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About

Stephen is a lecturer in the School of Government and Society based in INLOGOV, Institute for Local Government Studies. His forthcoming book Interpreting Hashtag Politics will be published in April 2014.

Feedback and office hours

Mondays 14:00-16:00

Qualifications

PhD (Birmingham)

BSc (Hons, First class) (Birmingham) Public Policy, Government and Management

Teaching

- Co-Convener Public Policy Research Methods, INLOGOV PG programme, 2011-
- Convener of Advanced Training Course MA Social Research Programme, Q methodology, 2009-

Postgraduate supervision

PhD supervision – Maureen O'Connor (2008- PT) and Tom Barrance (2011- PT) George Despotidis (2013- FT).

I am interested in supervising projects that draw on social media data to understand change or controversies in public policy.

Current MSc dissertation supervision (2013-14):

- John Williams, Barriers to Joint Commissioning Barriers.
- Jamie Bradbury Community Capacity
- Sue Bottomley Front-line adaptation to change
- Cherie Norman Readiness for change in middle management
- Ryan Hunt,

Examples of previous MSc supervision:

- 2010 Nichola Whiteman, Student resident relations.
- 2012 David Nunns (MBA), Third sector viewpoints.
- 2012 Claire Pennell (with HSMC), Public Services and Rehabilitation.
- 2012 Afsa Mitha, Area based commissioning
- 2012 George Despotidis, Citizen participation in Greece.
- 2013 Sarah Jeffries, What it means to be professional.
- 2013 Iain Taylor-Allen Sector led learning.
- 2013 Henrietta Brealey Implementing Social Value.

Doctoral research

PhD title Why public policy ideas catch on: empty signifiers and flourishing neighbourhoods 2008. **http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/193/ (http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/193/)**

Research

- Sentiment Analysis of Policy Controversies, 2013-2014.
- Shape of Ideas to Come - Harvesting and Analysing Online Discussio about Public Policy, British Academy SG112101, 2012-2013.
- Health and social care commissioning: an exploration of processes, services and outcomes, SDO, NHS National Institute for Health Research, October 2009-March 2012

Other activities

Postgraduate Research (PGR) Lead, INLOGOV.

Host of the 27th Annual Q methodology **Conference (http://www.qmethod.org/qconference/current/information)** September 7-9 2011

Coproducer of software for online Q sorting **POETQ (http://poetqblog.blogspot.com/)**

Academic related website **http://jeffar.es (http://jeffar.es)**

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Publications

Books

Jeffares, S. (2014) Interpreting Hashtag Politics: Policy Ideas in n Era of Social Media (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan).

Skelcher, C. Sullivan, H and Jeffares, S. (2013) Hybrid Governance in European Cities: Neighbourhood, Migration and Democracy (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan)

Selected articles

Klijn, E.H., Twist, M.J.W., Van der Steen, M., Jeffares, S.R (forthcoming) "Public Managers, Media Influence And Governance: Three Research Traditions Empirically Explored" Administration & Society.

Dickinson, H. Jeffares, S. Nicholds, A. & Glasby, J. (2013) Beyond the Berlin Wall? Investigating joint commissioning and its various meanings using a Q methodology approach. **Public Management Review**, **(Taylor & Francis).** First online January 17. **DOI:** 10.1080/14719037.2012.757353

Willis M. and Jeffares S. (2012) Four Viewpoints of Whole Area Partnerships in **Local Government Studies** 38, No. 5, 539-556, **DOI:**10.1080/03003930.2011.615836

Jeffares, S. and Skelcher, C. (2011), Democratic Subjectivities in Network Governance: A Q methodology study of English and Dutch public managers, **Public Administration (Wiley-Blackwell)**, 89 (4), (1253-1273). doi: 10.1111/j.1467-9299.2010.01888.x

Sullivan, H. Williams, P. and Jeffares, S. (2011) Leadership for Collaboration: Situated Agency in Practice in **Public Management Review 14:1, 41-66. (Taylor & Francis).** 10.1080/14719037.2011.589617

Chapters in edited books

Jeffares, S. Sullivan, H and Bovaird, T. (2012) Beyond the Contract: The Challenge of Evaluating the Performance(s) of Public-Private Partnerships, in Greve, C. And Hodge, G. (eds.) (2012) Rethinking Public-Private Partnerships: Strategies for Turbulent Times (London: Routledge).
http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415539593/ (http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415539593/)

Atkinson, Rob. Held, Gerd. and Jeffares, Stephen. (2011) **Theories of Discourse and Narrative**: what do they mean for governance and policy?, in Atkinson, R. Terizakis, Georgios. And Zimmermann, Karsten. (eds.) (2011) Sustainability in European Environmental Policy: Challenges of Governance and Knowledge (London: **Routledge**) ISBN 978-0-415-56289-8

Farrelly, M., Jeffares, S., and Skelcher, C. (2010) **Rethinking Network Governance**: New Forms of Analysis and the Implications for Inter-Governmental Relations/Multi-Level Governance. Chapter in Ongaro, E. Et al (eds.) (2010) Governance and Intergovernmental Relations in the European Union and the United States (Cheltenham: **Edward Elgar**) ISBN 978-1-848-44319-8.

Edited work

Jeffares, S. and Baker, R. (2013) Public Policy and Q methodology, special issue. Operant Subjectivity 32(2), January.

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