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About

Catherine is Director of Research and Knowledge Transfer for the School of Government and Society and Senior Lecturer in the Institute of Local Government Studies.

Qualifications

- PhD, University of Manchester, 2007
- MA (Research), Governance and Public Policy, University of Manchester, 2004
- BA (Hons), Politics, University of Sheffield, 2001

Biography

I was appointed as Senior Lecturer in the Institute of Local Government Studies (INLOGOV) in September 2012. I was appointed as the University's Director of Research and Knowledge Transfer for the School of Government and Society in October 2013. I have previously held an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded doctoral studentship at the University of Manchester, an RCUK Fellowship and a Senior Research Fellowship at De Montfort University, together with International Visiting Research Fellowships at the Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and the Institute for Governance and Policy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB).

I am currently focusing on two more expansive writing projects. The first is a co-authored book project, 'Re-thinking public policy: why co-production matters?' (forthcoming Policy Press, September 2015). This innovative project involves working with policy-makers, researchers, practitioners and activists who are interested, and actively engaged, in bringing citizens into policy analysis. These range from experts working in central government during the UK's foot and mouth crisis in 2007, to social researchers and activists generating community conversations in the wake of the 2011 Summer riots in Northern British cities, to planners working with traditional communities in New Mexico, to a community justice project challenging police stop and search tactics in the Bronx. In addition, I am working on a research monograph, 'Community practice for social change' for Palgrave MacMillan (forthcoming September 2016). The book is the culmination of ten years work drawing on research conducted in the UK and US. It explores different forms of participatory intermediation and community practice and focuses on the politics and potentialities of community work for realising social change. Empirical examples from the book include community-building in a Puerto Rican neighbourhood in Chicago and intensive regeneration interventions in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Salford.

My recent academic work can be found in Community Development Journal, Public Administration, Political Studies, Policy & Politics, Local Government Studies, Parliamentary Affairs and Environment and Planning C. I have previously co-edited and contributed to a book, 'Changing Local Government, Changing Citizens' for Policy Press in 2009. I am also Editor of Local Government Studies and is on the Editorial Board of Policy & Politics.

I have led and been involved in research supported by the ESRC, including a Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) assessed as 'Outstanding', Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Connected Communities programme, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and other public bodies. My currently funded projects include, a six-month ESRC Impact Accelerator Pilot project which uses trusted networks and pioneering facilitation methods to reach out to national and local decision-makers, practitioners and local communities to draw them together in dialogue to support the development of community governance. A fifteen-month AHRC Connected Communities funded project, 'Translation across borders' involving an academic team co-producing research with social research analysts and policy makers in government exploring the use, relevance and impact of academic research in the policy process. Further, a University of Birmingham European Research Initiative-funded project which, uses a cross-national Q-methodology survey to study the motivations, beliefs and practices of people who are perceived to make a difference in urban neighbourhoods.

I have previously been appointed to DCLG's Analytical Advisory Group for the Neighbourhood Community Budget pilot initiative and the Advisory Steering Group for the National Evaluation of Participatory Budgeting. I am currently acting as Independent Advisor to the Office of Civil Society's evaluation of the Community Organisers and Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund initiatives. I am also part of the Advisory Group on FutureShift, a government funded accelerator programme supporting civic initiatives. Beyond academic outputs, I have shared my research through the Guardian Local Government Network, Guardian Society, the Municipal Journal and Public Finance, with a forthcoming publication on the theme of 'Softening Austerity' for IPPR North. I have blogged for LSE's British Politics and Policy and Impact of the Social Sciences, New Start, Democratic Audit and Big Lottery on topics ranging from co-production of public outcomes, to the prospects of a more diverse UK Parliament, to the fundamental challenge of impact for research practice.

I co-convene the Win:Win network at the University of Birmingham, providing a space, primarily for academic and academic-related women, to develop reciprocal support and facilitate action on issues of gender, career development and leadership. Over the past year, the network has widened its reach, working across the university and attracting considerable interest and positive attention.

Teaching

From academic year, 2014/15, Catherine will be:

- convening a post-graduate module on 'Public Management'
- co-convening a post-graduate module on 'Engaging Citizens: Participation and Democracy'
- co-convening a post-graduate module on 'International Public Governance' (with the University of Melbourne)

Postgraduate supervision

Catherine is currently supervising the doctoral work of:

Georgios Despotidis (integrated study, submission expected September 2016): the between-election relationships between citizens and politicians in Greece

Maureen O'Connor (part-time student, submission expected December 2013): the role of change-agents in public organisations

Catherine is interested in supervising doctoral researchers working on issues connected to her main research interests, set out below. Catherine also welcomes proposals from qualified and motivated scholars to undertake PhD or post-doctoral research.

Research

Research interests

Situated within a broader intellectual project exploring the intermediation of relationships between the state, the market, other social institutions, communities and citizens, my research focuses on the practices of community work and the politics of participation and co-production. I have forged an inter-disciplinary nexus between social policy, public administration and community studies, spanning issues of policy analysis and implementation, democracy, participation and community action. I have a growing passionate interest in how to challenge traditional research practice, using co-productive and participatory approaches to innovate and generate progressive social change.

Current and Recent Research Projects

- *'Who is accountable in localism?'* follow-on (ESRC Impact Accelerator Pilot, February to July 2014; **Co-Investigator** (Principal Investigator, Liz Richardson, University of Manchester with Jess Steele, Locality/ Jericho Road, Ben Lee, National Association for Neighbourhood Management)
- *Translation across borders: exploring the use, relevance and impact of academic research in the policy process (*Arts and Humanities Research Council Connected Communities programme, from February 2014; **Co-Investigator,** Principal Investigator, Stephen Connelly, University of Sheffield with Dave Vanderhoven, University of Sheffield, Liz Richardson, University of Manchester, Peter Matthews, Herriot Watt University, Robert Rutherfoord/ Tom Tolfree, Department for Communities and Local Government)
- *Making a difference in urban neighbourhoods: a cross-national comparative Q-methodology survey* (European Research Initiative, from May 2013; with Stephen Jeffares, University of Birmingham, Merlijn van Hulst/ Laurens de Graaf, Tilburg University, Annika Agger, Roskilde University, Oliver Escobar, University of Edinburgh)
- *Interrogating Urban Crisis: Governance, Contestation and Critique* (Urban Studies, from September 2013; Co-Investigator, Principal Investigator, Jonathan Davies, De Montfort University with Steven Griggs, De Montfort University, Ismael Blanco, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Jill Gross, CUNY and Helen Sullivan, University of Melbourne)
- *Ways of Knowing: exploring the different registers, values and subjectivities of collaborative research* (Arts and Humanities Research Council: Connected Communities programme, February 2013 to January 2014; Co-Investigator, Principal Investigator, Helen Graham, University of Leeds)
- *Community Governance in a Context of Decentralisation* (Arts and Humanities Research Council: Connected Communities programme, November 2012 to April 2013; Principal Investigator with Liz Richardson University of Manchester, Matthew Hilton, University of Birmingham)
- *Re-defining Service Delivery (*Arts and Humanities Research Council: Connected Communities programme, November 2012 to April 2013; Principal Investigator with Catherine Needham, Catherine Mangan, James Rees, Matthew Hilton, University of Birmingham)
- *Evaluation of Community Organisers and Community First* (Office of Civil Society, Cabinet Office, November 2012 to February 2015; Independent Advisor, with IPSOS MORI and nef consulting)
- *Reframing Citizen-State Relationships in a Time of Austerity: Community Empowerment in England and Scotland* (Arts and Humanities Research Council: Connected Communities programme, January 2012 to December 2012; Co-Investigator, Principal Investigator, Joe Painter, University of Durham with Tony Bovaird, University of Birmingham, Annette Hastings, University of Glasgow, Peter Matthews Herriot Watt University and Katie Schmuecker, IPPR North)
- *Beyond the State? Third Party Government in Comparative Perspective* (Economic and Social Research Council; January 2011 to January 2013, Co-Investigator, Principal Investigator Chris Skelcher, University of Birmingham with Jonathan Justice, University of Delaware)
- *Addressing the Challenges of Reduced Public Spending in Local Government* (ESRC Knowledge Transfer Partnership, January 2011 to December 2012; Academic Supervisor, Academic Lead, Steven Griggs with the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)
- *Towards Co-production in Research with Communities* (Arts and Humanities Research Council Connected Communities programme, January 2011 to November 2011; Principal Investigator with Liz Richardson, University of Manchester, James Rees, University of Birmingham, Yasminah Beebeejaun, University of Manchester and Jo Richardson, De Montfort University)
- *Illuminating the Evolution of Community Participation* (Arts and Humanities Research Council, January 2011 to November 2011; Principal Investigator with Co-Investigators, Liz Richardson, University of Manchester, James Rees, University of Birmingham and Yasminah Beebeejaun, University of Manchester)
- *Pathways to Politics* (Equality and Human Rights Commission, September 2009 to June 2010; Principal Investigator with Liz Richardson, University of Manchester, Francesca Gains, University of Manchester, Ryan Combs, University of Manchester and Christina Eason, University of Sheffield)
- *Policy Implications for Delivering Local Community Empowerment Initiatives to empower communities* (Department for Communities and Local Government/ Local Authority Research Council Initiative, September 2008 to January 2009, Project Manager/ Co-ordinator (with Lawrence Pratchett, then De Montfort University, Vivien Lowndes, then De Montfort University, Gerry Stoker, University of Southampton, Graham Smith, University of Southampton)
- *Empowering Communities to Influence Local Decision Making – a Systematic Review of the Evidence* (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2008 to March 2009; Project Manager/ Co-ordinator (with Lawrence Pratchett, then De Montfort University, Vivien Lowndes, then De Montfort University, Gerry Stoker, University of Southampton, Graham Smith, University of Southampton)
- *Regenerating Urban Neighbourhoods: a cross-national comparison of city interventions in urban deprived neighbourhoods* (convened by Professor Clarence Stone, George Washington University)

Publications

Refereed articles

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Edited books

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