

*'There is no such thing as  
society...'* M Thatcher, 1985

There is now!

**The Academy is pleased to announce that its new journal, *Society*, will be launched in 2006, edited by Peter Glasner and Miriam David, and published by Taylor and Francis.** An Editorial Board has been appointed from among our Academicians, and the project has the services of Jo Campling AcSS as its Executive Publisher. Submissions and suggestions for content are very welcome. The journal seeks to fill a crucial need, and market niche, in relation to the social sciences.

## V-Cs, the Academy and the Social Sciences

**For the first time, the Academy has convened a meeting of Academicians who are also Vice-Chancellors.** The aim is to bring this group together twice a year, in order to facilitate discussion and communication on the social sciences in higher education and society, and identify strategic actions that can be undertaken on behalf of the social sciences.

The first meeting, hosted by Lord Parekh and Ian Forbes, revealed immense enthusiasm for the creation of this group as well as the aims and objectives of the Academy. Action on a number of fronts – the deleterious impact of science-derived funding systems for higher education, the need for public campaigning on the importance and status of social sciences, and setting the research agenda - was seen as the group's, and the Academy's top priority.

The Academy is setting up a series of working groups to develop strategies and actions in these three areas. Council member Richard Munton is coordinating the V-Cs group and its activities.

## International Social Sciences Council

**The ISSC held its General Assembly in Beijing in November, hosted by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.** This was an important meeting, as it signalled the creation of a new joint social sciences and humanities council. This development is in response to a reduction in resources from UNESCO, and in recognition of interdisciplinary developments and the emergence of other common interests.



Prof Lourdes Arizpe (President) and Dr Ali Kazancigil (General Secretary)

The Assembly also agreed to support a new research programme on Gender, Globalization and Democratization, led by Jane Bayes (Political Science, California State). For further details, see the ISSC link on our web site at <http://www.the-academy.org.uk/index9230.html?fuse=LINKS>

The Stein Rokkan Prize was awarded to Dr Daniele Caramani, of Birmingham University, for his book on the nationalisation of politics in western Europe.

## Meeting Dates: 2005

- Academy Council: January 18
- Academy Council: March 10
- College of Learned Societies: March 14
- Committee of Academicians: March 21
- Nominations Committee: March 21
- First Annual Debate: March 21
- AGM: May 16
- Academy Council: July 7
- 2005 President's Lunch: November 30

## 2004 President's Lunch

**C**hief Secretary to the Treasury the Rt Hon Paul Boateng MP was the guest of honour at the President's Lunch at the House of Lords in November.



Mr Boateng (seen above exchanging views with Academicians John Benyon, Lord Parekh and Lord Smith) gave a warmly received speech that was eloquent on the need to support and incorporate social science in relation to society and government. Specifically, he recalled the enormous influence that the work of Bhikhu Parekh and the Runnymede Trust on the 'sus' law had on his ability to understand and address discrimination in the justice system some twenty years ago.



Pictured (from left) are Sir Bob May (Royal Society), Lord Parekh, Ian Forbes and Sir Keith O'Nions (OST). David Hargreaves (*Prospect*) and Tony Wright MP were among other honoured guests.

In his thanks to Mr Boateng, Ian Forbes made sure that he asked for a lot more money for the social sciences, and emphasised the importance of 'upstream engagement' of the social sciences in dealing with change in society.

## ESRC Future Priorities

**T**he Academy's report in response to the consultation on its future priorities was considered by the ESRC at its Council meeting in November 2004.

Our unique input was very well received, and has contributed in no small way to the decisions about the future activities of the ESRC. Adrian Alsop, who attended several of our consultative meetings, will provide feedback to the Academy Council. The full report can be viewed on the website.

## Forthcoming Events

**Friday Jan 21**

**Ethics and the Governance of  
Research in the Social Sciences**

**Friday Jan 21, 2005, 10.30-16.45 at BPS, 33  
St John Street, London.**

This Academy event is organised in conjunction with the Research Board of the British Psychological Society. Details from Lisa Morrison Coulthard (lismor@bps.org.uk), Tel: 0116 2529510; Fax: 0116 2529538; or visit the web site for registration at <http://www.the-academy.org.uk/210105.pdf>

**Monday March 21**

**The Annual Academy Debate  
The UK, the USA and Europe:  
Current and Future Directions**

This first annual debate has been organized in conjunction with the Eccles Centre for American Studies at the British Library. The debate and reception will take place at the prestigious BL Conference Centre on March 21, from 5-8 pm. Panellists include Academicians John Dumbrell and Elizabeth Meehan, as well as Baroness Williams and Tim Hames of the *Times*.

See <http://www.the-academy.org.uk/210305.pdf> for full details.

## Academy Elections

**The elections to our major committees have been completed.** Committee membership is as follows:

### Council

Dominic Abrams, Bob Blackburn, Mike Danson (Treasurer and Vice-Chair), Miriam David, Sara Delamont (Vice-Chair), Ian Forbes (Chair), Henrietta Moore, Richard Munton, Bhikhu Parekh (President, ex-officio), Elliot Stern, David Turner (Secretary), Arlene Vetere (Vice-Chair).

### Committee of Academicians

Bob Blackburn, Miriam David (Chair), Philip Davies, Ann Davis, Robert Dingwall, Ian Gough, Michael Jacobs, Janet Lewis, Jean Martin, Doreen Massey, Richard Munton, John Parr, John Scott, Elliot Stern, John Urry, Arlene Vetere, Roger Vickerman

### Committee of Learned Societies

Dominic Abrams (Chair), Janet Ashkam, Alison Assiter, Joe Bailey, Woody Caan, Graham Clarke, Wyn Grant, Clive Harber, Sally Hardy, Carol Lewis, Stina Lyon, Judith Mudd, Carol Riddington, Helen Simmons, Nigel Thrift, Julia Twigg Robert Upton

### Nominations Committee

Dominic Abrams, Alison Assiter, Miriam David, Sara Delamont, Ian Forbes (Chair), Anthea Tinker, Arlene Vetere

## Finding Fugitive Literature

**Alan Gomersall, of the ESRC UK Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice, has announced the creation of a UK database covering all aspects of British social policy and social care.**

Combining the content of, Acompline, AgeInfo, Caredata and Planex, the merged database includes over 200,000 records and is particularly strong on

'fugitive' literature - reports, working papers, etc from central government and local authorities, charities and the voluntary sector. It is of particular value, he claims, to practitioners and makes a very useful complement to IBSS whose coverage of research journals is stronger.

Those interested can avail themselves of a free 30 day trial by logging onto [www.ovid.com/spp](http://www.ovid.com/spp).

## Council News

**Council agreed to the appointment of three Vice-Chairs, in order to improve the Academy's representative and policy-influencing functions.**

Sara Delamont has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair for Wales, and Mike Danson, as well as being Treasurer, will be the Vice-Chair for Scotland. Arlene Vetere has agreed to join the Council as Vice-Chair for Practitioners.

Sara and Mike will seek to develop good connections and communications with devolved administrations, and enhance our consultative capacity. The Council would be pleased to hear from one of our Northern Ireland Academicians who would be prepared to serve as a Vice-Chair for NI. Arlene will seek to ensure that the interests and perspectives of practitioners make a full contribution to the Academy.

Members in Scotland and Wales, and practitioner Academicians, are encouraged to contact these Vice-Chairs directly.

**The Academy wishes all its members an enjoyable and productive 2005.**

Please see over for a list of new Academicians for 2004.

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New Academicians

**W**e are pleased to announce that the following outstanding scholars and practitioners were elected *Academicians of the Social Sciences* in 2004.

**Prof. Peter Aggleton**, University of London  
**Dr. Alan Aldridge**, University of Nottingham  
**Prof. R. Allen**, Oxford University  
**Prof. Clive Archer**, Manchester Metropolitan University  
**Prof. Emeritus John Bond**, University of Newcastle  
**Mr. Saxon Brettell**, Cambridge Econometrics  
**Dr. Charlotte Burck**, Tavistock Clinic  
**Mr. John Burnham**, Birmingham Children's Hospital  
**Mr. Chris Caswill**, Addvisa Associates  
**Prof. Andrew Coleman**, University of Leicester  
**Prof. Elisabeth Croll**, University of London  
**Prof. Anthony Crook**, University of Sheffield  
**Mr. Gordon Dabinett**, University of Sheffield  
**Prof. Alan Deacon**, University of Leeds  
**Prof. John Dixon**, University of Plymouth  
**Prof. J. Dockrell**, University of London  
**Prof. Martin Everett**, University of Westminster  
**Prof. Kenneth Gilhooly**, University of Hertfordshire  
**Prof. Usha Goswami**, University of Cambridge  
**Dr. Terence Gourvish**, London School of Economics  
**Dr. Rebecca Harding**, London Business School  
**Mrs. Sally Hardy**, Regional Studies Association  
**Prof. Michael Hoey**, University of Liverpool  
**Dr. Katrina Honeyman**, University of Leeds

**Prof. Ursula Huws**, London Metropolitan University  
**Prof. Raymond Illsley**, University of Bath  
**Prof. Charlie Jeffery**, University of Edinburgh  
**Prof. Richard Jenkins**, University of Sheffield  
**Prof. Grant Jordan**, University of Aberdeen  
**Prof. Geoff Lindsay**, University of Warwick  
**Prof. Jim Mansell**, University of Kent  
**Prof. Antony Manstead**, Cardiff University  
**Prof. Linda McKie**, Glasgow Caledonian University  
**Prof. Tariq Modood**, University of Bristol  
**Prof. Anton Muscatelli**, University of Glasgow  
**Prof. Joseph Nellis**, Cranfield University  
**Prof. Jenny Ozga**, University of Edinburgh  
**Prof. Gareth Rees**, Cardiff University  
**Prof. David Rhind CBE**, The City University  
**Prof. Richard Rodger**, University of Leicester  
**Prof. Graham Room**, University of Bath  
**Prof. David Rose**, University of Essex  
**Prof. Ajit Singh**, University of Cambridge  
**Ms Bebe Speed**, Oxford Mental Health Trust  
**Dr. Eddy Street**, St. David's Hospital  
**Prof. Kathy Sylva**, Oxford University  
**Prof. Jonathan Tonge**, University of Salford  
**Prof. Christine Victor**, University of Reading  
**Prof. Sir David Williams AC DL**, Cambridge University  
**Dr. Colin Wren**, University of Newcastle  
**Prof. Emeritus Andrew Young**, University of York