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About

Lee joined the IASS in September 2013 as a Lecturer in Social Policy. His principal research interests include poverty, inequality and asset-based welfare, youth policy, the mixed economy of welfare and alternative forms of welfare provision. His most recent research investigates the possibilities of complementary currencies in forming social networks and creating resilience to ill-health and creating a site of resistance to neo-liberal economics. His current research focuses on the themes of resistance to austerity and the dominance of neo-liberal economics by applying the social theory of time to policy analysis.

Lee currently teaches across the Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes seeking to integrate his research interests into his teaching. You can find out more about Lee's activities on his personal website **<http://ligregory.wordpress.com>** (**<http://ligregory.wordpress.com>**).

Lee is an associate member of the Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management (CHASM), based at the University of Birmingham and is the co-ordinator for the Welfare Futures research group in the Department. He also co-founded and co-facilitates Time4Research, a research network established for researchers into time banks to network and foster collaborations across the UK and beyond (**<http://time4research.wordpress.com/>** (**<http://time4research.wordpress.com/>**)).

Qualifications

- PhD Social Policy Cardiff University (2013)
- MSc Social Science Research Methods (Social Policy), Cardiff University (2009)
- BScEcon Social Policy and Sociology, Cardiff University (2005)

Biography

Lee submitted his PhD at Cardiff University in September 2012. The title of the thesis was Improving health and social care delivery through participation: time banks as a site for co-production. Key findings focused around the role of time banking in tackling depression and social isolation in community settings, the use of time banking to develop co-production within the public sector and the theoretical similarities and distinctiveness between time banking and the "Big Society". During which he also became an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Between September 2012 – September 2013 Lee was a Lecturer in Social Policy at the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol.

Prior to submitting his PhD, Lee worked on a research project exploring the development of the Credit Union movement in Wales, linking an interest in asset-based welfare with his interest in community, poverty and alternative forms of welfare provision. He has also spent time working in the Welsh Assembly Government and in Community Development work.

His future research plans are to build on the foundations of his PhD and previous research, in order to further investigate alternative forms of welfare provision (both in the UK and internationally); to further refine the theoretical framework developed in the PhD; and continue to explore the practices, outcomes and implications of different community currency systems. His first book, *Trading Time: can exchange lead to social change?* starts to explore these themes by illustrating the application of a social theory of time lens to the analysis of policy and highlighting future research directions.

Lee is on **Twitter @AcademicLee** (**<https://twitter.com/AcademicLee>**)

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Teaching

Co-ordinator

- Policy Analysis (UG Year 2)
- Sectors and Services in British Social Policy (PG)
- Social Policy, Welfare and Society (Birmingham Foundation Academy)

Contributor

- Social Issues and Social Policy (UG Year 1)
- Social Research Methods (UG Year 2)
- Global Perspective (UG Year 2)
- Youth Crime (UG Year 3)
- Comparative Social Policy (UG Year 3)
- Dissertation (UG Year 3)

Publications

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