

Bourdieu Study Group Annual Report

Study Group Events: September 2025 – September 2026

Aims of the Study Group

The BSA Bourdieu Study Group provides an international forum for researchers engaging with Pierre Bourdieu's sociology across disciplines, fields and career stages. It promotes intellectual exchange, networking and the circulation of knowledge through conferences, seminars, publications and its mailing list. The group supports both the application and critical development of Bourdieusian theory and methods in relation to contemporary social issues.

General Comment

In 2025 and 2026, the Bourdieu Study Group has continued to expand its international reach. The group's convenor team has been renewed and further internationalised, most notably with the incorporation of Latin American perspectives and scholarship into its governance structure. The group organised a well-attended event in Italy in June 2026 and is now preparing its next mid-term international conference, to be held at Manchester Metropolitan University in June 2027. Work has also begun on a new edited volume, *Bourdieu Beyond Borders*, which will further consolidate the group's international and interdisciplinary profile.

Conferences and Events

Understanding and Enacting Social Change in Education: Working with Bourdieu

Istituto Comprensivo Benci-Borsi, Livorno, Italy, 11 June 2026

This one-day event brought together scholars and educators to reflect on how Bourdieusian concepts can inform the understanding and enactment of social change in education. The event fostered dialogue between academic research and educational practice, reinforcing the group's commitment to engaging with school-based and applied contexts alongside its more traditional academic audience.

Coordinated by Berenice Scandone (BSA Bourdieu Study Group Convenor) and Marco Romito.

SAVE THE DATE — Mid-Term International Conference

***Rethinking Educational Inequality: Class, Race, and Gender through Bourdieu —
Reproduction, Resistance, and Transformation in Unequal Times***

Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, 9–11 June 2027

Preparations are currently underway for the group's next mid-term international conference, which will bring together scholars working at the intersection of class, race, and gender through a Bourdieusian lens, examining both the reproduction of inequality and possibilities for resistance and transformation in education.

Coordinated by Ruby Brooks and Rachel Stenhouse (BSA Bourdieu Study Group Convenors)

Convenor Details The group has updated its convenors' list, which now reflects a broadened international and geographical scope, including a stronger presence of Latin American scholarship. The current convenors are:

- Aina Tarabini (Autonomous University of Barcelona) – Lead Convenor
- Flora Petrik (University of Vienna) – Co-Convenor
- Ruby Brooks (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- Franziska Lessky (University of Innsbruck)
- Berenice Scandone (Politecnico di Milano)
- Denisse Sepúlveda (Universidad Mayor, Chile)
- Rachel Stenhouse (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- Amy Stich (University of Georgia)

The incorporation of Denisse Sepúlveda (Universidad Mayor, Chile) marks a significant step in the group's ongoing Latin American expansion, strengthening dialogue between Bourdieusian scholarship in Europe and in Latin America and broadening the geographical and epistemological range of the group's work.

In addition, three of the group's convenors (Aina Tarabini, Flora Petrik and Franziska Lessky) are currently developing a proposal for a new volume, *Bourdieu Beyond Borders*, which is due to be delivered to the publisher in September 2026.

Membership

Total Subscribers	434
BSA Members	49

Non-members	385
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Social Media and Communication

The group communicates primarily through its website and active mailing list, which are used to share news, relevant calls for papers, conferences, events and other opportunities with members. The website will be updated to reflect recent changes in convenors, activities and future plans. The group is also considering whether a stronger social media presence would complement these established communication channels.

Looking Ahead

The group will continue to promote Bourdieusian scholarship through international collaborations, thematic workshops, and mentoring initiatives. Priorities for the coming year include preparing the 2027 mid-term conference in Manchester, delivering the *Bourdieu Beyond Borders* volume to the publisher, reconsidering the group's social media and communication strategy, and continuing to strengthen links with Latin American scholarship and allied study groups and associations.

Account Balance

As of 31st December 2025, the account balance for the Bourdieu study group was **£15,145.18**

() This report has been elaborated by Aina Tarabini and Flora Petrik.*