The following PhD vacancies and research topics within the School of Sociology and Social Policy were compiled in November 2013 and were correct at the time of publication.

For further guidance on pursuing a PhD in any of these areas, please consult the School of Sociology and Social Policy website or contact the relevant members of academic staff as listed below.

**Bruce Stafford’s areas of research supervision**

Supervisor:  **Bruce Stafford** ([bruce.stafford@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:bruce.stafford@nottingham.ac.uk))

*Professor of Public Policy and Head of School*

**Teaching:** economics and policy analysis; social security, welfare to work; evaluation.

**Research:** social security and labour markets, especially on the delivery of services, welfare to work policies and policies targeted at vulnerable people; welfare reform and equality impacts; disability discrimination; and studies drawing upon policy making theories and concepts (e.g. policy networks, evaluation studies, etc).

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**Saul Becker’s areas of research supervision**

Supervisor:  **Saul Becker** ([saul.becker@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:saul.becker@nottingham.ac.uk))

*Professor of Social Policy and Social Work, Assistant Pro Vice Chancellor (International), Faculty Director of Research*

**Teaching:** research methods; informal care and young carers; mixed economy of welfare.

**Research:** informal care and family carers; children who are carers (‘young carers’); children caring for relatives with HIV/AIDS, mental ill health, physical impairments/disability etc; global and cross-national research on children who are carers; policy/service evaluations; research methods in social policy.

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**Esther Bott’s areas of research supervision**

Supervisor:  **Esther Bott** ([esther.bott@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:esther.bott@nottingham.ac.uk))

**Teaching:** class, gender and ‘race’; the body; migration.

**Research:** tourism primarily, but also risk, gender and the body.
Stephen Cope’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor:  Stephen Cope (stephen.cope@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching:  public policy; British politics; European Union; globalisation; governance.

Research:  policy analysis; regulation of public services; local governance; police governance; cutback management in government.

Harry Ferguson’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor:  Harry Ferguson (harry.ferguson@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching:  child protection and welfare; social theory and social work.

Research:  social work and child protection; fatherhood, masculinities and social intervention; the social science of social work; best practice, social work theory and practice; child abuse; men, masculinities and health; and social care intervention into fatherhood.

Tony Fitzpatrick’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor:  Tony Fitzpatrick (tony.fitzpatrick@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching:  theories of welfare; poverty; climate change.

Research:  social and policy implications of climate change and global warming; New Labour and recent developments in British politics; Poverty, social exclusion, wellbeing and social justice; Theories and concepts underpinning state welfare and social policy reforms.

Rachel Fyson’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor:  Tony Fitzpatrick (tony.fitzpatrick@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching:  law for social work; adult social care policy and practice; dissertation module

Research:  learning disability policy & practice, disability, adult safeguarding, adult social care/community care, policy implementation, service user involvement / emancipatory research
Lorraine Green’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor:  Lorraine Green (lorraine.green@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: Human Growth and Development, Critical Perspectives, Research Methods, Adult Social Care, Service Users Perspectives

Research: children in residential care, child abuse, childhood, gender, sexuality, power and violence, life course theory and research, social work ethics, touch and the body, anti-oppressive practice, the application of sociological and psychological theory to social work

Reiner Grundmann’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor:  Reiner Grundmann (reiner.grundmann@nottingham.ac.uk)

Professor of Science and Technology Studies.

Teaching: science, knowledge and society; language, culture and society; qualitative research methods (discourse and metaphor analysis); history and philosophy of science.

Research: knowledge and public policy; media analysis of climate change and energy security; science policy; science communication; social and political theory.

John Holmwood’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor:  John Holmwood (john.holmwood@nottingham.ac.uk)

Professor of Sociology

Teaching: introductory sociology, classical and contemporary sociological theory, philosophy of social science, inequality.

Research: the relation between sociological theory and explanation, in particular, the challenge of global social inquiry and the role of pragmatism in the construction of public sociology; and social stratification and inequality, in particular on problems of class analysis and the moral economy of inequality, including the role of higher education.

Marilyn James’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor:  Marilyn James (marilyn.james@nottingham.ac.uk)
Research: Health Economics including: economics of screening (diabetic retinopathy); applied economic evaluation; outcome measures in health economics (especially EQ5D); health policy.

Pauline Jas’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Pauline Jas (pauline.jas@nottingham.ac.uk)
Teaching: social survey design and analysis
Research: organisational practices; individual agency within institutions; strategic management and leadership; voluntary sector organisations and democratic governance.

Christian Karner’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Christian Karner (christian.karner@nottingham.ac.uk)
Teaching: social theory; Nationalism, ethnicity and ‘race’; Ethnicity and everyday life.
Research: ethnicity; nationalism; national identities; religion; urban sociology; cultural representations.

Anne-Marie Kramer’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Anne-Marie Kramer (anne-marie.kramer@nottingham.ac.uk)
Teaching: gender & media; women and social policy/family policy; research methods, including media methods and archive methods.
Research: the family/personal life; gender; reproductive politics; identity; memory studies; media

Siobhan Laird’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Siobhan Laird (siobhan.laird@nottingham.ac.uk)
Teaching: power and discrimination; understanding social work; self and others.
Research: cross cultural and cross national issues in social care; Cultural competence in social work practice; Research on social development in sub-Saharan Africa; Social work in relation to the law in the UK or Africa; Conflict in child protection work
Nick Manning’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Nick Manning (nick.manning@nottingham.ac.uk)

Research: international social policy, Russia and Eastern Europe, medical sociology and health policy (including mental health), social change and social theory

Maurizio Meloni’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Maurizio Meloni (maurizio.meloni@nottingham.ac.uk).

Research: Social theory, sociology of neuroscience, biology and sociology, conceptions of modernity, science and technology studies (STS), genetics and society, epistemological problems of the life-sciences and their applications to the social sciences, history of continental philosophy in the 20th century

Hugh Middleton’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Hugh Middleton (hugh.middleton@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: Sociological Perspectives of Mental Health Practice; Quantitative Methods (Masters in Research Methodology), Mental Health Policy.

Research: Social Sciences approaches to mental health problems and practices.

Alison Mohr’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Alison Mohr (alison.mohr@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: governance of emerging science and technology

Research: Broadly science and technology policy including critical perspectives of public engagement; science-public policy relations; social and political dimensions of emerging technologies; knowledge and value mediation in policy discourse; understanding and communication uncertainty in technology and impact assessments.
Kate Morris’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor:  Kate Morris (kate.morris@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: social work theory and methods, families - policy and practice, social work with children and families, integrated working and participation and partnership.

Research: prevention and social exclusion, whole family approaches in social care, integrated working, partnership and participation and families with multiple and complex needs

Brigitte Nerlich’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor:  Brigitte Nerlich (brigitte.nerlich@nottingham.ac.uk)

AcSS Professor of Science, Language and Society

Teaching: science and society; language, culture and society; qualitative research methods (discourse and metaphor analysis); history and philosophy of science.

Research: science, language and culture; science and society; media, science and society; more particular interests: nanotechnology and society, synthetic biology and society, climate change and society; epidemics, pandemics emerging infectious diseases and society

Julia O’Connell Davidson’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor:  Julia O’Connell Davidson (julia.o’connelldavidson@nottingham.ac.uk)

Professor of Sociology


Research: prostitution and sex tourism; the commercial sexual exploitation of children; 'trafficking' and migration; modern slavery and forced labour.

David Parker’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor:  David Parker (david.parker@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: introductory sociology; classical and contemporary sociological theory; urban life.

Research: changing ethnic identities, in particular British Chinese and mixed race; ethnicity and the Internet; urban sociology; social theory.
Davide Però’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Davide Però (davide.pero@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: migration and citizenship; civil society; qualitative methods.

Research: migrants' collective action; multiculturalism; the changing nature of Left-wing politics and migrants.

Alison Pilnick’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Alison Pilnick (alison.pilnick@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: genetics and society; sociology of health and illness; qualitative research methods (verbal and visual interaction); paradigms and practices in social research; contemporary sociological theory.

Research: advice and information giving by health professionals; communication and collaborative work in all areas of healthcare, including veterinary practice; informed choice in antenatal and genetic screening and testing; the impact of interactional practices on policy implementation in intellectual disability.

Sujatha Raman’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Sujatha Raman (sujatha.raman@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: Science & Technology in Society; from 2011: Energy, Technology & Society

Research: science, politics, publics and policymaking; Energy, technology, sustainability and society; Narratives of Ecological health with reference to antibiotic resistance

Simon Roberts’s areas of research supervision
Supervisor: Simon Roberts (simon.roberts@nottingham.ac.uk)

Associate Professor of Public and Social Policy and Lead of the International Centre for Public and Social Policy

Teaching: international social policy; welfare policy; comparative welfare policy; European welfare states; migration and welfare; international social rights; research methods.
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Research: UK, European and international social security; discrimination and social protection in Europe; discrimination and welfare reform; disability and discrimination; migration and social rights.

Justine Schneider’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor: Justine Schneider (justine.schneider@nottingham.ac.uk)

Professor of Mental Health and Social Care

Teaching: community care research, policy and practice.

Research: mental health services costs, process and outcomes; all aspects of adult ‘informal’ carers; services for older people; and non-pharmacological interventions in dementia care; knowledge exchange and evidence implementation in health and social care.

Ian Shaw’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor: Ian Shaw (ian.schaw@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: research methods; evaluation research; welfare finance; health policy; mental health.

Research: evaluation; inter-professional/agency working; health; mental health; policy analysis.

Nick Stevenson’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor: Nick Stevenson (nick.stevenson@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: sociology of media and popular culture, citizenship, identity and globalization, social, cultural and political theory.

Research: social, political and cultural theory, media of mass communication, citizenship; consumer and popular cultures; education, popular culture and citizenship.

Amal Treacher Kabesh’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor: Amal Treacher Kabesh (amal.treacher_kabesh@nottingham.ac.uk)
Teaching: diversity, Middle East, cultural theory, identity.

Research: ethnicity (especially mixed-race) postcolonial theory, Middle East, children aged 7-11.

Tracey Warren’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor: Tracey Warren (tracey.warren@nottingham.ac.uk)

Professor of Sociology

Teaching: sociology of work; contemporary debates in sociology.

Research: work, employment and economic life; social divisions: class, gender and ethnicity; work-life balance; work and time; income, debt, economic wellbeing, financial insecurity; cross-national European comparisons; the economic crisis.

Andrew Yip’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor: Andrew Yip (andrew.yip@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: religion/spirituality, culture, sexuality, citizenship, identity, intimacy and relationships.

Research: contemporary religious/spiritual identities; contemporary sexual identities; politics of sexuality, gender, and religion/spirituality; Islam and Muslim communities in the West; human rights and sexuality; youth culture; intimate relationships; ageing within national and transnational contexts

Elisabetta Zontini’s areas of research supervision

Supervisor: Elisabetta Zontini (elisabetta.zontini@nottingham.ac.uk)

Teaching: families and social divisions, transnationalism and migration, qualitative research methods

Research: Migration studies: transnational families; ethnic minority families; gender and generation (youth, old age); Identity and belonging; social capital; multiculturalism; global care chains; new forms of mobility; especially in Southern Europe and the UK. Sociology of the family: especially in relation to care, intergenerational relations, race and ethnicity. Methods: ethnographic and participatory methods feminist theory and methodology.