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Organisation: **University of Manchester**  
Funding Sought: 



## **Comparative Police Racisms: Race, Knowledge, and the Politics of Recognition**

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## Section 1 - Eligibility

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### Primary Subject

**Please indicate the subject most relevant to your research:**

Anthropology

### Primary Subject Detail - Anthropology

**Please select the detail(s) of your primary subject:**

- ☒ Anthropology and Policy
- ☒ Medical Anthropology
- ☒ Social and Cultural Anthropology, other branches
- ☒ Urban Anthropology

### Secondary Subject

**If your application is more interdisciplinary, you may choose to indicate a secondary subject to which your application might also be relevant:**

*No Response*

### Time Period

**Please select your time period(s) from the list below:**

- ☒ Contemporary

### Regional Interests

**Please select your regional interest(s) from the list below:**

- ☒ England
- ☒ Scotland
- ☒ Wales
- ☒ Ireland
- ☒ Caribbean
- ☒ USA and Canada

### Audiences

**Please select your audience(s) from the list below:**

- ☒ Other funding bodies in the UK (e.g. AHRC, Leverhulme)
- ☒ Other funding bodies overseas (e.g. EU, NIH, foreign funding councils)
- ☒ Policymakers at national level (e.g. working with Government departments, participating in public in
- ☒ Policymakers at local or institutional level (e.g. membership of Research Ethics Committee)
- ☒ Journalists, broadcasters and other media
- ☒ General Public

## GMS ORGANISATION

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Type	University
Name	University of Manchester

#### Names of Co-Applicants on this application

Please state the names of any co-applicants on this application:

Helena Hanser, Professor of Anthropology and Translational Social Science at University of California Los Angeles

Jeffrey A. Fagan, Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law at Columbia University

## Section 2 - Lead Applicant Details

### PRIMARY APPLICANT DETAILS

Title	Dr
Name	Caroline
Surname	Parker
Organisation	University of Manchester

### CONTRIBUTOR DETAILS

Role	Research Administrator
Title	Miss
Name	Rebecca
Surname	Bailey
Organisation	University of Manchester

Role	Lead Applicant Referee
Title	Professor
Name	Kim
Surname	Hopper

## Section 3 - Lead Applicant Career Summary

#### Statement of Qualifications and Career

Please give details of your academic qualifications and career.

Qualification:

Date:

Presidential Fellow of Medical Anthropology	01 September 2019
Ph.D. Awarded	01 May 2019
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>

### Present Appointment

#### Please state your present appointment.

Presidential Fellow of Medical Anthropology, September 2019-Present

### Present Employing Institution

#### Please state the institution at which you are currently employed.

Manchester University

### Present Department

#### Please indicate the Department or Faculty (or equivalent) in which you are based.

Department of Social Anthropology

### PhD Confirmation

☒ Yes

### Personal Statement

#### Please enter your personal statement:

*No Response*

### Publications

#### Please list your principal and/or relevant publications in reverse chronological order, to a maximum of six:

Caroline Parker. "Keeping busy when there's nothing to do: Labor Therapy, Boredom, and Persistence in a Puerto Rican Addiction Shelter." [In Press, American Ethnologist]

Parker, Caroline, and Helena Hansen. 2021. "How opioids became "safe": Pharmaceutical splitting and the racial politics of opioid safety." *BioSocieties* 16 (2) 234-289

Hansen, Helena, Caroline Parker and Julie Netherland. 2020. "Race as a ghost variable in (white) opioid research." *Science, Technology, & Human Values* 45 (5): 848-876.

Caroline Parker. 2020. "From Treatment to Containment to Enterprise: An Ethno-history of Therapeutic Communities in Puerto Rico, 1961-1993." *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 44(1):135-157

Caroline Parker, Jennifer Hirsch, Helena Hansen, Charles Branas, Silvia Martins. 2019. "Facing Opioids in the Shadow of the HIV Epidemic." *New England Journal of Medicine*. 380:1-3

Caroline Parker, Richard Parker, Morgan Philbin, Jonathan Garcia, Patrick Wilson, Jennifer Hirsch. 2018. "The impact of urban US policing practices on Black men who have sex with men's HIV vulnerability: Ethnographic findings and a conceptual model for future research." *Journal of Urban Health*. 95(2):171-178

### Unpublished Research

#### Please list any extant unpublished projects funded by the Academy or any other agency, and their expected publication date (or other explanation):

"Carceral Citizens: Confinement, Labor, and Self-help in Puerto Rico," book manuscript based on research funded by the US National Science Foundation, under review at University of California Press.

Caroline Parker, Helena Hansen, Marie Auffret, Jen Carroll, Soshana Aronowitz, Selena Suhail-Sindhu (joint first authors), and the Substance Use X COVID-19 Data Collaborative. "Substance Use Policy in the Covid-19 Pandemic: Examining Policy Responses through Internationally Comparative Field Data," funded by the Open Society and under review at The Lancet.

#### Previous Support Dates

Please give details of any research application submitted to the British Academy within the last five years:

Please note that only one British Academy research grant may be held, or applied for, at any one time.

None.

#### Previous Support Description

Please give the title of any previous research application submitted to the British Academy within the last five years, and the amount awarded (if any):

Title	Amount Awarded

#### Where did you hear of this scheme?

Please indicate where you heard about this scheme:

Colleagues at Manchester University

## Section 4 - Co-Applicant Career Summary

#### Co-Applicant Contact Details

Please enter contact details below:

Title:	Professor
Forename(s):	Helena
Surname:	Hansen
Telephone Number:	

#### Statement of Qualifications and Career

Please give details of your academic qualifications and career.

Qualification:	Date:
No Response	No Response

### Co-Applicant Present Appointment

Helena Hansen, an MD , Ph.D. psychiatrist-anthropologist, is Professor and Chair of Research in Translational Social Sciences and Health Equity, as well as Associated Director of the Center for Social Medicine at University of California Los Angeles.

### Present Employing Institution

University of California, Los Angeles

### Co-Applicant Present Department

Professor and chair of research theme in translational social science and health equity at University of California Los Angeles' David Geffen School of Medicine

### Co-Applicant Personal Statement

Professor Hansen's latest book, "Whiteout: How Racial Capital Changed the Color of Heroin in America," is currently undergoing final revisions at Verso, and is expected to be published in 2022.

### Co-Applicant Previous Support

**Please give the dates and title of any previous research application submitted to the British Academy within the last five years, and the amount awarded (if any):**

Title of Research:	Date:	Amount Awarded:

### Co-Applicant Publications

Hansen, Helena. 2018. "Addicted to Christ: Remaking Men in Puerto Rican Pentecostal Drug Ministries." Univ of California Press.

Hansen, Helena, and Jonathan M. Metzl, eds. 2019 "Structural competency in mental health and medicine: A case-based approach to treating the social determinants of health." Springer.

Netherland, Julie, and Helena Hansen. 2017 "White opioids: Pharmaceutical race and the war on drugs that wasn't." BioSocieties. 12:(2):217-238.

Netherland, Julie, and Helena B. Hansen. 2016 "The war on drugs that wasn't: Wasted whiteness,"dirty doctors," and race in media coverage of prescription opioid misuse." Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry. 40:(4): 664-686.

Metzl J and H Hansen: 2014, "Structural Competency: Theorizing a New Medical Engagement with Stigma and Inequality," Social Science and Medicine, 103:76-83

Hansen, Helena, and Mary E. Skinner. 2012. "From white bullets to black markets and greened medicine: the neuroeconomics and neuroracial politics of opioid pharmaceuticals." Annals of Anthropological Practice 36(1): 167-182.

Section 5 - Second Co-Applicant Career Summary

Co-Applicant Contact Details

Please enter contact details below:

Title:	Professor
Forename(s):	JoTroy
Surname:	Fagan
Telephone Number:	

Statement of Qualifications and Career

Please give details of your academic qualifications and career.

Qualification:	Date:
Ph.D. in Policy Science, Department of Civil Engineering, State University of New York at Buffalo	01 May 1976
No Response	No Response
No Response	No Response
No Response	No Response

Co-Applicant Present Appointment

Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law

Present Employing Institution

Columbia University

Co-Applicant Present Department

School of Law

Co-Applicant Personal Statement

No Response

Co-Applicant Previous Support



Please give the dates and title of any previous research application submitted to the British Academy within the last five years, and the amount awarded (if any):

Title of Research:	Date:	Amount Awarded:
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### Co-Applicant Publications

Fagan, Jeffrey and Alexis Danielle Campbell, "Race and Reasonableness in Police Shootings," Boston University Law Review (2020)

Fagan, Jeffrey and Amanda B. Geller, "Profiling and Consent: Stops, Searches and Seizures after Soto," Virginia Journal of Law and Social Policy," (2020).

Grosso, C., J. Fagan, M. Laurence, and D. Baldus, "Death by Stereotype: Race, Ethnicity, and California's Failure to Implement Furman's Narrowing Requirement," UCLA Law Review (2020).

Harris, Angela, Elliott Ash, and Jeffrey Fagan, "Fiscal Pressures and Discriminatory Policing: Evidence from Traffic Stops in Missouri," Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics (2020).

Harris, Angela, Elliott Ash, & Jeffrey Fagan, "Fiscal Pressures and Discriminatory Policing: Evidence from Traffic Stops in Missouri," Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics (2020).

Fagan, Jeffrey, and Amanda B. Geller, "Race, Police and the Production of Capital Homicides." Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law 102 (2018).

## Section 6 - Research Proposal

### Subject Area

Anthropology

### Subject Area Detail - Anthropology

Please select the detail(s) of your Subject Area:

- ☒ Anthropology and Policy
- ☒ Applied Anthropology, other branches
- ☒ Social and Cultural Anthropology, other branches

### Title of Research Proposal

Please state the title of your proposed research:

Comparative Police Racisms: Race, Knowledge, and the Politics of Recognition

### Abstract

Please provide a short abstract summarising your proposed research in terms suitable for an informed general audience, not one specialised in your field:

Institutional racism and police brutality are at the forefront of public concern. Sparked by the Black Lives Matter protests, governments and commissions around the world have focused their attention on assessing – and questioning – institutional racism within the police as a social reality and an organizing principle of state-sanctioned surveillance and

violence. Complicating this discussion is the wide variation in how institutional racism and its connections with policing are defined across academic disciplines and internationally. Through a comparison of social scientific studies of police racism and of racial-discrimination lawsuits brought against the police in two contrasting countries, the United Kingdom and the United States, this pilot will explore police racism's contested politics of recognition. By developing a critical taxonomy of concepts and measurements for theorizing police racism, it will develop "comparative police racisms" as a new theoretical framework and a larger proposal for a more regionally diverse international study.

**Project Start Date**

01 September 2021

**Project End Date**

31 December 2022

**Proposed Programme**

**Please give a detailed description of the research programme, including methodology:**

**Applicants should be aware of the importance that assessors place on the viability, specificity and originality of the research programme and of its achievability within the timescale, which should be specified in the Plan of Action.**

This pilot will deconstruct "institutional racism" within the police as a social scientific analytic in order to develop a theoretical framework for a future program of research into "comparative police racisms." We start by reiterating that neither racism nor policing is the same everywhere, and so contrasting profiles of evidence for racial discrimination across police forces are to be expected. In addition to signalling empirical differences in how racism manifests locally, such differences also reflect underlying disagreements about what constitutes "racism," hence the striking variation in how different disciplines working within distinct national traditions have set out to define, measure, and theorize police racism (Neil and Winship 2019). To begin to unpack this contentious politics of recognition, this pilot will trace how "institutional racism" and police-perpetrated "racial discrimination" are constituted as social scientific objects of study and grounds for legal action, taking the United Kingdom and the United States as initial countries of comparison. This pilot comprises the first step in developing "comparative police racisms" as a conceptual framework and paradigm for future international research. The pilot's specific aims are as follows:

1. To create a conceptual taxonomy of "police racisms" through critically comparing how "institutional racism," "racial discrimination," and their relationship to policing are differentially theorized and measured by social scientists of four disciplines in the United Kingdom and United States.
2. To analyse the politics of recognition in racial discrimination lawsuits, through an examination of how police-perpetrated racial discrimination is legally defined and demonstrated in lawsuits brought by ethnic minority citizens against the police in the United Kingdom and United States.
3. To convene a regionally and racially diverse collaborative of social scientists to develop a proposal for the study of "Comparative Police Racisms," culminating in a larger international multi-site study.

This pilot will trace police racism as an object of both study and litigation in two countries where decades of record-keeping, research and activism provide ample empirical evidence of anti-Black discrimination in core policing practices of stop-and-frisk, arrest, use of disproportionate force, and custody deaths (Fagan 2020). Notwithstanding the robustness of this evidence base, a lack of inter-disciplinary dialogue and explicitly comparative research has produced contrary understandings of police racism. Often, very different processes, concepts, and measurements are collapsed into a monolithic portrait of a deterritorialized "police force" that is imagined to be categorically "racist." This, in turn, is predictably dismissed as unworthy of argument by senior officials and politicians, some of whom go on to denounce the whole concept of institutional racism a myth (Wall Street Journal 2020).

Critical race theorists have begun to unpack the implicit racial logics and covert mechanisms of racism that maintain white domination over time (Bonilla-Silva 2015). Grounded in this scholarship, this pilot will explore the stated and unstated logics and assumptions characterizing police racism research. Attending to the variable ways that academic disciplines have tried to discern, operationalize, and document racism as it manifests within policing practices better positions us to detect the visibility, silences, and broader politics of recognition shaping contemporary understanding of racism in policing. Our initial disciplines of comparison are criminology, sociology, economics, and law, four scholarly traditions with distinctive approaches to what counts as "police racism" (Devi and Freyer 2020; Knox and Mummolo 2020). American legal scholars, for example, have sometimes understood the police to be the state's primary enforcers of mass incarceration, which itself is understood to be part of an older political project of white supremacy dating to Jim Crow-era racial segregation and, before that, slavery (Alexander 2012). This contrasts sharply with British economists, who generally

conceive the police in benign functionalist terms as the liberal state's primary means of upholding the role of law. From this perspective, when racial inequities in arrests do occur, they do so because short-cuts such as racial profiling make the work of policing "more efficient" (Borooah 2021). Learning from these discrepancies in scholastic and national framings can help us leverage social scientific knowledge to better hold governments to account, by making it harder for governments and public figures to claim that institutional racism within the police and other core public institutions does not exist as a social problem (UK Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities 2021, Tanne 2021).

When we consider legal procedure, additional differences emerge. In the United Kingdom, police have historically shouldered no duty to avoid racial discrimination and, until 2000, were exempt by special decree from the first three Race Relations Acts (of 1965, 1968 and 1976). Despite this later inclusion, and subsequent additional legislation (including the Equalities Act of 2000), there are currently no publicly available data showing national prevalence of racial-discrimination cases brought against police. (That said, individual police departments are now legally required to make all misconduct hearings public on a quarterly basis; see Methods). This contrasts with the United States, where civil cases brought against police are docketed and closely monitored, and where aggrieved citizens regularly press civil charges of "police misconduct." The latter can result in very high pay-outs (\$2 billion dollars across 20 police departments between 2016-2020, according to The Marshall Project 2020). Such settlements do not entail formal recognition of racial discrimination, however.

Such broad differences in how police-perpetrated racial discrimination is brought into resolution (or, alternatively, rendered invisible) shape real-world prospects for recognizing and, in turn, addressing racism within the police. Without some agreement on what counts as racially discriminatory practice and how it should be measured (not to mention adjudicated), such grotesque racial disparities in stop-and-frisk, use of disproportionate force, and custody deaths may continue to be dismissed as the incidental costs of "good" or "efficient" police work.

Dr. Caroline Parker, an early-career anthropologist at Manchester University, will conduct all of the primary research for this pilot. Jeffrey Fagan, Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, will provide supervision for the legal portion of the project (Specific Aim 2). Helena Hansen, Professor of Translational Social Science at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), will provide supervision and facilitate the collaboration-building portion of the project (Specific Aim 3).

To compare how scholars in the United Kingdom and the United States differentially conceptualize "institutional racism" in the police and its association with "racial discrimination" (Specific Aim 1), Dr. Parker will conduct literature reviews – provisionally, across five leading journals of each of the four disciplines of comparison (criminology, sociology, economics, and law). With the assistance of a Research Assistant, she will compile articles pertaining to "institutional racism" and "racial discrimination" and "racial bias" published from these twenty journals during the last ten years. Building on her prior critical race research (Parker and Hansen 2021; Hansen, Parker, and Netherland 2020), Dr. Parker will categorize this body of work according to its stated and unstated racial assumptions by reading this corpus against the grain and with an eye to its politics of recognition. Fortnightly meetings with Professor Hansen will provide regular guidance from an established mentor. The net result, after four months, will be a working taxonomy of disciplinarily distinct conceptualizations, metrics and operationalizations of racism's legacy in policing for each country. This taxonomy will provide the primary data to develop an anthropological manuscript (see Project Outputs).

To analyse comparatively the politics of recognition in racial discrimination lawsuits in two countries (Specific Aim 2), Dr. Parker will conduct archival research on civil cases brought by ethnic minority citizens against police during the last ten years alleging racial discrimination (or related kinds of misconduct). Records of US-based civil cases will be selected from the Columbia University Law Library, with the assistance of co-applicant Professor Fagan; records of UK-civil cases will be obtained from individual UK-police departments, aided by Dr. Parker's preliminary fieldwork. In addition, Dr. Parker will interview 15 UK-based and 15 US-based lawyers or legal scholars, selected because they have represented ethnic minority clients in police misconduct or discrimination lawsuits brought against the police. Interview guides will be country-specific, informed by the social scientific taxonomy of police racism, and designed to tease out differences in what counts as "evidence" for racial discrimination in both countries. Where possible, Dr. Parker will also conduct short-term participant observation at on-going civil lawsuits brought against the police to learn about the discursive framings, vocabularies and silences that characterize discrimination lawsuits.

To develop a larger proposal for an international study of 'Comparative Police Racisms' (Specific Aim 3), Dr. Parker and Professor Hansen will convene a regionally and racially diverse collaborative of social scientists and global activists within the field of institutional racism and policing. To convene this collaborative, Dr. Parker will first organize an online virtual conference on comparative police racisms, which will bring together approximately twenty social scientists to share on-going work on institutional racism and police brutality. This virtual conference, for which funding has already been



secured, will be co-sponsored by Manchester University's Centre for Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE) as well as the Center for Social Medicine and the Department of Anthropology at the University of California Los Angeles. Provisionally, conference presentations will address police racism and promising approaches to recognizing and correcting institutional racism, though pilot findings will be taken into account. This conference will facilitate the establishment of a dedicated collaborative of social scientists, co-founded by Dr. Parker and Professor Hansen, which will work to publish conference proceedings as an edited volume (edited by Dr. Parker), and to develop a larger proposal for a larger and more regionally diverse international study of comparative police racisms.

## Bibliography

Alexander, Michelle. 2012. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. The New Press.

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo. 2015. *The Structure of Racism in Color-Blind, "Post-Racial" America*. Sage Publications Sage CA: Los Angeles, CA.

Borooah, Vani K. 2021. "Racial Bias in Police Stops and Searches: An Economic Analysis." *European Journal of Political Economy* 17 (1): 17–37.

Devi, Tanaya, and Roland G. Fryer Jr. 2020. "Policing the Police: The Impact of "Pattern-or-Practice" Investigations on Crime." *National Bureau of Economic Research*.

Fagan, Jeffrey, and Alexis Campbell. 2020. "Race and Reasonableness in Police Killings." *Boston University Law Review*, Vol. 100, p. 951, 2020; Columbia Public Law Research Paper No. 14-655, January

Hansen, Helena, Caroline Parker and Julie Netherland. 2020 "Race as a ghost variable in (white) opioid research." *Science, Technology, & Human Values* 45 (5): 848-876.

Knox, Dean, and Jonathan Mummolo. 2020. "Toward a General Causal Framework for the Study of Racial Bias in Policing." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 1 (3). now publishers: 341–78.

Neil, Roland, and Christopher Winship. 2019. "Methodological Challenges and Opportunities in Testing for Racial Discrimination in Policing." *Annual Review of Criminology* 2 (1): 73–98.

Parker, Caroline, and Helena Hansen. 2021 "How opioids became "safe": Pharmaceutical splitting and the racial politics of opioid safety." *BioSocieties* 16 (2) 234-289

Tanne, Janice Hopkins. 2021. "JAMA Editor Is Placed on Leave after Controversial Podcast on Structural Racism." *BMJ* 372 (March). British Medical Journal Publishing Group: n851. doi:10.1136/bmj.n851.

The Marshall Project. 2020. "Police Misconduct Payouts." <https://www.themarshallproject.org/records/1037-police-misconduct-payouts>.

UK Gov. "The Report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities 2021" <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/commission-on-race-and-ethnic-disparities>

Wall Street Journal. 2020. "The Myth of Systemic Police Racism - WSJ." June 2.

## Other Relevant Information Upload

**If necessary, please upload any supplementary documents here:**

*No Response*

## Plan of Action

**Please indicate here a clear timetable for your research programme:**

**Try to be as realistic as possible, but keep in mind that research programmes will develop over time and this plan of action is not something that is expected to account for every minute and is not unchangeable. But your chances of award will be affected by the assessors' perception of how viable and realistic this plan is.**

This project consists of fifteen months of archival and ethnographic research, from September 2021 to December 2022.

Phase 1 (September 2021-December 2021), Manchester, UK.

Phase one will be conducted from Manchester University, Dr. Parker's host institution and the sponsor of this pilot. With the support of a graduate research assistant, Dr. Parker will conduct internet-based literature reviews of empirical studies of police racism in the United Kingdom and the United States published in academic journals. Starting in this phase, and continuing throughout the research, Dr. Parker will monitor on-going government inquiries in police racism, such as the United Kingdom's Independent Office for Police Conduct, launched in 2020 to explore whether police racially discriminate against ethnic minorities.

Phase 2 (January 2022-February 2022), New York, US.

Phase two will be conducted from the New York City. Over the course of two months, Dr. Parker will conduct archival research into civil cases of discrimination or misconduct brought against police by ethnic minority citizens. Records of civil cases are housed at the civil rights clearinghouse at the Columbia Law School library. Co-applicant Professor Fagan, who is based at Columbia Law School and is a recognized expert on law and police racism (and a former colleague of Dr. Parker from her six years at Columbia University from 2012-2018), will provide guidance for the archival research. Professor Fagan will also assist Dr. Parker with recruiting 15 US-based lawyers who have represented citizens in racial discrimination cases to participate in interviews. If possible, Dr. Parker will also conduct short-term participant observation at civil cases (these are generally open to the public but currently online owing to Covid-19, making access challenging). For this phase of the project, Dr. Parker will require funding for flights, meals, accommodation, and local transportation.

Towards the end of February 2022, Dr. Parker and Professor Hansen will send out invitations for the virtual conference on "Comparative Police Racisms." Online presentations will take place in November 2022 (in Phase 4).

Phase 3 (March 2021-April 2021), Manchester and London, UK.

Phase three will be conducted from Manchester University. Over two months, Dr. Parker will conduct archival research into civil cases brought against police under either the Race Relations Act or the Equalities Act. Based on preliminary research, it is anticipated that these records will be inconsistently accessible but nonetheless informative. (By law, individual police departments are required to make these records available to the public on a quarterly basis, though Dr. Parker has found that obtaining these records usually requires either a phone-call or an in-person visit, because records are variably digitized and police departments are variably obliging).

Alongside the archival research, Dr. Parker will also interview UK-based lawyers who have represented ethnic minority citizens in discrimination cases against the police. David Messling, practising London-based barrister and expert in police law (and former colleague of Dr. Parker from Oxford University), will assist Dr. Parker with identifying appropriate lawyers for interviews. Where possible, Dr. Parker will also conduct short-term participant observation at on-going civil cases (all of which are open to the public) brought by citizens against police, if these cases are accessible from the Greater Manchester area. For this phase of the project, Dr. Parker will require Leverhulme funding for UK-based domestic transportation only.

Phase 4 (May 2022-December 2022), Manchester and London, UK.

Phase four consists of the collaborative-building portion of the project, which will convene a regionally and racially diverse collaborative of social scientists to develop a larger proposal for a regionally more diverse international study of 'comparative police racisms.' To achieve this aim, Dr. Parker and Professor Hansen will co-host a virtual conference dedicated to this issue. Having issued calls for papers to presenters in February 2022, successful applicants will be alerted in May 2022. Provisionally, the conference will bring together fifteen panellists across three distinct panels (running consecutively over one day), with each speaker presenting for fifteen minutes as part of their respective panel. Presentations will be advertised across university and academic mailing lists, with conference publicity assisted by Manchester University's Social Relations Department, who will record the conference and make it publicly available on YouTube.

Shortly after the virtual conference, Dr. Parker and Professor Hansen will convene a planning meeting with panellists to discuss the development of a longer-term collaborative, with two preliminary writing goals. First, based on the conference proceedings, to develop an edited volume on Comparative Police Racisms, for which Dr. Parker will act as chief editor. Second, to develop a larger funding proposal to study some more specified aspect (according to conference findings) of comparative police racisms internationally.

During this last eight months of the pilot, Dr. Parker will write up pilot findings into two academic manuscripts.

## **Planned Research Outputs**

**Please indicate here what the expected output(s) from your research programme might be.**

**As appropriate, please indicate as follows: monograph, journal article(s), book chapter(s), digital resources, other (please specify).**

**Please outline your plans for publication under Plans for publication/dissemination below:**

Academic research outputs from this pilot will include: two academic articles, one new virtual conference (Comparative Police Racisms), a write-up of that conference (provisionally to be published as an edited volume), one conference presentation at the American Anthropology Association annual conference to share pilot findings, one conference presentation at the Association of Social Anthropologists annual conference to share pilot findings, and the development of a larger research proposal for an international study of comparative police racisms. Non-academic research outputs will include two newspaper articles in popular media, as well as a publicly available YouTube video of the Comparative Police Racisms Conference.

### **Plans for Publication and Dissemination**

Two academic manuscripts will be generated by this pilot. The first will be a single-authored manuscript (written by Dr. Parker), submitted to a top anthropology journal such as American Anthropologist or Cultural Anthropology. This anthropological manuscript will use critical race theory to examine police racism and politics of recognition and misrecognition, drawing on both the US and UK-based archival findings. The second academic article will be co-authored with Professor Hansen and submitted to an interdisciplinary carceral studies journal. This article will use the pilot study's typology of 'police racisms' to identify points of commensuration and contradiction between academic disciplines and will to reflect on the political significance of this for police reform.

Based on the conference proceedings, Dr. Parker will submit a proposal for an edited volume on Comparative Police Racisms, provisionally to the University of California Press or University of Chicago Press. Dr. Parker will aim to submit this proposal two months after the conference, by the end of February 2023. Pilot findings will be shared through a presentation at the American Anthropology Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada in November 2023.

Based on the conference and the resultant collaborative convened, Dr. Parker will co-develop a larger research proposal for an international study of Comparative Police Racisms. Potential funders for this larger study include The Wellcome Trust, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the US National Science Foundation, though the collaborative's regional representation and the career stages of respective members will be taken into account (along with other contingencies).

Finally, Dr. Parker will seek to write a commentary for popular press (potentially, The Guardian or The New York Times) outlining what we are learning in jargon-free language for a non-academic audience.

### **Digital Resource**

**If the primary product of the research will be a digital resource have you obtained guidance on appropriate standards and methods?**

☒ Yes

### **Deposit of Datasets**

**Please provide details of how and where any electronic or digital data (including datasets) developed during the project will be stored, along with details on the appropriate methods of access:**

**It is a condition of award that all data be freely accessible during, and beyond, the lifetime of the project.**

N/A

### **Overseas Travel - Country**

**If your research involves travel abroad, please select the relevant country/countries:**

United States of America (the)

### **Overseas Travel - Country**

**If your research involves travel abroad, please select the relevant country/countries:**

No Response

### **Overseas Travel - Country**



**If your research involves travel abroad, please select the relevant country/countries:**

*No Response*

### **Overseas Travel Institution**

**Please indicate if your research involves working in a particular overseas institution, and/or add other countries to which you will travel in connection with this application:**

Columbia University, New York.

University of California, Los Angeles.

### **Research Leave Granted/Permission Obtained**

**Please indicate if you will need to be absent from your employing institution in order to undertake the proposed research, and if so, whether the necessary permission has been obtained:**

[REDACTED]

### **Support of British International Research Institute Required/Granted**

**Will you require the (non-cash) support of a British International Research Institute abroad?**

**If your research will take you to a country or region in which one of the British International Research Institutes operates, you are strongly encouraged to make contact with it before completing this form so that you can take account of any relevant expertise, facilities and logistical advice: Details can be found on the Academy's website at <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/international/research-institutes>.**

☒ No

### **Language Competence**

English language.

### **Other Participants**

**Please give the names, appointments and institutional affiliation of any other participants in the proposed research. If detail is not known yet, please indicate numbers and status of people who might be involved:**

*No Response*

### **Role of Other Participants**

**Please describe the contribution to the project to be made by other participants, citing any particular specialisms and expertise:**

*No Response*

### **Added Value of Collaboration**

**Please provide any comments you wish to make on the particular relevance, timeliness or other aspects of the collaboration, and the benefits envisaged:**

The proposed collaboration between myself (Dr. Parker), an early career anthropologist, and Anthropologist Helena Hansen, Professor of Translational Social Science at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), and a lead authority on structural racism and drug policy in the United States, will productively harness our respective expertise and will also build upon a strong and previously demonstrated record of publication.

My own published work revolves around three themes: the carceral state, policing, and the impact of structural inequalities for ethnic minority health. My book manuscript, "Carceral Citizens: Confinement, Labor, and Self-help in Puerto Rico," which explores how volunteer work is remaking the modern carceral state, is currently under review at University of California Press. Over the last six years, I have worked with Professor Hansen on several other projects, including one that used critical race theory to explore the racial politics of the opioid safety, culminating in two manuscripts (published in the journals *BioSocieties* and *Science, Technology, and Human Values*, respectively). Beyond this, we have previously worked together on structural racism in the context of HIV/AIDS and the opioid crisis, which culminated in a co-authored publication in *New England Journal of Medicine*. Last year, we added another facet to our work together as a team, through co-founding the Substance Use X COVID-19 Data Collaborative (SU X CDC), an international group of social scientists and

public health researchers from fifteen different countries, convened to examine the impact of COVID-19 on people who use substances across regions. From this collaboration, we have raised funds (over \$100,000 in funding from the Foundation for Opioid Research Efforts and from the Open Society Foundation) and submitted manuscripts to The Lancet and the American Journal of Public Health. Thus, our combined expertise and strong track-record of publishing and collaboration-building bodes well for what we expect will be a highly significant program of publication as we begin to advance this new project.

The proposed collaboration between myself (Dr. Parker) and Professor Fagan, Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, offers the chance for a new partnership and brings Professor Fagan’s vital legal expertise to this project. Professor Fagan a leading expert on policing, crime, gun control, and race in the United States whose scholarly research is influential in setting public policy. For example, Fagan’s research on the New York Police Department’s stop-and-frisk practices—which found that more than 30 percent of the stops were legally unjustified or questionable—was central to a 2013 federal court decision that found the policy unconstitutional. His scholarly oversight and political activism bode very well for both the intellectual and collaborative-building dimensions of this project.

Endangered or Emerging Subject Area

Applicants should be intending to pursue original, independent research in any field of study within the humanities or social sciences. There are no quotas for individual subject areas and no thematic priorities. The primary factor in assessing applications will remain the excellence of the proposal. The Academy will, however, where appropriate, take into account the aim of providing particular support for certain important fields, either emerging areas of scholarship or areas of research that are endangered or under threat.

N/A.

Ethical Issues

Are there any special ethical issues arising from your proposal that are not covered by the relevant professional Code of Practice? You must answer yes or no:

☒ No

Have you obtained, or will you obtain ethical approval from your employing institution or other relevant authority? You must answer yes or no:

☒ Yes

If the answers are yes to special ethical issues and no to having obtained prior approval, please describe here the non-standard ethical issues arising from your research and how you will address them:

If the answer is no to special ethical issues please enter N/A

N/A.

Source of Funding

Have you/any co-applicants made any other applications in connection with this project? If so, with what results?

No other applications of funding have been made in connection with this project.

Section 7 - Financial Details

Budget heading		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Travel Costs					
Travel Costs	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00



Budget heading		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
NYC Research Trip: Travel: 1x return flight, Manchester - NYC @ £650	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£650.00	£0.00	£650.00
UK Based Research: Travel: Manchester - London return @ £150 x8 journeys	Proposed Cost	£1,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
Conference, Toronto: Travel: 1x return flight, Manchester - Toronto @ £650	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£650.00	£0.00	£650.00
Conference, UK: Travel: 1x return train to UK location @ £150	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
<b>Travel Costs Total</b>	<b>Proposed Cost</b>	<b>£1,200.00</b>	<b>£1,450.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£2,650.00</b>
<b>Other Costs</b>					
Other Costs	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Other Costs Total</b>	<b>Proposed Cost</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>					
Accommodation	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
NYC Research Trip: Accommodation, subsistence and local travel: 60 days in NYC @ £60 p/d	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£3,600.00	£0.00	£3,600.00
Conference, Toronto: Accommodation, subsistence and local travel: 3 days @ £100 p/d	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
Conference, UK: Accommodation, subsistence and local travel: 3 days @ £100 p/d	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
<b>Accommodation Total</b>	<b>Proposed Cost</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,200.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,200.00</b>
<b>Consumables</b>					
Consumables	Proposed Cost	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00



If the scheme includes funding from more than one source, please indicate if your application is relevant to a particular special fund - details in scheme guidance notes

*No Response*

## Section 8 - Equal Opportunities

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### Gender

Please indicate your gender:

Female

### Age

Please indicate which age group you are in:

### Date of Birth

Please state your date of birth:

### Ethnic Origin

Please state your ethnic origin:

### Disabilities

The Equality Act defines disability as "A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term negative effect on the person's ability to carry out normal daily activities". If this applies, please specify the nature of the disability:

*No Response*