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About

Pete is Professor of Social Policy and Administration and Director of the University of Birmingham's **ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (/postgraduate/support/dr/esrc-dtc/index.aspx)** .

Qualifications

AcSS; FRSA; BA; MPhil

Biography

Pete has been active in teaching and research in social policy for over thirty years. He moved to Birmingham in 1998. He was Head of the Department of Social Policy and Social Work from January 2000 to June 2003, and Head of the School of Social Sciences from July 2003 to September 2008. From September 2008 to April 2014, Pete was Director of the ESRC Third Sector Research Centre (TSRC), a national research resource co-funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Office for Civil Society (OCS) and the Barrow Cadbury Trust. TSRC continues under the leadership of Professor John Mohan and further information on it can be found on the **Centre's website (http://www.tsrc.ac.uk)** .

Teaching

- Introductory Social Policy
- Third Sector Policy

Research

- Third sector policy in the UK, including devolution of policy
- Qualitative research on the role and structure of third sector organisations
- Theoretical analysis of civil society and voluntary action
- Social inclusion and anti-poverty strategy

Other activities

- Member of the HEFCE Research Excellence Framework (REF2014) Subpanel 22 Social Work and Social Policy
- Member of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Poverty Strategy Group

Publications

Books

Alcock, P with May, M (2014) *Social Policy in Britain*, 4th Ed. Palgrave.

Alcock, P, May, M and Wright, S (eds) (2012), *The Student's Companion to Social Policy* (4th Edition), Wiley-Blackwell (http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470655658.html) .

Alcock, P and Powell, M (eds) (2011), *Welfare Theory and Development - 4 volume set*, Sage Publications.

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Recent chapters in books

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Recent refereed journal articles

'Start Up and Sustainability: Marketisation and the Social Enterprise Investment Fund in England' with K Hall and R Millar (2012), *Journal of Social Policy*, Vol 41 No 4 pp 733-749.

'Micro-Mapping: What lies beneath the third sector radar?' with A Soteri-Proctor (2012), *Voluntary Sector Review*, Vol 3 No 3, pp 379-98.

'From the Third Sector to the Big Society: Consensus or Contention in the 2010 UK General Election?' with J Kendall and J Parry (2012), *Voluntary Sector Review*, Vol 3 No 3 pp 347-64.

'Reply: Big Society - contradiction or con trick?' (2012), *Policy and Politics*, Vol. 40(1), pp. 149-51.

'Legislating for the Big Society? The case of the Public Services (Social Value) Bill' with S Teasdale and G Smith (2012), *Public Money and Management*, Vol. 32 (3), pp. 201-9.

'New Policy Spaces: the Impact of Devolution on Third Sector Policy in the UK' (2012), *Social Policy and Administration*, Vol. 46 (2), pp. 219-38.

'Constituting the Third Sector: Processes of Decontestation and Contention under the UK Labour Governments in England', with Kendall, J (2011), *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organisations*, Vol. 22 (3), pp. 450-469.

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'Building the Big Society: A New Policy Environment for the Third Sector in England' (2010) *Voluntary Sector Review*, Vol. 1 no. 3, pp. 381-91 (http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/tpp/vsr/2010/00000001/00000003/art00008)

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