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Dr Daniel Zamora   (from 1 December 2016 to 31 November 2017)
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Report by the Head of the Sociology Department

2017-2018 saw a number of significant changes for the department and was a truly transitional year in many senses. Thanks to the effective leadership of our previous Head of Department, Professor Patrick Baert, who began a well deserved year long sabbatical following the end of his 3 year term of office, we were able to begin the year with requests for two new posts -- a new Lectureship in Social Inequality and a new Chair in Media and Culture -- included in our autumn Planning Round submission. Unfortunately we also began the year with no heating and amidst ongoing construction noise, dust and uncertainty about our departmental home in Free School Lane. However, we managed to have a very successful year despite such an inauspicious start. We successfully filled both our new posts in the Spring of 2018, and in a context of substantial cuts to staffing in our sector, it is headline news that two outstanding new colleagues, Dr Ali Meghji and Professor Jennifer Gabrys, joined our department last year. We finally secured approval from the General Board (in July 2018) for our Response to the Strategic Research Review conducted in October 2016 (!) and we made great strides improving our research culture -- achieving the highest per capita research income in the School last year. Last year also saw major improvements to our PhD programme, including a suite of new support and training resources, and to our MPhil programme, by launching a new system of 5 interconnected MPhil pathways. Four of these are in Sociology and a fifth is the very successful new stand-alone interdisciplinary MPhil in Health, Medicine and Society, which we co-convene with Social Anthropology and History and Philosophy of Science. These programmes have hugely increased our MPhil applicant pool, which is now 3 times the size it was in 2014, and brought in a record-breaking 46 new students to Sociology this past autumn.

Although we were unusually short staffed for the 12 months from September 2017 to October 2018, with 6 colleagues on leave for all or part of the year, we nonetheless delivered across the board to maintain the very high levels of provision which now characterize the ever-larger and more demanding HE sector. In fits and starts, between January and May, with admin leading the way, we packed up all of our departmental gear in the Cavendish and Mond buildings and moved into new quarters, at 16 Mill Lane, which represented both a huge disruption to everyone and a particularly large amount of work for Casey Mein, our Departmental Administrator. Happily, the new quarters, covered in a lush green carpet, and well-lighted from the trendy loft-style windows of the upper floor of the building – as well as being close to the river – have proven much to everyone’s liking. While not ideal (several of our colleagues are still in the Phoenix building on our old site and there are only two proper offices in the new Sociology home), ‘Greenland’, as it has come to be known, is a far sight better than the fleet of Portacabins some of us were grimly anticipating 18 months ago. Another major disruption to business as usual was the UCU-led strike last Spring in protest against unfair and ill-considered proposals to significantly weaken the pension plan that is one of the few solid financial rewards linked to an otherwise underpaid and under-staffed sector. For several weeks, staff were on the picket lines and classroom teaching was suspended – as was entering the building – while the protest against turning universities into ‘factories’ (as the VC put it) went on in earnest. For many of us, myself included, this period provided a surprisingly refreshing opportunity to think much more widely about the role of the University in public life, the contribution our teaching and research...
makes to our wider community, and the changing identities we have as HE professionals in a world in which promoting engaged, inclusive, transformative and critical thinking is at a premium. Our department excels in this effort and in many ways the strike was an advertisement for the importance of sociology as a discipline – as are so many of the political events and global challenges surrounding us today. The new LGBTQ+ programme, which was launched by Sociology this year, is an excellent example of the ways in which our discipline is uniquely well positioned to respond to the issues students really care about and our colleagues are keen to collaborate around. The same can be said of the launch of Decolonising Sociology, which became a formal departmental subcommittee in 2018, and is at the forefront of a process of changing the curriculum both at Cambridge and nationally. Our new Green home was further embellished with an unprecedented Platinum award for the Cambridge Sociology Green Team led by Karin Haack and Siobhan Hoffman-Heap. At the end of the academic year we hosted a lunch to express our appreciation for Professor John Thompson, who has been a key figure in the department for decades, and is truly part of its DNA. As he noted, glass in hand, at our luncheon downstairs in The Ivy last July, Sociology at Cambridge has had a long struggle to establish itself, but recently has seen very significant gains in its standing, both within and beyond the University. This is a trend that will undoubtedly continue, and increase in pace, in the coming years as Cambridge Sociology enters its second half century in 2019.
Prof Sarah Franklin (Head of Department)
Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate Student Numbers, 2017-2018

Part I HSPS Tripos: 178 – including 174 taking the SOC1 paper

Report by the Director of Undergraduate Education

In 2017-18, 611 undergraduates studied HSPS, with 178 students enrolled in Part I Human, Social and Political Sciences tripos, 203 in Part IIA, and 230 in Part IIB. The first year sociology paper was as usual popular: 174 Part I students took this course, including 1 student from Economics, 2 from Education and 13 from Psychological and Behavioural Sciences. In the HSPS Part IIA tripos, 23 students opted for the Sociology stream and 33 for the combined Soc/Soc Anth or Soc/Pol streams. In Part IIB, 38 opted for Sociology and 24 for the combined Soc/Soc Anth or Soc/Pol streams.

Gavin Stevenson, PhD candidate, was awarded the Supervisor of the Year Award for 2017-18 for the second year running.

Yi Ning Chang (Emmanuel College) won the Polity Prize (£100 worth of Polity books) for Part I. In Part II the Polity Prize went to Hannah Huzel-Steele of Queens’ College for part IIA; Aleksei Opacic of King’s College won the part IIB Polity Prize. He was also nominated for the Winifred Georgina Holgate-Polland prize (for the most outstanding results in any parts of Cambridge Tripos). Nicole Lau (Faculty of Education student) won the CUQM Prize (£50 worth of Sage books and £50 Heffers voucher) for the highest exam score in the SOC5 paper. Congratulations to all of them.

Lucy Cavendish student Julie Damborg’s dissertation was nominated for the CUQM prize (best dissertation using quantitative methods), and was awarded the Runner Up prize.

In July 2018 Dr Matthew Sparkes organised the Sociology Sutton Trust Summer School in collaboration with colleagues in Social Anthropology. Robbie Duschinsky lectured on Sociology of Racism within Healthcare; Amine El-Yousif spoke about the Sociology and Anthropology of Religion; Jacques Wels lectured on Labour Market Transitions; Rashmi Singh’s lecture was on the Sociology of Gender; and finally, Brendan Burchell spoke about Happiness and Work.

Dr E McPherson, Director of Undergraduate Education for Sociology
Graduate Students

Graduate student numbers

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Their dissertation titles and publications are listed in Appendix A and Appendix B.

Report by the Director of Graduate Education

The Department admitted 36 MPhil students in 2017-18, demonstrating considerable growth in the popularity of the MPhil since it was restructured into four distinct pathways which are: Marginality and Exclusion, Political and Economic Sociology, Sociology of Media and Culture, and Sociology of Reproduction. The pathways create give more structure and intellectual coherence to the course and they are proving to be very successful. In 2017-18 the number of applications to our MPhil programme surged to a new high, representing a threefold increase on the numbers from 2014-15. In response to this, we increased the intake to the MPhil: in 2018-19, we admitted 46 new MPhil students, which is the largest number MPhil students we have ever had in the Department.

For the PhD programme, we admitted 19 new students in 2017-2018. This was close to the average of the last 5 years.

Overall we had 27 MPhil students and 93 PhD students in the Department in 2016-17, or 120 graduate students in total. This large graduate community is at the heart of what we do as a Department. We are fortunate to be able to attract some of the very best graduate students from all over the world and they make an invaluable contribution to the research culture of the Department.

We are poised to expand the graduate community even further in the coming years. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, of which our Department is part, has approved a plan to increase our graduate intake by 30% over the next 4 years, compared to a growth of around 15% for the University as a whole. This is excellent news for the Department and for students wishing to join the sociology graduate community in Cambridge.

The PhD students continue conduct research of an excellent standard, and many have received recognition for the quality of their research and their writing. Exceptionally, one of the PhD students, Ali Meghji, was appointed to a Junior Research Fellowship
(JRF) at Sidney Sussex college, but then went on to also be appointed to an
established lectureship in the department in 2018, the first time that this has happened
in the life of the department. Charlotte Proudman was appointed to a JRF post at
Queens’ College and Gavin Stevenson at Murray Edwards College. Mr Stevenson also
received the departmental Supervisor of the Year award the second year running.
Merve Sançak, won The Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development.
The award identifies and funds outstanding research proposals in developing and
transition countries that have a high potential for excellence in research and policy
implications for addressing development issues.

As in previous years, a full programme of doctoral training and support was provided in
2017-18. The department is grateful to all those members, including 3rd and 4th year
PhD student, who contributed generously to this programme by passing on knowledge
and advice to the first-year PhD students. Each first-year PhD student presented their
research to the group in Lent Term. The quality of the presentations was very high and
the exercise was so successful that it will become a permanent feature of the first-year
programme.

In response to suggestions from the PhD students and their representatives, more
courses have been provided for the PhD students in the later stages of the PhD,
including courses on careers and seminars on writing up.

The number of specialist reading and seminar groups for graduate students continues
to increase year-on-year, and the Department encourages staff and students to form
active clusters based on research interests. The Department’s provision of funding for
these groups has given them more freedom to invite outside speakers and to organize
reading weekends.

The strong participation of sociology in the Social Science Research Methods Centre
(SSRMC) has been beneficial to our own graduate students’ training in qualitative,
quantitative, historical and web-based research methods; some courses were provided
by sociology staff, others by university teachers in cognate disciplines. It has been
reassuring to see a substantial increase in the number of our own students taking these
courses.

Like the rest of the department, in 2018 the PhD students were moved into temporary
accommodation at 16 Mill Lane whilst the Attic is renovated. A new system of hot-
desking was introduced, with more permanent desks for a few students who needed
them. So far the disruption caused by this move has been fairly minimal, and there
have been unexpected benefits as the PhD students’ position in the heart of the
temporary space promotes more mingling with the post-docs and teaching staff.

The Department was fortunate to have very active and hard-working graduate student
representatives in 2017-18, Julia Hotz and Madeline Johnson for the MPhil and Rashmi
Singh and Gavin Stevenson for the PhD, and the Department is very grateful to them for
the substantial contributions they made to improving the welfare of graduate students.
The Department also congratulates the new student reps who have been elected for
2017-18, Susana Ordaz and Michelle Wood for the MPhil and Joe Davidson for the PhD, and looks forward to working closely with them in the coming year.

Brendan Burchell
Chair, Graduate Education Committee

Student Representation

Undergraduate

Sociology undergraduate representatives:

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Leo Paillard (King’s College)

Graduate

Sociology PhD representatives:

Rashmi Singh
Gavin Stevenson

Sociology MPhil representatives:

Madeline Johnson
Julia Hotz
Research Groups and Teaching Centres

Individual in the Labour Market Reading and Research group

The ILMRG has now been a cross disciplinary forum to discuss and debate themes that relate to work, jobs and employment, for 17 years. Since 2017, Magdalana Sofia, Penghui Shi, and Garima Sahai have organised and co-chaired the discussions and activities of the ILM along with Dr. Brendan Burchell. Although the group is composed mostly of graduate students – M.Phils and PhDs – from the department of sociology, students from disciplines such as economics, gender studies, psychology, human geography, who have had an interest in issues of labour have also been its active members.

Highlights

A range of research was read and debated through the academic year 2017-18 that included academic studies such as: Salais R., (2007), ‘Europe and the Deconstruction of the Category of “Unemployment”’; Bryce, A. (2017), ‘What work is the most meaningful? The impact of job type on eudaimonic well-being’; Felstead, A. and Green, F., (2017), ‘Working longer and harder? A critical assessment of work effort in Britain in comparison to Europe’; Spector et al., (2004), ‘A cross-national comparative study of work-family stressors, working hours, and well-being: China and Latin America versus the Anglo World’; as well as policy papers such as the UK Government’s report, Work, health and disability green paper: improving lives. Members of the group also had the opportunity to benefit from presenting their research. Julia Hotz presented on “Inductive exploration of loneliness and ‘community’ in Britain’s cyber era”; Kiera Peltz discussed her work on “Does status inequality impact happiness”, and Harry Li on “The Rhythms of the Gig: Investigating the Subjective Experience of Working Time in the Gig Economy”. Apart from the critical analysis of studies, Dr Agnieszka Piasna, a previous member of the group returned to talk on ‘Life after a PhD; working in a Brussels think-tank’ giving the participants a chance to envision what working on labour outside the academia might involve.

The end of the year was marked by the annual reading retreat at Southwold Suffolk which took place from the 21st to the 24th May, 2018. With additional funding from the department ten people were able to participate in the retreat. It was a chance for participants to reflect on research on labour – Warr and Inceoglu (2018) ‘Work Orientations, Well-Being and Job Content on Self-Employed and Employed Professionals’; Pager et al. (2009), ‘Discrimination in a Low-Wage Labor Market: A Field Experiment’; Mullan and Wajcman (2017) ‘Have Mobile Devices Changed Working Patterns in the 21st Century? A Time-Diary Analysis of Work Extension in the UK’; Guy
Standing (1999) ‘Global Feminization Through Flexible Labor: A Theme Revisited’; Jacoby (1992) ‘Productivity of Men and Women and the Sexual Division of Labor in Peasant Agriculture of the Peruvian Sierra’; Vornholt et. al. (2018), ‘Disability and Employment – Overview and Highlights’ -- as also to get to know each other outside the classroom. The participants benefitted from presentation on current research by on the future of work Dr. Brendan Burchell. It was also a chance for students to get feedback and share their ongoing research and Penghui Shi presented on her field experiment in ‘unemployment scarring’. The retreat also provided an opportunity to go beyond papers and explore themes of migration and labour, and past and future of work through dramatized documentaries and TedTalks.

Through these varied activities, the ILM activities formed a significant part of the academic lives of its participants. Julia Hotz, who recently completed her M.Phil, in Sociology, in July and an active member of the group, for example, said that:

"The ILM has been one of my richest academic experiences at Cambridge. As a postgraduate with limited access to in-classroom discussion, ILM was the perfect place to ask critical questions about methodology, findings, and impact in sociology -- all of which have informed my dissertation. I am very grateful both to Dr. Burchell and to the many students who have organized events this year!"

- Julia Hotz, M.Phil, in Sociology, 2017-18

A day in the ILMRG: members presenting their research; and taking a break during the Southwold reading retreat

Accomplishments and new horizons
Magdalena Soffia, a core part of the group for many years as also its convenor for part of ILM’s history, submitted her PhD in April, 2018. Nora Gray, completed her PhD, ‘Aging and Extension of Working Life in Chile: Critical analysis of Public Policies in Occupational Health and Training’, from the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso in April, 2018. Three members of the reading group, Harri Li, Julia Hotz, and Kiera Peltz completed their MPhil in Sociology in July.

Rafe Martyn, an active participant of the ILMG for several years, moved on from a PhD in Economics to working in the Department of Work and Pensions of the British Civil Service. Julia Hotz, had a meeting with the U.K Ministry of Loneliness officials to discuss her dissertation on community solutions to loneliness reduction. She has been selected as a regular Huffington Post UK contributor to promote initiatives related to the APPG for Future Generations. She will also be working as the Community Manager for the Solutions Journalism Network – a global initiative to promote the practice and distribution of solutions journalism, or rigorously-reported responses to social problems. Nora Gray G., a long time member of the ILM, was appointed as a lecturer at the, Universidad Gabriela Mistral. Carol Davidson, received a place on the Lloyds Bank Social Entrepreneurs Programme for the next year. Rijak Grover, was interviewed by BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, as an expert in Sociology, on the role of social capital and its relation to a recent UK-wide survey that found most people would not recognise their neighbours if they were put in a police-style line up.

The ILM is preparing to launch an ILM Website which can be accessed to find out more about its activities.

Their publications are listed in Appendix C.

Reproductive Sociology Research Group

The Reproductive Sociology Research Group began the academic year 2017-2018 with a visit from Dr Laura Briggs, author of the acclaimed new publication How All Politics Became Reproductive Politics. We welcomed the second cohort of Sociology of Reproduction MPhil students, as well as new PhDs, and as ever we hosted many distinguished visitors to ReproSoc throughout the year. We had the privilege to host one
of the giants in our field, Dr Rosalind Petchesky, as our Annual Public Lecturer. In October we led a panel on egg freezing at the Cambridge Festival of Ideas, and in November we organized two major outreach events, at My Future Family and the Fertility Show in London, where we continued our ‘Timeless’ project working with the design team The Liminal Space, through which we have brought our work to a wide range of user audiences and gained valuable new research partners along the way.

Dr Lucy Van de Wiel (L) leads the Wellcome-funded ‘Life in Glass’ outreach initiative, within which the ‘Timeless’ outreach events comprised a major series of projects for us this year (pictured here with Dr Katie Dow and ReproSoc PhD candidate Tian Tian Chen.

We were also active on the film and media front: Karen Jent’s multi-award winning film 'Dish Life' premiered in New York, while doctoral candidate Tian Tian Chen helped produce a BBC film on egg freezing by Chinese women in California. ReproSoc members also organized panels at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Washington DC in November. With the Wellcome Trust and the Anne McLaren Memorial Fund we co-hosted a major conference in London on December 10th entitled ‘Anne McLaren and Translation’, which also marked the formal launch of our new 'Life in Translation’ project led by Dr Noemie Merleau-Ponty, Dr Karen Jent and Prof Franklin.
ReproSoc welcomed two new PhD candidates, Amarpreet Kaur (ESRC funded) and Marieke Bigg (Wellcome funded)

In January we were awarded a new £1.5M grant from the Wellcome Trust to study ‘Changing (in)Fertilities’. This project, co-led by Prof Franklin and Dr Marcia Inhorn of Yale, brings together 34 researchers in 16 different countries to examine chanign perceptions of (in)fertility in the post ART era. It is the first project of its kind ever to investigate this topic and will move the group in exciting new directions over the next 4 years. Like everyone else, we moved to new quarters in January, and tearfully said goodbye to the offices we have used in the Mond building since 2012. On 29 March at the Wellcome Collection, we celebrated the end of our MAIL (Men’s Attitudes to Intimate Life) study by sharing our findings on views about parenthood among HIV-positive gay and bisexual men with clinicians, researchers and community organisations. This project, designed and led by Dr Robert Pralat, has had a national impacts on treatment protocols and is now the basis for Robert’s successful Leverhulme bid.
Dr Robert Pralat’s MAIL Study is a highly successful example of how his analysis of ‘reprosexual health’ can influence policy while also contributing to basic sociological research.

In May Dr Noemie Merleau-Ponty organized a highly successful workshop with Dr Michel Pucéat and Dr Jean-Marc Lemaitre, two biologists from the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research, as well as Dr Kathleen Meyer from the Institute for Research in Biomedicine in Barcelona. ‘The Heart of Ageing’, hosted by the French Embassy in London, linked our detailed ethnographic work on translational life sciences to three of the most innovative regenerative medicine projects in Europe, and is the first partnership of this kind at Cambridge. The Dish Life team participated two exciting science festivals this spring. As part of the Cambridge Science Festival, Karen Jent and Sarah Franklin hosted a panel discussion about society’s handling of live cells in collaboration with the Cambridge Stem Cell Institute. Different societal concerns about stem cells, such as the care of cells as well as embryo research and the 14-day rule, were discussed with a lively audience of festival visitors. In February, Dr Lucy van de Wiel began a new part-time Fellowship with the Turing Institute, inaugurating an important link between reproductive, digital and virtual technologies – which are the subject of Lucy’s research on time-lapse embryo imaging. Together, all of these initiatives link the study of reproductive engineering to the life sciences more broadly and in particular stem cell science and regenerative medicine.

In conjunction with the preparations for our major international conference last June, we have begun our own short film series entitled ‘Why Reproduction Matters’. Mary Beard, Marilyn Strathern, Jack Halberstam, Nick Hopwood and Magda Zernicka-Goetz are among the fascinating commentators on our core topic now available for viewing on our YouTube channel.

Remaking Reproduction: the global politics of reproduction was a huge success in June, attracting 160 participants from across the globe. The enormous body of
fascinating podcasts, reflections, photos and other conference documentation resulting from this landmark event for our field is now available on our 'MOCA', or Massive Online Conference Archive.

The Remaking Reproduction Conference Team was in full swing (and partial uniform) as we prepared for our conference last Spring.

In addition to, and accompanying, our conference (held at Murray Edwards College) ReproSoc team members organized both an art show ('Reproductivities') and a maize ‘installation’. The former was curated by Lucy van de Wiel and Sarah Franklin, while the latter is part of the new ‘Transpositions’ project related to the work of the geneticist Barbara McClintock, who argued that genes 'learn' from their environment, and can structurally rearrange themselves in response to external stimulus – a principle that was rejected for decades before finally being accepted as the new norm in the life sciences.

In total ReproSoc has been home to over 30 members this year – our largest ever – including 5 MPhil, 6 PhDs, 8 Post docs, 2 staff, 10 Visitors as well as the Director. We hosted more or less that same number of events as well as continuing to bring in new research grants. Our website remains a constant source of new information about this rapidly expanding field, at https://www.reprosoc.sociology.cam.ac.uk/
ReproSoc’s experimental maize grew to over 3 metres in the hot summer sun of 2018. And our other ‘cultivar’, the ‘Reproductivities’ art exhibit at Murray Edwards, similarly reaped many compliments from a bumper crop of visitors in the heat of the summer months.

lgbtQ+@cam

The lgbtQ+@cam programme was launched in January 2018, with Heather Stallard taking up the post of Programme Administrator and a public lecture from the pioneering LGBTQ+ educator and activist Kevin Jennings. In Lent Term we launched our flagship series, ‘Queer(y)ing the Curriculum’, and a programme of events including a production of Lola Olufemi and Martha Krish’s play Scene. In June 2018 we invited 25 academics from around the UK to discuss shared experiences of developing LGBTQ+ programmes. The meeting was very well-received, and had an exciting conclusion: the development of a national LGBTQ+ research network, “QRUK” (Queer Research UK), which has since been launched online.
Fundraising plans have continued to evolve, advised by Lord John Browne, Kevin Jennings and Lord Chris Smith, who has agreed to Chair an Advisory Team to guide fundraising strategy. Heather and Sarah have met frequently with Lucy Brazg from CUDAR to coordinate the fundraising campaign, which entered a new phase in autumn 2018 aimed partly at Cambridge LGBTQ+ alumni. LGBTQ+ is now one of the leading development agendas for the School.

An extensive [website](#) was launched in autumn 2018, showcasing a new podcast format of interviews with leading LGBTQ+ Cambridge academics – a format that will be useful for outreach and fundraising as well as internal networking.

![lgbtQ+@cam's logo, commissioned in August 2018](#)

The website includes a list of academics researching LGBTQ+ topics, an events page, a news page, resources at the university, and many other resources. lgbtQ+@cam has [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#) pages and a social media schedule for advertising events. Heather has produced posters for each event, and a regular newsletter. A term card format has been developed to publicise events.

Since its launch in January 2018, lgbtQ+@cam has generated links with over 2000 staff and students across all 6 schools. We have partnered in events with MML, English, History, Social Psychology, the Centre for African Studies, the Centre for Family Research and several colleges.
In March 2018 lgbtQ+cam successfully bid for funding from CRASSH for ‘Beyond Binary’, a major conference scheduled for March 2019keynoted by leading LGBTQ+ scholar Susan Stryker. lgbtQ+@cam is also co-hosting the public event with Jackie Kay and Angela Davis on 23 April 2019. A major LGBTQ+STEMM conference is being co-
organised with qUCL in June 2019, and, together with other events still in planning stages, represents the substantial growth and momentum of lgbtQ+@cam in the first 9 months of its existence.

Cambridge Undergraduate Quantitative Methods (CUQM) Centre

This report covers the period October 2017 to September 2018 and gives details of the many activities that have happened over the past year.

The increased uptake of undergraduates into QM undergraduate Tripos papers continues to be very successful. The POL6 paper had 23 students enrolled in 2017-18, and a further 19 students enrolled on SOC5. While the lectures delivered by Dr Sparkes and Dr Ramsden were shared by both SOC5 and POL6 students throughout Michaelmas 2017, the accompanying workshops were split, with POLIS and Sociology providing subject specific workshops for students taking their respective papers. The SOC5 SPSS workshops run by Dr Sparkes and assisted by Senhu Wang received very positive feedback from the students, with 80% of students rating the quality of the teaching in the workshops as ‘excellent’.

Exam performance for SOC5 was again very strong, with each student achieving a II.i or higher. Nicole Lau (Education, Homerton College) won the CUQM/SAGE prize for highest mark in the 2018 SOC5 (Statistics and Methods) exam. Nicole offered positive reflections of SOC5: “I found the course content to be manageable, accessible… and the course to be both enjoyable and beneficial”.

The CUQM/SAGE prize for highest mark in the 2018 POL6 (Statistics) exam was jointly awarded to Dom Waters and Jamie Popplewell. Dom outlines the benefits undertaking the paper has had on his critical engagement with empirical data: "In offering a whole new approach to discussing and evaluating claims, the course has given me more confidence (and made me more sceptical) about forming and accepting arguments."

The SOC5 paper continues to be very popular amongst sociology and education students. The intake for the 2018-19 academic year is the highest ever recorded, with 29 students taking the paper.
The increased numbers of students with QM skills is feeding through to a larger proportion of undergraduate dissertations using quantitative methods, and the standard of the entries for CUQM’s quantitative dissertation prize has been reassuringly high for the last three years.

The pre-term introductory statistics courses run and delivered by Dr Sparkes continue to be very popular and over-subscribed. A total of 72 students signed up for the October 2017 and January 2018 courses across all affiliated CUQM departments. The feedback we received from these courses continues to be outstanding; again over 80% of students on the courses rated the quality of the teaching as ‘excellent’. The introductory course thus proves to be in very high demand and of great benefit to students from across the social sciences.

The end of term Applied Regression course run by Dr Sparkes, which is an extension to the Introduction to Statistics course, was undersubscribed. Although 21 students signed up for the course, only 11 actually attended. The fact the course takes place at the end of term maybe a factor in students cancelling their places. Nonetheless, the course continues to be well received by those in attendance, and additional steps have been taken this year to encourage students taking the introductory courses to sign up for the Applied Regression course taking place on Friday 30 November.

In the 2016-17 academic year, Dr Sparkes organised and chaired a workshop on Measuring Inequality as an additional outlet for engaging students in quantitative methods. The workshop proved to be very successful, and as a result the event was scheduled to become an annual event. Arrangements were in place for a workshop on ‘Big Data’, with Dr David Stillwell and Professor Claire Hughes scheduled to speak. However, the workshop was due to take place on one of the arranged strike days, and the decision was taken to suspend the workshop. Discussions are currently taking place for the workshop to run on a date in Lent 2019.

The annual lecture met a similar fate but for different reasons. Arrangements were in place for Branwen Jeffrey’s (the BBC education editor) to deliver the annual lecture on Thursday 1 March 2018. The Bateman Auditorium in Gonville and Cauis College was booked by Dr Michelle Ellefson. A poster was developed and an Eventbrite page set-up, that led to over 80 people signing up to attend the event. Unfortunately, weather conditions in the days leading up to the lecture were treacherous, and it was scheduled to snow heavily on the day, so the lecture was cancelled to ensure the safety of the attendees. Nonetheless, the lecture has now been rescheduled to take place on Wednesday 21 November 2018, and is currently being advertised.

Finally, over the last year, the School of Social Sciences and Humanities has given much thought to the future funding of CUQM, and the best way to plan and deliver CUQM’s activities. As a result, CUQM has been integrated into the operations of the SSRMC. CUQM and the SSRMC will continue to have separate identities and their own distinctive ‘front ends’, but a number of the ‘behind the scenes’ operations have been
Dr Brendan Burchell

Dr Matthew Sparkes

Social Sciences Research Methods Centre (SSRMC)

The SSRMC provides training in research methods to postgraduate students at both MPhil and PhD levels across the University; our courses are also open to staff. Each year we offer 40-50 modules covering basic statistics, the use of software packages for data analysis, qualitative methods, survey methods, and advanced quantitative methods. Students from across all six Schools take our courses, with the strongest participation being from our participating Departments (Criminology, Education, Geography, History, Land Economy, Linguistics, Music, Politics and International Studies, Social Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology). In 2017/18 the SSRMC took over 2500 bookings for core modules; in addition, several students attended “open access” modules in departments other than their own.

Core funding for the SSRMC is provided by the Schools of Cambridge University; teaching is paid for via this core funding, with additional teaching contributed by participating Departments.

SSRMC modules are taught by a range of instructors, including Cambridge UTOs, affiliated lecturers and researchers, some PhD students with advanced skills, and some visiting experts.

Towards the end of the 2016/17 academic year, the SSRMC was expanded to incorporate some of the activities of Cambridge Undergraduate Quantitative Methods (CUQM). CUQM retains its own “badge” within the University and remains responsible for promoting the uptake and understanding of quantitative methods among undergraduate students.

Since April 2014, the SSRMC has been based in the Department of Sociology. In 2017/18 the core staff of the SSRMC were:

- Dr Maria Iacovou (SSRMC Director until September 2018)
- Ms Siobhan Hoffmann Heap (Administrator, 0.8 FTE)
- Dr Matthew Sparkes (SSRMC/CUQM Teaching Associate)
Since 2014, bookings for SSRMC modules have increased year on year. In 2014/15, the SSRMC took 1405 bookings; this has increased steadily to 2621 bookings in 2017/18. This increase is partly due to an expansion in provision; it also represents higher take-up of our existing modules, particularly our basic statistics stream, reflecting a growing awareness of the importance of this type of training.

It is important that our training programme evolves in line with developments in academic knowledge and practice, and with the requirements of the bodies that fund research students in the social sciences. In 2017/18 we commissioned new modules in areas including weighting and imputation, mixed methods, power analysis, and randomised controlled trials. The 2018/19 academic year will see new modules in webscraping, Bayesian methods, and diary-based research; in addition, we have increased the scope of our teaching in research ethics to include a specialist module in ethics of data collection and use.

*Full details of the SSRMC’s offering may be found on our website*

http://www.ssrmc.group.cam.ac.uk/
Research Grants Held in the Department

1. Kate Williams: Alternative Metrics of Impact in Multilateral Agencies: The Potential for Knowledge for Sustainable Human Development
   Project Start: 01/01/17   End: 31/12/18
   ESRC Future Research Leaders
   Value: £173,618

2. Ella McPherson: Chainreact: Making Supply Chains Transparent, Understandable and Responsive
   Project Start: 01/01/16 End: 31/12/18
   EC Horizon 2020 Industrial Leadership
   Value: £770,650

3. Mónica Moreno Figueroa-Latin American Antiracism in a ‘Post-Racial’ Age
   Project Start: 01/01/2017 End: 31/12/2018
   ESRC Standard Grant
   Value: £828,413

4. Monica Moreno-Figueroa- Impact funds for LAPORA
   Project Start: 01/04/2018 End: 31/03/2019
   ESRC Impact Acceleration Account
   Value: £20,000

5. Gabor Scheiring- Rise of Illiberalism
   Project Start: 01/04/2018 End: 30/04/2019
   Independent Social Research Foundation PERF-1 Fellowship
   Value: £32,832

6. Brendan Burchell: Police Dependants’ Trust Police Trauma Resilience Project
   Project Start: 01/05/2017 End: 30/06/2019
   Police Dependants’ Trust
   Value: £62,213

7. Hazem Kandil: Sociology and Social Policy
   Project Start: 01/07/2015   End: 30/06/2019
   Leverhulme Trust (Philip Leverhulme Prize)
   Value: £100,000

8. Adam Coutts- Putting evidence into policy: The health and wellbeing impacts of Active Labour Market Programmes in the United Kingdom
   Project Start: 01/01/17 End: 31/12/19
   Health Foundation
   Value: £190,237
9. Brendan Burchell - The employment dosage: How much work is needed for health and wellbeing?
   Project Start: 01/10/2018 End: 01/04/2020
   Cambridge Political Economy Society Trust w/Centre for Business Research
   Value: £110,960

    Project Start: July 2017 End: June 2020
    Stiftelsen Riksbankens Jubileumsfond/ Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study
    Value: £198,797

11. Patrick Baert: Intellectuals and Politics: Historical and Sociological Perspectives
    Project Start: 01/09/2018 End: 30/08/2020
    CamPo Collaborative Research Grant
    Value: £2,500

    Project Start: 01/10/2017 End: 30/09/2020
    British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships
    Value: £228,390

13. Lucy van de Wiel - Alan Turing Institute Fellowship
    Project Start: 01/12/2017 Finish: 30/09/2020
    Alan Turing Institute
    Initial 1 year + 2 year extension
    Value: £3,852 + £7,596

    Project Start: 01/09/2018 End: 31/08/2021
    Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship
    Value: £86,364 + £72,000 salary match-funding from INT

15. Stuart Hogarth - Screening for Cancer in the Post-Genomic Era: Diagnostic Innovation and Biomedicalisation in Comparative Perspective
    Project Start: 01/03/17 End: 30/09/21
    Horizon 2020 ERC Starting Grant
    Value: £903,167

16. Sarah Franklin - Changing Fertilities
    Project Start: 01/10/18 End: 30/09/21
    Wellcome Collaborative Grant
    Value: £1,419,802
17. Brendan Burchell- Developing capability, partnerships and research in the Middle and Near East (MENA)  
Project Start: 01/11/2017 End: 31/10/2021  
AHRC GCRF led by Kent  
Value: £146,333.69

Project Start/End: Awaiting info  
Cambridge Africa ALBORADA Fund  
Value: £5,992

19. Sarah Franklin/Karen Jent- Dish Life: The Game- a digital mobile app about stem cell science  
Project Start/End: Awaiting info  
ESRC Impact Acceleration Account  
Value: £20,000

20. Kate Williams- Emerging evaluative cultures: The assessment of research in policy knowledge fields  
Project Start/End: 01/10/2018 – 31/12/2019  
British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant  
Value: £10,000

Project Start/End: 01/10/2018 – 30/09/2019  
ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Value: £85,528

Programme of Sociology Seminars

SOCIology LUNCH-TIME SEMINARS

The department organised fortnightly lunch-time seminars during term:

4 October

Second-Generation Nigerians in the US and Britain

Dr Onoso Imoagene, University of Pennsylvania
17 October

How do you feel? ‘Well-being’ and un-voiceability in UK Universities
Professor Shirley Tate, Leeds Beckett University

31 October

Insta-Glam: Smartphone Apps and Beauty Surveillance
Professor Rosalind Gill, City University of London

14 November

Drums of War, Drums of Peace: Erdogan’s Turkey, Abdullah Ocalan, and the Kurdish Freedom Movement.
Dr Jeff Miley, Cambridge Sociology Department

28 November

Hybrid Capture? A Comparative Perspective on the Political Economy of Biomedical Innovation in the Age of Neoliberal Science.
Dr Stuart Hogarth, Cambridge Sociology Department.

30 January

A Postcolonial Rethinking of the State and Nation: From Comparative to Connected Sociologies
Professor Gurminder Bhambra, University of Essex.

13 February

Digital Fakery and its Consequences
Dr Ella McPherson, Cambridge Sociology Department.
Further seminars were cancelled due to the strike by academic staff in the second part of Lent term.

Highlights and Events

In October the first Joe Cox lecture took place:

Cox MP was a former student of Social Political Sciences and Pembroke College, who was murdered whilst working in her constituency, Batley and Spen in June 2016.

Jo dedicated her life to helping others, campaigning tirelessly for a fairer, kinder and more tolerant world.

To celebrate Jo's life and all of the inspiring work she was involved with, Sociology inaugurated the first lecture in the Jo Cox Lecture Series.
Also in October, Dr David Lane and Dr Jeff Miley organized a conference for the centenary of the Russian Revolution:
In December the Annual Series **Feminist Classics Revisited** was convened:

In February, Visiting Scholar Mianna Meskus gave a talk on:

**Science as Affective, Embodied and Material Relations**

21st February

In June, ReproSoc organized a major conference:

**Remaking Reproduction: The Global Politics of Reproductive Technologies**

27-29th June 2018
REMAKING REPRODUCTION

THE GLOBAL POLITICS OF REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

An international conference organised by the Reproductive Sociology Research Group (ReproSoc) at the University of Cambridge

The rapid global growth of the fertility industry is one of the most significant contexts of contemporary social change, and these changes are the subject of an increasing amount of social research. This conference is designed both to consolidate core themes in the social study of reproductive technologies and to showcase new research, especially by early career scholars and doctoral students. Our core themes are designed to bring together old and new approaches to the study of reproduction, technology and society at a time when the politics of reproduction globally are changing rapidly.

SPEAKERS: Sarah Franklin, Marcia Inhorn, Charis Thompson, Ayo Wahlberg, Aditya Bharadwaj, Mwenza Blell, Andrea Whittaker & Sharmila Rudrappa

www.reprocnf.sociology.cam.ac.uk

MURRAY EDWARDS COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE
27-29 JUNE 2018
In July the Decolonise Sociology website was launched:

Welcome to the website for the Decolonise Sociology working group. The group was established on the 31st October 2017 to pursue the decolonisation of the Cambridge Sociology Department. The working group...

Decolonising sociology involves a recognition of exploitative and excluded sociological knowledges, a reassessment of who and what counts as canonical within sociology, and a re-imagining for what constitutes...
Staff Publications and Lectures

Dr Patrick Baert

Publications


Information

Visiting Professor at Sciences Po (Paris) and at the University of Gothenburg. Gave presentations in Toronto, Paris and Gothenburg.

Dr Robert Blackburn

Information

The 50th annual Social Stratification Research seminar was held in Clare College, 5-7 September, 2018. Paper givers from Canada, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Suriname and USA, as well as England, Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland. Dr Blackburn’s paper was on ‘Employment after World Wars 1 and 2’.

Dr Brendan Burchell

Publications

Journal Articles


Chapters


Information

New Grants for 2017-18:

http://www.cbr.cam.ac.uk/research/research-projects/the-employment-dosage-how-much-work-is-needed-for-health-and-wellbeing/

Media activities:

Television interview on CNNB (Africa) on entrepreneurship.

Editor of Research Horizons, Issue 36 (June, 2018): Spotlight on Work (With S Deakin and C Barnard).

Invited / Plenary talks:

Invited speaker, University of Ghana (April 2018), University of Nevada at Las Vegas (February, 2018).


Affiliated researcher, University of Capetown South Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU)

Other international activities:

European Research Council (ERC) reviewer for starting grants, 2018.

Dr Filipe Carreira da Silva

Publications

Journal:


Chapter in Book:


Book:


Book review:


Obituary:


Information

Research trips:


Research grants:


Dr Teije Donker

Publications


Information
Papers presented


Dr Katie Dow
Publications

Journal


Book


Information


Received Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness Workshop grant for Remaking Reproduction conference, on behalf of ReproSoc.

PhD student Karen Jent passed her viva with minor corrections in December 2017.

Was an expert adviser to the Science Museum for their exhibition, IVF: 6 Million Babies Later.

Prof Sarah Franklin

Publications


2017 [Interview] ‘Staying with the Manifesto: an interview with Donna Haraway’ Theory, Culture and Society 34:4:49-63


Dr Maria Iacovou

Publications

Chapter in book


Information

Trips: Study visit to Universidad Castilla La Mancha, Spain. June 12th – 18th 2018

Postgraduate students’ achievements: My student Hei-Wan Mak has published two articles:


**Dr Karen Jent**

**Information**

She submitted her PhD on 29 September 2017, passed her viva on 7 December 2017 and graduated on 20 October 2018.

**Grant**

In March 2018, Karen Jent and Sarah Franklin were awarded the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account Grant (£20,000) to develop our public engagement project *Dish Life: The Game*, which is an educational digital mobile game that discusses stem cell research in society. The game is currently in production.

**Public engagement**

Her other engagement project Dish Life film is still, two years after its premiere in 2016, really successful. Last year it has won awards at the following film festivals:

- 2017 Social Machinery Festival (Best Science Documentary)
- 2017 Bristol Science Film Festival (National Runner-up Science Documentary)
- 2016 Raw Science Film Festival (Bronze, Professional Documentary)

It was also in the official selection of the following festivals:

- 2017 Ethnografilm
- 2017 Brooklyn Free Radicals Festival
- 2017 Melbourne Documentary Film Festival
2017 Scinema International Science Film Festival
2017 Bozeman Doc Series Festival
2017 Wolves Independent International Film Awards
2017 Imagine Science Film Festival
2018 Tech Doc Festival
2018 The Russian Film Festival
2018 Global Short Film Awards

They also organised two public engagement events with the film:
Life in a Dish at 2018 Cambridge Science Festival
Dish Life at the Headline event of 2018 Pint of Science London

The film was featured by the following media:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation
Science Channel
New York Times
EuroStemCell
UK Regenerative Medicine Platform
The Biomedical Scientist

Prof Christel Lane

Publication

C. Lane, From Taverns to Gastropubs. Food, drink and sociality in England. Oxford University Press 2018
Dr David Lane

Publications


With Dr Guichang Zhu, a former Chinese visiting scholar to the University of Cambridge, he edited the papers from a conference at Leiden University, which was published by Lexington Press (USA) entitled: Changing Regional Alliances for China and the West (2018) which included his paper entitled: Post-Soviet Regions: from Interdependence to Countervailing Powers? Pp. 3-24.

The Eurasian Project in Global Perspective (Editor and contributor) London: Routledge, 2018. Post-socialist regions in the world system, pp. 46-66


The October Revolution and its Consequences, in Общество, Среда, Развитие. (St Petersburg) 2017, №

Publications available on line:


David Lane continued work on alternatives to neo-liberal capitalism as well as on developments in post-Soviet countries. His teaching in Cambridge University included a course in the MPhil on Modern Societies entitled Alternatives to Global Capitalism. He wrote a number of papers on the significance of China in the world economic system, the rise of the Eurasian Economic Union and the position of the post-socialist states in the world system. He also delivered lectures on the Russian Revolution of 1917 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and on aspects of Marx and Marxism on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx. He visited Peking and Shandong Universities where he gave a number of lectures. He writes a monthly article on the Valdai website which appears in English and Russian.

Jointly with Jeff Miley, on 27 October, he organised a conference at Emmanuel College, Cambridge on the Centenary of the Russian Revolution at which he gave a paper entitled: The Significance of the October Revolution. He also gave a similar paper at the Russian Revolution Centenary Conference at TUC House, London on 4 November.


On 6 November, he was invited to give a plenary lecture at the International Forum on ‘October, Revolution and the Future’ in Moscow on A Social Class Analysis of the Transition from Socialism to Capitalism in the USSR.

In May 2018, he gave a lecture at Peking University on globalisation and also gave a paper at a Conference on the 200th Anniversary of K. Marx also in Peking University.

On 17-18 September 2018, he gave a paper at the (British) Political Studies Association conference held at Nottingham University on Interpretations of Marx: From ‘Scientific’ to ‘Active’ Marxism.

Dr David Lehmann

Publications

Book

*The Prism of Race: Politics and Ideology of Affirmative Action in Brazil*, Ann Arbor, Michigan University Press, 2018

Information

Attended the following conferences:

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Barcelona, May 2018 where he chaired a panel on ‘Religion crossing frontiers’

At the Society of Latin American Studies in Winchester in March 2018 he was a member of a Plenary Roundtable on ‘Latin American Studies Around the World’.

Dr Olga Loblova

Publications


Dr Ella McPherson

Publications


Information

Speaker, ‘Trust, Technology and Truth Claims,’ Trust and Technology Initiative Launch, University of Cambridge, 20 September 2018

Plenary lecturer, 'Digital Fakery and its Consequences,' Interdisciplinary Summer Programme, University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education, 9 August 2018

Co-organizer, 'Digital Verification Corps Summit,' Cambridge, 26-29 June 2018

Speaker, ‘Digital Fakery and its Consequences,’ Hay Festival, 26 May 2018

“Risk, Pluralism, and Digital Human Rights Reporting,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, 4-7 April 2018

“Seeing and Disbelieving: Boundary-Work Between Fact and Digital Fakery in the Human Rights World,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, 4-7 April 2018


Speaker, ‘Digital Fakery and its Consequences,’ Sociology Seminar Series, University of Cambridge, 13 February 2018

Participant, 'Big Data with Local Impact: Using Open Data to Improve Public Procurement,' DIGIWHIST Project Final Conference, European Parliament, Brussels, 29 January 2018


Research grant:

Prof Michael Mann

Publications

Have wars and violence declined?, *Theory and Society*, 47(1), 37-60, 2017


Dr Noemie Merleau-Ponty

Publications

Article:


Information

Talks:

International Conference


Workshops:

« Assisted Reproductive Technologies – Cultural and Ethical Values From a Comparative Perspective, France/United States », Maison française - New-York University, 12 & 13th of April 2018
« The Heart of Ageing : Towards an Interdisciplinary Approach of Senescence”, Seed meetings, ambassade de France à Londres, 31 Mai et 1er Juin 2018

Life and Social Sciences. Building Interdisciplinary Discussions. Invited talk at The Wilson Society, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, UK. 04/05/2018

Seminar in France


Dr Monica Moreno Figueroa

Information

Gave the Inaugural Keynote lecture of the Cátedra Intercultural, Universidad de Guadalajara - 27 September 2017

Host the Annual Race Equality Lecture: Race, Representation and Visibility, 26 October 2017

Organised and Hosted the Final Symposium- Institutional Racism - British Academy grant, 11-12 January 2018

Organised and Host the Holocaust Memorial Annual Lecture with Dr Brian Klug, University of Oxford, 25 January 2018

Organised and Host the Salvador Allende Memorial Lecture 2018/CLAS Cambridge, 29th January

Spoke at the CCTL Teaching Forum 2018 on 17th of April 2018

Presented a paper at the New spaces of resistance in Latin America conference organised by CRASHH on 19 and 20 April 2018

Organised and Host a PGR workshop with Dr CArolyn Pedwell, 3rd of May 2018

Organised a panel and presented a paper in the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) in Barcelona from the 23-26 May 2018

External Examiner at Goldsmiths College, 14-15 June 2018
Examined 2 PhD, one external (Linette Manriquez) at Goldsmiths College on 18th October 2017 and one internal (Johanna Lukate) Department of Psychology, on 22nd June 2018

Grants:

During this period she closed the project “Institutional Racism and the logics of the contemporary State, co-directed with Dr Juan Carlos Martinez of CIESAS, Oaxaca, Mexico. This was a two year project which ended in February 2018 and closed with a final symposium in the city of Oaxaca, Mexico.

She was also PI of the project “Latin American Antiracism in a Post Racial Age”, co-directed with Prof Peter Wade of the University of Manchester. This involved four post-docs, two of which were based at Cambridge: Dr Maria Moreno Parra and Dr Gisela Carlos Fregoso. During this period they had two main workshops in Oaxaca, Mexico and Quito, Ecuador as follows:

Workshop in Oaxaca of the LAPORA project 15-17 January 2018
Workshop in Quito, Ecuador of the LAPORA Project, 3-5 July 2018.

Dr Maria Moreno Parra

Information

Invited talks
2017 Investigación sobre Acciones Antirracistas en el Ecuador (Research on Anti-Racist Actions in Ecuador). Facultad de Ciencias Humanas y Departamento de Antropología, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador [School of Human Sciences and Department of Anthropology, Catholic University], Quito, December 13th, 2017.

Conference papers


Campus talks
2018 “Antiracist Struggles, Environmental Suffering and Slow Death:

**Dr Veronique Mottier**

**Publications**

Journal article:


Dictionary entries:


Translations:

Mottier, Véronique, 性, Hong Kong, Oxford University Press (China), 2017.


**Information**

Research activities:

Véronique Mottier wrote a successful grant proposal for a study to analyse the recent activist campaigns for reparative justice for victims of forced child placements by the Swiss State; the award (328.391 Swiss francs) from the Swiss National Science Foundation (NSF) will fund a three-year study starting in September 2018, housed at the University of Lausanne, for which she will be Principal Investigator. She also
completed a three-year research collaboration as Joint Grant Holder and Co-Investigator on the study *Manufacturing Heterosexuality: The History of “Female Desire Disorders” in Switzerland since the 1960s*, funded by the NSF (175’218 Swiss francs) and housed at the University of Lausanne, together with Dr. Cynthia Kraus (Principal Investigator) and Prof. Vincent Barras (co-Investigator).

On leave from Jesus College in Lent and Easter terms, she spent a two months research stay in Paris (May-June) working on a collaborative book project titled *Genre, Droit et Politique* with Charles Bosvieux-Onyekwelu from EHESS Paris; a 7-week research stay in Berkeley (July-August); and a one-week teaching and research trip as Visiting Professor in the Departments of Philosophy and Literature at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda (10-17 September) as part of Cambridge University’s CAPREX (Cambridge-Africa) programme, which is also supported by the Department of Sociology. In addition, she carried out her usual research, teaching and admin activities as part-time Professor in Sociology at the University of Lausanne, including 56 undergraduate and 24 M.A. lecture hours.

Invited lectures:

International Francophone Summer School in Gender Studies (BRULAU), Université de Lausanne & Université Libre de Bruxelles: Discussant for a Master Class & individual mentoring sessions, 13-14 June 2018.

International Summer School in Advanced Social Science Methods, University of Lugano: Instructor, full-week course ‘Discourse Theory and Analysis’, 27-31 August 2018.


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**Dr Robert Pralat**

**Information**

**Affiliations:**

Sidney Sussex College Research Associate (1 September 2018 – 31 August 2020)
Grants awarded:

Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship (1 September 2018 – 31 August 2021)

Presentations:

Invited talks


Conference presentations


Research Grants:

Men’s Attitudes to Intimate Life (MAIL): An Interview Study of Views about Intimate Relationships and Parenthood among HIV-Positive Gay and Bisexual Men in London

British HIV Association

13 October 2015 – 20 April 2018
Technologies of Desire: A Comparative Study of In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

Isaac Newton Trust
1 September 2018 – 31 August 2021

Technologies of Desire: A Comparative Study of In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

Leverhulme Trust
1 September 2018 – 31 August 2021

Dr Marissa Quie

Publications:

Journal Articles:

Book Chapter:

Accepted for Publication by Routledge (2018).

Reports:
Report for UNICEF Office of Research Innocenti: ‘The Securitization of EU Aid’

January 2018.

Substantive Research Paper for UNICEF-Office of Research Innocenti and Chatham House:

‘Youth in Crisis: The Migration-Deportation Return Nexus’

Accepted for Publication by Chatham House.

Information

Event Speaker and Discussant:

‘Rethinking Poverty Reduction in Afghanistan’

Chatham House Expert Roundtable

Chair

November 2017.


‘Afghanistan: Navigating the Path to Democracy and Reconciliation’, Chatham House, June 2018

Discussant


Conferences:

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference.
April 2018, San Francisco.


Discussant – Women’s Caucus
Discussant – Global South Caucus

Review Work:
International Peacekeeping

Associations and Consultancies:
Advisor to Minster Masoom Stanekzai
Minister of Defence,
Advisor to British & Irish Agencies Afghanistan Group.
Director Women for Peace and Participation.

Acted as Mentor to Afghan scholars in the Weidenfeld Scholarship Programme.

Assistance to the Afghan Embassy in the UK to develop a network of scholars in Europe working on Afghanistan.

Chatham House:
Collaborative project on aid and immigration (From September 2017).
Collaborative project on new directions for the Taliban (Currently under discussion).
Current Research:

At the end of 2017, in conjunction with Hameed Hakimi, she published an article in *The World Today* (Chatham House) on the European response to the migration crisis ([https://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/twt/eu-pays-stop-migrants.](https://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/twt/eu-pays-stop-migrants.)) focusing on the impact of the outsourcing of aid for sustainable development, democracy promotion and ethical donorship. In January she was invited to the UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti to present a report on the securitisation of EU aid. UNICEF then commissioned a collaborative research project on Afghan and Nigerian youth in the migration pathway. They convened a roundtable at Chatham House in June designed to inform the development of a set of core objectives and indicators to guide the EU, Afghanistan and Nigeria in their treatment of youth and to facilitate improved donor and host understanding. They particularly highlighted gendered aspects of violence against migrant girls and women using the comparative case study of Edo State Nigeria. The second stage of their collaboration is an in-depth report, ‘*Young People in Crisis: ‘The Migration-Deportation-Return Nexus’*’, which will be published by Chatham House and launched at the University of Cambridge in November. The report critically develops findings from existing qualitative and quantitative research, synthesising meanings from multiple studies. It is grounded in recognising the serious gaps in evidence-based research that includes the voices of child migrants. Accordingly, they use a multidimensional approach, based on an expansive conception of security which fully incorporates child rights. They are now planning a third stage of collaboration (funded by UNICEF Office of Research Innocenti) which will entail extensive primary research to deepen trans-national comparisons.

Affiliations:

Institute for Strategic Dialogue

Eastern Sociological Society

Central Eurasian Studies Society

International Studies Association

Regional Studies Association

Conflict Transformation Peacebuilding and Security

Women’s Campaign School (Yale)

Centre for Youth Integrated Development

**Dr Mark Ramsden**
Publication


Dr Gabor Scheiring

Publications


Prof Jacqueline Scott

Publications

Journals


Book Chapter


Information

Julieta Palma (former PhD student) is now a lecturer of sociology at the Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile. The publication cited above (Palma and Scott 2018) was an invited publication for a special issue on inter-generational relations, arising from her doctoral work.

Professor Goran Therborn

Publications

Journal


Book

Therborn, G. (2018), Kapitalet, överheten och alla vi andra,( Capital, the establishment, and all the rest of us), Lund: Arkiv

Information

Presentations to the World Congress of Sociology, Toronto July 2018:

Cities against States

Cities as Visual Representations and Manifestations of Power

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Prof John Thompson

Publications


Information

Elected to the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA).

Research Grants:

He is currently working on two funded research projects. ‘The Digital Revolution in Publishing’, funded by a four-year grant from the Mellon Foundation (2013-17), is a direct continuation of his work over the last decade on the transformation of the publishing industry. Whereas his previous two books examined the overall transformation of academic and trade publishing over the last 50 years, this new project focuses on the digital revolution and its impact on the publishing industry. It examines how both established publishers and new start-ups on the margins on the field respond to the challenges of digitization and seek to innovate in a rapidly changing information environment. It also explores the broader implications of these developments in terms of the role of technology in the creative industries and the future of the book and other
forms of cultural dissemination. The fieldwork is complete and he is currently finishing a book, *Book Wars: The Digital Revolution in Publishing*, that will be published 2019.

The second project is a continuation of the collaborative research with Manuel Castells and others on the financial crisis and its aftermath. They have published two volumes from this research: *Aftermath: The Cultures of the Economic Crisis* (2012) and *Europe’s Crises* (2017). Linked to this project, he is directing a research project on ‘The Human and Social Costs of Economic Crisis’, funded by the Balzan Foundation. This project is exploring the ways in which individuals live through and experience economic crisis; focusing on Greece and Italy, it takes a bottom-up approach, studying in a close, ethnographic way the daily lives of ordinary individuals experiencing the effects of crisis. The first output from this project was an article on “Suffering: The Human and Social Costs of Economic Crisis”. They are now carrying out follow-up interviews in Greece and Italy with a view to producing a more detailed analysis of the long-term consequences of economic crisis.

In addition to these projects, he continues to work on theoretical issues in relation to information and mediated communication and on the digital society initiative, which seeks to develop an innovative interdisciplinary collaboration between social scientists and computer scientists in order to examine the most fundamental and far-reaching questions concerning the impact of the digital revolution on social and political life.

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**Dr Rin Ushiyama**

**Publication**


**Information**

**Affiliation:**


**Invited talks:**

'Mind control, coercion, or blind faith? How former Aum Shinrikyō believers have rationalised past membership and criminal behavior’. February 2018, Researching Contemporary Japanese Religions Workshop, University of Manchester, UK.

Conference Presentations:

‘The Polyphony of Victim Activism: Social Performance(s) of Victimhood after the Aum Affair’. July 2018, ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada.

Research grant:


This project aims to explain the endurance of historical revisionist claims over Japan’s wartime atrocities in contemporary Japanese public discourse. For more than two decades, conservative politicians, intellectuals, and activists have asserted that atrocities such as the Nanjing Massacre and the sexual enslavement of women as ‘comfort women’ did not occur. This project seeks to explain how and why academically false or tendentious claims reproduce in public discourse through an approach informed by sociology of ideas, political sociology, and memory studies.

Dr Darin Weinberg

Information

Contemporary Social Constructionism: Key Themes (2014, Temple) won the 2018 Melvin Pollner Prize in Ethnomethodology, conferred by the American Sociological Association’s section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. $1000 cash award

Presentation

Dr Jacques Wels

Publications


Dr Kate Williams

Publications


**Information**

She has also recently been awarded a £10,000 small grant from the British Academy and Leverhulme Trust, and she is currently undertaking a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.


Kate’s ESRC project investigates the assessment of research impact in policy knowledge contexts. The project examines how emerging methods of research impact assessment take on meaning in practice, through quantitative analysis, ethnography and interviews. It develops a theoretical framework that accounts for emerging cultures of research evaluation and their underlying procedures and structures. The work reframes the assessment of research impact as occurring within a hybrid non-standard field, which shapes evaluative cultures according to multiple criteria and logics.
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Jennifer Chisholm

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Popular Articles


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**Arsenii Khitrov**

Karen Mak


Me-Linh Riemann


Consuelo Saizar

Publications


Conferences

2018

‘Festivales de literatura ¿qué son y para qué sirven?’

Presentation at: V Jornada del Autor (Bilbao, Spain, September 13-14)
2017

‘La imaginación como principio, el rigor como regla’ Presentation at:
Edita Barcelona. Foro Anual de Editores (Barcelona, Spain, July 5-7)

‘México: potencia cultural mundial’ Presentation at:
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. (Monterrey, N.L., April 18)

Johan Suen


Xiaokun Sun


Senhu Wang


Olga Zeveleva

Appendix C

ILM Group Publications and Presentations

Publications


Hotz, J., (forthcoming: September 2018), 'Perennials: More than Plants -- Exploring Long-Term Economic Paradigms to Promote Shared Planetary and Human Health', Commissioned by the New Perennials Project/Centre for Understanding Sustainable Prosperity

Conferences


Johan, S., (2018) ‘Contextualizing bridge employment decisions and the negotiation of downward social mobility among low-income older adults in

Juli Hotz, has been selected to present at the Basic Income Earth Network’s 18th International Congress in Tampere, Finland, where she will be discussing 'Unconditional Basic Income: A Solution to Technological Unemployment?'.

Jan Hurst, is finalising a paper to present at the AGM of the Academic Council of the United Nations Systems (ACUNS) in July at LUISS University, Rome. Her paper is titled ‘Questioning global and local governance: make the jobs supply come first’. 