

Justice, Genes & Welfare: Are Intergenerational Relationships Toxic?

A joint BSA Families and Relationship Study
Group and Youth Study Group Event

Keyworth Centre, London South Bank University
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Intergenerational relations increasingly seem to be called into question in contemporary society, highlighted as centrally implicated in some of its key ills. The topic of intergenerational justice has been the focus of a slew of popular and political publications, contending that the 'baby boomer' generation has skewed the allocation of economic, social and cultural resources in its own favour and left younger generations immersed in debt and facing a perilous future. Early years policy reports pose parenting as formative in babies' brain architecture, hard wiring future (anti)social behaviour and empathetic (in)abilities, as well as shaping the genetic inheritance that passes down through the generations. Ideas about cycles of deprivation, transmitted disadvantage and intergenerational cultures of poverty and worklessness are a recurrent feature of political pronouncements, where low aspirations and benefit dependency are alleged to be passed down in families and communities.

This day seminar will ask, "Are intergenerational relationships toxic?"
Contributors will appraise:

- JUSTICE: Jonathan White (LSE), and Susie Weller (LSBU) and Ros Edwards (University of Southampton);
- GENES: Val Gillies, Nicola Horsley (LSBU) and Ros Edwards (University of Southampton); and
- WELFARE: Tracey Shildrick (University of Leeds), and Eldin Fahmy (University of Bristol).

A concluding review of the state of intergenerational relationships will be given by the Chair for the day: Jane Pilcher (University of Leicester).

Registration

BSA Members £45
Non-Members £55

More information and online registration:

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