

BSA study group annual report, August 2025

Work Employment and Economic Life

Name: WEEL

Established: 2004; relaunched 2010

Number of members:

470 subscribers to the Jiscmail list.

Account balance: £366.50

Aims: Key aims of WEEL include:

- Exchange and develop ideas by attracting new and existing BSA members to the WEEL group and its activities.
- Encourage collaboration and lend support within a long tradition of British sociologists.
- Encourage research and publication around the sociology of work, employment and economic life.
- To become the 'natural' go-to forum for contacting other sociologists in the field, for advice, requests for information, and exchange of ideas, including regarding pedagogical issues.
- To support PGRs and ECRs in the sociology of work, employment and economic life.
- To develop a programme of events including building on the strength of the WEEL stream at the annual BSA conferences.
- To develop links with other BSA study groups and non-sociologists interested in the fields of work and employment.

Review of the year:

- The study group convened and chaired the majority of the WEEL streams at the BSA virtual annual conference 2025. The theme of this session was: 'Social Transformations.'
- A regular WEEL Newsletter is compiled, with details of calls for papers, funding opportunities, and other opportunities of interest to WEEL members.
- The WEEL Reading Group - established to engage and motivate study group members in discussion of related scholarly articles, to share ideas and to network and explore potential collaborations – runs on an ad hoc basis. There are 65 WEEL members subscribed to the Reading Group.
- WEEL have migrated their social media from X to bluesky (@bsa-weel.bsky.social) and are looking to increase followers as well as to promote the BSA and establish links with other BSA study groups.

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