

## **BSA Scottish Studies Group Annual Report (2013/14)**

**Name:** Scottish Studies Group

The Scottish Studies Group was re-launched in May 2013 with new convenors.

**Number of members:** There is no registration for the study group as such; we currently have 123 members on the JISCMail list BSA Scottish Studies Group ([SCOTTISH-STUDY-GROUP@JISCMAIL.AC.UK](mailto:SCOTTISH-STUDY-GROUP@JISCMAIL.AC.UK)).

**Income:** £200.00 in 2013; current balance is £202.44.

**Aims:** The Scottish Studies Group is intended to fulfil the following mandate:

- The study group will continue to be a forum through which researchers investigating issues relating to Scotland, its people and communities, culture and society, economy and politics can come together.
- The group aims to provide a space to consider current sociological debates in a specifically Scottish context (e.g. health, religion, immigration and so on) and to help foster research agendas, methodologies and 'knowledge transfer' amongst Scottish social researchers.
- We hope to engage with practitioners, policy makers and activists, building a forum to bring together a broad range of interests.
- We are keen to welcome academics at all stages in their careers in a supportive and collegial environment fostering dissemination of their work.
- We will strive to establish links with other universities that have research centres which share common interests; create an interactive, informal and supportive environment for the discussion of our ideas.
- We envisage the group will address multiple social, political and cultural and economic topics including
  - Class identities and positions
  - Inequalities and social divisions
  - Urban and rural identities and politics
  - Contemporary migranhood and new communities
  - Crime
  - Forms of nationalism, Scottishness and identities
  - Sexualities, masculinities and femininities
  - Politics and activism
  - New media and technology

**Review of the year:**

- Liz and Dominic began convening the re-launched Scottish Studies Group in May 2013.
- We have created a new Scottish Studies blog at: <http://scottishstudygroup.wordpress.com/author/bsascotstudies/>
- And a new Twitter forum has been created at @BSAScotStudies

- There is an JISCmail list BSA Scottish Studies Group ([SCOTTISH-STUDY-GROUP@JISCMAIL.AC.UK](mailto:SCOTTISH-STUDY-GROUP@JISCMAIL.AC.UK)) to which items of interest such as events, employment vacancies and research developments are posted.
- Together with Sian Russell (GCU), Sue Scott, Charlie Jeffrey & John Holmwood the convenors are actively working to organise two Presidential events at the BSA Annual Conference 2014 (Changing Society) exploring different aspects of the forthcoming Scottish referendum.
- The convenors will organise a social event at the annual conference to explore a special Scottish Study Group event later in the year focussing on the referendum (proposed Aug/Sept). This social event will also be a chance for members to meet each other, and to generate study group momentum.

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