

BSA New Materialism study group annual report 2018/19

Establishment and membership

The New Materialisms study group was established in September 2018 with 25 proposers, following a successful special event at the 2018 BSA annual conference.

The Group currently has 47 members.

Aims

- To supply a forum within the BSA for the discussion of new materialist and posthuman theories and their application to sociological research.
- To host scholarly activities, including seminars and workshops, around new materialist sociology, research methodologies and the development of new materialist social theory.
- To provide a supportive environment and resources for PGR and ECR members of the Association who wish to use these approaches in their research.
- To plan contributions to future BSA annual conferences, regional BSA meetings and free-standing events, and to collaborate and engage with other relevant BSA study groups (e.g. Animal/Human; Disability; Theory).

Convenors

Pam Alldred (Brunel University London); Fay Dennis (Goldsmiths, University of London); Nick J Fox (Universities of Huddersfield and Sheffield).

The inaugural meeting of the convenor team was held on 19 October 2018.

Communications

The group has a microsite on the BSA platform at: <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/newmat>. We hope to be able to develop this microsite to provide a resource for new materialist scholars and a database of members' research interests.

We have established a Twitter feed (@bsanewmat) which currently has 227 followers.

The main route for direct communication within the Group is a Jiscmail forum.

Activities

We are currently planning the inaugural meeting of the Group. This will be a **one-day symposium** at the BSA London meeting room on Monday 10 June 2019. A call for papers has been issued and circulated, and the budget for the event has been approved. The focus of the meeting is members' current research, with opportunities for presentations and also shorter discussion pieces.

There will be an opportunity at this event for members to discuss future activities for the Group, including input to the BSA annual conference 2020.

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