

## **BSA Emotions Study Group Annual Report**

The Emotions Study Group has had another good year. It now has 124 subscribers and continues to grow with 7 new subscribers joining in the last year. In 28-30 September 2018 we organised a conference at Edinburgh University with an associated PhD workshop on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. This Joint Midterm Conference of the European Sociological Association's Sociology of Emotions Research Network and the British Sociological Association's Sociology of Emotions Study Group had over 75 attendees from across Europe and further afield. The 4 day event included a highly successful postgraduate workshop run by Mary Holmes and Stina Bergman Blix, two key note presentations from Professor Ian Burkitt and Professor Karin Wahl-Jorgensen, as well as a chance to get together over a conference meal. With three streams running each day, many stimulating papers were shared on a diverse range of themes including History, Memory and Nostalgia, Migration, Asylum and Emotion and Emotions in the Digital age. The conference was also a chance to encourage submissions to a new journal, *Emotions and Society*, edited by one of our study group co-convenors, Mary Holmes, and to the Routledge Book series on the Sociology of Emotions edited by both study group convenors (Mary Holmes and Julie Brownlie).

Forth coming events include a Joint session at the European Sociological Association in Manchester in August 2019 with RN11 Sociology of Emotions and RN13 Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives entitled *Families, intimate relationships and emotions in the making of social worlds*. This will include papers that address the intersections of the emotional life of families and personal relationships with economic globalisation, disruption of political structures, wars, refugees, terrorism and environmental problems.

We are also planning a BSA study group event in Edinburgh in Spring 2020 on emotional reflexivity and emotional labour. This will involve a presentation by visiting scholar, Dr Rebecca Olson, University of Queensland.