

BSA Emotions Study Group Annual Report 2025

The Emotions Study Group aims to stimulate sociological research on the relevance of emotions and affect across all domains of social life, including work and employment, culture, the economy, politics, social movements, family, and all forms of intersecting inequalities. It aims to develop theoretical and methodological tools and detailed analyses of the emotional quality of patterned social life.

Membership has grown to 355 as of 6th June 2026.

Total:	355
BSA Members:	47
Non-Members:	308

Our **activities** have remained online during 2025/2026, to maximize opportunities to participate from those with time, health, and caring pressures, as well as from internationally based colleagues.

This year, we have continued a **seminar series** on current and relevant themes related to the Sociologies of Emotion. We held one seminar in the Autumn focusing on ethics, empathy, and engagement in emotions research and one in the Spring semester engaging with methods and methodologies, with a particular focus on creative methods in emotions research. Both events were very well-attended and enabled a useful space for furthering contemporary discussions and unpacking concepts in the Sociology of Emotion. We will continue this seminar series in the next academic year.

Our **annual symposium** will take place on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June 2026 (half days each), and is titled: *Exploring Emotions and Social (In)justice: Meanings, Imaginings, (Re)framings*. We have 12 speakers across 4 panels, and a guest keynote speaker - Professor Vikki Bell (Goldsmiths).

As of 31st December 2025, the **account balance** for the Sociology of Emotions study group was **£614.55**.

The study group **convenors** are:

Dr Georgie Akehurst (Edinburgh, UK), Dr Anna Gillions (Coventry, UK), Dr Rachel Lewis (Warwick, UK) and Dr Alice Menzel (Birmingham, UK)