

Call for Papers: Religion and Social Action

Venue: BSA, Imperial Wharf, London

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

We invite contributions to the forthcoming Study Day of the BSA Sociology of Religion Group based around the theme of Religion and Social Action. 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. We welcome 20 minutes papers exploring, but not limited to, the following topics:

- the nature of social action in relation to religion;
- faith in civil society;
- faith as motivation of social action;
- individual religiosity and social action or volunteering;
- the effectiveness of the social action of FBOs.

Abstract submissions (200 words) should be sent to Francesca Montemaggi montemaggife@cardiff.ac.uk by the **12 September 2011**. Numbers are limited.

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 nonmembers.

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

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