

Is Britain Pulling Apart?

A one-day briefing and networking workshop exploring social connections and social distance in contemporary Britain

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Daily life in Britain has changed in many important ways in recent decades. As examples, we see increased levels of educational participation; changes in timing of marriage, family formation and retirement; and developments in long-distance communication.

Such changes could influence social connection patterns. Social connections provide important economic, social and psychological support and help shape attitudes, values and expectations. For some, recent social changes make social connections more selective, and in turn bring increased separation or segregation between social groups – leading to a Britain that is ‘pulling apart’.

This workshop features talks and discussion on themes of:

- Social connections and social distance
- The past, and future, of social connectivity
- Tools for measuring social distance.

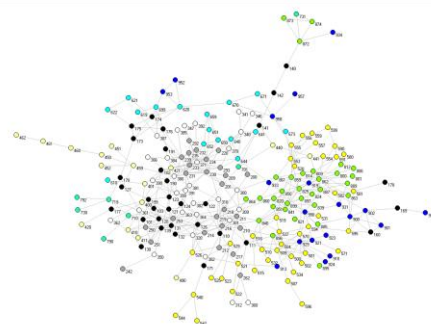
Opportunities for networking are built into the programme. Delegates are expected from academia, the voluntary sector, the media, local government, and national governmental departments.

Participation is free and lunch is provided, but booking is essential as places are limited. A small number of travel bursaries are also available. The event takes place at the offices of the Royal Statistical Society, 12 Errol Street, London, EC1Y 8LX (directions at: www.rss.org.uk).

To register or for further information,

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This event is being organised by the ESRC-funded project ‘Is Britain Pulling Apart? Analysis of generational change in social distances.’ The research team are Paul Lambert (Univ. Stirling), Vernon Gayle (Univ. Edinburgh), Mark Tranmer (Univ. Manchester) and Dave Griffiths (Univ. Stirling).

Short talks will be given by the research team and invited speakers. The schedule also allows for a group of ‘Pecha-Kucha’ presentations (when a sequence of short presentations are given within a strictly enforced time limit).

We welcome offers of Pecha-Kucha presentations of work linked to the theme. Travel bursaries (from within the UK) are available to all presenters (updated deadline 13 April 2013). See our website for further details.