The contemporary relevance of the work of Pierre Bourdieu

BSA Bourdieu Study Group’s Inaugural Biennial Conference 2016

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Pierre Bourdieu has been one of the most influential sociologists of the second half of the 20th Century. His work, which has been translated into more than 24 languages, has had a significant impact on contemporary sociology internationally. Bourdieu’s importance shows no signs of decreasing as newer generations of sociologists unpack and expand his theoretical framework to a wide range of present-day sociological issues and case studies. Nonetheless, previous arguments repeatedly seem to resurface on whether Bourdieu’s ideas – developed over 50 years ago in a different era and the specific context of France – are empirically persuasive today.

From its establishment in 2012, the British Sociological Association’s (BSA) Bourdieu Study Group has sought to critically examine and extend the application of Bourdieusian social theory in contemporary research. This conference aims to further this endeavour by bringing together international researchers from different areas of inquiry and stages of career who are using Bourdieu. Through doing so, this three day event will highlight and pull together the various complementary ways in which Bourdieu’s intellectual heritage is being developed internationally.

Keynote Speakers/Panellists:

Dr Will Atkinson (University of Bristol), Professor Gill Crozier (University of Roehampton), Professor David James (Cardiff University), Dr Joseph Ibrahim (Leeds Beckett University), Dr Lisa McKenzie (London School of Economics), Professor Tariq Modood (University of Bristol), Professor Diane Reay (Cambridge University), Professor Derek Robbins (University of East London), Dr Nicola Rollock (University of Birmingham), Professor Mike Savage (London School of Economics), Professor Elizabeth Silva (The Open University)

Workshop Coordinators and Discussants:

Dr Will Atkinson, Dr Michael Benson, Professor Harriet Bradley, Dr Ciaran Burke, Professor Gill Crozier, Dr Sam Friedman, Professor David James, Dr Joseph Ibrahim, Dr Nicola Ingram, Dr Daniel Laurison, Dr Lisa McKenzie, Professor Gregor McLennan, Professor Diane Reay, Professor Derek Robbins, Professor Elizabeth Silva, Dr Derron Wallace
All delegates will be able to attend two workshops and have eight to choose from:

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**Useful Information**

_The organisers cannot pay for participants’ travel and accommodation. The following will be provided for all participants: Refreshments and lunch during the conference; an evening meal on the first and second night of the conference._

Cancellations received up to and including 30 March 2016 will incur an administration fee of £50.

Cancellations received after 30 March 2016 will not be eligible for a refund on any fees-related registration.

The Bourdieu Study Group cannot be held responsible for unforeseen circumstances that change the advertised programme.

**Important information**

**Registration**

- BSA Student members: £220
- BSA Members: £260
- Non-BSA Members: £290

**RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS**


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