



Call for a New Co-Convenor: BSA Mid-Career Forum

About the Forum

The BSA Mid-Career Forum was established to address a gap that many sociologists recognise: the pressures and experiences of mid-career academic life. Not early-career, not senior, but somewhere in between, where demands on time, energy, and expertise tend to increase while some of the guidance, support, and protection of earlier stages begins to fall away.

Mid-career is not always a neat category. Many of us are early career in one area and more established in another, bringing years of teaching experience to a first research post, or the reverse. The Forum holds space for that complexity, grounded in the belief that mid-career sociologists deserve a visible, valued space within the discipline.

We are committed to the BSA's principles of equity and inclusion, fostering an ethos of good faith, compassion, and genuine community rather than competition. Our work aims to reflect the full complexity of mid-career experience across institutions, contracts, caring responsibilities, and political contexts.

What We Are Looking For

We are seeking a new co-convenor to join us to help shape and sustain the Forum as it moves into its next stage of development. This is an opportunity to contribute to something being built from the ground up, with the values and priorities of members at its centre.

We particularly welcome expressions of interest from colleagues who feel the gap the Forum is trying to address, and who bring their own experience of navigating mid-career pressures to the role.

What the Role Involves

The co-convenor role is collaborative and flexible by design. Broadly, it involves:

Shaping the Forum's direction: contributing to decisions about activities, priorities, and how the Forum develops in response to member needs and the wider BSA landscape.



Organising and facilitating activities: co-coordinating online sessions, writing retreats, drop-ins, and workshops, and helping to develop shared resources such as a CPD bank and peer support structures.

Building community: fostering connections between members, supporting buddying and peer mentoring, and helping to maintain the inclusive, non-hierarchical ethos of the Forum.

Representing and promoting the Forum: at BSA events, on social media, and in relevant networks, including making sure the Forum is accessible beyond those who can attend in person.

Contributing to the BSA: working within BSA policies and procedures and supporting the Forum's alignment with the BSA's broader strategy around equity, community, and sustainability.

The role is shared with existing co-convenors and supported by the BSA. We are conscious that mid-career colleagues are already stretched, and we are committed to making this role sustainable rather than adding to an already full workload.

Convenors must be BSA members and maintain their membership for the duration of their tenure in the role.

Who Should Apply

You do not need to have been involved with the Forum previously. You might be someone who has:

- Experienced the mid-career squeeze and wants to help address it for others
- Ideas about what the Forum should offer that you would like to help put into practice
- Skills or interests in facilitation, community-building, or peer support
- Capacity to contribute collaboratively and sustainably alongside existing commitments

We are committed to ensuring the co-convenor team reflects the diversity of mid-career sociologists across the UK.



How to Express Interest

If you would like to find out more or put yourself forward, please contact Kathryn McEwan at kathryn.mcewan@northumbria.ac.uk in first instance.

If you want to find out more about the Forum you can find us on Bluesky at [@bsamcf.bsky.social](https://bsamcf.bsky.social) and sign up to our JISC BSA-MID-CAREER-FORUM@JISCMAIL.AC.UK

We are happy to have an informal conversation before any formal expression of interest.

Closing date: Sunday 26 April 2026. Please note: The call may close early if all positions are filled before the closing date

The BSA Mid-Career Forum is a forum of the British Sociological Association. Co-convened by Kathryn McEwan and Saorfhlaith Burton.