

**BSA Historical & Comparative Sociology Study Group
Annual Report for Year 2013**

1. Established:

2012

2. Current Membership Figure:

20

3. Finances:

SG starting balance: £202.65

SG Expenditure: Nil

SG Income: £2.47 interest

SG Closing Balance: £205.12

4. Aims of Study Group:

The Historical and Comparative Sociology Study Group aims to promote historical and comparative scholarship in sociology research and teaching. This is/will be done by a range of professional activities, such as:

- Facilitating collaboration and the exchange of ideas by organising conference streams, plenaries and regular meetings.
- Providing a structure for the dissemination of information by establishing online and offline communication platforms such as email lists and a web presence.
- Promoting interdisciplinary dialogue with colleagues in the fields of history, political science, and cultural studies.
- Outreach to journals for special issues related to historical and comparative research in the UK.
- Lobbying of ESRC, AHRC, Leverhulme and other grant writing bodies to incorporate Comparative and Historical studies in funding programmes.

5. Review of Year:

After its foundation in late 2012, the BSA annual conference in 2013 served as the launch event for the Historical and Comparative Sociology study group. The group organised a number of paper sessions at the conference and a high profile sub-plenary session with Professor Michael Mann (UCLA) speaking. Professor Gurminder K Bhambra (University of Warwick) and Dr Jonathan Hearn (University of Edinburgh) acted as discussants.

Late 2013 saw some personnel changes in the group, with Eric Royal Lybeck joining Martin Booker as co-convenor. At the time of writing (February 2014), plans are being developed for structural changes to the group organisation that will increase its efficacy and visibility, as well as an imminent re-organisation and re-launch of the website and newsletter. At the bsa annual conference 2014, the group is again organising a number of paper streams on different topics of historical and comparative interest.

6. Convenors:

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