

Report 2016-2017

BSA Sociology, Psychoanalysis and the Psychosocial Study Group

Convenors

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Founded

2011

Membership

The Study Group has 146 members, of whom 73 are BSA members; 68 are non- members; and 5 whose status is unknown).

The Study Group maintains a JISC mail list (BSA-PSYCHOANALYSIS-PSYCHOSOCIAL@JISCMAIL.AC.UK), which has 278 subscribers.

Aims of the Study Group

The aim of the Study Group is to provide a forum for those interested in:

- the relationship between sociology and psychoanalysis
- and/ or the sociological investigation of the psychosocial □

Activities in 2016-17 □

Our fifth year has seen the Study Group continue to grow its membership, which increased from 139 members to 146. Our JISC mail list has also increased, from 263 to 278 subscribers. □

On 28 June 2016, the study group co-hosted a seminar at Kingston University entitled 'Critical Interventions in Welfare: Theory, Practice, Experience'. The seminar asked what it means to do welfare practice and be a welfare practitioner today and what contribution psychosocial, psychoanalytic, critical race and critical feminist approaches can make to this work. Speakers were Amanpreet Ahluwalia and Surya Nayak. Although over 30 people booked for the event, disappointingly only 10 attended, sometimes a problem at free events. The seminar was organised by Dr Rachael Dobson, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Kingston University

In November 2016 (11th-12th Nov) it co-hosted a major conference, 'Sociology and Psychoanalysis: The Unfulfilled Promise' at the Institute of Education, UCL. Organized in collaboration with the Institute of Psychoanalysis, the Dept of Culture, Communication and Media, UCL, IoE and the Social Theory Centre, Warwick University, the conference brought together international speakers to explore the interconnections between sociology and psychoanalysis, past and present. The keynote speaker was the leading social theorist, Prof Jessica Benjamin from New York University. The conference sold out and was attended by 118 people.

A series of further events or planned for the forthcoming year.

Peter Redman and Julie Walsh, March 2017.