

BSA Bourdieu Study Group Event in Conjunction with the Centre for the Analysis of Social Policy (CASP)

Venue: University of Bath

Tuesday 5th November 2013

12pm -5pm followed by a wine reception 5pm – 6pm

Measuring Social Class: Bourdieusian Approaches

Speakers: Prof. Mike Savage (London School of Economics) &
Dr. Will Atkinson (University of Bristol)

Debates around ways of measuring social class have recently gained momentum through the work of Savage et al, popularized by the Great British Class Survey, a major study of social class patterns in contemporary Britain. This work draws on the many criticisms that have persisted over the last decade or more about the inadequacy of models of class analysis that rely fundamentally on an economic measurement of class position. These criticisms flag up the complexities of social class measurement and suggest that other factors such as social and cultural capital are important in trying to locate someone's class position. These multiple factors of analysis have become increasingly important as patterns of work and consumption have changed with the loss of industry within the UK and other capitalist societies. This workshop aims to generate discussion about the best ways to try to define and measure social class in contemporary Britain. It will do so by drawing on Bourdieusian theory and engaging with papers by Professor Mike Savage and Dr. Will Atkinson, who each offer their own perspective on utilizing a multiple capitals approach to ascertaining class positioning. It will interrogate the problems and benefits of using these approaches and consider the best ways in which Bourdieusian theory can forward class analysis. The workshop is limited to 50 people and will involve keynote presentations as well as discussion groups.

This event costs £30 for BSA members and £40 for non-members and includes refreshments and lunch.

To register please go to:

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Early booking is recommended as we anticipate this to be a popular event.

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