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### About

Katherine is a Research Fellow in the Institute of Local Government Studies. She is currently working on the ESRC-funded 'Shrinking the State' project, which explores the Coalition Government's attempt to reform arms' length bodies, from multi-level and cross-national perspectives. Katherine has broad research interests in empirical and normative questions surrounding democratic governance and citizenship, conceived of in local, national, supra-state and post-national terms.

### Qualifications

- PhD in Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham, 2012 (<http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/3634/>)
- MA in Political Science, University of Birmingham, 2008
- BSc (Hons) in Politics and Public Policy, Aston University, 2006

### Biography

Katherine has worked at INLOGOV since May 2012, and prior to this completed her PhD with joint supervision from INLOGOV and the Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS). She has research interests in empirical and normative questions surrounding democratic governance and citizenship, conceived of in local, national, supra-state and post-national terms; and is particularly interested in the impact of global transformations on national and local governance and citizenship regimes, as well as the local experience of post-national citizenship and identity.

Currently, Katherine is working on the ESRC-funded 'Shrinking the State' project, which brings together academics from Birmingham, Sheffield, and the University of Southern California. The project explores the Coalition Government's attempt to reform arms' length bodies, from multi-level and cross-national perspectives; and asks whether and to what extent reform of these 'quangos' will deliver the policy goal of a smaller, smarter, cheaper state.

Katherine is a member of the Political Studies Association (PSA) and the American Political Science Association (APSA), and is an associate member of the Higher Education Academy.

### Postgraduate supervision

Caitlin McMullin (PhD, part-time): Public participation and culture change in local authorities

### Research

Katherine's core research interests include:

- Democratic governance and citizenship (local, national, supra-state and post-national)
- The relationship between globalisation and local/national governance and citizenship rights
- Supra-state/global democracy and accountability
- Post-national citizenship rights
- Bridging normative and empirical dimensions of research

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Katherine is also currently working on transforming her PhD thesis into a monograph manuscript. This book project, entitled 'Constitutional Patriotism and the Post-National Paradox', seeks to conceptualise a form of democratic citizenship in post-national terms, and to assess its implications for ongoing national identity and loyalty at the local level.

### Other activities

- Blog Editor, INLOGOV Blog: [www.inlogov.wordpress.com](http://www.inlogov.wordpress.com)
- Follow me on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/ktonkiss>
- Follow my work: <http://birmingham.academia.edu/KatieTonkiss>

## Publications

Tonkiss, K. (2013) Postnational Citizenship without Postnational Identity? A Case Study of UK Immigration Policy and Intra-EU Migration. *Journal of Global Ethics*. 9 (1).

Tonkiss, K. (forthcoming 2013) *Migration and Identity in a Postnational World*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, in press.

Tonkiss, K. (forthcoming 2013) Constitutional Patriotism, Migration and the Post-National Dilemma. *Citizenship Studies*, in press.

Bloom, T., and Tonkiss, K. (forthcoming 2013) European Union and Commonwealth Free Movement: An Historical-Comparative Perspective. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, in press.

Tonkiss, K. and Skelcher, C. (2012) The Politics of Arms' Length Body Reform in the UK: A Case Study of the Abolition of the Audit Commission. Paper presented at the Public Administration Committee Conference, 18th-19th July, Plymouth.

Tonkiss, K. (2012) Migration Rights and National Loyalty: Transforming Identity and Citizenship From Below. Paper presented at the Political Studies Association Conference, 3rd-5th April, Belfast.

Tonkiss, K. (2011) The Right to Free Movement: Nationalism as an Obstacle to Equal Opportunity. Paper presented at the Political Studies Association Conference, 19th-21st April, London.

Tonkiss, K. (2010) Constitutional Patriotism and the Challenge of Free Movement. Paper presented at the International Studies Association Convention, 17th-19th February, New Orleans.