

# BSA Historical and Comparative Sociology Study Group

## Annual Report 2016

### 1. Established:

2012

### 2. Current Membership Figure:

67

### 3. Finances

SG starting balance:

SG Expenditure: Nil

SG Income: interest

SG Closing Balance:

### 4. Aims of the Study Group

The Historical and Comparative Sociology Study Group aims to promote historical and comparative scholarship in sociology research and teaching. This is/will be done by a range of professional activities, such as:

- Facilitating collaboration and the exchange of ideas by organising conference streams, plenaries and regular meetings.
- Providing a structure for the dissemination of information by establishing online and offline communication platforms such as email lists and a web presence.
- Promoting interdisciplinary dialogue with colleagues in the fields of history, political science, and cultural studies.
- Outreach to journals for special issues related to historical and comparative research in the UK.
- Lobbying of ESRC, AHRC, Leverhulme and other grant writing bodies to incorporate Comparative and Historical studies in funding programmes.

## **5. Review of the Year 2016**

Following a very active year 2015 that saw the group's first study group conference (co-hosted with ENNIN (Ethnicity, Nationalism and National Identity Network) at the University of Edinburgh) and a well-attended workshop on the need for historical sociology at the bsa annual conference, 2016 has been a less busy year for the group. This was due to changes in its organisation, as well as the busyness of some of its key members. At the time of writing this report, the group is in a process of restructuring, and is expected to regain momentum in 2017.

Membership numbers have continued to grow over the previous year: the group now has 67 subscribers to its email list, up from 54, and there is potential for further growth.

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