

## **BSA Gender Study Group (GSG)**

### **Annual Report for Year 2014**

#### **1. Established:**

2011

#### **2. Current Membership Figure: 136**

Members (approx 60% BSA Members, 40% Non-BSA Members)

<b>3. SG Opening</b>	£ 343.19
<b>SG Income:</b>	£ 605.00
<b>SG Movement</b>	£ 263.47-
<b>SG Expenditure:</b>	£ 341.53
<b>SG Balance</b>	£ 606.66

#### **4. Aims of Study Group:**

- To provide a forum that enables the critical development of contemporary gender theory and research across a diverse range of gender related fields.
- To provide a professional network in which to bring together gender-related academics, researchers, postgraduate and doctoral students.
- To provide a context in which interdisciplinary (inter)national networking can take place in order to encourage (inter)national research collaborations.
- To provide an environment that seeks to safeguard gender theory and research in the face of the changing landscape to the social sciences and humanities.

#### **5. Review of Year:**

The Gender Study Group (GSG) has steadily recruited members over 2013 to 136 members.

A Masculinities conference was organized in collaboration with the Youth Study Group. Organisers: Charlie Walker (University of Southampton), Steven Roberts (University of Kent), Sally Hines (University of Leeds) and Zowie Davy (University of Lincoln). This seminar invited a broader perspective on men's adaptations from across the spectrum of masculinities, drawing attention to the diverse ways in which men with different social characteristics have adapted to changing demands in different spheres of their lives. In particular, echoing recent work in the study of femininities, it invited perspectives on the ways in which class, ethnicity, age, and other aspects of difference shape men's responses to neo-liberal demands for 'self-making' across three interconnected spheres: education and employment, lifestyles and consumption, and family.

The seminar was well received and generated positive feedback from presenters and attendees.

The database we provide on the Study Group's webpage continues to grow, encouraging members to network and collaborate on research projects. This has been welcomed by members.

Unfortunately, the convenors did not get a chance to have a meeting with members at the BSA Annual Conference 2014 due to lack of Study Group members present. We believe that the study group is still functioning and receive and share numerous CFP, Seminar, Lectures, Fellowships, PhD opportunities with/from members.

After founding the BSA Gender Study Group in 2011 and since acting as convenors, Zowie Davy and Sally Hines would like to begin the process of handing over the group to two other convenors who will be sought from the Study Group members list and who are BSA members. As such we will shortly be advertising for nominations of two BSA Members who would like to take this large group forward. The announcement of the new convenors will be made later in 2015.

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