Research

The Institute of Local Government Studies is the UK's leading centre for research in the inter-disciplinary field of local government. Our work spans themes such as:

- Public institutions and governance
- Public performance and delivery
- Democracy, representation and participation

INLOGOV's research has recently been supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Arts and Humanities Research Council's Connected Communities programme, the Local Authorities Research Council Initiative and the British Academy, together with a number of public bodies, including the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Office for Civil Society and as part of major national evaluations including the Olympic Legacy project.

In the last five years, INLOGOV has won almost forty new research grants to a value of approximately £1 million.

Publications:

- **Briefing papers (/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/research/publications/briefing-papers.aspx)**
- **Discussion Papers (/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/research/publications/discussion-papers.aspx)**
- **Journals (/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/research/publications/journals/index.aspx)**

Current research

Network governance and low carbon transitions in European cities (Nov 2014 - Oct 2017) (/schools/government-society/research/projects/inlogov/2014/network-governance-low-carbon-transitions-european-cities.aspx)

How can European cities transition to a low carbon future? What are the governance challenges in creating environmentally sustainable cities? Can ideas about 'network governance' enhance adaption to climate change by improving interaction between citizens, businesses, associations and governments?

Do flexible institutions enhance democracy? A comparative analysis of public governance innovations in Brazil and the UK (Jul 2014 - Jul 2016) (/schools/government-society/research/projects/inlogov/2014/do-flexible-institutions-enhance-democracy.aspx)

The purpose of this exploratory research is to bring complementary expertise from the UK and Brazil to the analysis of democratic innovations - the global search for new ways in which societal, economic and cultural problems can be resolved through the direct involvement of citizens, civil society organisations, and other parties.

More research projects throughout the department (/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/research/projects/index.aspx) .

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