

British Sociological Association Risk and Society Study Group Annual Report

Established

2001

Current membership figures

Income and expenditure

Estimated current balance: **£900.00**

Aims

The concept of risk is now established as one of the 'unit ideas' of contemporary social science. The phenomenon of risk has come to occupy a central position in debates on the cultural character of modernity.

This study group aims to provide a forum in which the diverse range of academics working in the field of risk research might collaborate in mapping out the conceptual boundaries and empirical reality of our current 'risk society'. It is concerned with the development and promotion of a distinctively sociological perspective on risk. Its broad areas of interest include:

- Social theories of 'risk society'
- The politics of risk
- Risk perception
- Risk management
- Risk behaviour and lifestyle
- Risk in relation to social policy
- Risk in relation to health and social care practice

Review of the year

Since the group held a study group event at the BSA rooms in Imperial Wharf on 28th February 2014: (*Risk in Health and Social Care: Politics, Theory and Practices*), the group has been relatively inactive. However, the current remaining convenor Jo Warner is revitalising the group by planning a study group event for 2017 and she will be joined by a new co-convenor (Gemma Mitchell, University of Leicester) from later in the year.

Future plans

A study day in autumn 2017 will draw on the success of the study group events held in previous years and will explore the key risk-related theme of media representations of risk. This event will be held on September 8th 2017 and will be entitled *Risk in the Media: Continuity and Change – A Sociological Workshop*

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