

CALL FOR PAPERS

The contemporary relevance of the work of Pierre Bourdieu

BSA Bourdieu Study Group's Inaugural Biennial Conference 2016

Organised in association with the [School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies](#), University of Bristol

4-6 July, 2016, [University of Bristol](#)

Pierre Bourdieu has been one of the most influential sociologists of the second half of the 20th Century. His work, which has been translated into more than 24 languages, has had a significant impact on contemporary sociology internationally. Bourdieu's importance shows no signs of decreasing as newer generations of sociologists unpack and expand his theoretical framework to a wide range of present-day sociological issues and case studies. Nonetheless, previous arguments repeatedly seem to resurface on whether Bourdieu's ideas – developed over 50 years ago in a different era and the specific context of France – are empirically persuasive today.

From its establishment in 2012, the British Sociological Association's (BSA) Bourdieu Study Group has sought to critically examine and extend the application of Bourdieusian social theory in contemporary research. This conference aims to further this endeavour by bringing together international researchers from different areas of inquiry and stages of career who are using Bourdieu. Through doing so, this three day event will highlight and pull together the various complementary ways in which Bourdieu's intellectual heritage is being developed internationally.

Keynote Speakers/Panellists:

[Dr Will Atkinson](#) (University of Bristol), [Professor Gill Crozier](#) (University of Roehampton), [Professor David James](#) (Cardiff University), [Dr Joseph Ibrahim](#) (Leeds Beckett University), [Dr Lisa McKenzie](#) (London School of Economics), [Professor Tariq Modood](#) (University of Bristol), [Professor Diane Reay](#) (Cambridge University), [Professor Derek Robbins](#) (University of East London), [Dr Nicola Rollock](#) (Institute of Education), [Professor Mike Savage](#) (London School of Economics) [Professor Franz Schultheis](#) (University of St. Gallen)

Workshop Coordinators and Discussants:

[Dr Will Atkinson](#), [Dr Michael Benson](#), [Professor Harriet Bradley](#), [Dr Ciaran Burke](#), [Professor Gill Crozier](#), [Dr Sam Friedman](#), [Professor David James](#), [Dr Joseph Ibrahim](#), [Dr Nicola Ingram](#), [Dr Daniel Laurison](#), [Dr Lisa McKenzie](#), [Professor Diane Reay](#), [Professor Derek Robbins](#), [Professor Franz Schultheis](#), [Dr Derron Wallace](#)

All delegates will be able to attend two workshops and have eight to choose from:

Workshop 1: Bourdieu's epistemology and the principle of reflexivity

Workshop 2: Bourdieu's philosophy of action: habitus

Workshop 3: The social space: fields

Workshop 4: How to interpret a multiple correspondence analysis

Workshop 5: Bourdieu and public sociology **Workshop 6:** Taste, culture, and distinction **Workshop 7:** Bourdieu and visual ethnography

Workshop 8: Using Bourdieu in educational research

Call for papers

We welcome symposiums and individual papers relating to the below theoretical, methodological, and empirical themes of Bourdieu, including:

- The Continuing Importance of Bourdieu – why is he relevant/necessary?
- Bourdieu and Politics/Social justice and Equality/Public Sociology
- Bourdieu and Methodology
- Bourdieu and Education
- Bourdieu, "Race", Ethnicity and Migration
- Bourdieu and "Gender"
- Bourdieu: "Place and Space"
- Bourdieu: Culture, Taste and Distinction
- Transformation of Habitus/Habitus Fluidity

A maximum of 75 papers will be accepted for presentation in parallel sessions and a Maximum of 20 posters abstracts will be accepted.

Steps to follow to participate:

1) Submission of abstracts: Wednesday 30th December 2015

Please submit you abstracts through the BSA website:

<http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/abstract/abstracts.aspx>

The committee will make a selection of participants based on the quality and relevance of the submitted abstracts. Abstracts' length should be no more than 250 words and should include a title and 3 keywords. Please provide a short biography (50-100 words) in the section marked research. Ensure that you choose a mode of presentation, either oral or poster and select a preferred stream.

2) Announcement of selected abstracts: **February 2016**

3) Online registration opens for accepted papers: **February 2016**

4) Registration for accepted papers closes: **March 4th 2016**

5) Registration opens for all delegates: **March 7th 2016**

Useful Information

The organisers cannot pay for participants' travel and accommodation. The following will be provided for all participants: Refreshments and lunch during the conference; an evening meal on the first and second night of the conference.

Cancellations received up to and including 30 March 2016 will incur an administration fee of £50.

Cancellations received after 30 March 2016 will not be eligible for a refund on any fees-related registration.

The Bourdieu Study Group cannot be held responsible for unforeseen circumstances that change the advertised programme.

Important information

Registration

Registration price will be released soon. Prices will be in line with other large-scale academic conferences. There will be no single day rate, as delegates are expected to attend the whole three days of the event.

There are a limited number of attendance only spaces. Registration for these places will be open soon at: <http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/event/events.aspx> Please note, that registering early will not secure you a presentation place, but that once the attendee only places are fully booked, places will only be open for accepted abstracts. Should you want to attend the event even if your abstract is unsuccessful, you are advised to book as soon as possible.

For academic queries contact: BSA Bourdieu Study Group: bourdieu2011@gmail.com

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Group: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/studygroups/bourdieu.aspx>,

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