



BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group

Study Day

Religion and Social Action

Venue: BSA, Imperial Wharf, London

Date: 19th November 2011 (10am to 4pm)

Faith-based organisations (FBOs) engage in social action in a variety of ways, from parent and toddler groups to youth groups, from counselling people suffering from addiction to providing drop-in centres for refugees. The interaction between religions and religious beliefs and their involvement with social action lends itself to historical analysis as well as being an important issue in light of current government policy. Are FBOs providing services? Are they contributors to the 'Big Society'? Does faith motivate or hinder social action?

We will be examining the relation between religion and social action from theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented angles.

The event is £36.00 for BSA/SocRel members; £45.00 for non-members; £20.00 for SocRel/BSA Postgraduate members; £25.00 for Postgraduate non-members.

Registration is available via the BSA website at the following address:

<http://bsas.esithosting.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10167>

For any further information, please contact Francesca Montemaggi (montemaggife@cardiff.ac.uk).

For information on the venue location and transport links

http://www.britsoc.co.uk/NR/rdonlyres/62CE3722-EE65-4B30-8058-90E8ACEFB636/0/BSA_Imperial_Wharf_directions041209.pdf



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9.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.15 Welcome and Introduction

10.15 – 10.45

Moral freighting, civic engagement and the Big Society – a UK perspective on Putnam's and Campbell's theory of religious-based social action

Chris Baker (University of Chester)

10.45 – 11.15

Missionaries – How a Christian Evangelical Church sees Faith and Action

Francesca Montemaggi (Cardiff University)

11.15 – 11.30 coffee & poster presentations

11.30 – 12.00

Christian Youth Work – serving church or social need?

Naomi Stanton (YMCA George Williams College)

12.00 – 12.30

Where's the 'Faith' in Faith-Based Provision for Homeless People?

Sarah Johnsen (Heriot-Watt University)

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.00

Rallying the armies of compassion
Elizabeth Levy (Université Paris Diderot 7)

2.00 – 2.30

*Action, not prayers: charitable activities in a contemporary Turkish
Sufi group*
Anna Neubauer (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland)

2.30 – 3.00 coffee & poster presentations

3.00 – 3.30

Sacred communities: The role of transnational life geographies in
embodied practices of faith and community in England
Abby Day & Ben Rogaly (University of Sussex)

3.30 – 4.00

The Role of Religion within an Islamic FBO: Findings from an
empirical case study
Rosalind Warden (Cardiff University)