



University  
of Glasgow

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Urban Studies has been a stand-alone department at the University since 1996, emerging out of a series of ESRC-funded research centres on housing and urban studies in the 1980s and 1990s. Along with the rest of the University we will be navigating a new academic governance framework and new management structures, established to improve the performance and competitiveness of the University. We anticipate significant changes, including wider collaborations within and beyond SPS, on teaching and research.

We will continue to provide our very successful range of postgraduate and undergraduate degrees. To highlight a few, our MA (Hons) undergraduate programme in Public Policy has the second highest student satisfaction rating for its subject in the UK and is rated first in Scotland and in the top ten in the UK by the *Times Good University Guide*. Our most recently launched MSc programme, Real Estate Planning & Regeneration, has been awarded several prizes. Meanwhile, the postgraduate Housing Studies Programme approaches its 30th birthday, having been relaunched in 2008 with a new,

professionally-accredited programme. Its graduates occupy many of the top positions in social housing in Scotland and beyond.

Urban Studies Review features some of our recent research projects and publications, across a wide range of urban questions, drawing on our multidisciplinary skills. Ninety five percent of our publications entered in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise were rated by the panel as of international quality, and Urban Studies was rated the as the top university research centre in Scotland in our subject area, and among the top six in the UK.

Continuing weakness in the UK economy and forthcoming public expenditure cutbacks, as well as changes brought in by the new Westminster government's policies and programmes are now posing significant challenges for cities and for urban affairs. We aim to continue to be at the forefront of teaching and research, combining academic rigour with a strong application to policy and practice, and communicating our work to diverse audiences, from local activists through to international policy shapers.

**Keith Kintrea**  
Head of Urban Studies

# New research



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## **Youth Gangs & Knife Carrying in Scotland**

Youth gangs continue to preoccupy policy makers and their activities feature heavily in the media. They are routinely associated with 'knife crime', with the sense in the public debate that gangs are widely prevalent and public safety is at significant risk. In spite of this relatively little is known about gangs and those who participate in them.

Set against this context, the Scottish Government has commissioned a team led by Jon Bannister, and including Jon Pickering and Keith Kintrea, to carry out research to improve the understanding of gang activity and knife carrying in Scotland, with a view to shaping more effective interventions. The research team is engaged in profiling what is currently known about gangs and knife carrying in Scotland's main cities and, in interviews with gang members and weapon carriers, is exploring the immediate triggers and underlying causes of gang participation.

## **Planning with Indigenous Customary Land Rights**

Libby Porter, Lecturer in Spatial Planning, has gained a highly competitive Economic & Social Research Council 'First Grants' Award for a two-year study of shifts in planning law and governance in Canada and Australia.

Indigenous people around the world are asking for their rights in land to be fully recognised to address historical land injustices. This means that modern nation-states must consider their relationships with land based on communal ownership and oral law systems, bringing new challenges for allocating and managing land and its use. The research will investigate the contemporary interface between planning systems and indigenous peoples by analysing innovations in land use planning systems in Australia and Canada that are responding to this recognition of Indigenous land rights.

## **Housing & Exclusion: Welfare Policies, Housing Provision & Labour Markets**

Mark Stephens is leading an international and multidisciplinary research team that is exploring the relationships between welfare states, housing systems and labour markets. The €350,000 contract was awarded by the European Commission's Directorate General on Employment, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities.

The project is examining the role that housing plays in ameliorating, exacerbating (or merely replicating) the inequalities that arise from the operation of the labour market and the tax and social security system. Previously, housing has generally been excluded from studies of welfare regimes. The project will also examine the employment effects of housing by establishing how it affects replacement ratios and reservation wages.

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#### **Local Effects of Global Climate Change (EPSRC)**

Gwilym Pryce is one of the partners in a new £1.6m research consortium looking at the local impacts of climate change. Funded by the EPSRC to explore Community Resilience to Extreme Weather, the CREW research team spans fourteen UK universities and draws together a wide spectrum of academic disciplines. The aim of the project is to channel the scientific outputs of weather simulation and socio-economic models into a set of web-based tools for mapping likely future extreme weather events and their socio-economic impacts. This output will embody three years of research spread across a series of five inter-linked Programme Packages. The University of Glasgow's contribution is to develop a suite of statistical models that quantify and simulate the socio-economic impacts of current and future extreme weather events (particularly flooding) at a neighbourhood level.

#### **GoWell: Glasgow Community Health & Wellbeing Research & Learning Programme**

Ade Kearns is one of the Principal Investigators of GoWell, and the research team involves Phil Mason, Louise Lawson and Julie Clark, plus staff from the Medical Research Council Social & Public Health Sciences Unit.

It commenced in 2006 and is a ten-year research and learning programme, funded by Glasgow Housing Association, Glasgow Centre for Population Health, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, NHS Health Scotland and the Scottish Government. Its aim is to investigate the health and wellbeing impact of investment in housing and neighbourhood improvements in 15 disadvantaged areas, using cross sectional and longitudinal surveys. GoWell aims to establish the nature and extent of these impacts, to learn about the relative effectiveness of different approaches, and to inform policy and practice in Scotland and beyond.

There are three overarching drivers: the opportunity that large-scale investment in housing and neighbourhood regeneration currently taking place in Glasgow presents; the lack of evidence about whether and how housing and neighbourhood investments improve health and wellbeing; and the enduring, and in some cases widening, health inequalities in Glasgow.

For further information and publications, visit [www.gowellonline.co.uk](http://www.gowellonline.co.uk)



# New books and reports



The report *Developing Safety Nets for Homeowners* gained significant media coverage.

*Young people & Territoriality* was reported by over 200 media outlets and was featured by BBC1, Sky1 and *The Guardian*.

## Homeownership in recession

*Developing Safety Nets for Homeowners* was published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation as the housing market headed towards recession. It gained significant coverage in the print media and its lead author, Mark Stephens, was interviewed on the BBC Radio 4 Today programme. The report was subject to invited presentations at the Department of Communities & Local Government and the Council of Mortgage Lenders' Arrears Panel. It also formed part of a round-table discussion that included the UK Government Housing Minister at a joint meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Homelessness and on Debt & Personal Finance.

A further report edited by Mark Stephens, *Housing Market Recessions & Sustainable Home-ownership*, also received widespread newspaper coverage and formed the basis of a Chatham House-style discussion that included a wide range of stakeholders.

The reports are available at:

- [www.jrf.org.uk/publications/developing-safety-nets-home-owners](http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/developing-safety-nets-home-owners).
- [www.jrf.org.uk/publications/housing-market-recessions-and-sustainable-home-ownership](http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/housing-market-recessions-and-sustainable-home-ownership).

## Urban regeneration in China

*Urban Regeneration of Industrial Areas: Affordable Housing for Low Income People in Cities* was co-authored by David Webster, Honorary Senior Research Fellow. The report was funded by the Department of International Development and produced as part of the UK-China Sustainable

Development Dialogue, a partnership between the UK and Chinese governments designed to promote collaboration and good practice on sustainable development.

It was produced as part of research on the best ways to regenerate old industrial cities and to provide affordable housing to low income households, and aims to equip practitioners to apply sustainable development know-how in the urban realm.

It examines the foundations of housing policy and urban regeneration policy in the UK and in China, and includes case studies of Nanjing and Wuhan in China as well as Sheffield and Glasgow. The findings were presented at the 3rd Asia Expert Workshop on City Regeneration and at China's National Planning Conference in Tianjin in autumn 2009.

The report is available at:

- [www.dfid.gov.uk/Where-we-work/Asia-East--Pacific/China/China-sustainable-development/](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Where-we-work/Asia-East--Pacific/China/China-sustainable-development/)

## Territoriality in British cities

*Young People and Territoriality in British Cities* by Keith Kintrea, Jon Bannister and Jon Pickering was reported by over 200 media outlets in the UK, and highlighted in a four page feature in *G2 (The Guardian)*, and on BBC1 and Sky1. The team was invited to present the findings of the report to the UK Home Office, to the Youth Justice Board, to the Scottish Government's Violence Reduction Unit, to two practitioner/academic networks focused on young people, and as plenary sessions at two academic conferences.

## Lower house prices will not improve affordability in the long run. Higher levels of building are required.



Andrew Millie's new book examines the implications of anti-social behaviour for society in the 21st century.

The report examines territorial behaviour in young people in disadvantaged areas in cities in England and Scotland. Young people often had positive motivations for becoming involved in territoriality, such as developing their identity and friendships. But strong territorial identities frequently led to conflict with groups from other areas, leading to the risk of assault and criminalisation. The invisible geographical barriers created by territoriality often led to problems with access to education, leisure and relationships.

*Young People & Territoriality* is available from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation website at [www.jrf.org.uk/publications/young-people-and-territoriality-british-cities](http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/young-people-and-territoriality-british-cities).

### Urban regeneration policies around the globe

Libby Porter and Kate Shaw (University of Melbourne) put together *Whose Urban Renaissance? An International Comparison of Urban Regeneration Strategies* (Routledge, 2008). It is a unique exploration of urban regeneration around the globe. It examines the desire of city governments for a 'renaissance' of their inner areas, which has become a defining feature of contemporary urban policy. From Berlin and Toronto to Johannesburg and Beijing, government policies are succeeding in attracting investment and middle-class populations (back) to their inner areas. *Whose Urban Renaissance?* expands understanding of who participates in and benefits from this 'urban renaissance'.

A key focus of the book is on instances where policy has been used to achieve

socially equitable outcomes; harnessing the benefits of regeneration without displacing or excluding vulnerable residents.

*Whose Urban Renaissance?* edited by Libby Porter and Kate Shaw is published by Routledge, ISBN 9780 415 456821.

### Housing supply and affordability

Chris Leishman led a consortium developing a new model of the Scottish Housing market, prompted by the recognition that the supply of housing is lower than required by rates of household formation. The objective of the model is to predict future house price levels and earnings from employment which can be combined to indicate housing affordability. The model predicts periods of high house price growth over the next 30 years and static or slightly deteriorating affordability. It shows that prices, while falling sharply at present, are likely to return to their recent high level in the long term, assuming historic rates of house building continue.

A focus of the report is the potential impact of new supply reaching 35,000 units per year. This would lead to an improvement in affordability. However, new building will make more difference in Ayrshire, Glasgow and Dundee than it would in Edinburgh where a stronger rise in completions would be necessary to make much impact.

Since the credit crunch, house prices have been falling. Yet, *The Scottish Model of Housing Supply & Affordability* predicts that this will not improve affordability in the longer term; higher levels of new house building are necessary.

*The Scottish Model of Housing Supply & Affordability Final Report* by Chris Leishman, Ken Gibb et al is published by the Scottish Government at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/12/17094317/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/12/17094317/0).

### Anti-social behaviour

The subject of anti-social behaviour has been given a huge amount of political, social, media, public policy and academic interest in recent years. In his new book, Andrew Millie introduces the concept of anti-social behaviour and examines its implications for society in the 21st century. The chapters explore:

- the origins of the term
- different causes and types of ASB
- theoretical frameworks for ASB and ASB control
- how the UK deals with ASB compared to other countries
- the rise of the ASBO
- alternative enforcement options
- methods of prevention
- the future for ASB

Andrew has also published an edited collection on the (former) UK government's 'respect' agenda, in which ten authors consider the its origins, interpretations and possible future.

*Anti-social Behaviour* by Andrew Millie is published by Open University Press, Maidenhead ISBN 0335229166.

*Securing Respect: Behavioural Expectations & Anti-social Behaviour in the UK* edited by Andrew Millie is published by the Policy Press, Bristol. ISBN 9781847420936.





# Awards



Gwilym Pryce won The Hypotecní Banka Award at the European Network of Housing Research Conference for his paper *Social Segmentation, Housing Submarkets & Dwelling Substitutability*.

Rebecca Madgin's PhD Thesis focussed on decisions to re-use or demolish historic industrial buildings in Britain and France.

## European Award Winning PhD Thesis

Rebecca Madgin was awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the EU Committee of the Regions in its 2009 Doctoral Thesis Competition on Local and Regional Authorities.

Rebecca's PhD *Urban Renaissance: The Meaning, Management & Manipulation of Place, 1945-2000* is concerned with decisions to re-use or demolish historic industrial buildings during the process of urban regeneration in Britain and France. The thesis identified a four-stage process of place making in which decisions whether, and how, to re-use or demolish historic buildings were made. The thesis concluded that the decision to retain or demolish the historic environment rested on three points: the psychological consequences of losing part of the historic environment, the institutional framework and organisational structures of governance in each city, and the inherent malleability of the historic environment which enabled it to be manipulated at every stage to legitimate positions, secure visions and implement plans.

This research is now available as a monograph: **R Madgin** (2009) *Heritage, Culture and Conservation: Managing the Urban Renaissance*, Saarbrücken: VDM Verlag.

## Top paper at the European Network for Housing Research Conference

*Social Segmentation, Housing Submarkets & Dwelling Substitutability* by Gwilym Pryce, won the *The Hypotecní Banka Award* for the best conference paper in 2009.

Spatial segmentation, and the associated issues of social cohesion and integration, have become central to debates about the nature of a good society. Surprisingly, the literature on housing market segmentation has remained relatively detached from these issues. One reason for this is the failure to find a technique to identify submarkets that is conducive to integrating submarkets research with issues of social segmentation and territoriality.

Gwilym's paper attempts to establish criteria that submarket methodologies need to meet in order to investigate the connections with social segmentation. A new methodology is proposed, grounded in the notion of submarkets as a function of substitutability, with a view to helping researchers to connect these two literatures and explore nature and meaning of submarkets in a more robust and purposeful way.

# Teaching and learning programmes



The strengths of the MA(Hons) Public Policy degree lie in its diverse topics and innovative teaching and learning methods.

The MSc in Public Policy is aimed at those seeking to influence policy outcomes in local and central government.

## **MA(Hons) Public Policy**

Urban Studies' undergraduate programme is the MA(Hons) in Public Policy. Its strengths lie in its diverse topics and innovative teaching and learning methods, including field trips that nurture insight to the applied focus of Public Policy. In its subject area it is ranked 1st in Scotland and 8th in the UK in the *Times Good University Guide 2010*, and it has a 95% satisfaction rate in the *2009 National Student Survey*, ranking it second in the UK.

A unique feature is the opportunity for Honours students to take part in 'Service-Learning'. This is a structured form of experiential learning based on ideas of John Dewey and Paulo Friere that combines academic study with service to the community through placements with voluntary sector agencies.

## **MSc Public Policy**

The MSc Public Policy is designed for those who work, or who would like to work, in a broad range of public sector, voluntary and charitable organisations, including the civil service and local government. It is especially valuable for those seeking to influence or evaluate policy outcomes or who are interested to understand more about how policy decisions come to be made in contemporary society.

In 2010, 26 civil service trainees from Romania began a one-year Masters programme funded by the Romanian Government's 'Scholar Young

Professionals' scheme. Students are taking a bespoke programme partly in the Department of Urban Studies leading to MSc or Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) in Public Policy & Management.

The new programme, provided by Urban Studies and the Department of Management, aims to develop future public sector leaders who understand both the organisational contexts and challenges that face governments, and the processes and politics of policy formation and delivery.

## **MSc Real Estate, Planning & Regeneration (REPR)**

The Real Estate, Planning & Regeneration (REPR) Programme provides professionally accredited education for those looking for a career in urban-use planning, property development and related areas. It continues to be a great success, with over 50 students registered. We have attracted applicants from across the globe, from Poland, Greece, China, the USA, Canada, Japan, Thailand, Nigeria and Ghana among others.

Recent highlights include some high profile speakers: John MacBean (National Director Jones Lang LaSalle), Jim Mackinnon (Chief Planner, Scottish Government) and Chairman of Quality Street Residential Investments, Paul Mugnaioni.

We have also launched the REPR Alumni network and the REPR Scholarships Scheme.

Our teaching programmes combine academic rigour with a strong application to policy and practice.



'Glasgow has set the benchmark for interdisciplinary masters courses...a truly innovative programme.'

RTPI Awards Panel

The new flexible Housing Studies Programme gives a choice of three specialist routes and leads to full CIH membership.

REPR secured a double coup at the *Royal Town Planning Institute Awards* in 2009 by winning two out of three education and lifelong learning honours. The award for excellence in planning education went to the MSc programme in Real Estate, Planning & Regeneration.

George Weeks, who gained his MSc in City Planning & Real Estate Development, also won the award for outstanding student achievement in planning education. George has recently moved on to Cambridge take up a PhD studentship.

#### **Housing Studies Programme**

The Housing Studies Programme aims to provide a secure base of knowledge and skills for those who work, or who want to work, in the housing profession. It was re-launched for 2008-09, and re-validated by the Chartered Institute of Housing. The new programme has expanded the range of options and leads to one of three qualifications, all available at Post Graduate Diploma or at MSc level:

- Housing Studies: Housing Services & Delivery
- Housing Studies: Housing Development & Regeneration
- Housing Studies: Housing Policy & Analysis.

This flexibility reflects changes within the housing profession as services increasingly operate in more commercial environments and therefore need to draw on a wider range of specialist and analytical skills within their staff teams. Another new feature

is that students will be eligible for full membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) immediately on qualifying as a result of the incorporation of APEX (practical experience) requirements into the course.

In 2010 we held a Employers Conference with external and Urban Studies speakers.

#### **MSc in Urban Policy & Practice**

This is one of Urban Studies' most long-standing and successful postgraduate programmes. For over 20 years, it has brought together people working in diverse areas of the public and voluntary sectors who share an interest in the regeneration or development of our cities, towns and neighbourhoods. Students' experience has been enhanced in recent years by the development of new MSc programmes - in Public Policy and in Planning Real Estate & Regeneration - enabling us to offer a wider menu of options and exposure to more diverse perspectives.

The current economic downturn has demanded significant review and reflection. Will the recession create a new set of declining areas or will the cities and neighbourhoods that struggled to reinvent themselves in the 1980s and 1990s be worst hit again? Will pressing economic problems lead to social and environmental issues taking second place? Will the emphasis on inclusive partnership working take second place to more centralised ways of working?

# Conferences and events



In 2009, Urban Studies hosted the Housing Assets, Housing People conference, which was attended by over 200 delegates.

The ESRC Seminar Series on Urban Design featured extended open discussion with key interest groups and decision makers.

## Housing Assets, Housing People

In autumn 2009 Urban Studies hosted the international housing research conference on behalf of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 43 (Housing & The Built Environment). Kenneth Gibb, as Conference Chair, welcomed more than 200 delegates from over 40 countries who between them presented 160 papers and keynote addresses.

The aim of the conference was to try to learn lessons and share international experience about how communities, cities and nations with very different housing systems are responding to the housing and wider economic crisis.

In the UK, the housing sector has become intimately bound up with the performance of the broad economy. The credit crunch has brought mortgage finance to a grinding halt, bursting the house price bubble and has spilled over into the 'buy to let' sector. It has also made private finance much harder to borrow for housing associations, hampering government attempts to build more social housing.

Keynote papers were presented by Dan Immergluck (Georgia Institute of Technology, USA), Yosuke Hirayama (Kobe University, Japan), Susan Smith (University of Durham), Chris Hamnett (Kings College London) and Duncan Maclennan (University of St Andrews).

Alex Neil, Minister for Housing & Communities in the Scottish Government also addressed the conference. Presenters analysed the causes of the crisis, its impacts, current policy responses and alternative approaches for the future.

We are grateful to the sponsors of the conference: The Scottish Government; Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Glasgow Housing Association, Chartered Institute of Housing, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, Glasgow City Council, Taylor & Francis, Emerald and The Housing Studies Association.

To find out more about the conference, go to [www.glasgow.ac.uk/events/housing](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/events/housing).

## ESRC Seminar Series: Urban Design & The British Urban Renaissance

Bringing a strong emphasis on urban design to bear on the well-established social, economic and environmental objectives of urban regeneration, the Urban Renaissance agenda envisaged a 'design-led' regeneration of English cities. Steve Tiesdell (with John Punter (Cardiff), Michael Hebbert (Manchester) and Matthew Carmona (University College London), organised a series of four two-day seminars seeking to provide a national, more comprehensive picture of the realities of renaissance and a critique of the effectiveness of urban design as public policy.

The city of Glasgow, with its many social and economic challenges, provides a vivid 'laboratory' for our work.



A series of conferences and seminars have focused on the legacy of games events as a prelude to research on the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Kate Barker argued that a growing regulation burden was endangering the recovery of the construction sector.

Three of the four seminars focused on four cities, with the London seminar looking at four areas of central London. Presentations, critiques and commentaries came in each case from the local public sector, academics, and development, conservation and community interests, followed by an extended open discussion with an invited audience of key local stakeholders and decision makers.

Critiques of each city together with the wider lessons and policy implications are brought together in *Urban Design & The British Urban Renaissance*, Routledge, 2010.

#### **2014 Commonwealth Games**

A research cluster in Urban Studies led by Annette Hastings focuses on the Glasgow Commonwealth Games. A series of conferences and seminars have been developed focusing on the legacy of the earlier games events, as a prelude to research in Glasgow.

The 2009 conference *Getting Ahead of the Games in Glasgow* heard presentations on health impacts (Gerry McCartney, MRC Social & Public Health Sciences Unit), participation in physical activity (Mike Weed, Canterbury Christ Church University) and volunteering (Rita Ralston, Manchester Metropolitan University).

Seminars in 2010 have focused on housing rights (Claire Mahon, Academy of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights and Graduate Institute of

International & Development Studies), planning for the Olympics legacy (Baroness Ford, Chair of the London 2012 Legacy Delivery Company, John Gold (Oxford Brookes University) and Margaret Gold (London Metropolitan University), the co-authors of *Olympic Cities*).

#### **Housing Supply & The Credit Crunch, with Kate Barker**

Urban Studies hosted the seminar *Housing Cycles, Financial Crises & the Supply of Housing*. It was chaired by Duncan MacLennan (University of St Andrews) with invited speakers and discussants including Kate Barker (Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee), Glen Bramley (Heriot Watt University) Eric Levin and Gwilym Pryce. Attendees included representatives from the Scottish government, local government, the construction and real estate sectors and universities.

Eric Levin and Gwilym Pryce considered how supply responsiveness can change over the cycle and demonstrated how falling real interest rates could explain both the rise in house prices in the long housing boom that peaked in 2008 and the apparently paradoxical sluggishness of housing supply over the same period.

Kate Barker compared the subprime crisis in the USA with the housing market downturn in the UK, and highlighted the growing regulatory burden that was in danger of stifling the recovery of the construction sector.

# Teaching and research staff



We are one of the largest centres for urban research in the UK.

## Recent arrivals

### Professor Mark Stephens

Mark Stephens joined Urban Studies in 2009 as Professor in Urban Economics. Previously he was Assistant Director of the Centre for Housing Policy at the University of York. Mark's research interests include comparative housing policy, mortgage finance and home-ownership in advanced and transition economies, and the relationships between social security, labour markets and housing systems.

### Dr Andrew Millie

Andrew Millie is Senior Research Fellow in Urban Crime & Disorder. He arrives from Loughborough University where he was Senior Lecturer in Criminology & Social Policy. He is the author of *Anti-social Behaviour* (Open University Press, 2009) and editor of *Securing Respect* (Policy Press, 2009). Andrew's current research focuses on how urban spaces are used and how this relates to expectations of what is acceptable, anti-social or criminal behaviour.

### Dr Libby Porter

Libby Porter joined Urban Studies from the University of Sheffield as a Lecturer, and is teaching on MSc in Real Estate, Planning & Regeneration. Originally from Australia, Libby worked as a practicing planner in local authorities and on research and metropolitan policy development with the Victorian State Government. Libby's research interests span urban governance and planning, sustainable development, regeneration and gentrification, and planning in postcolonial contexts.

## Academic staff

- **David Adams**  
Professor (Ian Mactaggart Chair of Property and Urban Studies);  
Director of Research
- **Nick Bailey**  
Senior Lecturer;  
Director of Teaching & Learning
- **Jon Bannister**  
Senior Lecturer
- **Janice Barry**  
Research Fellow
- **Yu Chen**  
Research Fellow
- **Julie Clark**  
Research Fellow
- **Rob Croudace**  
Lecturer
- **Susan Deeley**  
University Teacher;  
Convenor, MA(Hons) Public Policy
- **Kenneth Gibb**  
Professor
- **Annette Hastings**  
Senior Lecturer
- **Ade Kearns**  
Professor of Urban Studies; Principal Investigator, GoWell Programme
- **Keith Kintrea**  
Senior Lecturer;  
Head of Urban Studies
- **Louise Lawson**  
Research Fellow
- **Chris Leishman**  
Professor of Housing & Urban Economics
- **Mark Livingston**  
Research Fellow
- **Mhairi Mackenzie**  
Senior Lecturer;  
Convenor, PhD Programme
- **Rebecca Madgin**  
Research Fellow
- **Phil Mason**  
Research Fellow

PhD students enjoy a strong research culture and excellent links with the policy community.



- **Andrew Millie**  
Senior Research Fellow
- **Moira Munro**  
Professor in Public Policy;  
Director of Urban Policy and Public Policy MSc Programmes
- **Allison Orr**  
Senior Lecturer;  
Director of MSc Programme in Real Estate Planning & Regeneration
- **Charlotte Pearson**  
Lecturer
- **Jon Pickering**  
Lecturer
- **Libby Porter**  
Lecturer
- **Gwilym Pryce**  
Professor of Urban Economics & Social Statistics
- **Maggie Reid**  
Research Fellow
- **Nigel Sprigings**  
Lecturer;  
Director of Housing Studies Programme
- **Mark Stephens**  
Professor in Urban Economics
- **Steve Tiesdell**  
Senior Lecturer

#### PhD students and research topics

- **Carole Anderson**  
Negotiating Infant Feeding in the Private & Public Spheres
- **Lisa Bradley**  
Cultural Policy & Contemporary Governance
- **Chris Brown**  
Women in Low Income Families
- **Brian Chaplin**  
Health, Wellbeing & Social Capital
- **Julie Clark**  
Social Inclusion & the Urban Renaissance Without the Car

- **Elaine Conway**  
Asylum Seeking Women & Domestic Abuse
- **Kieran Durkin**  
Theory & Policy in Mental Health
- **Barbara Gear**  
Anti-social Behaviour
- **Abdel Hamid El-Kafrawy**  
Housing Finance in Egypt
- **Carlos Hernandez-Velasco**  
International Cities in Mexico
- **Min Ah Jung**  
Comparative Study of Housing Allowances
- **Colleen Kerr**  
Health & Wellbeing in Mixed Communities
- **Rowena Lee**  
Reducing Risks in Property Development in Hong Kong
- **Douglas Lindsay**  
City Regions, Internal Functions & Interrelationships
- **Michael Lloyd**  
Housing Affordability & Consumer Behaviour
- **Claudia MacDonald**  
Sustaining Social Housing Demand
- **Zhan McIntyre**  
Gentrification in Glasgow
- **Craig Moore**  
The Availability of Residential Land
- **Daniel Pace**  
Housing Association Regulation
- **Maggie Reid**  
Engagement in Anticipatory Health Care Services
- **Stacey Ryan**  
Government Policy & Legislation Towards Rape & Sexual Offences
- **Martin Taulbut**  
Economic Change & Welfare Reform in Scotland
- **Filippo Trevisan**  
Disabled People & the Internet

- **Georgiana Varna**  
A New Culture of Public Space: Waterfront Regeneration in Scotland & Romania
- **Victoria Williams**  
Obesity, Identity & Health Promotion Among Adults with Learning Disabilities

#### Honorary and visiting staff

- **Rowland Atkinson**  
Honorary Senior Research Fellow
- **Trevor Davies**  
Honorary Professor
- **David Donnison**  
Emeritus Professor;  
Honorary Senior Research Fellow
- **George Galster**  
Visiting Professor
- **Sonia Guelton**  
Visiting Senior Research Fellow
- **Stuart Hashagen**  
Honorary Research Fellow
- **Gesa Helms**  
Honorary Research Fellow
- **Michael Lennon**  
Honorary Professor
- **Bill Lever**  
Emeritus Professor;  
Honorary Senior Research Fellow
- **Eric Levin**  
Honorary Research Fellow
- **Kevin Murray**  
Honorary Professor
- **Sako Musterd**  
Visiting Professor
- **Anthony J O'Sullivan**  
Honorary Professor
- **John Parr**  
Emeritus Professor;  
Honorary Senior Research Fellow
- **Ivan Turok**  
Honorary Professor
- **David Webster**  
Honorary Senior Research Fellow

# Selected staff publications



Ninety-five percent of publications entered in the 2008 RAE were rated as 'international quality'.

**Adams, D., Cartlidge, L., Leishman, C. & Watkins, C.** 2008, *Understanding Builder To Builder Residential Land Transactions*, Report to Department for Communities & Local Government

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