

**Climate Change Study Group  
Annual Report 2022/23**

**1. Established:** July 2010

**2. Current Membership Figure:** 292

**3. Financial Information**

Opening balance	1761.93
Income	0
Expenditure	0
Balance	1761.93

**4. Aims of SG:**

Sociology has an increasingly important role to play in shaping and contributing to public and policy debate about climate change. The study group provides a forum in which to explore how to effectively bring sociology's unique perspective to bear on this most pressing of challenges. The study group is open to all sociologists, from whatever specialism and at whatever stage they may be at in their career.

**5. Review of Year (2017-18):**

Now in its 13th full year, the Climate Change Study group again engaged in a varied range of events and other activities, which sought to develop interest in the sociology of climate change, expand the group's membership, and further develop our links with other BSA study groups.

1. We have decided this year to step down from convening the study and hand over the baton to a new convening group who will bring new energy and ideas to the study group development. The new convening group includes: Pancho Lewis (Lancaster), Aimee Ambrose (Sheffield), Audrey Verma (Newcastle), and Samyia Ambreen (Manchester Met). They bring a diverse mix of perspectives, experience, and expertise to the study group convenorship and we are excited to see what the future brings for the study group under their new leadership.
2. The Study Group again hosted several sessions at the BSA Annual Conference. Talks and sessions addressed diverse global contexts and covered multiple topics/themes including climate activism, labour relations and climate change, global governance of climate, energy transitions, and cultural representations of climate. The study group held another stream plenary event with the study group convenors taking centre stage this year as we reflected on the work of the study group and the place of climate change within sociology more broadly, taking the opportunity to announce our decision to stand down and start the process of handing over the convenorship.

## **6. Plans for 2022/23**

The new convenors will develop and take forward plans for 2022/23 but we discussed some ideas in our handover meeting that could be options for development this coming year.

- The study group will again work to build a strong presence at this year's (2024) BSA Conference, with an aim to attract even more papers this year and host a Stream Plenary speaker.
- The study group may restart its article prize competition again in 2023/4 as this was always a successful activity that the group enjoyed running prior to the pandemic.
- The group could continue its collaborative work with other study groups further developing previous connections (e.g. with Work and Employment; Health; Families and Relationships) and creating new ones (e.g. with the Consumption group).
- The study group will further develop its online presence working to enhance the webpages, build its social media presence (~1100 followers on twitter), and maintain the jiscmail mailing list (296 members), potentially appointing one of the new committee members in a communications role.
- The study group will develop new events and host meetings to further advance the sociological imaginary within climate change research.
- The study group will seek to advance engagement and connections between sociologists and those working in policy and practice.

## **7. Concluding Remarks:**

2022/23 was another active year for the study group. The conference sessions were very well attended and have sparked several ideas for future initiatives. The online presence of the group has been maintained with updated webpages, regular engagement on social media, and increased jiscmail subscriptions. The group is faring well financially and is looking forward to exciting plans and future developments under the new leadership.

## **8. Convenor/s Name/s:**

### **Previous Convenors**

Catherine Butler, (convenor), University of Exeter

Tom Roberts, (treasurer), University of Surrey

Katy Wheeler, University of Essex

### **New Convenors**

Pancho Lewis, Lancaster University

Audrey Verma, Newcastle University

Aimee Ambrose, Sheffield Hallam University

Samyia Ambreen, Manchester Metropolitan University

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**10. SG weblink:** <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/groups/study-groups/climate-change-study-group/>

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