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Introduction

This report documents research outcomes achieved by De Montfort University's Department of Politics and Public Policy (PoPP) in the academic year 2012-13. Our research is concentrated predominantly in public policy, but encompasses international politics, political theory and pedagogy within the discipline of politics. Our work epitomises the DMU mission to deliver research excellence with impact, covering everything from developments in governance theory and critical urban studies to high-level research partnerships with policy makers, advisory and consultancy projects for central government and other prominent public sector stakeholders. Departmental research is channelled through three dedicated policy research units. We highlight notable achievements in each area:

The Centre for Comparative Housing Research (CCHR) delivers high quality consultancy, research and teaching in housing policy. Members of staff are Dr Tim Brown (Director), Dr Peter King, Ros Lishman, Professor Mike Oxley and Dr Jo Richardson. The CCHR team recently won an ESRC Knowledge Exchange grant totalling £148,000 for a comparative project, *Boosting the Supply of Affordable Rented Housing in the UK: Learning from other Countries*. Led by Dr Jo Richardson, the ESRC seminar series *Creating space and place for Gypsies, Travellers and Roma* concluded with a memorable event in the House of Lords, hosted by Baroness Whitaker and the Roma, Gypsy Traveller All Party Parliamentary Group. This event was reported in the ESRC *Britain in 2014* magazine <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/news-and-events/publications/britain-in/>.

The Health Policy Research Unit is a university-wide network carrying out multi-disciplinary academic and policy research on health issues. Core PoPP staff are Professor Rob Baggott (Director) and Dr Kathryn Jones, with membership from across the university. Research highlights include Baggott's British Academy sponsored investigation of the Cuban health system (in partnership with former colleague George Lambie) and his work with Jones on health consumer and patient organisations/patient and public involvement in health, which is influencing current policy thinking. In 2012 Jones was accepted onto the first cohort of DMU's highly competitive future research leaders programme. Notable publications in the past year include Baggott's monograph *Partnerships for Health and Wellbeing* (Palgrave).

The Local Governance Research Unit is a centre of excellence for theoretically informed, robust and rigorous policy relevant research into British and comparative urban and local governance. PoPP staff members are: Professor Colin Copus (Director), Professor Jonathan Davies and Dr Steven Griggs, together with associates Frances Jones, Roger Lawrence and Ines Newman. In early 2013, Steven Griggs concluded the ESRC Knowledge Transfer Project, *The Ensuring Council*, a partnership with the Association for Public Service Excellence. This project was graded outstanding by the ESRC and influences policy deliberations throughout local government. The Political and Constitutional Reform Select Committee has now adopted the code of practice for central-local relations written by Colin Copus,

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known as “Magna Carta 2.0”. The code proposes to enshrine the independence of local government in the British constitution. In September 2013, Jonathan Davies hosted the Urban Studies Foundation funded conference *Interrogating Urban Crisis: Governance, Contestation and Critique*. The conference attracted scholars and activists from all over the world to explore the potential for comparative studies of crisis-governance in cities. Notable academic publications include Davies’s contribution to the 40th Anniversary special issue of *Policy & Politics* (41:4), titled *Just do it differently? Everyday making, Marxism, and the struggle against Neoliberalism*, and a forthcoming special issue of *Urban Studies* co-edited by Griggs with Ismael Blanco (Autonomous University of Barcelona) and Helen Sullivan (Melbourne) on *Explaining Local Governance: ‘Transformation’ through Neoliberalism*.

The Department has also developed a number of successful crosscutting projects, forging links between researchers across the department and the University. Led by Head of department, Professor Alasdair Blair, DMU won €75,000 from the European Commission to establish the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (2013-16). This award was one of only three to UK Universities in 2013. We received a further £22,000 from the DMU Higher Education Innovation Fund to boost the work of the new Jean Monnet Centre. Building links between social sciences and the humanities, Dr Clodagh Harrington organised an international conference in May 2013, *The State of the Union: Challenges and Expectations for the Obama Administration*.

The remainder of this report lists all departmental publications in 2012-13, research grants, conferences and seminar presentations and current PhD Students.

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Publications

Refereed Journal Articles: published and forthcoming

- Tanner, J.; Padley, W.; Leaper, D.; Kiernan, M.; Norrie, P.; **Baggott, R.** et al. (2013) 'A benchmark too far: findings from a national survey of surgical site infection surveillance', *Journal of Hospital Infection*, 83 (2): 87-91.
- Anthony, D.; **Baggott, R.**; Tanner, J.; **Jones, K.** et al (2012) 'Health, Lifestyle Belief and Knowledge Differences between two ethnic groups with specific reference to tobacco, diet and physical activity' *Journal of Advanced Nursing* 68(11), 2496, 2505
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- Blair, A. (2013) 'Democratising the learning process: the use of Twitter in the teaching of Politics and International Relations', *Politics*, 33 (2): 135-145.
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- Sweeting, D., and **Copus, C.** (2013) 'Councillors, Participation and Local Democracy', *Urban and Regional Research International*, 14 (1): 121-137.
- **Copus, C.** and Wingfield, M. (2013) Are Independent Councillors Really Conservatives in Disguise? *Local Government Studies*, first published online 09 October, 2013 doi: 10.1080/03003930.2013.829458

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- **Griggs, S.** and Sullivan, H. (2012) 'Puzzling Agency in Centre-local Relations: Regulatory Governance and Accounts of Change under New Labour', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, first published online 12 November, 2012 doi: 10.1111/j.1467-856X.2012.00544.x
- Jones, A. (2012) 'Where has all the Public Administration gone?' *Teaching Public Administration*, 30 (2):124-132.
- Lennartz, C.; Haffner, M.; **Oxley, M.** (2012) 'Competition between social and market renting: a theoretical application of the structure-conduct-performance paradigm', *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, 27 (4): 453-471.
- Pflaeger, Z. (2013) 'Decaf Empowerment? Post-Washington Consensus Development Policy and Kenya's Coffee Industry', *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 16 (3): 331-57. (Cox Award winning paper).
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- **Griggs, S.** and Howarth, D. (2013) *The Politics of Airport Expansion in the United Kingdom: Hegemony, Policy and the Rhetoric of "Sustainable Aviation"* Manchester: Manchester University Press.
- Lowndes V and **Roberts M** (2013) *Why Institutions Matter: The New Institutionalism in Political Science* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Non-refereed Journal Articles

- Oxley, M. (2012) 'The Relative Merits of Housing Policies', *Tijdschrift Voor De Volkshuisvesting Platform 3L. De Mening Van*, No. 2.
http://www.platform31.nl/uploads/attachment_file/120/TvdV_2_2013_bw_1.pdf.

Edited Collections

- **Richardson, J.** and Ryder, A. (Eds) (2012) *Gypsies and Travellers: Empowerment and Inclusion in British Society* Bristol: Policy Press.

Text Books

- Blair, A. (2012) *The European Union: A Beginner's Guide* London: Oneworld.

Chapters in books

- Baggott, R. (2012) 'Healthcare' in P. Alcock, M. May and S. Wright (2012) *The Student's Companion to Social Policy 4th ed* Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell pp.331-7
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- Blair A, (2012) 'The UK and Lisbon', in F. Laursen (ed.) *The Making of the EU's Lisbon Treaty* Brussels: PIE Peter Lang, pp.97-121.
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- **Copus, C.**, Wingfield, M.; Steyvers, K. and Reynaert, H. (2012) 'Parties and Nonpartisanship in Cities', in K. Mossberger, S. Clarke and P. John (eds), *Oxford Handbook of Urban Politics* Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp.210-231.
- **Davies, J. S.**, and Trounstone, J. (2012) 'Urban politics and the new institutionalism', in K. Mossberger, S. Clarke and P. John (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Urban Politics* Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp 51-70.
- Goldsmith, C. (2013) 'Gladwyn Jebb' in R. Pastor-Castro and J. Young (eds), *The Paris Embassy: British Ambassadors and Anglo-French Relations, 1944-1979* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 67-90.
- **Griggs, S.** and Howarth, D. (2012) 'Phronesis and Critical Policy Analysis. Heathrow's 'third runway' and the politics of sustainable aviation in the UK' in B. Flyvbjerg, T. Landman, and S.Schram (eds.) *Real Social Science. Applied Phronesis*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 167-203.
- Howarth, D. and **Griggs, S.** (2012) 'Poststructuralist Policy Analysis: Discourse, Hegemony and Critical Explanation' in F. Fischer and H. Gottweis (eds) *The Argumentative Turn Revisited. Public Policy as Communicative Practice* Durham: Duke University Press, pp. 305-342.
- Harrington, C. (2013) 'Never Mind the Details: Here's the Tea Party', in J. Dumbrell (ed) *Issues in American Politics: Polarized Politics in the Age of Obama*, London: Routledge, pp 122-134.
- Jones, K. (2012) 'The Literature Review' in M. Saks and J. Allsop (eds.) *Researching Health. 2nd ed.* London: Sage Publications, pp. 42-64.
- King, P. (2012) 'Financial Deregulation', in S.J. Smith, L. Fox O'Mahony, O.S. Eng, S. Wachter and A. Sanders (eds) *The Encyclopaedia of Housing and Home*, vol. 2, Oxford: Elsevier, pp. 176-180.

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- King, P. (2012) 'Representations of Home: Photo and Film', in S.J. Smith, L. Fox O'Mahony, O.S. Eng, S. Wachter and R. Dowling (eds) *The Encyclopaedia of Housing and Home*, vol. 6, Oxford: Elsevier, pp. 67- 7.
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Policy and Practice

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Other Publications

- Copus, C. (2013) Local Government, Chapter 20, in B. Jones and P. Norton (eds), *Politics UK*, 8th ed. Harlow: Pearson Education.
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Research Income

External Grants

- Rob Baggott: Investigation of Cuban health system (British Academy) 2012-14 (with G. Lambie), £7,500.
- Alasdair Blair: Leicester De Montfort University Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, European Commission €75,000.
- Tim Brown; Ros Lishman; Mike Oxley and Jo Richardson: ERSC Research Grant ES/K007564/1 Knowledge Exchange, Boosting the supply of affordable rented housing in the UK: learning from other countries. July to December 2013. The ESRC award is valued at £73,000. Places for People will additionally provide support in kind worth £75,000.
- Jonathan Davies: Winner of the *Urban Studies Foundation* and *Urban Studies* seminar series competition 2013 - Lead Applicant: £19,304 to host conference "Interrogating Urban Crisis" 9-11 September 2013 at De Montfort University.
- Jonathan Davies: Partner on Spanish Research Council-funded project - consortium led by the Autonomous University of Barcelona to study governance under austerity in Spain and the UK.
- Jonathan Davies: External Advisor: 120,000 Norwegian Krone from Norwegian Institute of Urban and Regional Research for consortium study of network governance in Scandinavia and Russia. Funded by Norwegian Research Council.
- Clodagh Harrington: Institute for the Study of the Americas (UCL) (£700) towards 2013 conference.
- Jo Richardson: Economic and Social Research Council, principal researcher organising seminar series examining conflict in series of public policy areas for Gypsy and Traveller issues 2012 – 2013, £14,276.
- Jo Richardson: Somerset Councils Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update, March to September 2013, Project Director, £16,920.
- Jo Richardson: Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update, September 2012 to January 2013, Project Director, £44,765.
- Jo Richardson, Chartered Institute of Housing Project – Future of the Housing Officer, Project Director, October 2013 and ongoing to March 2014, £21,350.

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DMU Funded Research

- Alasdair Blair: Clickers and Twitters: re-shaping assessment and feedback practices through technology, De Montfort University Teaching Innovation Project £4,880.60 (2013-14).
- Alasdair Blair: HEIF project – De Montfort University European Centre of Excellence, £22,000 (2013-14).
- Clodagh Harrington: Early Career Research Fellowship, £5,664 (2013/14).

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Conferences and Seminars

Conferences Organised

- Alasdair Blair: Conference Organiser: 'British International History Group 19th annual conference', De Montfort University, 6-8 September 2012.
- Jonathan Davies: Conference Organiser: 'Interrogating Urban Crisis: Governance, Contestation and Critique', De Montfort University, Leicester, 9-11 September 2013.
- Clodagh Harrington: *The State of the Union: Challenges and Expectations for the Obama Administration*, London, 24 May 2013.

Conference Papers

- Rob Baggott, '*The Big Society in an Age Of Austerity: Threats and Opportunities for Health Consumer and Patients' Organisations in England*', 14th Biennial Congress of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology, Hanover, 2012 (with Kathryn Jones).
- Alasdair Blair, '*Where have we got to in UK Higher Education Research in Politics and International Relations?*', paper presented at the Political Studies Association annual conference, Cardiff, March 2013.
- Alasdair Blair, '*Learning from below: a comparative investigation into first year students transition to University*', paper presented at the Political Studies Association annual conference, Cardiff, March 2013.
- Alasdair Blair, '*The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Using Twitter for teaching Politics and International Relations*', paper presented at the *American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference*, Long Beach, California. 8-10 February 2013
- Alasdair Blair, '*Similar or Different? A comparative analysis of Higher Education Research in Political Science and International Relations between North America and the United Kingdom*', workshop paper given at the *American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference*, Long Beach, California. 8-10 February 2013
- Colin Copus: EURA Conference: *Cities as Seedbeds for Innovation*, Enschede, 3rd to 6th July 2013 University of Twente. Paper Title: *Local Political Leadership: Governing Through Governance Networks*.

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- Colin Copus: 63rd Political Studies Association Annual Conference 25 - 27 March 2013, City Hall Cardiff. Paper Title: *Local Democracy and Representation: Re-thinking the Role of the Councillor*.
- Colin Copus: Policy and Politics Conference September 2013-06-24 University of Bristol, Paper title: *Re-politicising Local Government*.
- Colin Copus: Policy and Politics Conference September 2013-06-24 University of Bristol, (Copus and Dadd) Paper title: *A Directly Elected Mayor and Process, People and Power in an English City*.
- Jonathan Davies: 18/19.9.12 - Policy & Politics 40th Anniversary Conference: *Just do it Differently? A Marxist Perspective on Everyday Making and the Political Economy of Doing*.
- Jonathan Davies: 25-27.3.13 – Annual Meeting of the Political Studies Association, Cardiff. *Whatever happened to Coercion? A Gramscian Critique of Metagovernance Theory*.
- Jonathan Davies: 3-6.4.13 – 43rd Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, San Francisco: *Urban Power and Political Agency: Reflections form a Study of Local Economic Development in Johannesburg and Leeds*.
- Jonathan Davies: 17-18.9.13 Annual Conference of Policy & Politics: *Whatever happened to Coercion? A Gramscian Critique of Metagovernance Theory*.
- Chris Goldsmith: *'Becoming Researchers: Developing a Practice-Based Approach to Undergraduate Research'*, ECPR General Conference, September 2013.
- Clodagh Harrington: *'The Politics of Food: Why Michelle Obama's Let's Move Campaign Won't Solve the US Obesity Epidemic'* delivered at the American Politics Group annual conference, University of Leicester, January 2013.
- Alistair Jones: *'Junior Ministers: Are they really political eunuchs?'* PAC Annual Conference, Edinburgh, 9-11 September 2013.
- Kathryn Jones: *'UK Health Consumer and Patient Organisations at Exchanging Knowledge on Participation of Health Consumers and Patients'* in Research, Quality and Policy. ZonMw April 2013 (with Rob Baggott) (invited paper).
- Kathryn Jones: *'Opaque, Transparent or Translucent: Defining Relationships between UK Health Consumer and Patient Organisations and the Pharmaceutical Industry'*. Global Pharma Conference. July 2013. University of Sussex (invited paper).

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- Mike Oxley: *'Starters in urban housing markets; evidence from Europe'* Michael Oxley, Centre for Comparative Housing Research, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK, 2013 RC43 conference Amsterdam *Being at home in the housing market*, University of Amsterdam, Centre for Urban Studies, July 10-12, 2013.
- Jo Richardson: *'Trust in Communities – a response to austerity and housing crisis'*, Interrogating Urban Crisis conference, De Montfort University, Leicester, September 2013.
- Jo Richardson: *'The emotionomics of planning for home'*, RC43 conference, Amsterdam, July 2013.
- Jo Richardson: *'Managing conflict in planning for Traveller sites'*, Social Policy Association Conference, Sheffield, July 2013.
- Jo Richardson: *'Developing resilience in social housing organisations: the need for customer and staff insight'*, European Network of Housing Researchers Conference, Tarragona, Spain, June 2013.
- Mark Roberts: Annual Conference Policy and Politics – *'Understanding Institutional Complementarities based on Peterborough research'*. September 2013 Bristol.

Seminar papers

- Jonathan Davies: 26.10.12 – Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Oslo: *Why don't governance networks fulfil the promise of network governance?*
- Jonathan Davies: 16.1.13 - Policy Research Institute, University of Bath: *Rethinking Governance: An Orthodox Gramscian Perspective.*
- Jonathan Davies: 26.2.13 – Department of Planning, Oxford Brookes University: *Rethinking Urban Governance: A Gramscian Perspective.*
- Jonathan Davies: 4.3.13 - Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice, University of Nottingham: *Whatever Happened to Coercion? A Gramscian Critique of Metagovernance Theory.*
- Jonathan Davies: 7.6.13 – Joint Brunel University/Oxford Brookes University Workshop on Networks, Policy and Governance: *Governance Theory: A Gramscian Critique.*

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- Chris Goldsmith: January 2013 - *'Revisiting the Undergraduate Dissertation'*, BISA Teaching and Learning Group Workshop, School of Oriental And African Studies.
- Clodagh Harrington: October 2013 - *'Never Mind the Details: Here's the Tea Party,'* paper delivered at DMU Working Paper Seminar Series.

Other Speaking Engagements

- Colin Copus: 2013 CPSA Annual Conference University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada June 4th to June 6th 2013 Keynote speaker: Understanding Party Politics in Local Government: Implications for Parties, Power and People.
- Colin Copus: Invited key-note speaker at an event sponsored by the Italian prime Minister's Office and organised by the Devolution Club, on the role of provincial (County government), 28-29th September, 2012.
- Colin Copus: Audit Commission Roundtable, The future for local Government, 19th October 2012.
- Colin Copus: Shropshire Association of Local Councils, workshop: The Localism Act 2011, Shire hall, Shropshire 19th October 2012.
- Colin Copus: Inside Government Conference, Future Councils: New Ways of Working and Delivering Public Services 29th November 2012, Westminster.
- Colin Copus: South East Employers, Enhancing Local Democracy Seminar, 21st June 2013 for practitioners in local government.
- Colin Copus: The Territorial Alliances for Innovation (funded by the observatory for European structural funds) seminar University of Aveiro, Portugal, 19th July 2013
- Colin Copus: Buckinghamshire County Council, scrutiny conference, Aylesbury, 30th October 2013.
- Colin Copus: Istanbul Policy Center seminar, Sabancı University, Centralization versus Decentralization Debate Revisited: Challenges to Local and Regional Governance in Turkey and Europe, İstanbul, on 15-16 November, 2013.
- Colin Copus: Association of Democratic Services Officers National Conference, Birmingham City, 21st November 2013

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- Colin Copus: Centre for Public Scrutiny's 10th Anniversary Roundtable: *The role for leaders in creating an accountable culture in public services*, 3 December 2013, Westminster.
- Jonathan Davies: 23 November 2012 – Keynote Address: Workshop on *Networks and Democracy*, University of Lucerne.
- Chris Goldsmith: Addressed PSA Heads of Department Meeting on Future Issues in The Teaching of Politics, Institute of Government, November 2012.
- Clodagh Harrington: (Student events: Congress to Campus – talk on US Presidency delivered November 2013; Bedford Modern School – talk on US 2012 Elections delivered March 2013).
- Peter King: Keynote plenary speaker at Housing Studies Association Conference, University of York, April 2013.
- Ros Lishman: Conférence Communale du Logement, 20 September 2013 in Grenoble. 16th European Annual Conference of Local Public Enterprises, 30 October 2013 in Paris.
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