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STRATEGY 2017- 2019

The BSA has identified key priorities in the period 2017-2019 underpinned by three consistent strategic goals linked to the values of the Association.

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

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.

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SPECIAL INTEREST & STUDY GROUP CONVENORS

The BSA currently operates a network of more than 40 study groups, each focusing on a specific area of interest within sociology. These networks help individuals with specialised research and teaching interests to connect and develop their own events. Sociologists come in all shapes and sizes so members have formed special interest groups such as the Sociologists Outside of Academia Group (SOA), the Teaching Group, the Race Advisory Forum, the Activism in Sociology um, bringing people together with sim nal lives.

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EVENTS 2016

14 January

Bourdieu Study Group: Bourdieu - The Next Generation

Cardiff University

18 January

Early Career Forum Regional Event - Embodied Citizenship: Mediating the state through the self University of Nottingham

20 January

SocRel Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Study Day - Religion and the Media BSA Meeting Room, London

19 February

Climate Change, Environment & Health and London Medical Sociology Study Groups -Environment and Human Health: Social Perspectives: One Day Workshop London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

19 February

Violence and Society Study Group Symposium The Decline of Violence Thesis BSA Meeting Room, London

26 February

Ageing, Body and Society Study Group 7th Annual Conference - Ageing and Culture University of Manchester

Violence Against Woman Study Group: Working Towards Women's Freedom From Violence University of Chester

9 March

Yorkshire MedSoc Group Seminar - Public Health, Inequality and Neoliberalism University of Sheffield

11 March

Postgraduate Regional Event - Educational (in)equalities: Towards an Elite But Not Elitist Society

University of Warwick

14 March

Medical Sociology Scottish Group Inaugural Conference - Public Engagement and Research Impact: Challenges and Opportunities for Medical Sociology

Trades Hall of Glasgow

15 March

Climate Change Study Group Workshop -Writing Excellent Articles about Society & the Environment

University of Nottingham

16 March

Early Career Forum Regional Event -Demystifying the 'Insider/Outsider', 'Involvement/Detachment' Debate - Locating the Researcher in Qualitative Methodologies Sheffield Hallam University

22 March

Postgraduate Regional Forum - Moving Beyond the Binaries of Sex and Gender: Non-Binary

Identities, Bodies and Discourses

University of Leeds

Postgraduate Forum Pre-Conference Aston University, Birmingham

Presidential Event - Sociology in and of Birmingham: Studying and Celebrating

Birmingham Midland Institute

6-8 April

Annual Conference - Global Societies: Fragmenting and Connecting Aston University, Birmingham

13 April

Early Career Forum Regional Event -Ethnography in Action: Bouncers, Boxers and **Drug Dealers**

Manchester Metropolitan University

15 April

Early Career Forum Regional Event - What Next for Childhood Studies? Pushing boundaries University of Edinburgh 16 April

One Day Symposium - Early Career Feminist Academics' Experience of the Academy University of Birmingham

Alcohol Study Group Event - How Do Different Disciplines Talk About Alcohol and How Can We Work Better Together?

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

5-6 May Climate Change Study Group - Re-configuring

12 May Postgraduate Regional Event - Researching Social Inequality Across the Social Sciences -

Contemporary Sociological Analyses of Power

Everyday Practices for a Post-carbon World

University of Birmingham

University of Surrey

18 May

and Exclusion

Violence and Society Study Group Symposium -Towards Zero Violence? The Decline of Violence Thesis Lancaster University

Postgraduate Regional Event - Precarious Places, Precarious Lives

Teesside University

University of St Andrews

Postgraduate Regional Event - Examining Normativity in Consumer Culture and Labour Markets

Media Study Group Seminar - Gender, Crime and

Birmingham City University

Human Reproduction Study Group Annual

De Montfort University, Leicester

MedSoc Deconstructing Donation Study Group

Lancaster University

University of Abertay, Dundee

Leeds Beckett University

27-28 June

Conference

Citizenship Study Group and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Standing Group on Citizenship - Political Citizenship and Social Movements University of Portsmouth

Postgraduate Regional Event - A Digital Turn? Emergence of a Digital Sociology

Digital Sociology and MedSoc Yorkshire Groups · Digital Health/Digital Capitalism One Day Conference

Bourdieu Study Group Annual Conference 2016 University of Bristol

12-14 July

Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference - Construction and Disruption: The Power of Religion in the Public Sphere Lancaster University

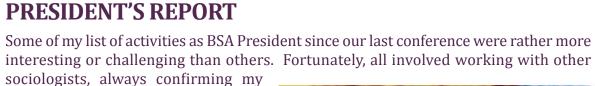
6-8 September

Work, Employment and Society Conference - In, Against and Beyond Precarious Work University of Leeds

7-9 September

Medical Sociology Annual Conference Aston University, Birmingham

To find out more about events hosted by the British Sociological Association please visit www.britsoc.co.uk/events





dialogue with the Department of Education about revisions in the Sociology GCSE, attending the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS) dinner in Cardiff and writing privately to senior university management in defence of Sociology when events seemed to make

Some of these activities will come back to you. The benchmarks are now out for consultation. The document was circulated round the heads and professors email list resulting in some good email feedback and it can be downloaded from the QAA website. There were rumours that the QAA was being abolished and its future may be uncertain but it still seems important to try and do a good job. One of the recent outputs of the External Affairs Committee, with the help of our previous president, John Holmwood, is the BSA statement/letter on academic freedom in Turkey, which is again in the public domain. Good links between the ISA, ASA and BSA enhance the likelihood of us all responding in whatever way we can to the persecution some sociologists face for being critical of their government.

Then, there was the excitement of my first foray into creating an event attended by school pupils. You can read Eileen Green's account of this in the January 2016 enewsletter and also in the spring edition of Network. I hope to make it an annual London event and perhaps to try replicating it elsewhere. Now there's the annual pleasure of reading books for the Philip Abrams prize. Also, I am hosting another public event on the eve of this year's conference in Birmingham, which I hope will showcase sociology's contribution to studying and celebrating diversity in that great city. I hope to see you in Birmingham.

> **Prof Lynn Jamieson** President

CHAIR'S REPORT

Last year was a very positive one for the BSA. The Trustees engaged external consultant Shirley Otto to complete a governance review with the Board, the President and staff.

Her work, together with a survey of BSA membership and an independent bench marking survey conducted by the Compass Group, form the basis of the report which came to the Board of Trustees in September 2015. As part of this, our key priorities for the next two years are grouped under three strategic goals: Promote Ensure the BSA is Sustainable. We have also reviewed the working behaviours of the



Board, paying attention to transparency and measurable progress. The Board has also heard members' criticism of the format of the Annual Members Meeting at Annual Conference. We are piloting a new approach in April 2016 at Aston. Come and join us on Thursday 7th April at 18:45 and tell us what you think.

The good news that membership remains consistent, thanks to our hard working Membership Directors and staff who have been considering membership needs very carefully in the past year. The Board also agreed to increase support for post graduates and early career members who will be the new ambassadors of the Association. We were delighted to receive so many proposals to run postgraduate events from universities across the UK, some of the successful bidders are already recruiting participants. The lively events organised by the convenors of our 65 study groups and special interest groups are also a keen example of the on-going, vibrant and diverse activities of members and are vital to the BSA remaining an active, outgoing association which promotes sociology.

Additional good news for members concerns the Publications Directors' successful renegotiation of the major publishing contract with SAGE. I was very impressed with the professionalism and courtesy displayed by both the BSA team, supported by Publications Officer Alison Danforth and the staff at SAGE. Details are available in *Network* but additional benefits to members include: free member access to new sociology journals and e-books and more support for BSA

Challenges across the year include making slower progress with the new website than we would have wished. Solid progress has been made but the Trustees made a decision to refocus the project and support the development of an interim website, the final testing of which is nearing completion as I write. Work is also underway to agree a plan with the providers to complete the website integration and new online user functionality. New IT systems are notorious for their failure to be developed within planned schedules and unfortunately ours is no exception!

2015 has proved a challenging year for me as new Chair but, as I look forward to an exciting Annual Conference at Aston University in April, I would like to thank all Trustees and staff who have contributed to making the past year a success.

Prof Eileen Green

AWARDS

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 2015 the following awards were conferred:

BSA Distinguished Service to British Sociology Award John Eldridge **BBC-BSA Thinking Allowed Award for Ethnography**

Ruben Andersson **BSA National 6th Form Sociology Prize**

Tilly Allen, Katharine Lady Berkeley's School **BSA Annual Conference Best Poster Prize**

SAGE Best Pecha Kucha Presentation Prize Lisa McKenzie

Publications Prizes

Nell Beecham

• BSA Philip Abrams Memorial Prize Monica Krause

The Good Project: Humanitarian Relief NGOs and the Fragmentation of Reason

SAGE Prizes for Innovation and/or Excellence **Cultural Sociology**

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Cosmopolitanism as Translation, 8.4: 392 **Sociological Research Online**

The Dereliction Tourist: Ethical Issues of Conducting Research in Areas of Industrial Ruination, 19.4

Sociology Julia Nast and Talja Blokland

Social Mix Revisited: Neighbourhood Institutions as Setting for

Boundary Work and Social Capital, 48.3: 482 Work, employment and Society

Andrew Brown

Critical realism in social research: approach with caution, 28.1: 112

considered in conjunction with Steve Fleetwood

Critical realism and systematic dialectics: a reply to Andrew Brown, 28.1: 124 Awarded jointly with Martin Krzywdzinski

Do investors avoid strong trade unions and labour regulation? Social dumping in the European automotive and chemical industries, 28.6: 926

Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness Book of the Year Prize Liberty Walther Barnes Conceiving Masculinity: Male Infertility, Medicine and Identity

BSA Phil Strong Memorial Prize

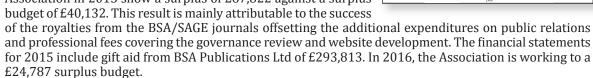
Exploring understandings of patient involvement in patient safety

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Auditors Haines Watts were reappointed for year-end 31 December 2015. They have continued to monitor and enhance financial controls within the Association. This financial year is the first 12 month period to fall in line with the membership and royalties year-end.

The three principal sources of income for the Association are membership subscriptions, annual conference registration fees and publication sales. 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 2015 show a surplus of £67,822 against a surplus



The Association holds unrestricted reserves of £929,194, 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 (£236,271), a pension liability fund in the event of withdrawal from the current scheme (£100,334), the new website and information services project (£20,000) and the London property

STATUS, CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE

The 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 (formerly called BSA Council) 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.

RISK MANAGEMENT 2015

Trustees 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 September 2015 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.

Short-, medium- and long-term risks identified included the following: cuts in Higher Education funding; conference financial outcomes; implementation of a new website; relationships within the governance structure; publishing industry developments in relation to journals; renewal of journal publishing contracts; the protection of the Association's reserves in the current economic climate; recruitment and effective working of the Board of Trustees; membership retention and recruitment; editorial team appointments. 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.

Prof Linda McKie Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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2015 - John Eldridge

BBC-BSA Ethnography Award

The British Sociological Association, with a total of 2,617 members in 2015, is the largest professional sociological organisation of its kind in the UK, providing a platform for networking, professional development, engagement and dissemination of ideas within

and beyond the discipline of sociology. The membership figure is slightly lower than in 2014 but in general membership remains relatively constant. The core of the organisation is constituted of a diverse range of study groups, reflecting the variety of specialisms and sub-fields within the sociological spectrum. With respect to the latter, it is estimated that events organised by the various groupings within the BSA attract around 2500 participants annually.

In recent years we have been sensitive to the possibility that changes to publishing income models might mean that membership would have to increase its role in financially sustaining the activities that PAM Prize Winner 2015 Monica Krause further the Association's goals. This, we believe, can be achieved by attracting greater numbers of members. We have been proactive in working to grow membership in light of these developments and will continue to do so in the coming year. It is our goal to ensure that membership is 'fit for purpose', and that members feel able to express their views on future developments. We will work conscientiously to ensure that all consultations are considered and that decisions are communicated clearly.

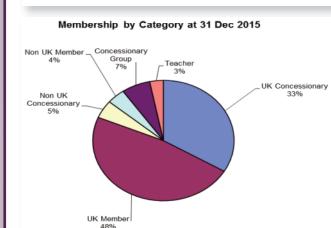
Membership continues to provide access to a package of services including a monthly enewsletter, triannual issues of BSA magazine *Network*, professional advice and support in a number of areas, a range of face-to-face and virtual networking and career opportunities. Our website, which will be updated in the coming year, promotes UK and worldwide sociological events, calls for papers, and a range of other opportunities, including the jobs board.

Members select to receive print journals Sociology or Work, employment & society free as part of their membership. They can also subscribe to *Cultural Sociology* at a much-reduced rate. Members are also eligible for other journal and book discounts by ordering direct from SAGE Publishing. In addition to print journals, members have free online access to the SAGE Sociology Journal Collection and SAGE Research

Over the last twelve months the Association continued to promote the discipline by hosting more than 56 events. We also continue to offer the Discover Sociology booklet, which has proven a popular resource for encouraging students to engage with sociology. The Association's property (purchased in 2009), located in south west London, continues to provide a key resource for members and many meetings have taken

place there, including Board of Trustees and a number of study groups.

Membership Numbers 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015



The BSA has numerous reciprocal arrangements with other associations, which means that members can attend other association events at reduced rates and enjoy benefits offered by other associations.

The Support Fund continues to be an important source of financial support for our concessionary members. Successful applicants benefit from up to £250 of support for research-related expenses and event attendance.

The Association also works with members teaching sociology at the school and 6th form colleges. Entries from all over the country were submitted for the BSA Teaching Group National Sixth Form Sociology Competition sponsored by Polity. This year's question was 'What is the most important topic for sociologists to study over the next 20 years?' A new winner for the current competition is to be announced as we go to print.

Prof John Bone, Mr Rampaul Chamba, Dr Lisa MacKenzie, Dr Aaron Winter Membership Services Directors

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

The BSA has been active in external affairs over the past year in the context of promoting sociology and sociologists and also drawing on our expertise in relation to a range of issues and consultations. We have established an External Affairs Committee which is made up of the Director of External Affairs (Chair), the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, the Chief Executive (Ex Officio) and the following co-opted members: the President, the immediate Past President, the Chair of Heads and Professors of Sociology and an Honorary Vice President. We will also invite other BSA members to join us in relation to specific issues. Below is a brief summary of some of the topics we have addressed in 2015.

ESRC: On the future direction of ESRC; the future postgraduate training; the demographic review of the social sciences. We have also organized an open discussion with the ESRC CEO - Jane Elliot - at the 2016 Annual

The REF: The role of metrics in the REF; the internationalization of the REF; The Stern Review.

Future of content of the Census: Stressing the importance, not only of the existence of the census as baseline demographic data for much social science research, but of the inclusion of a range of questions which might have been under threat of exclusion.

The future of A level sociology: The A level will now continue.

The future of GCSE sociology: The GCSE will now continue.

We are continuing to develop the **Discover Sociology website** in order to engage more fully with the future

We aim to ensure the BSA is represented at key meetings of the **European Sociological Association (ESA)** and the International Sociological Association (ISA) and have underwritten the funding for the ISA International PhD lab to be held in Birmingham before the 2016 Annual Conference. The intention is to foster closer links with the ISA in support of international sociology.

We continue to work closely with the **Academy of Social Sciences** (AcSS) and were represented on the Working Party for the development of the 'Business of People' and involved in its launch. We continue to support The Campaign for Social Science. We have established a Nominations Committee to better facilitate BSA nominations to the AcSS and 13 of the 15 nominees we put forward in December 2015 were successful.

We aim to continue to work closely with The Heads and Professors of Sociology (HaPS) in order to ensure that we support sociology and sociologists across the HE Sector. We expect to continue to respond jointly, as appropriate, to consultations in the future.

Our research project on the REF (with HaPS) continues. It is designed to explore the implications of the 2014 and future REFs for sociology. We have received questionnaire responses from 64 'Departments' and in-depth interviews are being carried out with key people in a set of 'case study' HEIs. We anticipate a full report in the summer of 2016.

Prof Sue Scott External Affairs Director

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

In pursuit of the three main strategic objectives of the Association, to promote sociology, support sociologists and sustain the BSA, the Publications Committee was

busy during 2015. Its remit includes oversight of the progress and performance of the journals, upon the success of which the Association is highly dependent financially. As reports from the journal editors indicate, all the titles in our collection are in good health and are pursuing further innovations.

A significant part of the Committee's time and effort was devoted to reviewing the general strategy governing our journals and determining how best to secure their medium-term future. This necessarily



involved making the very important decisions about what should happen once the current contract with SAGE came to an end in 2017. After considering various possibilities, we have successfully negotiated a fresh contract with SAGE for the publication of Sociology, Work, employment and society and Cultural Sociology on terms favourable to the BSA, which offers various additional new benefits for members.

The Committee is also responsible for other types of publications which are part of the BSA's charitable charter to promote sociology and sociological research to a wide audience. Sociologists' Tales was published in early 2015, and a new book series has been set up, to be published by Policy Press at Bristol, which is aiming at the trade book market, that is to say at public audiences beyond the university and normal scholarly channels of circulation. The first editorial team of the series was appointed in late 2015, comprising Les Back, Pamela Cox and Nasar Meer. They will be commissioning books imminently and we expect that the series will indeed bring sociological insight into key social and political issues to a broad audience. Also the first volumes in the Sociological Futures series were published in 2015. Others are in the pipeline for 2016 and the Editors, Eileen Green, John Horne, Caroline Oliver and Louise Ryan, welcome proposals for further books in the series. More information: www.routledge.com/series/SOCFUT

The conclusion of 2015 brought the realisation of a number of projects begun much earlier. We are looking forward to 2016 and seeing more of the fruits of the Committee's efforts.

> Prof Rose Barbour, Prof David Inglis, Prof Louise Ryan, Prof Alan Warde **Publications Directors**

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS REPORT

The BSA is an eclectic collective that brings together a broad range of academic researchers, teachers and other interested parties, to network, collaborate and promote sociology as an academic discipline that seeks to offer a comprehensive analysis and understanding of the diverse issues confronting contemporary societies. Given the wide-ranging nature of sociological interests, the discipline has spawned a large number of specialisms and sub-fields, many



of which are represented by the Study Groups that, to a great extent, form the backbone of the organisation.

The diverse and vibrant character of the BSA is demonstrated in the size and variety of our programme of events (56 in total) and perhaps most clearly celebrated at the Association's Annual Conference where members and non-members come together to present research and discuss a broad range of, often, challenging and critical ideas and themes.

In 2015, the Annual Conference was held at the Glasgow Caledonian University, with the topical theme of 'Societies in Transition' and 16 individual streams in specific areas of sociological studies. Participation decreased slightly on 2014 with 776 attendees (with 793 in 2014). The conference included plenary presentations from Alice Goffman (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Colin Samson (University of Essex)

and Guy Standing (SOAS, University of London). In addition to traditional paper sessions, the BSA also delivers a range of more specialised events: in 2015 there were six special events and four symposia. We introduced the 'Pecha Kucha' presentation style for the first time in the Annual Conference's 64-year histor There were six presentation slots with Pecha Kucha presentations on a range of sociological subjects and a prize, sponsored by SAGE Publishing, was awarded to Lisa McKenzie for her presentation about public sociology and the BBC Class Survey.



The BSA also hosts a number of highly popular postgraduate events (4 of the 56 events), which are organized by postgraduates themselves: these events



Annual Conference 2015 Poster Prize Winner Nell Beecham (University of Oxford). & Pecha Kucha prize winner Lisa McKenzie

exam boards. Three events were organised in 2015 in

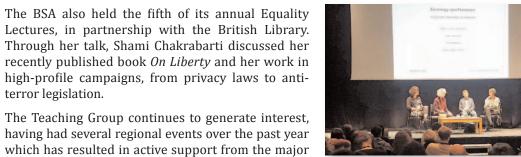
Birmingham, London and Brighton.

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provide a platform for fledgling sociologists to present their work, gain professional skills and to engage with colleagues across the discipline.

Over the past year the Study Groups were actively involved in organising over 49 well-attended specialist events, reflecting the range of interests of our members.

The 47th Annual Medical Sociology Conference was held at the University of York and attracted 366 delegates. Plenary speakers were Professor Joanna Latimer (Cardiff University) and Professor Sue Ziebland



Presidential Event 2015

For the future, the BSA is intent on delivering a diverse and exciting range of opportunities where members can meet, exchange ideas and, crucially, engage with and develop work that might contribute in a variety of ways to the enhancement of collective and individual social lives.

Prof John Bone, Mr Rampaul Chamba, Dr Lisa MacKenzie, Dr Aaron Winter Membership Services Directors

PUBLICATIONS

Book Review Editors:

Board Members:

Issues per year:

European Review Editors:

The BSA currently publishes a variety of books and journals.

We thank the many people who contribute their time to these publications, including the Editors, Board members, peer reviewers and our publishing partners: SAGE, Routledge, the University of Surrey and the University of Stirling.

Current Editors of our publications are listed below.

Cultural Sociology Journal

David Inglis (University of Exeter) North American Editor:

Robin Wagner-Pacifici (New School of Social Research, NYC, USA) Garry Crawford (University of Salford)

> Dagmar Danko (Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Germany) 24 Editorial Board members, 36 International Advisory Board

4 (March, June, September and December)

Sociological Research Online Journal

Editors 2012-2016 Rachel Brooks & Paul Hodkinson (University of Surrey) **Editors 2016-2019:** Steven Roberts (Monash University) & Charlie Walker (University of Southampton)

Review Editors: Edwin van Teijlingen (Bournemouth University) & Katharine Venter (University of Leicester) **Chair of Management Board:** Nigel Gilbert (University of Surrey)

Chair of Editorial Board 2014-2016: Henrietta O'Connor (University of Leicester) **Editorial Assistant:** Catherine Norris (University of Surrey) 11 Management Board members, 47 Editorial Board members, 22 **Board members:**

Associate Board Members Issues per year: 4 (February, May, August and November)

Sociology Journal Editors 2013-2017:

Andrew King (University of Surrey), Karim Murji (Open University), Sarah Neal (University of Surrey), Sophie Watson (Open University) & Kath Woodward (Open University)

Chair of Editorial Board 2015-2018: Louise Ryan (Middlesex University) 30 Editorial Board members, 30 Associate

Board members and 14 International Advisory Board members

6 (February, April, June, August, October and Issues per year:

Work, employment and society Journal Editors-in-chief 2015-2017:

Andrew Danford & Melanie Simms (University of Leicester)

Editors 2015-2017: Vanessa Beck, Paul Brook, Robert Carter, Ian Clark, Nik Hammer & Shireen Kanji (University of Leicester) Chair of Editorial Board 2015-2018: Jacqueline O'Reilly (University of Brighton)

31 Editorial Board members, 30 Associate Board members and 28 **Board members:** International Advisory Board members

6 (February, April, June, August, October, December) Sociological Futures Book Series

Board members:

Eileen Green (Teesside University), John Horne (University of Central Lancashire), Caroline Oliver (University of Oxford)

& Louise Ryan (Middlesex University)

WEBSITE 2015

After a challenging year, progress on the website and information services continues. Due to the complex nature of combining the redevelopment of the website with the upgrade of our CRM, the project will be launched in phases.

Visits to the website reached 241,000 over the course of the year, which is a slight drop from 2014. 'What is Sociology' remains our most popular page, with over 43,000 views.

In 2015, the Association has also been working on the Discover Sociology website, intended as a resource for parents, students and teachers interested in the discipline. Content and design is in progress and we hope for a launch sometime in 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY 2015

The Association's communications activities constitute communication with members and with the public through social media, press releases and also *Network* and enews.

The Association's social media following continues to grow, with our Facebook page having over 7,140 These figures represent a significant rise on 2014.

In 2015 the Media Consultant Tony Trueman, issued 17 press releases and took over 40 enquiries from the media. Tony attended the Annual and MedSoc Conferences, providing media support at the events. Directly as a result of the press releases, the BSA was mentioned in the following media:

Year	2015
National newspapers and websites	29
National radio	1
International media online	75
Specialist media online	107
Local radio	4
Local media websites	8
Magazines	0

This is a total of **224** items (204 in 2014).

Member Communications:

In 2015, Tony Trueman edited three editions of *Network* with a total of 140 pages, writing in-depth articles on the following:

Sociology and the REF The Sociologists' Tales book on

sociologists' careers

• The MedSoc Annual Conference Forgotten sociologists (based on a new book)

The history of *Network* (40th anniversary) • Sociology teaching in Europe

The Annual Conference

Monthly enewsletters were prepared and sent throughout 2015, providing members with timely updates on Association news, events and publications.

Three issues of *The Sociology Teacher* were published in 2015, edited chiefly by Teaching Group Member and Convenor Patrick Robinson, with layout and design

support provided by Chris Doyle of DMWM.

Editorial Team: Issues per year:

Network

Danforth & Sophie Jaques 3 (Spring, Summer, Autumn/Winter)

The Sociology Teacher **Editorial Board:**

Patrick Robinson, Jonathan Blundell & Pam Burrage 3 (Autumn/Winter, Spring, Summer)



Issues per year:

Judith Mudd, Tony Trueman, Alison