

## **AGEING, BODY AND SOCIETY STUDY GROUP 2016**

**1. Established:** 2004; relaunch in 2008

**2. Current Membership Figure:** 420 JiscMail subscribers / Twitter @AgeingBody - 625 followers

**3. SG Expenditure:** £2185.70

**SG Income: £1695.00**

### **4. Aim/s of SG:**

To provide a forum for discussion and debate about the theoretical, empirical and policy/practice implications and ideas associated with the social, cultural and biological dimensions of our bodies as we grow older.

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

The BSA *Ageing, Body and Society* Study Group 7th Annual Conference: *Ageing and Culture*, a one day conference, was held on 26th February 2016 in collaboration with MICRA, at the University of Manchester. The study group has also planned special events and a sub plenary (in collaboration with the Race and Ethnicity study group) in the Lifecourse stream at the main BSA annual conference at the University of Manchester in April 2017. The convenors are editing a special issue *Ageing Body and Society: Critical Perspectives, Future Challenges* in the *Journal of Aging Studies* that will be published in 2018.

### **6. Key Activities during year 2016:**

- The BSA *Ageing, Body and Society* Study Group 7th Annual Conference: *Ageing and Culture*, a one day conference, was held on 26th February 2016 in collaboration with MICRA, at the University of Manchester. There was one keynote address on *Music Scenes and Ageing Bodies* by Prof Andy Bennett, Griffith University, Australia, a plenary panel on *Cultural Gerontology*, following a call for papers 18 oral papers were presented, and about 55 inter/national participants attended.
- The convenors have continued to disseminate following the publication Twigg, J. and Martin, W. (2015) *Routledge Handbook of Cultural Gerontology*. London: Routledge that highlights embodiment and ageing.
- The study group has planned special events and a sub plenary in the Lifecourse stream at the main BSA 2017 annual conference at the University of Manchester.
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- The BSA *Ageing, Body and Society* study group is a partner in the international partnership funded by **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada**. *Ageing, Communication, Technologies (ACT): experiencing a digital*

*world in later life*. Partnership grant. CAN \$ 2,993,263: 2014 – 2021. See  
<http://actproject.ca/>

- The convenors have lead the Lifecourse Stream for 4 years at the main BSA annual conference. In 2017 the Lifecourse Stream had a significant number of submissions and has planned to present throughout the conference timetable with one sub plenary, 3 special events, 7 oral paper sessions, 1 pecha kecha session and 2 roundtables.

**Concluding Remarks:**

The study group remains active and is continually growing and has demonstrated significant outputs. The study group is currently liaising with the BSA *Race and Ethnicity* study group to organise both a sub-plenary at the main BSA 2017 conference at the University of Manchester and to co-organise a one day conference on *Race, Ethnicity and Later Life*. Updates will be available on the website.

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**10. SG weblink:**

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/groups/study-groups/ageing-body-and-society-study-group/>