

# BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

England & Wales · Charity number 299041

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1988-04-25

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE AND FOSTER ALL ASPECTS OF THE STUDY AND TEACHING OF THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY.

**Activities:** Promoting research, scholarship and public interest in the history of philosophy.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,538	£44,927	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,404	£48,338	-	-
2023-03-31	£28,342	£42,937	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,543	£33,913	-	-
2021-03-31	£22,505	£13,774	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr ALIX COHEN		
Dr Alexander Douglas		2020-04-30
Dr Angela Breitenbach		2020-04-30
Dr Antonio Salgado Borge		2024-10-01
Dr Caterina Pello'		2022-04-23
Dr Fedor Benevich		2022-04-23
Dr Jeremy Dunham		2023-04-14
Dr John Callanan		2023-04-14
Dr Lea Yvonne Frederique Rachel Cantor		2024-04-08
Dr Rachael Katherine Wiseman		2022-04-23
Dr Sacha Golob		2020-04-30
Dr Sophia Connell		2018-10-22
Dr Tobias Peter Keiling		2024-12-12
Professor Clare Carlisle Tresch		2024-04-08
Professor Julia Anna Sarah Borchering		2024-04-08
Professor Mogens Laerke		2023-04-23
Professor Susan James		2016-04-14
Zita Veronika Toth		2023-04-14

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# Accounts

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**Charity Number 299041**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

# British Society for the History of Philosophy

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number	299041
Trustees	<i>Listed on page 5</i>
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Independent Examiner	Mark Heaton FCCA FCIE KM, Chartered Accountants 1st Floor, Block C, The Wharf, Manchester Rd, Burnley, BB11 1JG
Bankers	Metro Bank

# British Society for the History of Philosophy

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity as set out in its constitution are to promote and foster all aspects of the study and teaching of the history of philosophy.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As usual, the Management Committee met twice during the year, once in November 2024 at the time of the Society's Antognazza Lecture, and again in April 2025 at the Society's annual conference.

The Antognazza Lecture was held at the University of Edinburgh, where Professor Pauline Kleingeld from the University of Groningen spoke on 'Republican Themes in Kant's Moral Theory'. The year culminated in a successful international conference at the University of Cambridge, on the theme 'Animals and Environment in the History of Philosophy'.

Over the course of the year, the Management Committee assessed applications for Research Fellowships, Research Grants, and Conference Funding.

Examples of the awards made are:

#### **ROGERS PRIZE** – Best Article in 2023 - £1,000

Winner: Jack Beaulieu (Toronto), *Raghunātha on seeing absence*

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09608788.2022.2164250>

#### **BEANEY PRIZE** - Best Contribution to Widening the Canon in 2023 - £1,000

Winner: Domenica Romagni (Colorado State), *"Of the octave the relation 2:1": how an exemplary case of formal causation turned against the Neo-Aristotelians*

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09608788.2023.2185876>

#### **GRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE 2023** - £1,000

Winner: Norah Woodcock (Princeton), *The Parthenogenesis Problem: Wind-Eggs in Aristotle's Generation of Animals*.

#### **Fellowships:**

**A Postdoctoral fellowship** of £6,000 to Ellie Robson – Aristotelian Naturalism in Stebbing and Midgley

**A Postdoctoral fellowship** of £4,000 to David Harmon - Spinoza and the Efficacy of Oblique Collision

### **Two pre-doctoral Scholarly Awards**

**Conference grants to the value of £17,489.**

### **Book Series**

New Texts in the History of Philosophy (the book series we sponsor with Oxford University Press and of which Professor Mogens Laerke is the Chief Editor) is making good progress. Six volumes were published in 2024-25 and several more are forthcoming. The series publishes less well-known texts in the history of philosophy with the aim of broadening the canon.

### **Public Benefit**

In accordance with their objectives for this year, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirements of the Charities Act 2006, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of these aims for the public benefit.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Society continues to overspend its income. (See Treasurer's Report.) This is partly because, since the end of covid when we were once again able to fund public events, we have increased our expenditure. But our income has also decreased. The royalties we receive from Taylor and Francis for our journal, the British Journal of the History of Philosophy, have dropped slightly, as has the income we receive in membership fees.

At the Management Committee meeting in April, we agreed to reduce our deficit of £7,390 by taking the following measures:

- Reduce the Beaney and Rogers Prizes to £500 each. Savings of £1,000.
- Award one fellowship pa, alternating between the postdoctoral and postgraduate fellowships. Savings of £5000.
- Stop awarding Scholarly Activity Grants. Savings c. £1,000.
- Reduce conference grants spending by at least £1,000.

We shall also take steps to increase income, but it will take another year to assess their effects.

## How does the charity operate?

The Charity is run by its Officers and Management Committee. The members of the Management Committee are Trustees of the Society and are responsible for its activities and finances. Because we are a small organisation it is easy for Officers to consult the Committee as matters arise, but there is of course some devolution of responsibility. Some members have specific areas of responsibility, such as the membership, the website, or the book series. Others are responsible for organising events or awards, such as the Annual Conference or Postgraduate Fellowships. They all report back to the Committee as a whole. In accordance with the constitution, members of the Management Committee (including officers) are appointed for a fixed term by the Society's members.

One must be a member of the Society in order to apply for its funding. The members of the Management Committee are Trustees of the Society for charity law purposes and are responsible for its activities and finances.

### Trustees:

Susan James (Birkbeck/KCL), (chair, 2024–2027)

Jeremy Dunham (Durham), 2023-2027 (secretary, 2023-2026)

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Lea Cantor (Cambridge/Sheffield) 2024-2028

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Sophia Connell (Birkbeck), 2017-25

Alexander Douglas (St. Andrews), 2020-28

Zita Toth (KCL), 2023-2027

Sacha Golob (KCL), co-opted, BJHP editor

Alix Cohen (Edinburgh), co-opted, BJHP editor

Mogens Lærke (CNRS), co-opted, BSHP-NTHP managing editor

Tobias Keiling (Warwick) co-opted

## **Risk Assessment**

The Trustees have carried out a detailed review of the charity's activities and produced a comprehensive plan setting out the risks to which it was exposed. A strategy has been implemented to establish systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified. These will be reviewed annually.

Approved by the trustees on 10th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Prof S James

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S D James". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letters being larger and more prominent.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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12 January 2026

# British Society for the History of Philosophy

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

	Unrestricted funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Subscriptions	8,744	11,084
Royalties	19,915	22,320
Donations	5,000	-
Other	3,879	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>37,538</b>	<b>33,404</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Special Project Support	900	900
Prizes	3,975	1,975
Fellowships	10,926	17,000
Grants to conferences	17,489	16,261
Other	11,637	12,202
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>44,927</b>	<b>48,338</b>
Net receipts less payments	(7,389)	(14,934)
Balances brought forward	79,480	94,414
<b>Balances carried forward</b>	<b>72,091</b>	<b>79,480</b>

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

Bank balance as at 31/3/2025	£72,091
Liabilities: Independent examination	£ 900

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 10 January 2026 and signed on their behalf  
by:

*SDT James*

## **British Society for the History of Philosophy**

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 1 **Basis of preparation**  
These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 **Fund Accounting**  
Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- 3 **Taxation**  
The charity is not liable to tax on its charitable activities.  
The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.
- 4 **Transactions with trustees**  
No remuneration nor expenses were paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the period.

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### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As usual, the Management Committee met twice during the year, once in November '23 at the time of the Antognazza Lecture (the renamed Annual Lecture), and again in April '24 at the time of the Annual Conference.

The inaugural Antognazza Lecture was held at King's College London, where Professor Peter Adamson spoke on "Thinking with Rosa: Assent in the Islamic World".

The year culminated in a successful international conference at the University of Liverpool.

Over the course of the year, the Management Committee assessed applications for:

#### **Research Fellowships, Research Grants, and Conference Funding.**

We awarded:

A Postgraduate Fellowship worth £4,000 to Ellie Robson, for work on 'Aristotelian Naturalism in Stebbing and Midgley'.

A Postdoctoral Fellowship worth £4,000 to David Harmon, for work on 'Spinoza and the Efficacy of Oblique Collision'.

Two new Pre-Doctoral Scholarly Activity awards to Stefano Parrinello and Amy Ward, who each received grants of £500. (These awards were made possible by a generous donation.)

Grants for conferences and research activities: £16,261.25.

#### **Prizes:**

We awarded a Graduate Essay Prize worth £1,000 to Norah Woodcock.

In collaboration with the Society's journal, The British Journal of the History of Philosophy, we awarded:

The Roger's Prize (£1,000) – Best Article in 2023. Winner: Jack Beaulieu

The Beaney Prize (£1,000) – Best Contribution to Widening the Canon in 2023.

Winner: Domenica Romagni.

## **Book Series**

New Texts in the History of Philosophy (the book series we sponsor with Oxford University Press and of which Professor Mogens Laerke is the Chief Editor) is progressing steadily. One volume was published in 2023; three volumes will appear by the end of 2024; three more are at the final review stage and an additional two are under contract.

## **Constitution**

At the Annual General Meeting in April 2024 the Society agreed to change its constitution in order to expand the membership of the Management Committee. (There is more work to be done and we need extra hands to do it.) Section 3a was altered to allow 14 members instead of 12, and section 3b was altered to allow for the co-option of 4 members instead of 2. Section 4b was altered to allow the Committee to appoint members to a wider range of offices than the old constitution allowed for: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and Membership Co-ordinator, and Communications Officer.

## **Public Benefit**

In accordance with their objectives for this year, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirements of the Charities Act 2006, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of these aims for the public benefit.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The Society is overspending its income. Our expenditure this year exceeded our expenditure in 2022-23, and in both years exceeded our income. Although we have reserves, we clearly need to reduce our spending and/or increase our income to avoid running our reserves down to an unsafe level. In 2023-4 we made small and insufficient reductions in our expenditure: we awarded one postgraduate and one postdoctoral fellowship (instead of two of each the previous year) and fewer conference grants. Since March 2024 we have put in place a plan to reduce the gap between our income and expenditure and will reassess this when we meet in April 2025. We shall supply more information about the measures we are taking in our report for 2024-25.

Reserves at the year end amounted to £79,481 and are all unrestricted.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is unincorporated and governed by its constitution, currently being revised as explained above.

There was a change in the Management Committee in April 2023, due to the untimely death of the Chair, Professor Maria Rosa Antognazza. At a Management Committee meeting in April '23, the Committee agreed that Professor Susan James would step in as Chair for one year. In April '24 she was elected as Chair for a full term.

Our Treasurer, Katherine O'Reilly also gave notice in April 2023 that she wished to resign. The financial reports we are returning this year are the last of her contributions and we have appointed a new Treasurer.

In April 2024 we also elected other new Trustees as a result of a resignation, trustees reaching the end of their term, and the change to our constitution.

The current Trustees are:

Susan James (Birkbeck/KCL), (chair, 2024–2027)

Jeremy Dunham (Durham), 2023-2027 (secretary, 2023-2026)

Antonio Salgado Borges (Nottingham) (Treasurer 2024-27)

Caterina Pello (Geneva), 2022-26 (deputy treasurer, membership officer. 2022-2025)

Rachael Wiseman (Liverpool), 2022-26 (communications officer)

Fedor Benevich (Edinburgh), 2022-26

Julia Borcharding (Cambridge), 2024-2028

Angela Breitenbach (Cambridge), 2020-28

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Clare Carlisle (KCL) 2024-2028

Sophia Connell (Birkbeck), 2017-25

Alexander Douglas (St. Andrews), 2024-28

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Alix Cohen (Edinburgh), co-opted, BJHP editor

Mogens Lærke (CNRS), co-opted, BSHP-NTHP managing editor

Changes since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023:

Dr J Dunham, Dr J Callanan and Z Toth – appointed in April 2023

Dr K O'Reilly-Fleming and Dr J Cottrell – resigned April 2024

Appointed in April 2024:

Antonio Salgado Borges

Julia Borcharding

Lea Cantor

Clare Carlisle

Mogens Lærke

### **How does the charity operate?**

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### **Risk Assessment**

The Trustees have carried out a detailed review of the charity's activities and produced a comprehensive plan setting out the risks to which it was exposed. A strategy has been implemented to establish systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified. These will be reviewed annually.

Approved by the trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Prof S James

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**

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7th January 2025

## British Society for the History of Philosophy

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Subscriptions	11,084	8,029
Royalties	22,320	20,063
Other	0	250
Total receipts	<u>33,404</u>	<u>28,342</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Special Project Support	900	5,000
Prizes	1,975	5,000
Fellowships	17,000	17,500
Grants to conferences	16,261	8,070
Other	12,202	6,850
Total payments	<u>48,338</u>	<u>42,420</u>
Net receipts less payments	(14,933)	(14,078)
Balances brought forward	<u>94,414</u>	<u>108,492</u>
Balances carried forward	<u>79,481</u>	<u>94,414</u>

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

Bank balances	£ 79,481
Liabilities: Independent examination	£900

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

SDTJames

Prof Susan James – Trustee

## **British Society for the History of Philosophy**

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**British Society for the History of Philosophy**  
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**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

# British Society for the History of Philosophy

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Trustees	Dr J Dunham Dr J Callanan Z Toth Dr F Benevich Dr C Pello Dr R Wiseman Dr A Douglas Dr A Breitenbach Dr K O'Reilly-Fleming Dr S Golob Dr J Cottrell Dr S Connell Prof S James Dr A Cohen
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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity as set out in its constitution are to promote and foster all aspects of the study and teaching of the history of philosophy.

#### Achievements and Performance

Our activities this year followed the usual pattern and included two meetings of the Management Committee, one in the November '22 at the time of the Annual Lecture, the other in April '23 at the time of the Annual Conference. The Society's Annual Lecture was given at the Maison Francaise in Oxford. The speaker, Professor **Clare Carlisle**, spoke on "Thought and Feeling: George Eliot and the Expansion of Philosophy". The year culminated in a successful international conference at the University of Aberdeen on *Knowing in Historical and Cross-Cultural Contexts*.

We assessed applications for our various grants and fellowships. We awarded two postgraduate fellowships, each worth £4,000, to Lea Cantor (Oxford) and Wouter Cohen (Cambridge); two postdoctoral fellowships, each worth £6,000, to Hanna Laurens (St. Andrews) and Richard Elliott (Birkbeck); and a graduate essay prize of £1,000. We also disbursed a number of grants for conferences and scholarly activities.

We recently began to sponsor a book series with Oxford University Press, *New Texts in the History of Philosophy*, of which Professor Mogens Laerke is the Managing Editor. The first volumes appeared in the course of this year.

The year was marred by the premature death of our Chair, Professor Rosa Antognazza, in March 2023. When the Management Committee met in Aberdeen, it was agreed that Professor Susan James would temporarily take over the post. Some other new members were elected to the Management Committee: the Secretary, Jeremy Dunham (Durham); the Deputy Secretary and Membership Co-ordinator, Caterina Pello (Geneva); Zita Toth (KCL) and John Callanan (KCL).

#### Public Benefit

In accordance with their objectives for this year, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirements of the Charities Act 2006, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of these aims for the public benefit.

# British Society for the History of Philosophy

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

### RESERVES POLICY

We do not have a reserves policy, although we are aware that we need one and are discussing the matter with our financial advisors. At the financial year end the charity held £94k in balances.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Governing Document

The charity is unincorporated and governed by its constitution dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 1987.

#### How does the charity operate?

The Charity is run by its Officers and Management Committee. The members of the Management Committee are Trustees of the Society and are responsible for its activities and finances. Because we are a small organisation it is easy for Officers to consult the Committee as matters arise, but there is of course some devolution of responsibility. Some members have specific areas of responsibility, such as the membership, the website, or the book series. Others are responsible for organising events or awards, such as the Annual Conference or Postgraduate Fellowships. They all report back to the Committee as a whole. In accordance with the constitution, members of the Management Committee (including Officers) are elected for a fixed term by the Society's members. One must be a member of the Society in order to apply for its funding.

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#### Risk Assessment

The Trustees have carried out a detailed review of the charity's activities and produced a comprehensive plan setting out the risks to which it was exposed. A strategy has been implemented to establish systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified. These will be reviewed annually.

Approved by the trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Prof S James

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19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

# British Society for the History of Philosophy

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds (£)
RECEIPTS	
Subscriptions	8,029
Royalties	20,063
Other	250
Total receipts	<u>28,342</u>
PAYMENTS	
Special Project Support	5,000
Prizes	5,000
Fellowships	17,500
Grants to conferences	8,070
Other	6,850
Total payments	<u>42,420</u>
Net receipts less payments	(14,078)
Balances brought forward	<u>108,492</u>
Balances carried forward	<u>94,414</u>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023

Bank balances	£94,414
Liabilities: Independent examination	£900

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Prof Susan James – Trustee

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 1 Basis of preparation  
These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 Fund Accounting  
Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity
- 3 Taxation  
The charity is not liable to tax on its charitable activities.  
The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.
- 4 Transactions with trustees  
No remuneration nor expenses were paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the period.