

Bourdieu Study Group Annual Report

Study Group Events: September 2024- September 2025

General Comment

The Bourdieu Study Group has continued to expand its reach and consolidate its international presence. Over the past academic year, the group has organised a series of high-profile events in the UK and across Europe, attracting participants from all continents. These events have addressed pressing questions of inequality, education, and social justice, showcasing the vitality of Bourdieusian scholarship today. The group has also renewed its convenor structure, welcoming new colleagues and broadening its geographical and disciplinary scope.

Conferences and Events

Habitus of a Lifetime: Celebrating Feminist Sociology of Class, Gender & Race

University of Bristol, 8 November 2024

This event honoured the pioneering work of Professor Diane Reay in feminist sociology. It was co-organised with the School of Education, University of Bristol. The programme featured two keynote sessions: a lecture by Diane Reay and a panel including Louise Archer, David James, Aina Tarabini, and Valerie Hey. The day concluded with a reception and an evening celebration. Over 100 delegates attended, reflecting the significant impact of Reay's work on class, gender, and race.

Bourdieu, Education, and Inequalities Seminar

University of Helsinki, 22–23 October 2024

Organised in collaboration with the University of Eastern Finland (SURE Research Unit), this two-day seminar brought together leading scholars to examine educational inequalities through a Bourdieusian lens. Keynotes were delivered by Ann-Marie Bathmaker, Håkan Forsberg, Emil Bertilsson, Nicola Ingram, Sonja Kosunen, and Aina Tarabini. Discussions spanned early childhood, vocational pathways, and higher education. The event attracted international participation and fostered new collaborations across Nordic and European contexts. Over 50 delegates attended the seminar.

Working with Bourdieu's Concepts

Manchester Metropolitan University, 24 January 2025

This one-day workshop supported doctoral students and early career researchers engaging with Bourdieu's theoretical toolkit. The programme included two keynotes

(Nicola Ingram and Sol Gamsu) and panels with contributions from Emma Taylor, Marti Manzano, Ruby Brooks, and Maria Keil, among others. Rachel Stenhouse acted as discussant. With around 40 attendees, the event combined conceptual debates with mentoring opportunities, strengthening intergenerational dialogue within the community.

Mid-Term International Conference: Rising Complexities in Education – Opportunities and Inequalities

Vienna, 3–5 September 2025

Co-organised with the University of Vienna, the University of Tübingen, the University of Innsbruck, and the Vienna Chamber of Labour, this conference gathered 181 delegates from all continents. The programme featured two keynotes (Ann-Marie Bathmaker and Steven Threadgold), three keynote panels, seven symposia, one roundtable, and 32 paper sessions. Highlights included panels on activism and political change (Sol Gamsu, Carli Rowell, Aina Tarabini), postcolonial perspectives (Grace Idahosa, Denisse Sepúlveda), and democracy in education (Ilkim Erdost, Jürgen Czernohorszky, Harriet Rowley, Tom Kehrbaum). The conference also hosted a collective book launch, a social dinner, and networking events.

News

- The group has **updated its convenors' list** to reflect its growing international membership. The current convenors are:
 - Aina Tarabini (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) – Lead Convenor
 - Flora Petrik (University of Tübingen) – Co-Convenor
 - Ruby Brooks (Manchester Metropolitan University)
 - Sophie Harris (Manchester Metropolitan University)
 - Franziska Lessky (University of Innsbruck)
 - Berenice Scandone (Politecnico di Milano)
 - Rachel Stenhouse (Manchester Metropolitan University)
 - Amy Stich (University of Georgia)
 - Ryan Wilkinson (University of Leeds)
- The expanded team strengthens the group's governance and ensures representation across multiple regions and research areas.

Membership

As of 31st December 2024, the subscriber numbers have been as follows:

Total Subscribers	481
BSA Members	64
Non-members	417

Social Media and Communication

We have seen a significant increase in subscribers to our email list, particularly after the conference. Currently, **511 people** are subscribed.

The Bourdieu Study Group continues to enhance its online presence. In the coming year, the group will **migrate from Twitter to Bluesky**, where a new profile will soon be launched. This transition reflects broader shifts in the academic social media landscape. The website will also be updated to reflect recent changes in convenors, events, and future plans.

Looking Ahead

The group will continue to promote Bourdieusian scholarship through international collaborations, thematic workshops, and mentoring initiatives. Future priorities include consolidating our digital presence, further engaging with early career researchers, and strengthening links with allied study groups and associations.

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