourdieuan notion of 'injecting habitus'. In 'Self directed photography and reflective interviews: a methodological snapshot', Martina McKnight and Lisa Smyth critically engage with photography as a method of accessing the everyday lives of mothers of pre-school children. Their study links ideas of motherhood, place and identity together, using photography as a way of reflecting upon aspects of life that are usually beyond comment. In 'Visualising 'community': an experiment in participatory photography', Janroj Keles completes the panel by presenting the visual and written words of a group of Kurdish workers in London using photography to explore what 'community' means to them.

Keles, J., Holgate, J., Kumarappan, L.

Visualising 'community': an experiment in participatory photography

McKnight, M., Smyth, L.

Self directed photography and reflective interviews: a methodological snap-shot

Parkin, S.

Places of risk and hazard: public injecting environments visualised

Text & Image panel 2

Thursday 8th April at 11:00-12:30

Govan Mbeki A303A

This panel brings together three presentations from the BSA visual sociology study group responding to the theme 'text and image'. Each of the presentations engages with the invitation to re-think the ways in which we might work with and combine words with still and moving images when doing social research. In 'Poetry and photography in social research', Terence Heng introduces the photograph as a visual poem, exemplified through his work on ethnic marginalisation in Singaporean Chinese weddings. In 'Photographs and text: re-thinking social research', Beatriz Véliz Argueta reflects on the role of images in the process of knowledge construction and on the parallel role of the researcher as 'image maker'. In her work, Beatriz uses images to understand society, visually documenting globalisation in emerging economies. Finally, in 'Showing and telling with video diaries', Charlotte Bates discusses the ways in which video can capture the sensorial body. She uses video both illustratively and substantively in her work on illness and the body, asking participants to 'show and tell' about

Bates, C.

Text and Image 2: Visual Sociology Study Group Panel (Charlotte Bates)

Heng, T.

Poetry and Photography in Social Research

SYMPOSIA AND PANELS

The Prospects for Sociological Research in Britain 2010 - 2015

Wednesday 7th April at 09:20 – 10:50

Govan Mbeki A526C

The future of research funding for sociology in Britain appears somewhat bleak. Likely reductions in public spending combined with ever increasing competition for research council funds raise significant strategic problems for the social science community. This round table discussion will involve a representative of the ESRC and some sociologists who have recently been engaged in offering advice to ESRC about strategic priorities, chaired by Alan Warde. Panel members will be Adrian Alsop, Director of Research at the ESRC, Sue Scott, Chair of the International Benchmarking Exercise in Sociology, John Urry, author of the 2007 report to ESRC concerning innovation in sociological research. The panel will discuss general issues of funding and strategy, their analysis of the state of sociological research in the UK, and the prospects for its future. There will be a substantial amount of time devoted in the session for participation by the audience.

Fifty Years of Impact: Reflections on the Sociological Career of Ray Pahl

Wednesday 7th April at 09:20 – 10:50

Govan Mbeki A526F

The “impact” of research is receiving much attention. This session discusses what the impact of sociological research is and how such impact comes about by focusing on the career of Ray Pahl, whose contributions to British sociology spanning the last 50 years constitute a particularly interesting case study in impact. The session involves short (10-minute) presentations from John Brewer, Chris Pickvance, Claire Wallace John Holmwood and Graham Crow, who are all familiar with different aspects of Pahl's body of work, which stretches from urban sociology to households, from all forms of work to friendship, from stratification to community, and from managers and organizations to the social-psychological consequences of success. Presenters will not assume prior knowledge of Pahl's work. Each presentation will focus on a different aspect of “impact”: that of research monographs, of working with non-academic organizations, of writing for popular publications, of international collaboration, and of teaching (including teaching non-sociologists). In each of these areas, Pahl has a distinctive profile, and he will be invited to comment on the presentations before the session is opened up for a more general discussion of the different meanings of impact, the time frames in which impact occurs, and strategies for increasing the chances of impact among members of sociology's different audiences, including politicians and government officials, community groups, and other lay audiences as well as sociologists within and beyond academia. The session will also discuss unintended impact, and whether the last 50 years have seen impact become harder for sociologists to achieve.

SYMPOSIA AND PANELS

Getting Grants: Advice for Early Career Sociologists

Wednesday 7th April at 11:00 – 12:30

Govan Mbeki A526C

In this session, Alan Warde, who is currently the Sociology representative on the ESRC Research Grants Board, will talk about the processes involved in getting a grant from the Research Councils. He will outline some of the available schemes and some of the characteristics of a successful application. Some time will be spent on explaining the criteria that committees use to distinguish among the many excellent applications they receive in a highly competitive situation. This session would be suitable for postgraduate students nearing the end of their degrees, postdoctoral researchers and early career lecturers and research associates.

Headlines without forehead lines: Getting the best from the media

Wednesday 7th April at 12:30 – 13:30

George Moore M137

'The views of scientists, politicians and psychologists about our society fill the newspapers, radio, TV and web. Is there a reason why sociologists can't get equal billing? Tony Trueman, the BSA's media consultant, believes not, and in this workshop he explains how to go about making your research part of the news agenda. He will say what makes a successful press release, some advice on broadcasting and the pitfalls to avoid when dealing with the media.

Tony is a former Fleet Street reporter. He has worked in communications for six non-profit organisations, and was Head of Communications for the University of Bath.'

Launch of the ESRC International Benchmarking Report on Sociology

Wednesday 7th April at 15:30 – 17:00

Govan Mbeki A526C

SYMPOSIA AND PANELS

Author Meets Critics / Public Loïc Wacquant

Wednesday 7th April at 15:30 – 17:00

Carnegie Lecture Theatre C001

Loïc Wacquant will discuss the empirical basis, methodological rationale, and theoretical aims, as well as the analytic linkages between, his investigations into the body, the ghetto, and the penal state, as anchored by his three books *Body and Soul* (2004), *Urban Outcasts* (2008), and *Punishing the Poor* (2009). The format of this session is direct discussion between the author and the audience (especially doctoral students in search of practical guidance to design and implement their own research projects).

Loïc WACQUANT is Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, and Researcher at the Centre de sociologie européenne, Paris. His many books span urban relegation, incarnation, the penal state, ethnoracial domination, and social theory.

Debating Neoliberal Scotland Workshop / Debate

Thursday 9th April at 11:00 – 12:30

Govan Mbeki A426F

Miller, D, Davidson, N, McCafferty, P, Mooney, G., Law, A, Paton, K.

Academics based in Scotland, might have been expected to analyse the effects of neoliberalism here. Such expectations have, however, been disappointed—and not because neoliberalism has miraculously bypassed Scotland. Britain, along with the USA, was one of the first sites for the neoliberal experiment. Indeed, one of the flagship policies of the second phase of British neoliberalism, the Private Finance Initiative, was launched in Scotland with the construction and operation of the Skye Bridge. As part of the British state, Scotland has experienced, and continues to experience, the effect of these policies to the same extent as the rest of the UK, with only minor variations since the establishment of devolved government in 1999. Indeed, in many respects, the application of neoliberalism actually became more extensive under the Labour and Liberal Democrat governments than even under their Conservative predecessors, and this has yet to be addressed, other than at the margins, by their minority Scottish National Party (SNP) successor. Yet only with the onset of a new period of capitalist crisis have commentators outside of the radical left apparently noticed that Scotland has been subject to the same neoliberal regime as the rest of the world, and even now it is journalists rather than academics who show the greatest awareness of this fact. This workshop/Debate will provide contending accounts of how to understand ‘Neoliberal Scotland’ and explain why the academy has failed for so long to engage in debate on the issue.

SYMPOSIA AND PANELS

‘Real’ Violence in a ‘Hyper-Real’ World

Thursday 8th April at 13:30 – 15:00

Govan Mbeki A526F

Inspired by two recently completed research projects (one in cosmetic surgery and hyper-reality and other on violence and social justice) the seminar workshop examines the representations and representative transformations of violence and its various expressions. Through a combination of speeches and images, audio and video presentations, this seminar-workshop emphasises the difficulties in conceptualisation, definition and identification of violence and the related challenges of prevention, intervention, reparation/indemnification, reform and rehabilitation. The authors offer a psycho-social and socio-psychological analysis of violence and introduce what they have coined as the ‘language of violence’. The participants will be induced to reflect on definitions, aspects and representations of violence in their own lives and to experience the fused/unified nature of real and hyper-real experiences of violence. The authors suggest that violence is a mode of communication and a communicative expression and needs to be addressed through a re-education in new avenues for personal expression and reframing and resolution of past associations and traumas. The authors proceed to present some of the more significant effects of a normalised ‘language of violence’ and examine its substantial implications for the individuals, the society and social policy, including a variety of issues such as prevention and management of violence (violent crimes, issues of individual safety, domestic violence, child abuse, etc.) and mitigating its effects and outcomes (victim programmes, rehabilitative approaches, etc.). The session format will be (speech, workshop, speech, comment/questions).

The state of economic sociology: current and future

Thursday 8th April at 15:30 – 17:00

Govan Mbeki A303B

The economy, and more specifically work relationships, were central to classical sociological theory, and remained a key feature of the discipline in postwar Britain. However, since the ‘cultural turn’ the sociology of work has played a decreasing role in undergraduate syllabi. Fewer Sociology PhD students study economic topics. Moreover, for a long time the site of economic sociology has been split, with many industrial and organisational sociologists located in business schools. The discussion will address issues such as: what is the current state of economic sociology in the UK, defined both narrowly (the American definition, focusing on markets and their regulation) and more broadly (the sociology of economic phenomena, which includes work)? What is its institutional base? Is there sufficient support from departments? What is happening to the teaching of it at ug and pg levels? How is placed within the discipline of sociology as a whole? What are its contributions in terms of research and scholarship? What will be its future concerns and how might its fortunes be restored?

Speakers:

Harriet Bradley, University of Bristol
Tim Strangleman, University of Kent
Chris Warhurst, Strathclyde University

EXHIBITIONS

Publishers' Exhibition

The publishers' exhibition is located in the Saltire Centre, Glasgow Caledonian University. Stand staff will be available to speak with delegates for the duration of the conference.

Exhibitors include:

- British Sociological Association
- Sage Publications (Conference Dinner Sponsor)
- C-SAP (Conference Internet Café Sponsor)
- Proquest (Conference Programme Sponsor)
- Taylor and Francis
- Palgrave Macmillan
- Wiley Blackwell
- Bloomsbury Academic Press
- Edwin Mellen Press
- Cambridge University Press
- Ashgate Publishing
- The Policy Press
- Oxford University Press (unmanned display)
- Pearson (unmanned display)

Publishers' Reception

Thursday 8th April at 20:00-20:45

Saltire Centre