

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

### **Annual Report for Year 2017**

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

2011

#### **2. Current Membership Figure: 164 (53 members)**

**Balance: £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:**

#### **Activities**

The BSA Gender Study Group is co-hosting and co-funding a day symposium 'Tackling Gender Based Violence in Universities' with Northumbria University and Newcastle University on Tuesday 14 March 2017. It will address this important topic which has finally begun to gain the attention of scholars, government, the media and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the UK, decades later than in some other countries (notably the USA). The 2016 Changing the Culture report published by the Universities UK Taskforce - established to examine violence against women, harassment and hate crime affecting university students - and the accompanying guidelines advising universities on how to handle alleged student misconduct that may also constitute a criminal offence, mark a turning point in the regulatory framework governing HEIs' response to GBV. These changes have happened amidst a wider revival of resistance to GBV in all its forms. In universities, the resistance has focused particularly on sexual harassment, sexual violence, and sexual objectification, 'lad culture' amongst students, and the enduring legacy of abuse by academic staff against other staff and/or students. This one-day symposium will illuminate critical perspectives on these developments. Speakers include scholars leading this debate in the UK, Dr Sundari Anitha (University of Lincoln) and Dr Rachel Fenton (University of West of England), as well as others from Europe, North America and the UK. It will be followed by a public lecture delivered by Dr Alison Phipps (University of Sussex) and Dr Elizabeth Sharp (Texas Tech University)

Emily Falconer will attend and convene the BSA Gender Study Group AGM at the BSA Annual Conference 6-8<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The BSA Gender Study Group symposium **Revisiting Single- Sex Spaces**, due to be held in June 2016, has been postponed until further notice due to inadequate number of abstract submissions.

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