The Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Group (HASSEG) brings together researchers in the humanities and social sciences with an interest in the Antarctic region. The group facilitates the exchange of news, publications and research ideas, and organizes regular conferences and workshops.

Membership
HASSEG welcomes new members. Anyone with a research interest in the Antarctic from a humanities or social science perspective is welcome to join. Members are invited to have a profile posted on the HASSEG website detailing research interests. Opportunities for online networking exist, and active participation in the biennial conferences is also encouraged.

If you would like to get involved in the Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Group, please visit the membership page on our website or email antarcticassag@gmail.com.

Focus and Objectives
• Scholarly contribution to Antarctic research in the humanities & social sciences (HASS)
• Growth of community of Antarctic HASS scholars, & facilitation of exchange within this community
• Fostering of collaborations within SCAR between HASS disciplines & the physical & biological sciences

Executive Committee
The Expert Group has an international executive committee (ExCom) that provides leadership to the group and reports to SCAR. The ExCom is drawn from a range of disciplines:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Cultural studies
- Geography
- Geopolitics
- Law
- Literary Studies
- Media Studies
- Musicology
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Visual Arts
- And more …

2010 – Social Sciences Action Group formed
The SCAR Social Sciences Action Group (SSAG) was approved by delegates at the 2010 SCAR meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The focus of this initial group was on values and Antarctica.

2011 – Values Workshop (Chch, NZ)
A workshop was held in Christchurch, New Zealand, in December 2011, entitled “Values in Antarctica: Human Connections to a Continent.” The group’s main focus during the period 2010-2014 was on cataloguing the range of human values associated with the southern polar continent, and studying the ways in which these values may have an impact on the level and nature of human activity in Antarctica.

2017 – Upcoming Joint Humanities, Social Sciences and History Conference
The conference “Depths and Surfaces: Understanding the Antarctic Region through the Humanities and Social Sciences” will be held in Hobart from 5-7 July 2017. For more, see www.antarctica-hasseg.com