



2008 Call for Papers

SRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

“Trends: Looking Back, Moving Forward - 30 years of the SRA”

Thursday 11th December 2007, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, University of London

As the SRA celebrates its 30th anniversary we are taking the opportunity to reflect on the impact of Social Research over the past 30 years and future trends for the next 30 years. The SRA therefore welcomes abstracts for presentations for both plenary (30 minutes) and workshop sessions (35 minutes) that address the overall conference theme or discuss, explore or reflect the following:

Social Trends

☐ **Measuring the past: Societal, political, economic or cultural changes in the UK over the past 30 years (comparative studies particularly welcomed)**

☐ **Measuring the future: the future of the UK – societal, political, economic or cultural predictions for the future**

Trends in social research

☐ **Innovations in social research: examples of how research techniques have changed over the past 30 years and research techniques for the future**

☐ **The changing face of social research and what will social research look like in 2038?: How technology and society have changed research practice, the research industry and the skill set of the researcher over the past 30 years and trends for the next 30 years**

☐ **The impact of social research: The impact of social research on decision making past, present and future**

The SRA is looking for informative and innovative presentations and workshops from social researchers across national and local government, academia, and the independent, commercial and voluntary sectors.

Key to the SRA is the dissemination and advance of sound and innovative social research methods so submissions that support this aim are encouraged. Submissions that involve a participatory element with conference attendees are particularly welcomed.

To be considered for either a workshop or plenary presentation, please send your abstract (500 words maximum, which should include a description of your research methodology - if appropriate) along with:

- your name
- affiliation
- contact details (including e-mail address)
- presentation or workshop title
- details about which theme you feel the abstract reflects (if appropriate)

by Thursday 19th June 2008

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Please make the subject line of your email "SRA 2008 Abstract" and include your name. Please also make sure you add your name to any attachments. Please do not send completed presentations or papers. Once your abstract has been received you will receive a confirmation email reply.

All those whose abstracts are accepted are expected to book a place at the conference and pay a reduced delegate fee. Co-presenters will also be required to register and pay a reduced fee. More details about the conference will be announced by the SRA in due course.

Successful applications will be notified at the end of July 2008.

The Social Research Association (SRA) was founded in 1978 to advance the conduct, development and application of social research. Please visit our website for more details about the SRA and membership. www.the-sra.org.uk