BSA Sociology of Elites Study Group - Annual Report 2024

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Aims:

The aims of the Study Group are:

- To build an inclusive, collegial and supportive community for sociologists at all career stages based in the UK who study elites.
- To run a mailing list and communication network to disseminate research ideas, project proposals, information about publications and other resources.
- To develop a programme of events, including member conferences, themed seminars and workshops.
- To provide a forum to stimulate debate and build collaborations in the UK and internationally.

2023-2024 Activities:

- Set up a complementary mailing list for the Study Group: 40 members.
- Organised the 'BSA Sociology of Elites Study Group Founding Conference' at the LSE on 12th June 2023.
- Held a 'Research Clinic for research on Elites', a peer-support initiative co-organised with the Elite Studies Working Group, in November 2023.
- Jointly with the Elite Studies Working Group, led a 'Mentoring Program', in March and April 2024.
- On May 13 and 14, hosted the 'Transnational Elites: Imperial Histories, Global Power and Public Resistance Today' Conference funded by the British Academy.

2024-2025 Activities:

- Combined mailing lists for the Study Group.
- Jointly with the Elite Studies Working Group, led a 'Mentoring Program', in May and June 2025 (involving 25 mentees and 14 mentors).

- Held two 'Research Clinics for research on Elites', a peer-support initiative co-organised with the Elite Studies Working Group, in May (negotiating access and exit) and June (anonymisation in elite research) 2025.
- Hosted a plenary stream session on Families and Wealth at the British Sociological Association Conference 2025 and a social event for people interested in the BSA Sociology of Elite group.

Account balance:

The account balance for the Sociology of Elites Study Group in 2024 was £215.00.