Professor Sir Roger Jowell Memorial Lecture
Tuesday 8 March 2016
Terrace Restaurant, The British Library

This annual lecture honours Roger Jowell’s huge and continuing influence on social research, both in the UK and internationally.

Programme

17.30 Registration
18.00 Welcome to The British Library: Jude England
18.05 Introduction by the Chair: Professor Anthony Heath, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
18.10: Lecture by Professor Dame Anne Johnson, University College London: Sexual health and lifestyles in Britain: a window on a changing society
18.50 Questions and discussion
19.20 Close and drinks

Roger Jowell (1942 - 2011)

Roger Jowell was born in South Africa and moved to London after studying politics at the University of Cape Town. In 1969, he and Gerald Hoinville co-founded Social & Community Planning Research (SCPR), now NatCen Social Research, which Roger led from 1969 until 2001. Achievements during that time included founding NatCen’s annual British Social Attitudes survey time series, the first study regularly to measure British attitudes and values. Retiring as Director of NatCen in 2001, Roger turned to comparative research and co-founded and directed the European Social Survey (ESS).

In 2003 he moved with the ESS to City University London, where he became Research Professor and Founder Director of the Centre for Comparative Social Surveys. A comparative study of social values in over thirty countries across Europe, the ESS survey was the first of its kind and was awarded the Descartes Prize in 2005 for ‘excellence in collaborative scientific research’.

Roger made an exceptional contribution to social sciences and social research in the UK and across the world. In 1978 he was a co-founder of the Social Research Association, and in 2008 became Deputy Chair of the UK Statistics Authority. He was appointed CBE in 2001 and knighted in 2008 for ‘services to social science’.

Venue

The Terrace Restaurant is on the first floor of the British Library, and at the rear of the building. Walk down the right hand side of the King’s Library, and you will find the Terrace Restaurant ahead of you, through the double doors.
Speaker Biographies

Professor Dame Anne Johnson, University College London

Anne M. Johnson (MD DBE FMedSci FRCP FFPH FRCGP) is Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at University College London. She is Chair of the Population and Lifelong Health Domain and Vice-Dean International, Faculty of Population Health Sciences.

After training in medicine in Cambridge and Newcastle, she specialized in Epidemiology and Public Health. She has worked in research in the epidemiology and prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections and other infectious diseases for over 30 years. She co-directed the Medical Research Council, UK Centre for Co-ordinating Epidemiological Studies of HIV and AIDS from 1985 until 1999. She was principal investigator on the 1990 first National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal 1990), Natsal 2000 and on the MRC/Wellcome Trust funded Natsal 2010. Her current research portfolio includes international HIV cohort studies, behavioural intervention studies and a community study of the epidemiological and immunological determinants of seasonal influenza transmission (MRC Fluwatch). Her studies include collaborations with colleagues in Europe, Africa and China. She has advised a number of national and international bodies and is a Wellcome Trust Governor. She was made Dame Commander of the British Empire in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Professor Anthony Heath, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Anthony Heath (CBE FBA) is Director of the Centre for Social Investigation at Nuffield College, Oxford and Professor of Sociology at Manchester University. His research interests cover social stratification and mobility, ethnicity, electoral behavior, social and political attitudes, national identity and social cohesion. Working with Roger Jowell and John Curtice, he co-directed the 1983, 1987, 1992 and 1997 British Election Surveys. He has published many books and scientific papers and his most recent books include Unequal Attainments: Ethnic Educational Inequalities in Ten Western Countries (OUP, 2014), The Political Integration of Ethnic Minorities in Britain (OUP, 2013) and Hard Times: The Divisive Toll of the Economic Slump (with Tom Clark, Yale University Press, 2014). He led the team responsible for designing a module of questions about attitudes to immigration for the 2014 European Social Survey.

Professor Heath has carried out work for many government and international bodies, including work for UNDP in Bosnia and Herzegovina on social capital and human development, for OECD on racial discrimination, for DCLG on ethnic diversity and social cohesion, for Lord Goldsmith’s Citizenship Review on national identity, for the DWP on employer discrimination, for the Cabinet Office on social mobility, for the National Audit Office, and for the Equality and Human Rights Commission on ethnic and gender inequalities. He was a lead expert for the Government Office for Science on a Foresight Project on the future of identity and for the NAO on diversity in the civil service.