

Have we ever been 'post'? Critiques of Sociological Knowledge

BSA Theory Study Group Annual Conference

17th-18th September 2009

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Conference Programme

Thursday 17th

1330-1400 / Registration and Coffee

1400-1515 / Keynote Plenary

- Keynote: Steven Seidman (State University New York at Albany)
From 'Capital' to the Politics of Difference: Reconfiguring Social Theory
- Discussant: Gregor McLennan (University of Bristol)

1530-1715 / Plenary Session

- Les Back (Goldsmiths, University of London)
The Promise of Sociology in the 21st Century: C Wright Mills, Imagination and Freedom
 - John Holmwood (University of Birmingham)
'Sociology's Misfortune': Problems of Achieving a Discipline
- Discussant: Liz Stanley (University of Edinburgh)

1715-1745 / Coffee

1745-1900 / Parallel Paper Sessions

Session 1: Sociological Knowledge and Institutional Environments / Chair: John Holmwood

- Claire Donovan (The Australian National University)
Beyond Post-modernity and the Post-modern University
- Richard Ratcliffe and David Mills (University of Oxford)
Assertions, Morphopticism and the New Social Sciences
- Elisabeth Simbuerger (University of Warwick)
What is Left of Critique? British Sociologists' Selective Practice of a Key Principle

Session 2: Sociological Narratives and (Post) Secularism / Chair: Gregor McLennan

- Joshua Lowe (University of Warwick)
Have we ever been secular? Antinomies of the secularisation thesis
- Rosa Vasilaki (University of Bristol)
Postsecular Feminist Subject: Anti-secularism, Empowerment and the Critique of Western Knowledge
- Alp Klanten (Humboldt University)
Are we all Lyotardists? Religion and Secularization in Iran: Postmodern Conditions in Extra-European Societies

2000-2200 Conference Dinner at *Bar Fusion*

Friday 18th

0900-1015 / Keynote Plenary

- Keynote: Liz Stanley (University of Edinburgh)
Social Theory and the Conceptual Practices of Power: on Dorothy Smith, other Feminist Social Theory and the Boy Problem in Theory and its Canon
- Discussant: Christina Hughes (University of Warwick)

1030-1200 / Parallel Paper Sessions

Session 3: Between Sociology of Knowledge and Social Epistemology / Chair: TBA

- Simon Sussen (Newcastle University)
'The Relativist Turn' in Social Epistemology
- Alejandro Romero (University of Granada)
The Postmodern Condition for Sociology of Knowledge
- Dave Elder-Vass (University of Essex)
Towards a Social Ontology of Knowledge

Session 4: Sociological thinking and practice: Encounters between Past and Present / Chair: Alana Lentin

- David Ferguson (University of Chicago)
Reclaiming the Past in a 'Post' World: Sociology in the Jim Crow South
- Dariusz Gafijczuk (Trinity College Dublin)
Post-modelling, or the Art of Sociology
- Rodrigo Cordero (University of Warwick)
Thinking in Critical Times: Capitalism and Crisis Theories

1200-1300 / Lunch

1300-1430 / Plenary Session

- Alana Lentin (University of Sussex)
Post-race, Post-politics: The Paradoxical Rise of Culture after Multiculturalism
 - Margarita Palacios (Birkbeck, University of London)
Sociology and Psychoanalysis: A Happy Marriage?
- Discussant: Robert Fine (University of Warwick)

1430-1500 / Coffee

1500-1630 / Roundtable session

- Chair: Gurminder K. Bhambra (University of Warwick)
- Christina Hughes (University of Warwick)
 - Gregor McLennan (University of Bristol)
 - Liz Stanley (University of Edinburgh)
 - Robert Fine (University of Warwick)