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SOCIAL POLICY
ASSOCIATION

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What is the SPA?

The Social Policy Association is the professional association for teachers, researchers, students and practitioners of social policy. Founded in 1972, it offers a wide range of services for all involved or interested in the subject and its development. The SPA aims to be an outward-looking association where international and global aspects of social policy, a broad world view, and engagement with scholars residing outside of as well as within the UK lie at the heart of what we do and how we go about it.

Why should I join?

- The SPA is committed to promoting the subject of Social Policy and representing its members' interests. It is regularly consulted by organisations responsible for post-compulsory education and social science research in the UK.
- The SPA promotes research, teaching and practice in Social Policy and works to enhance the public profile of the subject.
- The SPA provides a forum for the exchange and dissemination of ideas and an unparalleled opportunity to keep in touch with national and international developments in a fast-changing policy environment. We have an expanding number of overseas members and are actively promoting stronger international links.
- The SPA is closely involved in the long-term development of the subject. It liaises closely with the Economic and Social Research Council and HEFCE; and provides a range of services to support and encourage advanced studies in Social Policy.

How is the SPA organised?

The SPA's activities are co-ordinated by an elected Executive Committee. All members of the SPA are eligible and welcome to stand and elections for the Executive Committee are held at the AGM during SPA's Annual Conference.

Membership of the SPA brings a wide range of benefits:

- The Journal of Social Policy and Social Policy and Society (both published four times a year in collaboration with Cambridge University Press).
- Policy World, published three times a year, contains news, updates on current developments and debates, book reviews and details of teaching resources, conferences, workshops and other events.
- Social Policy Review, published annually: an edited collection of articles reviewing developments and debates in social policy in Britain and internationally.
- A Postgraduate Group which organises a support network and tailored events for postgraduates throughout the year. A specific grants scheme for Postgraduate members.
- Discounts on subscriptions to other leading academic journals: Journal of European Social Policy, Policy and Politics, Social Policy and Administration and Global Social Policy.
- Discounted registration for the annual Social Policy Association conference, which attracts social policy academics, postgraduates and researchers from the UK and other countries. The conference provides an important opportunity to engage with the latest developments in the subject.
- Reciprocal arrangements with other learned societies, such as the BSA and APPAM: these can give SPA members reduced rates of membership and conference attendance.
- Small and Large Grants Schemes to which any member can apply, designed to fund one-off conference events dealing with research, policy & practice and/or learning & teaching in a way that is of benefit to the social policy community and SPA members.
- International Conference Scheme to support members attendance at conferences and workshops.

Full details of these and other services; the work of the Association; news, events and an information exchange can be found on the SPA's website www.social-policy.org.uk

Members' Directory

Recently, the SPA have invested in an updated members' directory with the aim of helping social policy colleagues to connect more effectively with each other as well as – where members wish - with policy makers and members of the media. As well as being able to find SPA members by pre-defined research areas, by surname or by institution, the new directory allows free text searches across the research interests and areas of expertise of all SPA members in the directory. The aim is to provide a central calling point for members to connect with colleagues and where those from outside the academic community can locate relevant expertise (though you can select not to be contacted by non-academics if you wish).

We are sure that this new members' directory will be of significant value to the social policy community but we need your help to make it a success by adding your own details to the directory! All you have to do is to add your details when you join or renew.

Alternatively, once you have joined or renewed your membership you can go to: <http://spa.lpl-uk.com/directory1.php> to find the main Members' Directory search page where you can also follow the link to upload your details. Once you've added your details, the 'Members' Directory' link on the left sidebar of the SPA website's homepage (www.social-policy.org.uk) will take you straight to the directory. So log in, add your info, and get connecting!

Contact details



If you have any queries regarding membership, please contact Simon Pemberton
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or, alternatively:
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For information on joining the SPA log on to
www.social-policy.org.uk

How do I join and what will it cost?

Subscriptions are charged on a sliding scale according to income (see below for current rates). UK taxpayers can claim tax relief at the standard rate on their subscriptions. Subscriptions are renewable each January and can be paid online by Paypal or by a cheque sent through the post. If you join during the calendar year, you will still receive copies of all publications and other benefits for the whole calendar year.

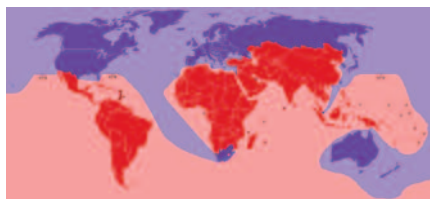
Subscription rates (2012):

Subscription rates UK and Economic North

Less than £15,000	£20
£15,000–£29,999	£40
£30,000–£49,999	£70
£50,000 or above	£100
Organisational rate	£100

Subscription rates Economic South

Individual rate	£10
Organisational rate	£50



Classification of Economic North/South Divide

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* Please contact the Membership Secretary, Simon Pemberton, for further details of organisational membership which is available to organisations in the Public and Third Sector but not higher education institutions.

To join or renew your membership, either log on to www.social-policy.org.uk, complete the online form and pay through Paypal or complete this form and pay by cheque.

I wish to become a member of the Social Policy Association for the year 2012.

£10 £40 £50 £70 £100 (Tick one as appropriate)

My membership fee is enclosed: (please make cheque payable to Social Policy Association)

Title (Mr/Ms/Dr/Prof/other)

First name

Family name

Address

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Postcode Country

Email

Which University do you work/study in, if applicable? Please write in

What is your job/student title? Please write in

Please tick here if you are a post-graduate student

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Please return the completed form with your membership fee to :

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