



## **Supplementary Electronic Bulletin April 2010**

Owing to some important items of interest to members being received with very short notice, we have decided to produce this additional short bulletin. The usual April one will appear at the end of the month and submissions of material are still welcome to [m.barrows@acss.org.uk](mailto:m.barrows@acss.org.uk).

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## AGM 2010: FORMAL DETAILS

### AGENDA

**NOTICE WAS GIVEN** on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 that the Annual General Meeting of the **ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (the “Academy”)** for 2010 will be held on **Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 4.45 pm** at the offices of Amnesty International UK 17-25 New Inn Yard London EC2A 3EA for the purpose of considering the following Resolutions as Ordinary Business of the Academy and of undertaking other related business:

- a. To welcome members to the AGM – President
- b. To welcome and present certificates to new Academicians – President and Chair of Council

### AGM

- 1 To receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.
  - 2 To receive the Report of the Chair of Council of the Academy.
  - 3 To receive the Report of the Honorary Treasurer of the Academy.
  - 4 To receive the Report of the Executive Director of the Academy
  - 5 To receive the Directors’ Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2009.
  - 6 To appoint Knox Cropper as Independent Examiners for 2010 and to authorize the Council to fix their remuneration.
- c. Result of elections of members to Council – the Honorary Secretary
  - d. AOB

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## ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL – 2010

### Background

1. There are six vacancies by rotation for membership of Council this year.
2. The Council is the Academy’s governing body.
3. Council members are both trustees and directors, as the Academy is both a registered charity and a limited company.
4. Council members serve a 3 year term, which may be renewed for a further term of 3 years.
5. The Council has two constituent colleges. These are the College of Academicians and the College of Learned Societies.
6. Each college is able to sponsor 9 members of Council. (In addition, there is provision for the Council to co-opt up to 3 members).
7. Four of the vacancies fall from within the College of Academicians and two of the vacancies fall from within the College of Learned Societies.
8. Each Academician is eligible to vote within the College of Academicians.
9. Each Learned Society is eligible to vote within the College of Learned Societies.

10. Votes are not transferable between the Colleges.

### Timetable of Process

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Notice given that the date of the AGM is to be 30<sup>th</sup> June at 4:45pm at the offices of Amnesty International UK 17-25 New Inn Yard London EC2A 3EA

**Invitation is hereby given for qualified individuals to submit declarations of candidacy for election to Council in the attached form.**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April:** Closing date for the receipt of declarations of candidacy.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April:** Details sent out of candidates and instructions for voting.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Date set provisionally for meetings of the Colleges of Academicians and Learned Societies, where an opportunity will be given for candidates to present themselves, if they wish.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Closing date for voting.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Announcement of results at the Academy AGM.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September:** First meeting of new Council.

[Click here for a Declaration of Candidacy form.](#)

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## WORK AND WELLBEING CONFERENCE

**28th April 2010**

**Unilever House, 100 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0DY**

With addresses from **Professor Cary Cooper** CBE AcSS, **Dame Carol Black**, and **David Fairhurst** (Chief People Officer of McDonalds UK) plus many other senior figures in industry and academia, this is a major day conference for employers, operations managers, HR professionals and the academic community on current issues in work and wellbeing, viewed over the course of the traditional working life, from both employer and employee perspectives.

Good health enables human flourishing and fulfilment. Given the amount of time spent at work, the workplace is central to physical and psychological health, as well as life satisfaction. As the costs of ill health continue to rise, workplace health has become an issue that employers can no longer afford to ignore.

This conference, sponsored by SAGE and Unilever PLC, brings together all the latest thinking on current issues in work and wellbeing, from both academic and practitioner perspectives.

**To register, visit [www.acss.org.uk](http://www.acss.org.uk) and follow the link from the home page.** Note: The concessionary rate for attendance at Academy events is available to Academicians, Affiliates, and members of member Learned Societies.

## **Programme**

10.00 Registration and Coffee

10.30 Welcome to the conference - *Stephen Anderson, Executive Director, Academy of Social Sciences*

10:40 **The importance of the Health and Well Being Agenda** – An Overview of the link between Work and Health : **Professor Cary L Cooper CBE AcSS**, Chair of Council, Academy of Social Sciences and Pro Vice Chancellor (External Relations) and Distinguished Professor of Organizational Psychology and Health, Lancaster University

11.10 **Workplace Health and the Law** – Current Issues: *Simon Ost, Partner, Employment Practice, Hammonds LLP, Manchester*

11.40 Refreshment Break

12.00 **The Organisational Costs of Mental Ill-Health:** *Mike Parsonage, Senior Policy Advisor, Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, London*

12.30 **The Issue of Bullying in the Workplace:** *Professor Charlotte Rayner, Professor of Human Resource Management Portsmouth Business School, University of Portsmouth*

13.00 Lunch

14.00 **What people want from work** – the changing needs and attitudes to work at different life stages: *Professor Susan Cartwright, Professor of Organizational Psychology and Well Being, Director of Centre for Organizational Health and Well-Being, Lancaster University*

14.30 **The Value of Older Workers:** *Mr David Fairhurst, Senior Vice President, Chief People Officer, McDonald's UK & Northern Europe*

15.00 **Health Promotion in the Workplace:** *Dr John Cooper, Head of Corporate Occupational Health, Unilever PLC*

15.30 **Health and Worklessness:** *Professor Dame Carol Black DBE, FRCP, FMedSci. Director for Health and Work, DWP, Chair of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Chair of the Nuffield Trust*

16.00 Discussion

16:30 Close & Tea

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## **THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Amnesty International UK 17-25 New Inn Yard London EC2A 3EA  
10:30 am – 4 pm**

### **THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AND THE CHALLENGE TO SOCIAL SCIENCE THINKING**

The global financial crisis which erupted in 2008 lays down a profound challenge to social science. How well equipped are the different social sciences to understand and explain this event? How far does it challenge dominant approaches and require a rethink? Does it add to pressures for inter/multidisciplinary approaches? And are social scientists doing enough to get their ideas heard and understood?

The conference will feature prominent speakers from different disciplinary backgrounds, including one or two speakers who understand the role social science plays, but are not working as academics. They will talk about the contribution their disciplinary perspective could make to understanding this crisis and the ways forward.

Confirmed speakers include:-

Professor Andrew Gamble, University of Cambridge - politics  
Professor Stephen Lea, University of Exeter - economic psychology  
Professor Bob Jessop, University of Lancaster - sociology  
Professor David Vines, University of Oxford – economics  
Bridget Rosewell – Volterra Consulting and the GLA – economics / forecasting

Delegate rates:

Open category - £90

Academics - £65

For a booking form, [click here](#).

To book and pay online [click here](#) and visit the Events page.

*The conference will be followed by afternoon tea and the Academy's Annual General Meeting at 4.45pm*

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### **REF MAIN PANEL CHAIRS: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The funding bodies have written to us to alert the members of the Academy of Social Sciences to the advertisements for the Research Excellence Framework Main Panel Chairs Designate which

have been published in the Guardian and Times Higher Education recently. Further particulars can be found on the HEFCE website.

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/980635/main-panel-chairs-designate/>  
[http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/jobs\\_category.asp?cc=10197&pagenumber=2](http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/jobs_category.asp?cc=10197&pagenumber=2)  
<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/>

The closing date for receipt of applications is mid day on 22 April 2010.

**The Academy is preparing to support applications from Academicians. Please send your application by 9am on 20<sup>th</sup> April to the Executive Director, Stephen Anderson [ [director@acss.org.uk](mailto:director@acss.org.uk) ] if you are intending to apply and wish to seek Academy endorsement.**

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## **IS THERE A PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PUBLICLY FUNDED SURVEYS?**

**An explorative workshop  
Wednesday 21 April 2010: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm  
Nuffield Foundation, London**

This workshop aims to identify to what extent there are any problems for the social science community in gaining access to government and other publicly funded datasets. It is being organised by the Statistics Users Forum [SUF] in conjunction with the Academy of Social Science and Social Research Association.

We have been made aware of various problems social science researchers are experiencing in getting access to major datasets and surveys, many of which are funded / commissioned by government departments or other funding bodies. This includes non or very late deposit of datasets; more restrictive criteria for access for secondary analysis and problems about access to administrative data. Some of these problems seem to have followed various instances of government data being "lost". Others may reflect new interpretations of the Data Protection Act.

However at the same time we are aware of the drive to make more government data more accessible. "*Putting the Frontline First: Smarter Government*", was published in December 2009 and set out the overall strategy on Public Data by outlining the principles for the release and reuse of Government's non-personal data. Tim Berners-Lee has been working with the UK government to make government more transparent by putting data online.

Timely and appropriate access is a matter of concern to the social science community. StatSUG which is the body recognised by the UK Statistics Authority to deal with user/producer relations and issues has therefore asked us to provide them with more detail so as to identify the extent of any problems. This workshop aims to do this

### **Programme**

3.30 Registration and Tea

4.00 Discussion with short contributions from ESRC, GSRU, ESDS and individual researchers

5.30 Close and Drinks

If you would like to attend please contact Liam Murray on [L.Murray@rss.org.uk](mailto:L.Murray@rss.org.uk) Places are limited. Any queries to [ceridwen.roberts@btopenworld.com](mailto:ceridwen.roberts@btopenworld.com)

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## **NEW JOINT HEADS FOR GOVERNMENT SOCIAL RESEARCH UNIT**

Professor Paul Wiles has left his role as Head of the GSR and is being succeeded jointly by Richard Bartholomew, current Head of Profession at DCSF, and Jenny Dibden, current Head of Profession at DWP. The Academy looks forward to continuing to work closely with the GSR in its drive to keep the social sciences at the forefront of government policy making.

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## **NEWS FROM ACADEMICIANS**

### **NEW DIRECTOR TAKES OVER AT CENTRE FOR LONGITUDINAL STUDIES**

Professor Jane Elliott is to take over as director of the Centre for Longitudinal Studies, which houses three of Britain's internationally-renowned birth cohort studies. She will succeed Professor Heather Joshi, who is stepping down after seven years in the post.

Jane Elliott is currently head of department at CLS, which is based at the Institute of Education, University of London. For the past six years she has also been research director of two of the three birth cohort studies -- the 1958 National Child Development Study (NCDS) and the 1970 British Cohort Study (BCS).

Heather Joshi will continue as director of the Millennium Cohort Study, which is tracking 19,000 UK children born between September 2000 and January 2002.

The change of roles applies from April 1 when CLS starts a renewed five-year contract as an Economic and Social Research Council Resource Centre.

Jane Elliott's main research interests include gender and employment, women's careers, and the combination of qualitative and quantitative methodology. Her analysis of essays that NCDS children wrote at age 11 about their imagined adult lives was the inspiration for the recent BBC Radio 4 series, *When I Grow Up*.

A Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, Jane Elliott graduated from King's College, Cambridge, and gained her PhD in Sociology at the University of Manchester. Before joining CLS in 2004 she was a visiting lecturer at Harvard.

"I am delighted to be appointed director of a major ESRC investment," Jane Elliott said. "The cohort studies are a unique research resource used by scholars around the world and it is a privilege to be in a position to lead in their future development."

For further information on Jane Elliott's research and publications see <http://www.cls.ioe.ac.uk/staff.asp?section=0001000100020003&staffitem=13>

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## **INVITATION TO PROFESSOR SONIA JACKSON'S INAUGURAL PROFESSORIAL LECTURE**

Professor Sonia Jackson OBE AcSS, Professor of Social Care and Education at the Thomas Coram Research Unit, has invited all members of the Academy to her inaugural professorial lecture entitled "Education for Social Inclusion: Better Outcomes for Children in Care". This will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 27 April 2010 at the Jeffery Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL. Tea will be served in the Crush Hall at 5.30 pm. If you are interested in attending please contact Elaine Peck on [e.peck@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:e.peck@ioe.ac.uk).

Children and young people who have been in care make up less than one per cent of the population, yet they account for half the inmates in young offenders' institutions and a quarter of adult prisoners. Some estimates are that almost half of young women leaving care are pregnant or already have a child, and by 19 they are eight times more likely to be mothers than others in their age group. Two years after leaving care, 80 per cent of young people are unemployed; many experience homelessness. A high proportion suffer from poor physical and mental health and struggle with problems arising from misuse of alcohol and drugs.

Longitudinal research has shown that well-being in almost every aspect of adult life is closely related to the educational level achieved, but until recently the vast majority of children in care were denied the chance to obtain any qualifications at all - 'Nobody ever told us school mattered'. For almost half a century their education and school experience was marginalised or ignored by researchers, social workers and the care system. Although the present government has made strenuous efforts to improve educational outcomes for looked after children, the gap in attainment compared with children living in their own homes remains obstinately large. Advances at policy level have been slow to translate into improvements on the ground and there are stark differences between local authorities with apparently similar populations.

In the present economic climate the neglected education of children in state care has become an urgent problem, not only for them but for society as a whole. This lecture suggests that we need to understand its deep historical roots, which find echoes in many other European countries, if we really want them to have a better chance in life.

**Sonia Jackson OBE AcSS FRSA** is Professor of Social Care and Education at the University of London, Institute of Education. She is a qualified clinical psychologist and social worker and was Head of Social Policy and Applied Social Studies at the University of Wales Swansea before moving to direct research projects at the Thomas Coram Research Unit. She has served as a Trustee, and now Patron of the Who Cares? Trust, and as Chair of Children in Wales. She has published many books, chapters and research reports on early years and all aspects of state care, but particularly on the interface between care and education. She first drew attention to the neglected education of children in care in the early 1980s and carried out the only UK study of university students who have been in care. Her current project is a five nation study of educational pathways of young people with a public care background, funded by the European Union.

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**ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

**For election to the Council of the Academy of Social Sciences  
wef the Annual General Meeting of the Academy on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

I, .....

Of .....

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Hereby declare that I am qualified to be and am a Candidate for Election to Council by

- the College of Academicians

*or*

- the College of Learned Societies

[Please tick one box only]

**NOTES**

1. Elected Council Members must,
  - a. in the case of those elected by the College of Academicians, be Academicians themselves
  - b. in the case of those elected by the College of Learned Societies, be a full member of a Member Learned Society (but need not also be an Academician).
2. The Closing Date for submission of this form is 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009.
3. Each candidate may submit a note about themselves which will be circulated to the Members of the Academy. A form for completion is attached.
4. Elected Council Members serve a 3 year term on Council, which potentially is renewable for a further 3 year term, subject to re-election.



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**ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT  
FOR ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN 2010**

NAME .....

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**STATEMENT**  
(Maximum 200 words)

Signed ..... Date.....



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## Annual General Meeting of the Academy of Social Sciences

**Wednesday 30 June 2010**

**4:45 – 6 pm**

### Attendance Form

I should like to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Academy of Social Sciences on 30 June 2010 at Amnesty International UK, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA from 4:45 until 6 pm.

<b>Title</b>	
<b>First name</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Institution/Organisation</b>	
<b>Full address including postcode</b>	
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