

# BSA Food Study Group and SPERI Event Food, Poverty and Policy: Evidence Base and Knowledge Gaps

Tuesday 30 June 2015, 09:00-17:00

Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences, University of Sheffield,  
S1 4DP

Plenary session with: Geoff Tansey, Chair of the Fabian Commission on Food and Poverty; Niall Cooper, Director of Church Action on Poverty; and Elizabeth Dowler, Professor of Food and Social Policy, University of Warwick

## About the day

In the current era of austerity, with high costs of living, stagnating incomes, and rising levels of inequality the question of how well all people are able to eat is increasingly urgent. In this context a growing body of UK research addresses the extent and experience of household food insecurity. Yet despite this evolving evidence base there has as yet been little discussion between academic researchers themselves, or between academics, policy makers and practitioners, about what this wealth of research 'adds' to knowledge and how it may be able to play a stronger role in influencing effective policy interventions.

This day-long workshop will bring together leading sociological and other researchers, policy makers and practitioners to showcase cutting-edge findings, take stock of the research available and reflect on the implications of what we know. The day will also highlight key gaps in our evidence base that need filling and explore the cross-overs between different disciplinary and sub-disciplinary approaches and between non-academic researchers, practitioners and the academy.

In the closing session Liz Dowler, Geoff Tansey and Niall Cooper will reflect and elaborate, in discussion with the audience, on the history of food insecurity in UK public policy, the relationship between evidence and policy in this field and the increasingly important role of civil society organisations in influencing the agenda.

## How to book

Booking closes at 2pm on Friday 19 June 2015. Book your place online at:

<http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10420>

Registration costs: BSA or Food Study Group Member £45, Non-member £60, BSA Concessionary Members and Food Study Group Student Members £30, Non-member concession (student & public sector) £40

## Travel and Accommodation Information

The venue (Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences, University of Sheffield, S1 4DP) is a 20 minute walk from Sheffield train station or a ten minute [Tram](#) ride (from the Station to the University of Sheffield stop). Please be aware there is highly limited parking near the venue so please check for available car parks [here](#).

If you are looking for accommodation there are plenty of places to stay nearby including [The Leopold Hotel](#), [The Rutland Hotel](#), [The Mercure Sheffield St Paul's](#), [Premier Inn](#).

Academic enquiries to Hannah Lambie-Mumford: [h.lambie-mumford@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:h.lambie-mumford@sheffield.ac.uk)  
Administrative issues please contact the BSA Events Team: [events@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:events@britsoc.org.uk)