

## **Social theory and education**

### **Main activities and events of the SIG in the past year.**

We organised a SIG webinar event in November on critical reflexivity in education research methodologies - this was well attended (over 200) and received

### **What are the key issues currently affecting your Special Interest Area?**

Less attention is paid to theory generally when it comes to early career development and research training, as compared to education research methods,

### **Are there any particular developments for your SIG on the horizon, e.g. newsletters, publications, blogs, events, projects?**

There is a planned launch via BERA of the new book 'Social theory and the politics of higher education', due to take place on February 12, 2021

### **What other organizations does your SIG collaborate with?**

The event above is an unofficial collaboration with Bloomsbury publisher

### **How has your SIG worked to encourage diversity amongst your membership? How do you plan to encourage diversity in the future?**

The move to online webinars has helped to engage people across the 4 nations, as it has made access much more straightforward. It is envisaged that some online activities can become part of the working arrangements so that this level of engagement can be sustained

The events so far have encouraged scholars to engage with a broad social theory lens, including gender and race, as well as issues such as the body, language and culture. This is a strong way to encourage diversity among the membership and we will aim to continue in this vein to encourage cross-pollination of ideas