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I'm Karen Rowlingson. I am Professor of Social Policy at the Institute of Applied Social Studies here at the University of Birmingham. I am also the Director of the Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management.

My particular research interests lie in the field of financial security of individuals and families, and I think this is increasingly important as responsibility for welfare has shifted from the state to the individual. We see this in terms of the Welfare State which used to aim to provide security from cradle to grave, and now that responsibility has shifted to individual families to provide their own security, through housing, pensions, savings and so on.

So my research interests lie in 4 particular areas. I look at assets and asset-based welfare, I look at social security policy, I look at wealth and the wealthy and also attitudes to inequality and welfare. I also teach at undergraduate level, masters level and I supervise doctoral researchers. If you are interested in my work in any of those areas, please get in touch.