

BSA Bourdieu Study Group Event Thursday 13th December 2012

Gender and Bourdieu, “Is doing gender unavoidable?”

Bourdieu first entered the sociological discussion of gender relationships in the 1990s. In 1998 he published *La Domination masculine*. Bourdieu argues that the relations between men and women are tied to masculine domination and that this masculine domination or habitus gives men and women a specific role in society.

Bourdieu's work often causes divisions between feminists. Many argue that although he explored gender relations in his work he paid very little attention to feminist theory, focusing instead on gendering of taste or how structured sexual division of labour generates a sexually differentiated perspective on the world. However, others dispute this insisting that his contribution has scarcely been recognized by feminists. They claim that one of Bourdieu's most important insights is that gender is present in all social relationships. Furthermore, Bourdieu's work is valuable to feminist approaches because theoretical frameworks and political programmes are always embedded in social relations.

There has been a range of responses to Bourdieu from feminists and this event will aim to bring together different perspectives for discussion with key note speakers: Dr Catherine Hakim, Dr Lisa Mckenzie and Professor Derek Robbins.

Timetable:

- 10-30-11.00: Registration and tea and coffee
- 11.00-12.15: Dr Catherine Hakim key note speech
- 12.15-13.15: Lunch
- 13.15-14.30: Dr Lisa Mckenzie key note speech
- 14.30-14.45: Refreshments
- 14.45-16.00: Prof. Derek Robbins Key note speech: “La domination masculine and social constructionism”.
- 16.00-17.00: Discussions with key note speakers
- 17.00-17.30: Wine reception.

Venue: School of Law and Social Science, University of East London, Docklands Campus.

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