

BSA STS Study Group

Annual Report for Year 2016/2017

1. Established:

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

2. Membership Figure (2015): 81 (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, and with the good wishes of the STS group) 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; 32 abstracts were received, and 20 accepted – both figures in line with previous years. The stream was notable lively and well attended this year, with at least 20/25 audience members in all but one of the sessions.

We also ran, with the Digital Stream, a one-day seminar/workshop, 'Digital Sociology vs STS' at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford (who also generously supported the event). 25 people attended. Speakers were: Will Housley, Susan Halford, Mark Carrigan, Kate-Orton Johnson, Karen Gregory and Des Fitzgerald.

6. Membership

Membership of the stream is ad hoc, with no formal list maintained by the conveners' no fee charged; 81 people are signed up to group's jiscmail.

7. Forthcoming:

Having done it now for three years Des Fitzgerald and Stevienna de Saille are in the process of seeking new convenors for the group. We plan to have these in place by the time the cfp for the next annual conferences comes out.

8. Convenors and Contacts:

Des Fitzgerald

School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University
Room 2.35 Glamorgan Building
Cardiff CF10 3WT
fitzgeraldp@cardiff.ac.uk
02920 870695

Stevienna de Saille

Department of Sociological Studies, Sheffield University
Elmfield, Northumberland Road
Sheffield S10 2TU
s.desaille@sheffield.ac.uk

Huw Davies (Digital Sociology Representative)

Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford,
1 St Giles
Oxford OX1 3JS
Huw.davies@oii.ox.ac.uk

9. Contact Email:

fitzgeraldp@cardiff.ac.uk