

## **BSA Theory Study Group Annual Report, 2017**

The BSA Theory Study Group provides a forum for those interested in sociological and social theory. It coordinates the organisation of the Theory stream at the annual BSA conference, organizes theory-based stream plenaries, and coordinates colleagues' work via an email list.

### **1. BSA Annual Conference 2017**

This year's annual conference will take place at Manchester University, 4-6 April. The theme for the conference is: "Recovering the Social: Personal Troubles and Public Issues". The Theory stream plenary title is "Decolonising Social Theory: Disappearances, dialogues, and the politics of Black Feminist Praxis". Details are as follows:

Speakers:

Lisa Palmer (Birmingham City University)  
Kathryn Medien (University of Warwick)

Date and Time: Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9.30-10.30am

Overview: This plenary stream invites us to think about how relations of coloniality structure the social theory canon, and the ways in which black feminist and anti-colonial approaches to knowledge production can both disrupt and dismantle the canon, and open up new avenues for understanding, critique and dialogue.

There will also be 24 speakers presenting in the 'Theory Stream' of the conference, and we continue to get encouraging numbers of applicants to this stream.

The BSA Theory group will have its annual meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 12.30-1.30pm.

All welcome. For further details about the conference, please see:

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/bsa-annual-conference/programme.aspx>

### **2. Announcement: Study Group Convenor Needed!**

Call for Convenor(s)

The steering group of the BSA Theory Study Group is looking for a new Convenor/Convenors to lead the Group for the period from 2017 to 2019.

The role includes:

- organizing streams for the BSA annual conference
- proposing plenaries for the BSA annual conference
- administering the email listserv to facilitate communication about theory within the UK but also internationally
- representing the study group at BSA Convenors meetings
- organising events that support the group's intellectual agenda.

The BSA typically offers conference fees and travel for one convenor to attend the conference.

Possible alternatives would be for a single new convenor or a team of two convenors. The new convenor(s) would be supported by a steering group to help with decision-making and organizing.

If you are interested, please contact Steve Kemp on:

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### **3. Conveners and Steering Group**

BSA Theory Study Group Convenors since April 2014

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Theory Study Group website: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/study-groups/theory.aspx>

Theory Study Group Membership: 431 members on the Jiscmail list

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