

## Dr Matthew Bennett

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### About

Matthew is a lecturer in Social Policy in the Institute of Applied Social Studies. He is the Programme Coordinator for the MA in Social Research (Social Policy) and is also a researcher in the Third Sector Research Centre.

### Qualifications

- DPhil in Sociology, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (2013)
- MSc in Sociology, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (2009).
- BA (Hons) in Psychology and Sociology, University of Washington (2008).

### Biography

Matthew is a quantitative social scientist and joined the IASS in September 2013 as a lecturer. He has been a Research Fellow in the Third Sector Research Centre since 2012.

Matthew's research interests are in the causes and consequences of prosocial behaviour; intergroup relations and group solidarity; and quantitative methods.

Matthew studied Psychology and Sociology at the University of Washington; and Sociology (MSc) at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, where he completed his DPhil in Sociology.

### Teaching

Matthew is currently teaching on the BA in Social Policy and the MA in Social Research. He mainly teaches research methods and social statistics.

### Research

Matthew has experience in two main substantive research areas:

#### Prosocial behaviour

- Cross-national predictors of volunteering, giving, and informal help.
- Neighbourhood effects on volunteering and giving.
- School effects on civic engagement among youths
- Health outcomes of volunteering and giving among adult and youth populations.

#### Intergroup relations and group solidarity

- Neighbourhood effects on religious and national identity.