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Qualifications

- 2005-09: PhD in Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London
Sponsored by ESRC, supervised by Profs Scott Lash & Michael Keith, entitled 'Competition & Competitiveness: A Cultural Political Economy' and examined by Profs Bob Jessop (Lancaster) and Peter Miller (LSE)
- 1998-99: Masters, University of Essex
MA hons. degree in Modern European Philosophy - with Distinction.
- 1995-98: Undergraduate, University of Cambridge
BA hons. degree in Social & Political Science – 2.1.

Posts held

- 2026 - Fellow of Open Society Foundation; Emeritus Professor, Goldsmiths; Visiting Fellow, LSE; Contributing Editor, *London Review of Books*
- 2014- 2026: Professor, Goldsmiths, University of London (Founder and Director of Political Economy Research Centre; Head of Department of Politics 2023-24)
- 2012-14: Assistant Professor, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, University of Warwick
- 2011-12: Academic Director, Centre for Mutual & Employee-owned Business, University of Oxford
- 2009-11: Research Fellow in 'Governance, Accountability & Innovation' at the Institute for Science, Innovation & Society, University of Oxford

Awards held

- 2016-present: ESRC Centre for Understanding Sustainable Prosperity – Co-I
- 2014-16 : ESRC 'Transformative Social Science' grant - Co-I on project, 'Interrogating the Dashboard: Data, Indicators and Decision-making'
- 2013-14 : ESRC Urgent Grant - Co-I on project, 'Go Home': Mapping the unfolding controversy of Home Office Immigration Campaigns
- 2013 -15 : ESRC seminar grant - Co-I on seminar series, 'The Trial on Trial'
- 2005-09: 3+ ESRC doctoral research funding

Books

- *Capitalism After Liberalism* – under contract with Zone Books (expected submission summer 2027)
- *The Reaction Economy: Searching for the Human in a Society of Screens* – Princeton University Press (in production – due Spring 2027)
- *Unprecedented?: How Covid-19 revealed the politics of our economy* (co-author) (Goldsmiths Press, 2022)
- *This Is Not Normal: The collapse of liberal Britain* (Verso, 2020)
- *Nervous States: How feeling took over the world* (Jonathan Cape, 2018)
- *Economic Science Fictions* (ed.) (Goldsmiths Press, 2018)

- *Go Home? The Politics of Immigration Controversies* (with H. Jones et al) (Manchester University Press, 2017)
- *The Happiness Industry: How the government and big business sold us wellbeing* (Verso, 2015)
- *The Limits of Neoliberalism: Authority, Sovereignty & the Logic of Competition* (Sage, 2014)

Peer reviewed journal articles

- 2026 'The State of the State' – lead author on an Editorial Board collaboration, published in *Economy & Society*
- 2025 'Another age of anxiety: psychological distress and the asset economy', *Theory Culture & Society*, 42: 5, pp. 3-20
- 2024. 'Owning Towards Death: the asset condition as existential conundrum', *Finance & Society*, 10, pp. 215-233
- 2024. (with Sahil Dutta and Nick Taylor) 'Stay Home: Mapping the new Domestic Regime', *Economy & Society* 53: 3, pp. 400-423
- 2024. 'Reaction Value: Affective Reflex in the Digital Public Sphere'. *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*
- 2021. The Revenge of Sovereignty on Government? The Release of Neoliberal Politics from Economics Post-2008. *Theory, Culture & Society*, 38(6), pp. 95-118.
- 2021. (with Nicholas Gane) 2021. Post-neoliberalism? An introduction. *Theory, Culture & Society*, 38(6), pp. 3-28.
- 2021. 'Anti-equivalence: pragmatics of post-liberal disputes', *European Journal of Social Theory* 24(1), pp. 44-64
- 2021. 'The financialisation of anti-capitalism?: The case of the 'financial independence retire early' movement, *Journal of Cultural Economy*, 14(6), pp. 694-710, (with Nick Taylor)
- 2020. 'Anger fast and slow: mediations of justice and violence in the age of populism', *Global Discourse*, 17 (2-3), May 2020
- 2020. 'Green populism?: Action and mortality in the anthropocene', *Environmental Values*
- 2019. 'The Political Economy of Pulse: Techno-somatic rhythm and real-time data'. *Ephemera*, 19(3)
- 2017. 'Elite Power Under Advanced Neoliberalism. *Theory Culture and Society*, 34(5-6), pp. 227-250.
- 2017. 'How Are We Now?: Real-time mood-monitoring as valuation'. *Journal of Cultural Economy*, 10(1), pp. 34-48.
- 2015. 'The return of social government: From 'socialist calculation' to 'social analytics''. *European Journal of Social Theory*, 18(4), pp. 431-450.
- 2015. 'The Chronic Social: Relations of Control Within and Without Neoliberalism'. *New*

Formations, Winter, pp. 40-57.

- 2012. 'Ways of owning: towards an economic sociology of privatization', *Poetics* Vol 20 Issue 2, April
- 2012. 'Rationalities of ignorance: on financial crisis and the ambivalence of neo-liberal epistemology' (with Linsey McGoe), *Economy & Society*, Vol 41 Number 1 February 2012 64-83
- 2011. 'Knowing the Unknowable: The Epistemological Authority of Innovation Policy Experts', *Social Epistemology*, Vol 25 number 4, Oct 2011 401-421
- 2011. 'Economic advice as a vocation: symbioses of political and scientific authority', *British Journal of Sociology*, Vol 62 Issue 2 June 2011 304-323
- 2010. 'Economics and the "nonsense" of law: the case of the Chicago antitrust revolution', *Economy and Society* Vol 39 Number 1 February 2010 64-83

PhDs supervised to completion

- 2019-25 (part-time): Louise Villeneuve – 'History of Consumption in Economics'
- 2018-22: Nils Peters, 'Venture Capital and the Rise of the Platform Economy'
- 2014-21 (part-time): Carla Ibled, 'Beyond limits: a psychoanalytical study of the neoliberal imaginary
- 2016-20: Richard Douglas, 'The meaning of growth'

Professional activities

- Editorial board member of *Economy & Society*, *Sociologica* and Goldsmiths University Press
- Contributing Editor, *London Review of Books*
- Editorial Advisory Board member of *Journal of Cultural Economy*
- Associate Fellow Institute for Public Policy Research