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Latest News

Forum for Leaders of Social Science in HEIs (FLSS)

The Academy is convening a new forum to bring together social science leaders from across the UK to share knowledge and understanding in an informal and collegial setting. The aim is both to support the position of the social sciences within institutions and to widen understanding of shared challenges in relation to research, education and public engagement and

impact.

The Forum derives in part from the Academy's [Social Science in a Time of Change project](#). This project identified a number of challenges – including around COVID-19, Brexit, research funding and changed ways of working – where discussion and collective action amongst social science leaders could make a tangible difference.

The Forum will be chaired by Professor Richard Black, an Academy trustee and PVC and Head of the College of Social Sciences at Birmingham University. The inaugural meeting is planned for mid-November. If you hold the leadership position for social sciences in your institution and have not yet received an invitation to the forum please email ceo@acss.org.uk

'We Society' podcasts: season two launching soon

Following the success of the inaugural series of the [We Society podcasts](#), we are delighted to announce that season two of the series will be launching at the end of this month.

Hosted by Will Hutton FAcSS and produced by Whistledown productions, the new season will feature Academy Fellows and other highly acclaimed social scientists from across academia and, public policy and development sectors.



Following in the same vein as the first season of episodes, our guests will engage in lively discussions with Will, sharing thought-provoking insights on the most current and pressing issues affecting all of our lives at this critical time.

Here is the season two line up of six confirmed guests and the topics they will discuss, the final two will be announced shortly:

- **Prof Linda Bauld FAcSS** (Bruce and John Usher Chair of Public Health at the University of Edinburgh and Chief Social Policy Advisor to the Scottish Government) on **public health and healthcare disparities**
- **Torsten Bell FAcSS** (Chief Executive of Resolution Foundation) on **UK economy and living standards**
- **Prof Mike Burners-Lee** (Professor at the Institute for Social Futures, Lancaster University) on **carbon footprints and decarbonising business**
- **Greg Clark FAcSS** (Chair, Connected Places Catapult & Chair, UK Cities Climate Investment Commission) on **cities and the climate crisis**
- **Prof Sir Lawrence Freedman FAcSS** (Emeritus Professor of War Studies, King's College London) on **Russia and Ukraine conflict**
- **Sunder Katwala** (Director of British Future) on **migration and opportunity**

We will be formally announcing the launch of season two shortly, so please do keep an eye out for further communications from us. In the meantime if you haven't yet had a chance to listen to any of the podcasts here are some [highlights from the first series](#) and the full podcasts are also available.

Subscribe, follow and share

The ['We Society' podcast series](#) is available to listen to for free on our

[website](#), Google, Apple podcasts, Spotify and across all other major podcasting platforms. You can also [subscribe](#) to keep up to date with all the latest episodes

If you are on social media you can follow and share the podcast on the following platforms:

Twitter: [@thewesocietypod](#)

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Spring 2023 Fellow nominations

Deadline 1 December 2022

The Academy welcomes Fellow nominations for Spring 2023. The deadline for submissions is **1 December 2022**. We encourage nominations from the academic, public, private and third sectors. Nominees must be people of established status and reputation, shown through evidence of eminence in their field and the impact made to wider social science. Guidelines can be found on our website. We are committed to increasing diversity in our Fellowship and welcome nominations from all backgrounds. Visit the [Nominate a Fellow](#) section for further information.

ESRC funding opportunity

Embedding methodological development in social science research: 2022

Proposals funded through this highlight notice will refine methodological

approaches developed since March 2020 to enable them to be fully embedded in research practice, maximising their contribution to social science research. The full economic cost of projects can be up to £1 million of which ESRC will fund up to 80%. Funding is available for up to three years. **Deadline for applications: 10 October 2022 (16:00hrs)** [Find out more and apply](#)

Still time to apply: Defra's Social Science Expert Group (SSEG) recruiting five new members

Defra are recruiting five positions to its [Social Science Expert Group \(SSEG\)](#), a sub-group of the [Science Advisory Council \(SAC\)](#).

The new members will have expertise across the full breadth of the social sciences and a broad range of expertise across Defra's areas of interest, including but not limited to environmental policy, biodiversity, air and/or water quality, agriculture and rural affairs. Applicants from across a diverse spectrum of ethnicity, gender, lived experience and career stage are particularly welcome.

SSEG brings high quality external social science expertise to ensure social science can inform policy development, delivery and decision-making through effective advice and use of high-quality social science evidence.

Completed Expressions of Interest (EOI) and CV should be sent to matt.ensor@defra.gov.uk by 12am, 10th October 2022.

Policy and Research

Policy Monitor



See the summary of latest consultations in the Policy Monitor for October 2022

[View](#)

Policy Update

In this month's Policy Update we bring further details on newly appointed Secretary of State for Education (Kit Malthouse) and Secretary of State for BEIS (Jacob Rees-Mogg). We provide a brief outline of their policy remits and likely priority agendas over the next parliamentary session. We also provide a concise analysis of changes around EU Horizon funding and look at how this may play out in future. Finally, we highlight latest developments on plans for HE funding and OfS proposals for the regulation of HEIs.

[Read more in the October Policy Update](#)

Retirement of Sharon Witherspoon MBE FAcSS

The Academy extends its warmest thanks to Sharon for her rich contributions to the social sciences and a life time of dedication to developing and supporting them in many different ways. Her passion and promotion of quantitative skills in the social sciences, in particular, has left a lasting legacy. She has announced her intention to retire at the end of the year.

A very well-known and respected figure in the social sciences community,

Sharon has brought her knowledge, insight and commitment to social sciences to bear to great effect within the Academy since 2016, as our Head of Policy. We wish her well in her retirement and are delighted that she will remain an active Fellow.

The Academy will be seeking to appoint to a new full time position of Head of Policy and Public Affairs shortly.



Campaign for Social Science Events

What now for Levelling Up?

26 October, 18.30-20.00, Bush House, 8th Floor North, 30 Aldwych, London, WC2B 4BG [Find out more and register](#)

King's College London, in partnership with the Campaign for Social Science, presents this event which is part of the [ESRC's annual Festival of Social Science](#). The event is a panel discussion looking at ways to encourage policy to address regional inequalities.

Speakers include:

- **Andy Haldane**, Chair of the government's Levelling Up Advisory Council and Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts
- **Professor Anand Menon**, Director of the UK in a Changing Europe initiative and Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs at King's

College London

- **Professor Bobby Duffy**, Director of the Policy Institute at King's College London and Chair of the Campaign for Social Science
- Others tbc

[Find out more and register](#)

New date for rescheduled event: How can we make our economy more resilient? Lessons from the pandemic

05 December, 18.00-19.30, Advanced Research Centre, University of Glasgow (in person or online) [Register free](#)

University of Glasgow, in partnership with the Campaign for Social Science, presents this event which is part of a series of public lectures focusing on how we respond to global shocks. The series: 'Future Global Shocks', focuses on building a more resilient society in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Please note that, because it coincided with the state funeral of the Queen, this event has been rescheduled from 19 September to its new date 05 December. If you registered for the 19 September event you should have received an email asking you to re-register for the new date. Alternatively, you can do so using the link provided here. [Register free](#)

Guest speakers include:

- **Professor Richard Davies**, Bristol University and Director of the UK's Economics Observatory
- **Jeane Freeman OBE**, former Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport in the Scottish Government
- **Professor Graeme Roy**, Dean of External Engagement, University of Glasgow

- **Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Glasgow
- **Professor Linda Yueh**, Fellow in Economics, Oxford University and Adjunct Professor of Economics, London Business School.

[Register free](#) and please share the link widely within your own network.

New comment and analysis on Campaign for Social Science thematic hubs

The following commentary pieces have been recently published on the Campaign's thematic hubs.

Living standards and levelling up

- **Owen Garling**, Knowledge Transfer Facilitator, Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge: [Pride in place – is it important and how can it be measured?](#)
- **Dr Wei Yang FAcSS**, Chair of Wei Yang & Partners and Co-Chair of Digital Task Force for Planning: [A long-term integrated approach is crucial in securing a better future for everyone](#)

Climate and sustainability

Dr Gemma Harper FAcSS, Chief Executive, Professor Melanie Austen, Independent Member, Manaswita Konar, Director of Economic Analysis and Evidence, Joint Nature Conservation Committee: [The Social Nature of our Species](#)

The climate and sustainability hub also incorporates an extensive ['What others are doing' hub of hubs](#) linking to a vast archive of other resources on climate-related social science.

[Visit the hubs to see more.](#)

Get involved

There are opportunities for social scientists, and users of social science to contribute to the Campaign's showcase hubs. If you are interested in submitting an evidence-led comment piece for any of our hubs, please contact Steve Grundy, Senior Campaign Manager at s.grundy@acss.org.uk to discuss your idea.

[Visit the hubs to see more.](#)

Latest comment and analysis: Post-Brexit Northern Ireland, the question of Irish reunification, and a crucial role for social science in the debate

Guest feature by Professor John Brewer FAcSS, Queen's University Belfast



In the Campaign's latest guest feature, John Brewer FAcSS, internationally recognised expert in conflict transformation and Professor of Post Conflict Studies at Queen's University Belfast, considers some of the tensions and forces that could determine Northern Ireland's post-Brexit future. John also outlines the important role that social science can and should play in the debate.

[Read the full piece on our website.](#)

Welcoming new Campaign Supporters

We are delighted to welcome both **Anglia Ruskin University** and **Brunel University** as the latest institutions to become Campaign Supporters. Both have joined the fold as silver level Supporters. Supporting the Campaign is an excellent way for an institution to visibly demonstrate an active commitment to promoting the social sciences. We very much look forward to working with colleagues at Anglia Ruskin and at Brunel on forthcoming Campaign activities.

For institutions and organisations that haven't yet become Campaign Supporters but would like to join us in celebrating and promoting the social sciences why not [find out more](#) about what we do and how you can be involved.

Fellows' News

New books by FAcSS

- [How to Manage International Multidisciplinary Research Projects](#)
Hantrais, L. (ed) (2022)
Edward Elgar Publishing
- [Justice for Everyone: The Jurisprudence and Legal Lives of Brenda Hale](#)
Hunter, R. and Rackley, E. (eds) (2022)
Cambridge University Press
- [Ideology Studies: New Advances and Interpretations](#)
Freeden, M. (2022)
Routledge
- [The Cruel Optimism of Racial Justice](#)
Meer, N. (2022)
Policy Press

If you are an Academy Fellow and have a new book you would like included in these listings, please email us with a link to your publication at media@acss.org.uk

Events

Social Science Societies Events

British Association for Applied Linguistics

- [2022 workshop BAAL Health and Science Communication SIG: 'Corpus linguistics, big data and information quality in health and science communication', University of Nottingham, 11 Nov 2022, in-person and online](#)

British Educational Research Association

- [The Voice of Ukrainian Educational Research Association across Borders or is there Educational Solidarity during Russian-Ukrainian War?, 5 Oct](#)

British Society of Gerontology

- [BSG Ageing Centres meeting, 11 October, 14:00- 15:30hrs, Registration open](#)

Regional Studies Association

- [RSA Winter Conference, – Regions in](#)

Transition: Balancing Economic, Social
and Environmental Sustainability in the
Face of Uncertainty, 10-11 Nov, London

