

Disability in Society

This is an urgent appeal to all social scientists interested in disability scholarship to join the newly formed Section-in-Formation of the American Sociological Association: Disability in Society. We engage with many issues that are of interest to political sociologists – such as the study of the welfare state; the politics of protest, activism and identity politics; employment and social inequality; state policies and citizenship – but we add an awareness of the impact of a disabling society and the development of a disability movement to this frame of analysis, and often come up with innovative results. We are keen to explore the connections between various forms of social inequality and a disabling society and urge you to join with us. This new Section-in-Formation is a great place to network, engage with other scholars, discuss recent events, and pursue avenues for grants, teaching, research and service.

The existence of the Disability and Society Section is dependent on our ability to attract at least 300 paying members by September 2010, or we have lost the opportunity to become a section of ASA. If you would like to advance the continuation of disability scholarship in sociology, please join us today.

The Disability section is also pleased to be offering FREE membership to graduate students who are current members of ASA who would like to join the section. Please contact Valerie Leiter valerie.leiter@simmons.edu to make those arrangements. Please feel free to contact Liat Ben-Moshe (lbenmosh@maxwell.syr.edu) with any inquiries about the section and becoming a member.