

BASE Working Group (Body, Affects, Senses, Emotions)

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SUMMARY

- The BASE Working Group draws together researchers from across the Arts and Humanities who are interested in the felt dimensions of social life.
- The working group members hail from multiple disciplines including anthropology, ethnology, folklore, theatre and performance studies, and geography. What we share is an interest in the situated practice that characterises everyday life – how bodies are conditioned, affects appear and the senses are tuned, often in a particular material environment, and/or emotional norms, the body as a symbol or a metaphor, and newly arising issues of being and becoming, bodily experiences and potentialities.
- We consider the study of the body, affects, senses, and emotions open to various theoretical and epistemological approaches and thus welcome inspiration from and collaboration with neighbouring disciplines.

ABOUT THE WORKING GROUP

BASE is one of the newest working groups at SIEF. An exploratory meeting of delegates from all disciplines working on bodies, affects, senses and emotions was held at SIEF 2015. BASE was then officially founded later in the year.

We currently have over 65 members from a variety of research fields, who bring different theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of bodies, affects, senses and emotions.

We welcome all suggestions from participants as to what its thematic, methodological and theoretical focus should be in the upcoming years. On the practical level the objectives are to:

- organise panels and/or workshops at SIEF conferences, as well as independent scientific meetings in interim years between SIEF conferences,
- create joint publications issuing from these meetings and workshops;
- develop joint research activities on a European level, preferably with applications for national and international funding;
- work for the exchange of PhD and MA students between departments and research centres.

ORGANISERS

CHAIR:

- Jonas Frykman, Department of Art and Cultural Sciences, University of Lund, Sweden

SECRETARY:

- Kerstin Pfeiffer, Intercultural Research Centre, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK

WHAT WE DO

Workshops

In October 2016, November 2018, and June 2020 we held workshops during which researchers presented their current research. We are hoping to hold a fourth workshop in person in 2022 – travel restrictions permitting.

Info & exchange

In slightly irregular intervals, newsletters with membership information, news of member publications etc go out to working group members. (Ideally, we'd like to send these out more frequently, but...)



MEMBERS

- The working group currently has over 65 members from across the globe and across the arts & humanities. If you would like to join us, please get in touch (see contact information)!
- If you would like to have a further look at BASE and what we do, check the working group website: <http://www.siefhome.org/wg/base/>
- The working group members bring a wide variety of research interests to the group:

Research interests

affective geographies	anthropology of death and dying	anthropology of the body
bodies and disease	bodies as tools for ethnographic research	embodied knowledge
embodiment & heritage	embodiment & sensory perception	embodiment in performance
emotionality of dissent	emotions and fitness/sport	emotions and memory
gender	listening	material culture and affect
museums as sensory and emotional spaces	oral history as an affective performance	sensory and affective engagement with performances
sensory world (esp. in religion) the other	the cultural history of the body vision	theoretical approaches to emotions visual anthropology

WHAT WE DO AT SIEF2021

WG members are involved in a number of panels at the Congress, in the **Bodies, Affects, Senses and Emotions Stream**, as well as in others.

Body01 [Breaking beauties. For participative understandings of body enhancing practices.](#)

Body02a [Imagining affect. Rewriting the rules of engagement in the context of research? I](#)

Body02b [Imagining affect. Rewriting the rules of engagement in the context of research? II](#)

Body02c [Imagining affect. Rewriting the rules of engagement in the context of research? III](#)

Body03a [Disruptive bodies: transgressive encounters in law, art and performance I](#)

Body03b [Disruptive bodies: transgressive encounters in law, art and performance II](#)

Body04a [Bodies in protest: corporeal aesthetics of rule-breaking I](#)

Body04b [Bodies in protest: corporeal aesthetics of rule-breaking II](#)

Body05 [Political bodies can break the rules: gender, \(anti\)feminism and affects \[SIEF Working Group on Body, Affects, Senses, and Emotions \(BASE\)\]](#)

Working group business meeting:

Saturday, 19 June 2021 at 12:45 (online)

GET IN TOUCH

- The BASE working group has its own email address: basewg@siefhome.org.
- If you are interested in joining the working group and staying informed about our activities, please email us at the above address. Please contact the chair to discuss ideas for further activities.