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### About

Simon is a Birmingham Fellow currently researching aspects of social harm caused by states and corporations, as well as social structures, in particular the harms caused by inequality.

### Feedback and office hours

My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday (9-12 midday). Students are also able to make an appointment outside of these hours via email.

### Qualifications

- PhD 'The Production of Harm in the United Kingdom: A Social Harm Perspective'. University of Bristol (2004)
- MA Socio-Legal Studies, University of the West of England (1998)
- LLB, University of Central England (1997)

### Biography

Simon completed his PhD in 2004, 'The Production of Harm in the UK: A social harm analysis' at the University of Bristol. In 2005, he was awarded an ESRC Post Doctoral Fellowship to develop his doctoral work on social harm, resulting in a number of journal articles and book chapters.

[Listen to Simon talking about 'Social harm and the structures of societies' in this podcast \(MP3 - 14.1MB\) \(/Audio/news/dr-simon-pemberton-podcast.mp3\)](#)

He was appointed as Lecturer at the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol in 2005. Simon was Associate Editor of Policy and Politics 2006-2009. He is currently Membership Secretary of the Social Policy Association.

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### Research

To date Simon's research has focussed on three inter-related areas:

- state and corporate harm
- poverty, inequality and human rights
- social harm, crime and criminalisation.

He has published a range of journal articles, monographs and book chapters on these topic areas. He has also received a number of research grants in these areas:

- British Academy, 'Whistleblowing and the Social Control of Organisational Harm', £6,592, 11 months, Principal Investigator (with Prof Tombs, Liverpool John Moores – co-applicant). 2007
- Home Office (RDS – NOMS), 'Rapid Evidence Assessment on the identified needs of women offenders, and of interventions to meet those needs', £33,000, 8 months, Co-Applicant. 2006
- The Big Lottery, 'Multi-media Testimony on Rural Poverty & Social Exclusion', £95,972, 12 months, Co-Applicant (Grant Holder Rural Media Company). 2006
- British Academy, Understanding the Social Impacts of Counter-Terrorism Strategies in Britain and Australia, £8,000, 12 months, Named Researcher, (Grant Holder, Dr David Whyte, University of Stirling). 2005

- Economic and Social Research Council, 'The Human Wreckage of Neo Liberalism: A social harm perspective, Post Doctoral Fellowship, £27,757.35, 12 months, Principal Investigator. 2004

Simon is currently a member of the project team for the 'Poverty and Social Exclusion Survey 2010', Economic and Social Research Council, £3,798,315, 36 months. <http://www.poverty.ac.uk/> (<http://www.poverty.ac.uk/>).

## Other activities

- Membership Secretary of the Social Policy Association
- Honorary Research Fellow, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol

## Publications

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Pemberton, S. (2007) 'Social harm future(s): Exploring the potential of the social harm approach', *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 48(1-2): 27-41.

Pemberton S, Gordon D, Nandy S, Pantazis C &, Townsend P (2007) Child rights and child poverty: Can the international framework of children's rights be used to improve child survival rates? *PLoS Medicine* 4(10): e307.

