

BSA Education Study Group - Annual report

In 2025, the study group said goodbye to two convenors, Tamsin Bowers-Brown and Juliette Wilson-Thomas. Achala Gupta and Jon Rainford therefore undertook to recruit a new group of convenors to take the study group forward. We are pleased to welcome five new convenors to take over the group:

- Nathan Fretwell, University of Leeds
- Jessica Gagnon, University of Manchester
- Daniel Nehring, Swansea University
- Francesca McCarthy, UCL
- Charlotte Morris, University of Portsmouth

BSA Annual conference 2025

Once again, the education stream received a huge number of submissions exceeding the number of slots we had available. Whilst this meant we had to be selective, the papers that were presented showcased the rich and diverse work taking place within the sub-discipline.

Events

During the period this report was compiled, the Education Study Group hosted two events:

8 April 2025 (12:00-13:00 BST)

[Pedagogies of Hope Seminar Series: Education as a practice of freedom: Finale](#)
Online

This was the final event from a series of ten Seminars that ran during 2024.

6 June 2025 (10:00-17:00 BST)

[The Future of the Sociology of Education](#) (a BSA Presidential Event, in collaboration with the BSA Education Study Group)
BSA Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf, London, UK

This face-to-face event, jointly run with Rachel Brooks as BSA president, saw the Imperial Wharf meeting room filled to capacity from scholars within the UK and beyond, presenting on a range of topics related to Sociology of Education. It featured full papers, lightning talks and posters. There is a plan to develop some of the contributions into a future publication.

Current membership

One of the priorities for 2026 is to develop our understanding of the membership. Currently the JISCMail data is the only reliable figures we have and is as follows:

Total:	261
BSA Members:	57

Non-Members:	204
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Account balance

As of 31st December 2025, the account balance for the Education study group was **£1295.87**

Future Plans

There are currently three forthcoming events planned for the rest of 2026

4 September 2026 (12-1pm BST)

[Writing a Successful BSA Conference Abstract \(Webinar 1\)](#) - A BSA Sociology of Education Study Group PhD and ECR Webinar Series
Online

16 October 2026 (12-1pm BST)

[Writing a Strong Book Proposal \(Webinar 2\)](#) - A BSA Sociology of Education Study Group PhD and ECR Webinar Series
Online

13 November 2026 (12-1pm GMT)

[Navigating the Journal Publication Process \(Webinar 3\)](#) - A BSA Sociology of Education Study Group PhD and ECR Webinar Series
Online