



Alcohol Explorations

A Research Methods Workshop

BSA Sociology of Alcohol Study Group

Friday 27th February 2015

BSA Meeting Rooms, Imperial Wharf

Fulham, London, SW6 2PY

How can sociological research help us to understand the complex subjective, embodied and sensory experiences of drunkenness and intoxication? What methodological challenges do researchers face when exploring the frequently divisive topic of alcohol consumption and its associated beneficial and detrimental effects? How can research take account of the array of competing voices encountered in the field including drinkers, industry personnel and policy makers?

This one day workshop will offer a chance to explore these and other important methodological questions. The workshop will be a chance to engage with established researchers as they reflect on their experiences of researching alcohol consumption and related issues of identity, gender, social class, deviance and public order. Each presentation will be followed by questions and debate and a closing round table discussion will seek to bring together common themes and dilemmas faced by researchers of drink, drunkenness and intoxication.

Confirmed Speakers:

Prof Shane Blackman
(Canterbury Christ Church
University)
Ethnography research

Dr Oliver Smith (Plymouth
University)
Qualitative interviews

Dr Karenza Moore (Lancaster
University)
Mixed methods

Dr Thomas Thurnell-Read
(Coventry University)
Sense and affect research

Who should attend?

Academics, researchers and students with an interest in sociological and social science approaches to researching alcohol consumption, drinking cultures and intoxication.

To register please go to:

<http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10406>

BSA Members - £15, Non-BSA Members - £20

In addition, there are three subsidised places available for postgraduate students. The subsidy covers the cost of registration and a travel stipend up to the value of £50. Please contact the organising team for further details.

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