

WEEL Study Group Newsletter – July 2024 Edition

Dear WEEL Study Group Members,

Welcome to the July 2024 edition of our brand-new WEEL newsletter. We have several exciting WEEL study group events and opportunities to share with you,. Please take a look at the details below of [WEEL Study Group Activities](#); [Forthcoming Events](#); [Calls for Papers](#); [Funding and Job Opportunities](#); [BSA Support Fund](#); [WEEL Events Proposal Form](#)

We look forward to your participation in the WEEL community and your contributions to the ongoing discussions in our field. **Also, do not forget to send us links of your recent publications to include in the monthly newsletter.**

Have a wonderful , restful summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best regards,

Caroline, Viviane, and Karen
WEEL Study Group

1. WEEL Study Group Activities

WEEL Reading Group:

WEEL Reading group takes place monthly, with a summer break.

Next session: September 2024 TBC -details to follow in August.

As part of our ongoing exploration of pertinent topics in the realm of work, employment, and economic life, we are excited to announce that our reading group videos are now in the process of being posted to the BSA You-Tube site :

7th June 2024: **Sara Farris: Corporatisation and financialisation of social reproduction: Care homes and childcare in the United Kingdom** Sara R. Farris, Amy Horton and Eva Lloyd, *Environment and Planning F*
(<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/26349825241241311>)

BSA YouTube link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxRfDRHEHiA>

Sara Farris (first author) presents and leads a lively paper discussion. This important paper provides the first comparison of ownership, business models and workforces across childcare and adult social care in the United Kingdom. It reveals growing convergence in terms of the dominance of large companies and their financial strategies, which can reward investors while undermining access to care and worsening working conditions for large, low-paid workforces.

18th July 2024: **Lutfun Nahar Lata: "The production of counter-space: Informal labour, social networks & the production of urban space in Dhaka"** published

in *Current Sociology* by Dr Lutfun Nahar Lata, Lecturer in Sociology and Social Policy, University of Melbourne. (<https://doi.org/10.1177/00113921221078049>).

*Dr Lutfun Nahar Lata shared this thought-provoking paper, investigating how the urban poor access to public space for livelihoods and construct counter-spaces by breaking the planned order of the city with the tacit support of trans-local social networks and powerful actors who are compromised by the benefits and profits they extract from vendors. **This paper was shortlisted for the 2nd edition of the Annual SAGE CS Best Paper Prize***

BSA YouTube link for Lata paper: to follow.

Future reading group papers : We also invite you to propose suggestions for future readings that align with our interests in work, employment, and their intersections with broader societal dynamics. Your recommendations will help shape the direction of our discussions moving forward.

WEEL Study Group Call for Papers for a Special Edition Proposal: Sociology journal

We will be launching a call for papers on “**Workers at the margins**” for a special issue proposal of *Sociology* journal, edited by the WEEL Study Group:

Sociology – Call for Special Issue Proposals

The *Sociology* journal Editorial Board welcomes proposals for special issues from prospective guest editors to be submitted by **26 September 2024, 17:00 BST**.

Proposed special issues should be exciting, engaging and offer new insights into a specific topic area, as well as to sociology as a discipline, through theoretical, methodological, conceptual or empirical innovation. Find out more in the [Call for Proposals](#).

2. Forthcoming Events

WES Online Series: Meaningful Work in the Digital Economy

Work, Employment and Society (WES) is hosting a series of three interactive online events linked to the themes of meaningful work in the digital economy on the 4-6 September 2024:

4 September: Theory of meaningful work: Katie Bailey, Knut Laaser, Marjo Lips Wiersma –

This session will engage with the different perspectives on how to conceptualise the topic of meaningful work. All speakers in this session will address theorising the concept of ‘meaningful work,’ drawing on their published work in this area.

5 September : Meaningfulness and intersectionality: Jason Arday, Shoba Arun, Sara Farris

This session will explore different experiences of meaningfulness and examine the topic from diverse perspectives.

6th September : Meaningfulness in the context of the platform economy

James Farrar, Ursula Huws, Valeria Pulignano

More information about the programme, the speakers and their biographies, and registration can be found at: <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/key-bsa-events/wes-online-series-2024-meaningful-work-in-the-digital-economy/>

***Save the Date* : BSA Annual Conference 23-25 April 2025**

We are delighted to announce that next year's Annual Conference will mark our permanent return to a face-to-face format. Join us for three dynamic days of plenary talks, special events, paper presentations and lively conversations centred around the theme of Social Transformations.

We'll also be returning to the vibrant city of Manchester, a favourite from our 2023 conference. The venue offers great spaces for networking, presentations and exhibitions and is perfect for accommodating a conference of our size.

We can't wait to see you all and bring the sociological community together again, fully immersing ourselves in the very latest sociological research.

Behind the scenes, the team is working diligently to create a memorable event for you. Full details will be available soon, but in the meantime put the dates 23-25 April 2025 in your calendar!

There will be a full programme from WEEL at the conference.

3. Call for Papers:

Opportunities for PhD students and early career researchers to present their research in BSA Everyday Society

Everyday Society was launched in order to extend the reach of sociological research – to the public, government bodies and beyond. Contributors are invited to respond to real-life events from a sociological perspective, through different lenses and intersections.

There is no formal reviewing process, but all articles are considered for suitability for an editorial piece.

More information about contributions, guidelines and how to submit are accessible at: [Contribute - Everyday Society - The British Sociological Association \(britsoc.co.uk\)](https://www.britsoc.co.uk/contribute-everyday-society)

Call for Chapter Abstracts: Closing Date: 29/07/2024.

[Working-Class Lives and the Continuity of Crisis: Pasts, Presents and Futures](#)

Book Editors

Dr Carli-Ria Rowell, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of Sussex and Dr Hannah Walters, Lecturer in Education Policy, King's College London.

More information about the Book Outline, the Call for Abstracts, and the Chapter proposal/abstract submission are available at :

https://www.britisoc.co.uk/media/26537/working_class_lives_call_for_chapters_dl290724.pdf

Contact: If you have any questions or would like to discuss a chapter idea, please contact Carli (c.r.rowell@sussex.ac.uk) or Hannah (hannah.1.walters@kcl.ac.uk) via email.

Call for Papers for Special Issue: Closing Date: 15/10/2024.

[Industrial and Labor Relations Review Special Issue: Industrial Relations, Political Parties, and Political Systems](#)

Guest Editors

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More information about the theoretical approach and specific topics can be found at: https://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/cmscontent/ILR/CfP_IR-Political-Parties-and-Political-Systems_ILR-Review-1715375880.pdf

Interested contributors should first submit **an extended abstract** (max. 1,000 words) via email to chiara.benassi13@unibo.it no later than **October 15, 2024**.

The deadline for **submission of full papers** will be **September 30, 2025**. Details for the online submission process will be provided when papers are invited

Call for papers: Special issue of 'Organization.'

"From organizing freedom in the academy to academic freedom as an organizing principle: What is at stake?"

This is a quick reminder to any colleagues potentially interested in submitting a paper to a special issue of 'Organization' on the subject of Academic Freedom. The deadline for submission of papers is 1 October 2024.

Please consider sending your work to what promises to be a very interesting and timely special issue. Full details are available via the link below:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/cmscontent/ORG/ACADEMIC%20FREEDOM%20SI%20CFP-1697096111.pdf>

With best regards

Leo McCann, Edward Granter, Mar Pérezts, Jeremy Aroles, and Paulina Segarra

Sociological Research Online Special Issue Call for Proposals

Sociological Research Online (SRO) is inviting proposals for a special issue of the journal to be published in 2027. **Deadline to submit proposals: 3 October 2024, 17:00 BST.**

This is an open call, and proposals can be on any theme. The proposed special issue should offer an exciting contribution to emerging sociological debates by bringing together conceptually, empirically, and/or methodologically innovative interventions within a specific topic area. The proposed special issue should build on the journal's reputation for publishing high quality, critical and reflexive applied sociological research in innovative and expansive ways.

For more details

visit: https://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/26599/srosi_cfp_dl031024.pdf

Slavery and Freedom in the Contemporary World: A Sociological Lens – Call for Papers

Sociology's special issue focuses on whether and how sociological theory and research can bridge contrasting worldviews to provide a better understanding of how freedom, unfreedom, and inequality are conceptualised, practiced and experienced in the modern world. We welcome papers that interrogate connections between issues framed as “modern slavery” in mainstream discourse and histories of slavery and colonialism; and/or that address the contemporary relevance of histories of slavery and colonialism for severe restrictions on freedom that are not cast as “slavery” in dominant. Read the Call for Papers and submit your full paper by **12 December 2024.**

4. Funding and Job Opportunities

ODA Global Innovation Fellowships 2024

The objective of the ODA (Official Development Assistance) Global Innovation Fellowships is to provide opportunities to UK-based early- and mid-career researchers from across the humanities and social sciences to develop their skills, networks and careers in the creative and cultural, public, private and policy sectors to address challenges that require innovative approaches and solutions. Through the ODA Global Innovation Fellowships, researchers in the SHAPE community will be supported to

create new and deeper links beyond academia, so enabling knowledge mobilisation and translation, as well as individual skills development.

Earliest start date: 1 Mar 2025

Scheme opens date: 13 Jun 2024

Deadline date: 06 Nov 2024 - 17:00 GMT

Duration of award: 12 months

For more information please visit: [ODA Global Innovation Fellowships 2024 | The British Academy](#)

British Academy Mid-Career Fellowships:

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/mid-career-fellowships/>

The Mid-Career Fellowships are designed both to support outstanding individual researchers with excellent research proposals, and to promote public understanding and engagement with humanities and social sciences.

Earliest start date 1 Sep 2025 **Scheme opens date** 3 Jul 2024 **Deadline date** 21 Aug 2024 - 17:00 BST

British Academy Talent Development Awards:

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/talent-development-awards/>

The Talent Development Awards are available to promote the acquisition and advancement of skills in relevant areas by UK-based researchers, promoting innovative research methods, be that through skills development, collaboration, or dissemination.

Earliest start date 1 Mar 2025 **Scheme opens date** 19 Jun 2024 **Deadline date** 11 Sep 2024- 17:00 BST

British Academy Early Career Researchers: Research Collaboration Symposium

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/the-centre-national-de-la-recherche-scientifique-cnrs-and-the-british-academy-knowledge-frontiers-symposium/>

The British Academy and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) are inviting applications from early career researchers in the humanities and social sciences to attend a research collaboration symposium on the broad theme of 'Governance.' Thursday 14 – Friday 15 November 2024, Paris, France

Scheme opens date 3 Jul 2024 **Deadline date** 11 Sep 2024 - 17:00 BST

British Academy Post Doctoral Funding

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships/>

Earliest start date 1 Sep 2025 Scheme opens date 3 Jul 2024

Deadline date 02 Oct 2024 - 17:00 BST Duration of award Three years

The British Academy is inviting proposals from early career researchers in the humanities and social sciences wishing to pursue an independent research project, towards the completion of a significant piece of publishable research.

The British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship offers outstanding early career researchers the opportunity to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in an academic environment. This scheme aims to help develop the award holder's curriculum vitae and boost their prospects of obtaining a permanent academic post. The primary emphasis is on the completion of a significant piece of publishable research, and the integration of the award holder into the community of established scholars within their field.

The Fellowship is non-renewable.

Funded by the Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (DSIT)

For all open British Academy funding calls see [:https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/](https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/)

Marie Sklodowska Post Doctoral Funding

<https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/node/1308>

Postdoctoral Fellowships call: 6 steps to prepare your application.

These tips and tricks will help you find the best host organisation and prepare a successful proposal. Website has all links for the application process.

The Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 call for applications will close on 11 September 2024, 17.00, CEST.

5. BSA Support Fund

Each year the BSA Support Fund provides financial assistance to concessionary category members living in the UK. Applicants can benefit from financial assistance towards research related expenses, attendance at conferences* and study group events, and thesis production costs:

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/opportunities/bsa-support-fund/>

To be eligible, applicants must:

Reside in the UK.

Be a BSA member in one of the concessionary categories (Early Career Researcher, Full-time student, Unwaged, Teacher or Retired).

Be a BSA member for a minimum 12 consecutive months prior to application.

Applicants are limited to one BSA Support Fund claim of up to £1000. If you have applied for free Annual Conference registration and have been successful you may also apply to the Support Fund to assist your attendance*, i.e. travel/accommodation.

Applicants are asked to bear in mind when applying for conference subsistence costs that the committee may not have the opportunity to consider your application before the conference booking deadline or start of the conference. This will not, however, affect your application as funding for conferences may be awarded retrospectively.

The BSA Support Fund does not award grants towards the cost of course fees; for the purchase of books or equipment; membership fees or electronic journal subscriptions. If you need clarification as to whether your request for funding fulfils criteria for support, then please contact the BSA office.

6. BSA WEEL Events Proposal Form: Invitation to all WEEL members

Dear WEEL members,

This is a great opportunity to get involved in the planning and implementation of WEEL study group events and activities.

Please use the link below and suggest your preferred event(s):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uw1PXkclcyj0TtUE8Dj56z2leK7yZMUVSXC4mlt7aEx8/edit>

Remember, active participation in WEEL Study Group projects and work is for the good of all!

Do not forget to send us links of your recent publications to include in the monthly newsletter.

We look forward to your participation in these events and your contributions to the ongoing discussions in our field.

Best regards,

Caroline, Viviane, and Karen

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