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About

Laura Jenkins is a political scientist whose expertise is in British politics, gender studies and contemporary political theory.

Qualifications

PhD Political Science (Birmingham)
MA Research Methods (Political Science) (Birmingham)

Biography

Laura studied at University of Birmingham as both an undergraduate and postgraduate and achieved her PhD on a Genealogical Politicisation of the Body in 2008. She was appointed as a Lecturer in POLSIS in 2013. Laura's main research interests are in the area of British politics, gender studies and contemporary political theory. Laura is School lead for the Professional Development Module.

Teaching

POLS 201 Political Analysis
Professional Development Module

Postgraduate supervision

I welcome applications from potential PhD students in the fields of British politics, gender studies and contemporary political theory.

Research

Research Groups: British Politics | **Social and Political Theory** | **Political Sociology**

Research and academic interests

- Depoliticisation, governance and the state
- Gender equality in Britain
- Women in academia

Current and recent research projects

- Strategies for Politicisation and the Body: This project explores the political nature of state, medical and social responses to self-starving and self-harming bodies, in particular, and strategies for politicising dimensions of power in everyday life, in general.
- Interests and Identity Construction in British Politics: This project explores in depth the theme of how identity politics, particularly concerning gender, is frequently connected to normative judgments on self-interests. The removal of the 'Fathers Clause' in UK IVF contracts and the revisions to the UK Female Genital Mutilation Act form the central case studies for this project.
- Public engagement, political participation and learning disabilities: This new project combines Laura's interests in politicisation, the body, normal / abnormal, as well as an emphasis on agency, to research the social and political issues experienced by people with learning disabilities; a group who exhibit low levels of political participation and are most likely to live in poverty.

Publications

2013 "(De)Politicisation and the Father's Clause Parliamentary Debates" co-authored with Fran Amery and Stephen Bates, part of a special issue on Depoliticisation, Governance and the State (edited by Matthew Flinders and Matthew Wood) forthcoming in *Policy and Politics*

2013 "Women and Publishing in Three Political Science Journals", co-authored with Stephen Bates, Darcy Luke, Kelly Rogers and Helen Williams, forthcoming in *European Political Science*

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