

BSA STS Study Group

Annual Report for Year 2015

1. Established:

[Unknown – although I do know it's been around since the 1970s]

2. Membership Figure (2015): 63 (based on jiscmail subscriptions; numbers of BSA members/associate members unknown)

3. SG Expenditure: £0

SG Income: £0

4. Aims of Study Group:

The aim of this Study Group is to explore the intersections of sociology and Science and Technology Studies. It aims to promote STS as one of the major sites of conceptual and methodological innovation for sociology, and to maintain a space for STS at the heart for contemporary sociology in the UK. The STS group also incorporates Digital Sociology at the BSA annual conference, which it is a role it very happy to fulfil until (inevitably) Digital Sociology splits off to become its own stream.

5. Review of Year:

The study group's major project this year was running a theme at the BSA annual conference; 27 abstracts were received, and 22 accepted – producing a strong core strand at the annual meeting. While this has been a relatively quiet year (convening of the group is in a transitional state) at least one significant external event is planned for 2016.

6. Membership

Membership of the stream is ad hoc, with no formal list maintained by the conveners' no fee charged; 63 people are signed up to group's jiscmail.

7. Forthcoming:

We are in the early stages of planning an event, 'STS meets Digital Sociology', potentially to be held at the Oxford Internet Institute in late 2016/early 2017.

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