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### About

#### Specialisms

- Industry clusters
- EU regional policy and governance
- Innovation
- Industrial competitiveness and the regional economy
- Automotive and the food industries
- Labour market change

### Biography

#### Previous experience

- Seven years in planning and economic development for East Sussex County and Sheffield City Councils
- Lecturer in Economic Development and Planning at Coventry University
- Member of the West Midlands Governance Research Group
- Member of the Regional Intelligence Network
- Member of the Regional Studies Association
- Co-founder of the West Midlands branch of the Institution of Economic Development

### Research

#### Recent Research and Consultancy Projects

- New State Spaces: Local Enterprise Partnerships – ASSC (Advanced Social Science Collaborative, UOB) Study of LEPs in the West Midlands (2012-2013) .
- Regional Integrated Strategies in four EU countries – a study of policy integration and governance with partners in Denmark, Sweden, and Netherlands: (2011-2012) funded by European Commission, ESPON programme
- Local Enterprise Partnerships (2011-2012) – with INLOGOV, University of Birmingham
- Local Enterprise Partnerships – exploratory study with Professor John Shutt, Newcastle University and Dr Lee Pugalis, Northumbria University (PI)
- Evaluation of the Accelerate Support Programme for Automotive Industry Supply Chain firms – for Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry and AWM (2007-2009)
- The Economic and Social Impact of the Demise of Rover at Longbridge: A Longitudinal and Holistic Approach to Economic Restructuring funded by the ESRC on (2007-2009)
- The Social Impact of the Closure of the Rover plant at Longbridge and the Efficiency of the Policy Response. (2008) For Birmingham City Council and Advantage West Midlands:
- Evaluation of Digital Challenge Innovative Projects – for Birmingham City Council, the DC10+ Partnership and DCLG (2008-2009)
- Evaluation of ECAP – Enterprising Communities Plan – for Birmingham City Council (2008);
- Regional Skills Agenda and Key Agencies – A review for the Careers Department in University of Birmingham (2008)
- Evaluation of 'Switch on Shropshire' – funding for companies to upgrade digital capacity (2007)
- Evaluation of Objective 2 area funded Training Opportunities Programme for the MedTech and ICT clusters – for Staffordshire University and the LSC (2005-2006) (PI)

### Publications

#### Publications

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and [http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_TargetedAnalyses/RISE.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/RISE.html)  
([http://www.espon.eu/export/sites/default/Documents/Projects/TargetedAnalyses/RISE/FinalReport/PDF\\_for\\_Intranet/Annex\\_5\\_West\\_Midlands\\_Case\\_Study.pdf](http://www.espon.eu/export/sites/default/Documents/Projects/TargetedAnalyses/RISE/FinalReport/PDF_for_Intranet/Annex_5_West_Midlands_Case_Study.pdf) and  
[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_TargetedAnalyses/RISE.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/RISE.html))

Pugalis L & Bentley G (2012) *The Changing Business of Entrepreneurial Governance: An Examination of English Practice* Paper for the ISBE Conference, Dublin 7-8 November.

Pugalis L, Bentley, G and Gibbons L (2012) Local Enterprise Partnerships – entering adolescence? *Town and Country Planning* December, pp 540-545

Gibbons L, Pugalis L and Bentley, G (2012) Local Enterprise Partnerships – equipped for the task? *The Terrier Autumn*, pp303-33

Bentley G, Bailey D and DeRuyter, A (forthcoming) Picking up the Pieces? Plant Closures, Redundancies and Policy Responses: A Review of Lessons learned in the MG Rover Case, Policy Studies

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Bentley G (2012) Eurozone Crisis: What Next for Europe? Birmingham Brief, Intelligent Thought on Policy Issues.  
<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/departments/management/news/2011/eurozone-crisis.aspx>

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Bentley G, Bailey D and De Ruyter A (2010) The MG Rover Closure and Policy Response: An evaluation of the Task Force Model in the UK *International Journal of Automotive Technology and Manufacturing*, 10, 2/3, 236-251.

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Bentley G. (2007) Dealing with strategic change: A Trio of Automotive Industry Closures in the West Midlands *Strategic Change*, 16, 8, pp 361-370

### Consultancy Reports

Bentley G., MacNeill S. and Chapain C. A. (2009) Evaluation of the Accelerate Programme. Final Report. Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham.

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Laughlin P. Bentley G., and East J. (2009) Enterprising Communities Action Plan. Evaluation of the Integrated Employment Gateway Project P2P and Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, The University of Birmingham

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Bentley G. (2007) Evaluation and Review of the Objective 2 funded Training Opportunities Programmes for the Medtech and ICT clusters Centre for Urban and Regional Studies University of Birmingham

### Recent Conference Papers/Presentations

Bentley G, Shutt, J and Pugalis, L (2013) *LEPs: entrepreneurial governance; Soft state spaces and Innovative practices*. RSA and Smith Institute Conference. The State of the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in England. Newcastle. March.

Bentley G (2012) *Rescaling Economic Development Strategies in an Era of Austerity: Penny Pinching and Piecemeal* Regional Studies Association Winter Conference London, November

Pugalis L & Bentley G (2012) *The Changing Business of Entrepreneurial Governance: An Examination of English Practice* Paper for the ISBE Conference, Dublin November

Bentley G (2012) *Territorial Integrative Strategic Planning: The Case of GBSLEPS* Regional Studies Association International Conference, TU Delft, The Netherlands, 13-16 May

Bentley G (2012) *Integrative Strategic Planning – The ESPON RISE Project*. RTP/ESPON Seminar , Edinburgh. April

Bentley G (2011) *From RDAs to LEPS: a new localism? Doomed to failure?* Regional Studies Association Conference London December

Bentley G (2011) *The Death of Regionalism in England* Regional Studies Association Conference Newcastle University April

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#### Other – Written Evidence to Parliament

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