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A close-up photograph of a middle-aged man with short, light brown hair and glasses. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt under a tan blazer. He is looking slightly upwards and to the left, with his mouth open as if he is speaking or gesturing during a presentation. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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Making our expertise more accessible

As a world-leading university, Manchester has one of the largest and—we would argue—best concentrations of academics involved in public policy research.

Our researchers are making a difference to society, helping influence and improve the way things are done.

They advise policymakers and decision makers. They are called to give evidence in Parliament, asked to inform the work of government bodies and departments, and invited to speak at major conferences and public events.

This publication is part of our efforts to increase the accessibility of our academics and the important public policy-related work they undertake.

Everyone listed here is willing—where their diary allows—to participate in panel debates and discussions – and indeed other events you might be organising where you need expert knowledge and a high-quality speaker.

Your fringe events at party conferences are, for example, a good opportunity to engage with our academics.

You will find individual researchers' contact details in the following pages—please feel free to get in touch with them directly to check availability.

In addition to this publication, Manchester Policy Blogs (www.manchester.ac.uk/policyblogs) is another way in which we are seeking to open up engagement with policy makers, thought leaders and key influencers.

Around 300 of our researchers have now blogged for the site, and blogs are disseminated widely via social media and media outlets.

We publish a steady stream of blogs on topical policy issues, and are always pleased to receive guest contributions—please email us to discuss your ideas.

We hope this directory is practical and helpful—we would really welcome your feedback on how it could be improved.

If you don't see the expertise you require listed, please get in touch and we'll do our best to help find the right person for your event.

The policy@manchester team
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**CIVIL SERVICE AND
PUBLIC SERVICE**

Christine Bundy

Reader in Behavioural Medicine

(Hon) Consultant Psychologist

President UK Society for Behavioural Medicine

Specialist expertise

- psychological management of long-term conditions (LTCs) especially psoriasis, diabetes, psoriatic arthritis;
- teaching/training health professional staff in psychological aspects of LTCs;
- teaching patient self-management of LTCs;
- experienced in mixed methods approaches.

Engagement experience

- experienced in media activity: media trained and regularly contribute public engagement through broadcast and print media;
- extensive advisory board/consultancy activity for industry partners (mainly pharmaceutical industry);
- NICE involvement in clinical guideline development.

Liz Richardson

Senior Lecturer in Politics

Director of Undergraduate Studies for Politics

Visiting Fellow in the Centre for Analysis of Social Inclusion (CASE), LSE

Co-editor of *Local Government Studies*

Director of the National Communities Resource Centre

Specialist expertise

- stimulating and strengthening civic participation;
- developing different forms of local decision making and neighbourhood governance;
- processes of local politics and local government;
- reform of public services and co-production;
- changing the ways that public policy is designed and implemented;
- methodological innovation including participatory research approaches and experimental methods.

Engagement experience

Liz has been an advisor to the Department for Communities and Local Government, HM Treasury/Cabinet Office, large national charities, charitable funders, social landlords, community organisations, as well as a number of British local governments. She works with community groups across the country.

Colin Talbot

Director of Policy@Manchester

Professor of Government

Specialist expertise

- organisational and structural reform of civil service and government institutions;
- public spending policymaking;
- performance measurement in the public sector;
- international comparisons of government and public policies.

Engagement experience

Colin has advised large numbers of government organisations in the UK and internationally, as well as the World Bank and other international bodies. He was on the national review of HM Prison Service in 1996–1997 and has appeared as an expert witness in the UK Parliament more than two dozen times. He's been an adviser to two Select Committees and the National Audit Office, as well as the Scottish Parliament and Northern Ireland Assembly, as well as advising the US, Canadian, Australian, Japanese, French and several other governments.

Colin has made frequent media appearances, including all the major UK TV and radio current affairs programmes including *Newsnight*, *Today* and Sky News. He writes for practitioner media and launched the successful and influential 'Whitehall Watch' blog six years ago (now merged into Manchester Policy Blogs).

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DEVOLUTION

Francesca Gains

Professor of Economics

Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences

Specialist expertise

- examining new arrangements to support Police and Crime Commissioners;
- the English devolution agenda;
- equality and diversity representation and input into policy making in local and central government.

Engagement experience

Before becoming an academic, Francesca worked in local government and the probation service, and has both government funded and Parliamentary research experience.

David Richards

Professor of Public Policy

Specialist expertise:

- British politics;
- Australian politics;
- public policy;
- governance;
- globalisation;
- state theory;
- political biography;
- the changing role of the state;
- leaks and whistle blowing in government;
- UK institutions and crisis in the 21st century.

Engagement experience

- special Adviser to House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution (2009–2010);
- more than 25 years as a regular witness to a range of Parliamentary Select Committees including the Political and Constitutional Reform Select Committee, the Public Administration Select Committee and the Treasury Select Committee;
- consultant to other UK agencies and NGOS including the National Audit Office and KPMG;
- external consultancies to Denmark, Sweden, Australia and New Zealand.

03

ECONOMICS

Edmund Amann

Head of Economics (Teaching and Operations)

Specialist expertise

- foreign direct investment;
- emerging market economies;
- global trade;
- innovation in enterprises;
- the business environment;
- competitiveness.

Engagement experience

- consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank and the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- authored reports for the Economist Intelligence Unit;
- media, including appearing on the BBC, writing for *The Guardian*.

Diane Coyle

Professor of Economics

Specialist expertise

- productivity;
- innovation and growth;
- city economies;
- new technologies;
- migration;
- competition policy.

Engagement experience

- former member of the Competition Commission;
- former member of the Migration Advisory Committee;
- former Vice-Chair BBC Trust;
- extensive experience in media, public speaking, and blogging.

Dan Rigby

Professor of (Environmental) Economics

Specialist expertise

- food safety;
- consumer behaviour—how people make choices;
- student academic malpractice (plagiarism and the market in essays);
- survey design—how to design surveys to find out what matters to people, and how they make tradeoffs when choosing their preferred option (e.g. product or policy).

Engagement experience

- consultant on World Bank project on Saudi labour markets 2014–2016;
- article/interview on research impact and career progression in academia appeared in *Times Higher*, January 2015;
- festive food safety piece appeared in *The Telegraph*, *The Independent*, and *Daily Mirror*, December 2015;
- expert member, Food Standards Agency (FSA) Social Science Research Committee, 2015.

04

EDUCATION

Steve Jones

Senior Lecturer, Manchester Institute of Education

Specialist expertise

- access and inclusion in higher education;
- work experience in higher education admissions process;
- linguistics.

Engagement experience

- authored report for The Sutton Trust;
- journal articles and book contributions;
- published author.

Ruth Lupton

Professor of Education, School of Environment, Education and Development

Specialist expertise

- UK poverty and inequality;
- UK spatial inequalities, neighbourhood dynamics;
- relationship between poverty, social class and education;
- UK education policy.

Engagement experience

- experienced public speaker in policy and practice forums;
- advice to select committees, civil service, policy sounding boards;
- development and research work with neighbourhood groups, schools, groups of teachers.

05

ENVIRONMENT

Adisa Azapagic

Professor of Sustainable Chemical Engineering

Head of Sustainable Industrial Systems

Co-director of UKRC Centre for Sustainable Use of Energy in Food Chain

Specialist expertise

- sustainable production and consumption;
- sustainable energy;
- sustainability assessment;
- carbon footprinting and life cycle analysis.

Engagement experience

Adisa works in close collaboration with industry, policy makers and other stakeholders to help identify and implement sustainable engineering solutions to current sustainability challenges. She developed a multi-award winning carbon footprinting tool CCaLC with over 5,000 users in more than 70 countries.

She has served on a range of international advisory boards and assessment committees, including the European Commission and Italian Government. She has recently been appointed to the Parliamentary Manufacturing Commission.

Stefan Bouzarowski

Professor of Geography

Director of the Centre for Urban Energy and Resilience

Lead, Elevate

Specialist expertise

- energy and cities;
- driving forces and spatial patterns of domestic energy deprivation—European countries in particular;
- relationship between household everyday practices and residential change in inner-city areas;
- development of innovative methods for conceptualising and representing space and territory.

Engagement experience

Stefan's work has informed the policies of the European Union, World Bank and International Energy Agency, as well as a number of advocacy groups (e.g. Bankwatch, the Spring Alliance) and governmental bodies across the world (e.g. ministries in Kazakhstan, Croatia, Macedonia).

He has served on a range of review boards and assessment committees; most recently, this included chairing the Assessment Committee for the Joint Scientific Thematic Research Programme on 'Smart Energy in Smart Cities' between the Netherlands and China.

Andrew Karvonen

Lecturer in Architecture and Urbanism

Co-Director of cities@manchester

Co-Director of the Centre for Urban Resilience and Energy

Co-Director of the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Power Networks

Specialist expertise

- urban development;
- political and cultural aspects of urban infrastructure with a particular emphasis on sustainable transitions;
- urban sustainability;
- Sustainable cities: energy transitions and urban laboratories.

Engagement experience

- participates in the Green and Blue Infrastructure sub-group of Manchester A Certain Future, a civil society organisation working to deliver the Manchester City Council carbon reduction targets;
- served as a Trustee for the Manchester Environmental Resource Centre Initiative (MERCi), a charity organisation that supports environmental sustainability activities in Manchester;
- co-hosted two workshops with the Town and Country Planning Association on energy and cities, the workshops were for local authority representatives;
- Through cities@manchester, Andrew coordinates Urban Forums on a variety of topics related to urban development (food, cycling, devolution, creativity, placemaking, etc.): these are events that provide a public dialogue on contemporary urban issues;
- collaborates with Corridor Manchester, a public-private partnership that is promoting the knowledge economy in Manchester;
- part of the Triangulum project, a multi-partner Horizon 2020 project that is creating low-carbon smart districts in Manchester, Eindhoven and Stavanger.

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**EU AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Sam Hickey

Professor of Politics and Development

Joint Director of Research, Effective States and Inclusive Development (ESID)

Research Centre

Associate Director, Brooks World Poverty Institute

Research Director, School of Environment and Development

Specialist expertise

- political economy analysis;
- social protection;
- poverty reduction and poverty analysis;
- citizenship participation and rights-based development;
- non-governmental organisations;
- natural resource governance.

Engagement experience

- assessing the political and institutional context for social protection in Uganda (Government of Uganda and World Bank) ;
- using political economy analysis to inform country strategies (DFID, Uganda);
- horizon scanning paper for DFID, Uganda;
- how context shapes social accountability interventions (World Bank);
- review of DFID's new 'Empowerment and Accountability' approach (DFID);
- evaluating DFID's role in promoting social Protection: a comparative study (DFID)
- advisory work on the politics of social protection (UNICEF);
- the politics of what works in reducing poverty: research project on social protection in eight countries (Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

David Hulme

Executive Director, Brooks World Poverty Institute

Executive Director designate, Global Development Institute

Chief Executive Officer, Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre

Specialist expertise

- poverty reduction and poverty analysis;
- foreign aid and international cooperation;
- MDGs and SDGs;
- Bangladesh;
- role of NGOs;
- problems of governance;
- social protection.

Engagement experience

David's work has informed the policies of international agencies (UNDP, World Bank) and national governments (UK, the Netherlands, Bangladesh, Uganda and others) and major NGOs (Save the Children, ActionAid, BRAC and others). In 2013–2014 David was team leader for the international advisory group supporting the government of Bangladesh's National Social Protection Strategy. He has chaired the ESRC.DFID Poverty Alleviation Grants Committee and provided advice to UK Parliamentary Committees.

In addition, David is President of the Development Studies Association of the UK, the learned society representing higher education institutions that teach and research on international development.

Ian Scobbie

Professor of Public International Law

Co-Director of the Manchester International Law Centre

Visiting Professor of International Law, University of London

Specialist expertise

- international law;
- international legal aspects of Israel/Palestine and the Middle East Peace Process;
- the law of armed conflict;
- the role and function of international courts and tribunals, especially the International Court of Justice;
- legal aspects of the UN system.

Engagement experience

- evidence to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee and to the Justice II Committee of the Scottish Parliament;
- presentations to various UN meetings on legal aspects of the Israel-Palestine relationship; expert advice to the Palestine Authority on various issues;
- consultant in cases before the International Court of Justice, Supreme Court, and Court of Appeal;
- participant in Chatham House research projects on the law of armed conflict, and in the South African Human Sciences Research Council project on human rights and international humanitarian law in the West Bank and Gaza;
- participant in the President of the UN General Assembly's retreat on reform of the Security Council;
- participant in various review boards and research assessment committees (e.g., the Commissioning Committee of the Religion and Society programme funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and Economic and Social Research Council;

Gabriel Silles-Brügge

Lecturer in Politics

Specialist expertise

- politics of the EU and international trade;
- the role played by economic ideas and modelling in shaping responses to the economic crisis - especially those derived from mainstream, neoclassical models of the economy;
- the resilience of global free trade after the financial crisis;
- the political economy of the proposed EU–US Free Trade Agreement;
- the relationship between the EU's external trade and competitiveness policies;
- constructivism and the Eurozone crisis: questioning theory and rhetorical distancing.

Engagement experience

Gabriel has been an active voice in the debate on TTIP in the UK and Europe. He regularly provides commentary in the UK and international media, has consulted for and advised NGOs including world development movement (now called global justice now); European public health alliance and trade unions such as UCU, TUC, uni Europa, and is regularly invited to speak to civil society groupings, political parties and at academic gatherings on the subject.

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HEALTH

Tine Buffel

Marie Curie Research Fellow, Cathy Marsh Institute for Social Research.

Visiting Lecturer, Free University of Brussels (VUB)

Specialist expertise

- social issues associated with ageing populations;
- neighbourhood and community life/change;
- inequality in later life;
- the dynamics of social exclusion and inclusion;
- place attachment and issues of belonging;
- the development of age-friendly communities;
- participatory research methods;
- ageing, urbanisation and migration;
- older people's experiences of social exclusion and inclusion in their neighbourhoods.

Engagement experience

- advisor to Manchester City Council on age-friendly issues;
- member of International Network of Population Ageing and Urbanisation;
- presented to sixth session of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons.

Aneez Esmail

Director of NIHR Greater Manchester Primary Care Patient Safety Translational Centre

Specialist expertise

- discrimination in the medical profession;
- prevention of cot deaths;
- epidemiology of solvent abuse;
- preventing paediatric admissions;
- telemedicine;
- patient safety in primary care.

Engagement experience

- experience of using the media, writing articles, appearing on television and radio;
- working party inclusion on racism in the medical profession, patient safety in primary care and, assessment of doctors;
- medical advisor to Dame Janet Smith during the Shipman Inquiry between 2001–2004;
- co-chair of the BMA Equal Opportunities Committee 2004–2007;
- president of the Medical Practitioners Union.

Chris Phillipson

Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology

Director of the Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA)

Specialist expertise

- age-friendly cities;
- social inequality and later life;
- social policy and ageing;
- transitions from work to retirement.

Engagement experience

- extensive work with Manchester City Council and other local authorities on issues relating to ageing populations;
- senior Strategy Committee member for the City Council, developing policies to support older people in Manchester;
- development of a substantial programme of public engagement through seminars and conferences, in collaboration with a range of regional and national organisations, these involving older people, academics and professionals working on behalf of older people.

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INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

Paul Cunningham

Director and Senior Research Fellow, Manchester Institute of Innovation Research
Visiting Lecturer, Perdana School of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

Specialist expertise

- innovation and the identification of best practice in innovation policy and governance;
- development and application of evaluation methodologies, and R&D evaluation;
- international science and technology policy development;
- quantitative measures of R&D performance and the development of science and technology indicators;
- HEI-industry collaboration mechanisms and the role of HEIs in regional economies;
- transnational collaboration in STI and its associated policies.

Engagement experience

- studies for a range of bodies including UK Government departments and agencies (BIS, Defra, NAO, HSE, Innovate UK), UK research councils (ESRC, EPSRC, STFC), the British Council, together with international bodies such as the European Commission and OECD, national governments (Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Malta, Poland, Sweden) and other local, regional, national and international agencies;
- led the European Commission sponsored ERAC peer review of Denmark, on behalf of the Danish Government, which provided significant inputs to the 2013 Strategic Plan for Research and Innovation;
- worked on the *Public Value of Public Sector Research Establishments* which provided input to the latest set of Cabinet Office PSRE review guidelines;
- article for the National Centre for Universities and Business *State of the Relationship Report 2014* on policies for science-industry collaboration.

Kieron Flanagan

Senior Lecturer in Science and Technology Policy

Specialist expertise

- public policy for science and technology;
- innovation and industrial policies, including local and regional economic development;
- changing nature of science (e.g. internationalisation of S&T, mobility of scientists, collaboration, evaluation and assessment, science communication);
- use of scientific expertise in government/public policy.

Engagement experience

Kieron has worked with or advised international, national and regional/local policy-makers in the UK, and elsewhere in Europe and beyond. He is an active commentator on science, technology and economic development policy and has been quoted in a range of old and new media.

Francis Livens

Professor of Radiochemistry

Director of the Dalton Nuclear Institute

Specialist expertise

- nuclear fuel cycle;
- nuclear security and non-proliferation;
- radioactive waste management;
- geological disposal;
- whole systems approaches to nuclear energy.

Engagement experience

Francis has advised UK Government on nuclear energy, radioactive waste management and nuclear security and non-proliferation. He has also provided advice to French, German and US nuclear programmes.

- Deputy Chair of the UK Government's Committee on Radioactive Waste Management;
- member of the SAGE (Scientific Advice to Government in Emergencies) advisory group;
- member of scientific advisory committees for the Cabinet Office and Government Decontamination Service;
- provides advice to other government departments.

Gordon M^cFiggans

Professor of Atmospheric Multiphase Processes, Centre for Atmospheric Science

Specialist expertise

- particulate matter in the atmosphere;
- interactions between aerosol particles and clouds;
- field and laboratory studies of atmospheric chemistry;
- computer modelling of linkages between air quality and weather.

Engagement experience

Gordon has worked for Defra to inform UK policy on atmospheric particulate matter and is a member of the All Party Parliamentary Group on e-cigarettes as a result of his expertise in aerosol technology.

He has served on a range of UK and international panels and review committees for scientific funding and infrastructure.

Joe Ravetz

Co-Director, Centre for Urban Resilience and Energy

Coordinator, Greater Manchester Policy Exchange Programme

Principal for SAMI Consulting

Specialist expertise

- foresight, futures and information studies (inc innovation studies, ICT in governance, science policy/knowledge management, visualisation methods);
- environment-development studies (inc business-environment issues, low carbon strategies, urban-regional modelling, resource flow and externalities);
- spatial development studies (inc integrated planning, spatial frameworks and infrastructure planning, urban policy development at local, regional and national level);
- sustainable production and consumption (inc production/consumption modelling, alternative economic strategies, cultural consumption and place identity);
- urban synergistics: an innovative method of mapping an integrated urban system model.

Engagement experience

- editorial board member of *Foresight Journal* and *Sustainable Mediterranean Construction*.

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POVERTY AND EQUALITY

Claire Alexander

Professor of Sociology

Specialist expertise

- race and ethnicity in Britain (with an emphasis on inequality and identity);
- youth identities (with a focus on masculinities and 'gangs');
- south Asian/Bengali migration to Britain;
- Muslim identities in Britain;
- urban ethnography.

Engagement experience

Claire has worked closely for the past ten years with the Runnymede Trust, Britain's leading race equality organisation. From 2005–2014, she was a Trustee and Vice Chair of Runnymede, and she is currently Co-Chair of the Runnymede Academic Forum. She has worked closely with Runnymede on issues of migration to Britain, education and inequality, and her research has informed their influential work on school curricula (especially history) and higher education.

Claire has served on a range of review boards including the ESRC, Leverhulme Trust and the European Commission.

Laurence Lessard-Phillips

Research Fellow

Specialist expertise

- perceptions, measurement, and dimensionality of immigrant adaptation;
- ethnic inequalities in education and the labour market;
- transnational behaviour across immigrant generations;
- social stratification and mobility.

Engagement experience

Laurence's engagement experience is burgeoning. She is currently conducting work on the perceptions and dimensionality of immigrant adaptation, which has led her to participate in roundtable discussions and various workshops, as well as conducting research with policy stakeholders. She is particularly interested in the development of quantitative research skills for third sector organisations. Her recent work on the labour market outcomes of ethnic minority graduates from Russell Group universities (with Maria Pampaka, Daniel Swain, and Ojeaku Nwabuzo) has been used in the 2014 *Social Mobility and Child Poverty in Great Britain* report.

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TRANSPORT

Andrew Miles

Reader in Sociology

Specialist expertise

- travel: dynamics of people's transport and travel behaviours;
- transport;
- social and temporal dynamics of cultural life;
- social inequality (class, social mobility, etc);
- cultural participation and policy;
- cultural participation and its boundary marking effects;
- techniques and politics of knowledge generation;

Engagement experience

- member of the field-leading ESRC Centre for Research on Socio-cultural Change (CRESC).

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