

## **‘On the Street Where you Live’: Bourdieuian analysis of socio-spatial hierarchy**

**BSA Bourdieu Study Group Event**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014  
London**

**Key Note Speakers:** [Dr Paul Watt](#) (Birkbeck) [Dr Michaela Benson](#) (Goldsmith) [Dr Tracey Jensen](#) (UEL) [Dr Simon Harding](#) (Middlesex University) and [Stephen Crossley](#) (Durham)

The relations between the social world and urban space have been of interest to sociologists since the Chicago School’s human ecology tradition. In today’s globalised world, urbanisation is increasingly manifesting itself in people’s everyday lives, expressed through the diverse social, cultural and political space in which class, cultural and gender differences are continuously produced, contested and reworked. The move towards austerity in UK government’s fiscal policy, the weakening of state planning for urban growth and changes in residences from state property to private property has resulted in escalating house prices and the gentrification of traditionally ‘no go’ areas for the middle-class. Social divisions and sociocultural relationships are becoming ever more spatially generated.

In [Distinction](#) (Bourdieu, 1984) survey data was gathered in Paris, Lille and an unspecified agricultural town. However, *Distinction* focused on social class and the spatial dispositions and relation to the ‘cosmopolitan metropolis’ habitus of Paris – as major global city – was unexplored ([Butler, 2002](#)). Nevertheless, Bourdieu’s conceptualisation of distinction as a relation of social differences is useful in analysing socio-spatial hierarchy of neighbourhoods as well as the wider processes of segregation along preconceived lines of ‘race’, ethnicity, religion or social class.

Over the last decade urban studies have increasingly drawn on Bourdieusian theory to examine the practices and trajectories of individuals and classes in an urban setting. This event will bring together participants for discussion and debates on socio-spatial stratification on an increasingly middle-class city as well as social exclusion of the inner-city working classes and the usefulness of Bourdieu’s theory in analysing these issues.

<b>Timetable</b>
<b>9.15-9.45</b> Registration and Refreshments
<b>9.45.10.00</b> Introduction
<b>10.00-11.15</b> Key Note: <b>Dr Michaela Benson</b> (Goldsmith) Place-making? Middle-class residential choice, trajectories and dynamics.
<b>11.15-11.30</b> Comfort Break

<b>11.30-13.30 Panel Key Notes:</b>		
<b>Dr Tracey Jensen</b> (UEL)	<b>Stephen Crossley</b>	<b>Dr Simon Harding</b>
A Good School and a Decent Cup of Coffee: connecting the mundane desires of parental gentrifiers to the politics of displacement	(Durham) 'Looking at the family from the inside out': social space and symbolic power in the Troubled Families Programme.	Middlesex University The Street Casino: Survival in violent street Gangs (London Street Gangs using Bourdieu)
<b>13.30-14.30</b> Lunch		
<b>14.30-15.45</b> Key Note: <b>Dr Paul Watt</b> (Birkbeck) 'On the Street Where You Won't be Living for Much Longer': What Bourdieu Can and Cannot Offer Urban Studies'		
<b>15.45-16.15</b> Refreshment Break		

<b>16.15-17.15 Workshop Discussions</b>		
<b>Workshop One:</b> Dr Michaela Benson	<b>Workshop Two:</b> Dr Paul Watt	<b>Workshop Three:</b> Dr Tracey Jensen and Stephen Crossley

<b>17.15-17.30</b> Closing Remarks
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This event costs £28 for BSA student members, £33 for BSA-members and £43 for non BSA members.

Refreshments and lunch are included

Early booking is recommended as we anticipate this to be a popular event. There will be 30 places available.

The event will take place at the [BSA meeting room](#) in Imperial Wharf London

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