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**TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**University College London (UCL), Department of Political Science and School of Public Policy**

Director of Research (2018-present)  
Reader (now Associate Professor) in Political Science (2017-present)  
Senior Lecturer in Political Science (2014-2017)  
Lecturer in Political Science (2012-2014)

**University of California, Berkeley, Center for the Study of Law and Society/Boalt Law School**

Visiting Scholar (2015)

**Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris**

Invited Professor (2011 and 2014)

**University of Oxford, Centre for Socio-legal Studies (CSLS)**

Associate Fellow (2011-2016)  
British Academy Post-doctoral Fellowship (2010-2011)

**London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Centre for the Study of Human Rights**

Economic and Social Research Council Post-doctoral Fellow (2009)

**EDUCATION**

**University of Oxford, Nuffield College and Department of Politics (2006-2008)**

DPhil in Political Science, Clarendon Fund Scholar (full-funding)  
Supervisor: Dr Katrin Auel  
Thesis title: *Making Rights a Reality? Disability Rights Activists and Legal Mobilization in Canada and the United Kingdom*

**University of Oxford, Hertford College (2003-2005)**

Distinction in the MPhil in Politics: European Politics and Society (the first student in the history of the programme to achieve a distinction)  
Supervisor: Professor R. Daniel Kelemen  
Thesis title: *European Litigation Strategies, Equality Activists and EU Anti-Discrimination Law*

**McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1999-2003)**

First Class Honours B.A. in Political Science, Minor in French.

**L'Institut d'Études Politiques (Sciences Po), Paris, France (2001-2002)**

Diplôme du Programme International

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

*Making Disability Rights a Reality? Disability Rights Activists and Legal Mobilization in Canada and the United Kingdom*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

- Winner of the Socio-legal Studies Association and Hart Early Career Prize 2012
- Winner of the Best Book in Comparative Politics, Canadian Political Science Association 2012

- Reviewed in *Human Rights Review*, *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, *Social Movement Studies*

### Journal special issue

- Co-editor (with Professor Chris Hilson), Symposium on Climate Change Litigation. *Law & Policy* 35(3) 2013.

### Peer-reviewed articles

Is Legal Mobilization for the Birds? Legal Opportunity Structures and Environmental Nongovernmental Organisations in the United Kingdom, France, Finland and Italy. *Comparative Political Studies*. 51(3), 2018, pp. 380-412.

'Let Us Learn': Legal Mobilization for the Rights of Young Migrants to Access Student Loans in the UK. *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, 10(3), 2018, pp. 439–460. With Shauneen Lambe and Rachel Knowles.

Mobilizing European Law. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 25(9), 2018, pp. 1376-1389. With Lisa Conant, Andreas Hoffman and Dagmar Soennecken.

Shaping the Structure of Legal Opportunities: Environmental NGOs Bringing International Environmental Procedural Rights Back Home. *Law & Policy*. 40(1), 2018, pp. 110-127.

Process Tracing in the Study of Environmental Politics. *Global Environmental Politics*. 17(4), 2017, pp. 88-105.

Framing Climate Change Loss and Damage in the UNFCCC Negotiations. *Global Environmental Politics* 16(4), 2016, pp. 111-129. With Cecilie Hestbaek.

Legal Mobilization under Neo-corporatist Governance: Environmental NGOs before the Conseil d'Etat in France (1975-2010). *Journal of Law and Courts* 4(1), 2016, pp. 103-130.

The Diffusion of Disability Rights in Europe. *Human Rights Quarterly* 37(4), 2015, pp. 831-853.

The Comparative Politics of Courts and Climate Change. *Environmental Politics* 22(3), 2013, pp. 447-474.

Climate Change Litigation: Symposium Introduction. *Law & Policy* 35(3), 2013, pp. 141-149.

Civil Society Organisations and the Aarhus Convention in Court: Judicialization from Below in Scotland? *Representation* 49(3), 2013. Special Issue: Role of Courts in a Democracy, pp. 309-320

Legal Opportunity Structures and the Paradox of Legal Mobilization by the Environmental Movement in the UK. *Law & Society Review* 46(3), 2012, pp. 523-556.

Social Movements Lashing Back: Law, Social Change and Socio-legal Backlash in Canada. *Studies in Law, Politics and Society* 54, 2011, pp. 113-140.

The Shift to the Rights Model of Disability in the EU and Canada. With R. Daniel Kelemen, *Regional and Federal Studies* 20(1), 2010, pp. 1-18.

Twenty-five Years of Disability Equality? Interpreting Disability Rights in the Supreme Court of Canada. *Common Law World Review* 39(1), 2010, pp. 27-47.

Disability Activists in the Supreme Court of Canada: Legal Mobilization and Accommodating Social Movements. *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 42(4), 2009, pp. 981-1002.

Anti-discrimination Policy Actors and their use of Litigation Strategies: the Influence of Identity Politics.  
*Journal of European Public Policy* 16(5), 2009, pp. 738-754.

Fighting Discrimination through Litigation in the UK: The Social Model of Disability and the EU Anti-discrimination Directive. *Disability and Society* 21(5), 2006, pp. 551-565.

### **Book chapters**

Meaning Frames, Opportunity Structures and Rights in the Canadian Disability Rights Movement in Miriam Smith (ed), *Group Politics and Social Movements*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2014.

Legal Mobilization. In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Political Science*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011

## **GRANTS**

### **Major grants**

#### **European Research Council Starting Grant (Principal Investigator, External Grant)**

Title: The Politics of Climate Change Loss and Damage

Duration: May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

Amount awarded: €1 471 530 (£1 342 762)

#### **ESRC Future Research Leaders Fellowship (Principal Investigator, External Grant)**

Title: The Judicialization of Climate Change Politics: A Comparative Analysis of the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada

Duration: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

Amount awarded: £179 574

#### **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship (Principal Investigator, External Grant)**

Title: Beyond Just Law and Politics: A Socio-legal Analysis of Legal Mobilisation by European Environmental Movements

Duration: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012

Amount awarded: £245 867

#### **ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (Principal Investigator, External Grant)**

Title: Making Disability Rights a Reality? Legal Mobilisation and Rights Activists

Duration: April 1 2009 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 (declined final three months of funding)

Amount awarded: £79 250

### **Smaller grants**

#### **UCL Grand Challenge for Justice and Equality - Response to Ageing (PI, Internal Grant)**

Title: Justice in Society's Response to Ageing: Use of Law and Human Rights in the Ageing Sector

Duration: 2018

Amount awarded: £2200

#### **UCL Grand Challenge of Justice and Equality Small Grant (Principal Investigator, Internal Grant)**

Title: Barriers to justice? Legal costs and accessing the Judicial Review Courts

Duration: 2017-2018

Amount awarded: £4000

#### **UCL Fair Chances Growing Up Fund Small Grant (Principal Investigator, Internal Grant)**

Title: Evaluating Strategic Litigation on Children and Young People's Rights

Duration: 2017  
Amount Awarded: £2550

**UCL 'Sea and Currents' Fund Small Grant (Principal Investigator, Internal Grant)**

Title: Legal Mobilization in Europe  
Duration: 2016-2017  
Amount awarded: £3450

**UCL SHS Faculty Small Grant (Principal Investigator, Internal Grant)**

Title: Workshop on Climate Change Loss and Damage  
Duration: October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016  
Amount awarded: £3000

**UCL CHIRP Small Grant (Co-investigator with Dr. Jeff King, UCL Laws, Internal Grant)**

Title: Legal Mobilisation in the UK: A Comparative Perspective  
Duration: July 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014  
Amount awarded: £4971

**Socio-legal Studies Association Small Grant (Principal Investigator, External Grant)**

Title: The Diffusion of Disability Rights: A Case Study of France  
Duration: 2012 to 2014  
Amount awarded: £1700

**British Academy Small Grant (Principal Investigator, External Grant)**

Title: Funding for Fieldwork to support British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Duration: 2011  
Amount awarded: £ 6900

**British Academy Conference Grant (Co-investigator with Professor Chris Hilson, University of Reading, External Grant)**

Title: Workshop on Climate Change Litigation, Policy and Mobilization  
Duration 2011-2012  
Amount awarded: £ 7000

**CONSULTANCY AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE (SELECTION)**

- Equality and Human Rights Commission, *Evaluating How Legal Work Creates Change*.(2019) With Jacqui Kinghan.
- The Legal Education Foundation and BBC Children in Need, *Learning Partner*. (2018-2020) With Jacqui Kinghan and Shauneen Lambe.
- The Baring Foundation, *Learning Partner to the Strengthening Civil Society Programme* (2018-2020). With Dr Jacqui Kinghan and NPC
- Lankelly Chase and Public Law Project, *Learning Partner for Project on Use of the Law to Achieve Systems Change for those facing Severe and Multiple Disadvantage* (2017-2018). With Dr Jacqui Kinghan.
- Just for Kids Law, Evaluated the Impact of Just for Kids Law's Strategic Intervention in *Tigere* (2017)
- The Baring Foundation, *Working Paper: Examples of Successful Strategic Litigation in the UK* (2016)
- The Baring Foundation, *Working Paper: Framework for Better Use of the Law and Human Rights-based Approaches* (2016)
- UCL, Convened practitioner workshop on *Climate Change Litigation: An International Picture* (2017)
- UCL, Co-convened practitioner workshop on *Use of the Law by Civil Society in the UK* with Professor Jeff King.

- European Consortium for Political Research, Co-chaired five-day Joint Sessions Workshop on *European Legal Mobilization* (2013).
- British Academy, Co-convened workshop on *Climate Change Litigation* (2012).
- Greenpeace International, facilitated workshop on *Development of a Global Legal Strategy* (2013).

### INVITED TALKS (SELECTION)

OxonCourts Colloquium, Oxford University (2 November 2018) Seminar on *Is Legal Mobilization for the Birds?*

SOAS, Law, Environment and Development Centre (1 November 1 2018). London. Lecture on *The Politics of Climate Change Loss and Damage*.

UCL, Centre for Law and Environment Annual Lecture (30 October 2018). London. *Is Legal Mobilization for the Birds?*

National Council of Voluntary Organisations Annual Campaigning Conference (10 September 2018). London. Delivered workshop on *Using the Law as Part of your Campaign* (with Shauneen Lambe).

Doughty Street Chambers (17 May 2018). Invited Speaker on *Evaluating Strategic Litigation*.

Oñati Institute of the Sociology of Law Workshop on *Climate Change, Regulation, Litigation and Governance* (27 and 28 July 2017). Oñati, Spain.

University of Barcelona, Invited Speaker at Workshop on *Strategic Litigation in Europe* (June 1-2 2017), Barcelona, Spain.

Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) Annual Conference, Plenary Panel on *Re-inventing Human Rights Research* (September 1 to 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016). Utrecht, Netherlands.

UNICEF UK/UCL Global Governance Institute, *Roundtable on Human Rights and Climate Change* (June 24<sup>th</sup> 2016). London, UK.

EHESS and Institut d'Etudes Avancées, Workshop on *Droit, Mobilisations, Discriminations* (June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016). Paris, France.

Baring Foundation, Meeting of Trust and City Law Firm, Presentation of *Making Better Use of the Law*, (May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016). London, UK.

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Workshop on *Implementation and Judicial Politics: Conflict and Compliance in the EU Multi-level System* (March 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 2016). Berlin, Germany.

York University DAAD Workshop on *Legal Mobilization in Germany and Europe* (February 13<sup>th</sup> 2015). Toronto, Canada.

Yale/UNITAR Workshop on *Human Rights, Climate Governance & Environmental Justice* (16 November 2013) at the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties. Warsaw, Poland.

University of Dundee, Law School Seminar (23 October 2013). *Environmental NGOs and the Judicialization of Environmental Politics*. Dundee.

Government of France, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (9 October 2013). *Disability Rights Activists and the Use of Law*. Paris.

UCL Environment Institute Workshop on *Designing Environmental Protection: Law, Regulation and the Environment in the European Union* (22 May 2012). London, UK.

University of Oxford, Centre for Socio-legal Studies (declined due to teaching commitments 2013).

Oñati Institute of the Sociology of Law Workshop on *Law, Rights and Social Mobilization* (16 and 17 June 2011). Oñati, Spain.

York University, European Union Centre for Excellence Workshop on *Adversarial Legalism à l'Européene* (28 and 29 April 2011). Toronto, Canada.

University of Oxford, Environmental Law Discussion Group (22 February 2011). *Legal Mobilisation of UK Environmental NGOs*. Oxford, UK.

University of Oxford, Centre for Socio-legal Studies/Foundation for Law, Justice and Society Workshop on the *Role of Courts in a Democracy* (10th and 11th February 2011). Oxford, UK.

University of Edinburgh, Canadian Studies Centre Seminar (25 March 2010). *Disability Rights Activists in the Supreme Court of Canada*. Edinburgh, UK.

## TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Teaching and supervision experience (selection):

- Director of the MA in Human Rights (2013-2014)
- Advanced Qualitative Methods (since 2012): Graduate course
- PhD Qualitative Methods (since 2012): For the department's PhD students.
- Global Environmental Politics (since 2012): Undergraduate course
- Environmental Rights: Theory, Policy and Practice (2011): Graduate course
- Western European Government and Politics: Oxford. Undergraduate tutorials.

### PhD Students

- 2018-present: Olivia Serdeczny, Climate Analytics Berlin, first supervisor
- 2018-present: Angelica Johansson (UCL), first supervisor
- 2015-present: Frances Butler (UCL), second supervisor
- 2010-2013: Samuel Clark (Oxford), first supervisor
- 2010-2015: Wuiling Cheah (Oxford), first supervisor

### Membership of Learned Societies

- American Political Science Association (since 2008)
- Canadian Political Science Association (2008 and 2013)
- Political Studies Association (2009)
- Law and Society Association (since 2008)
- Socio-legal Studies Association (since 2010)
- International Studies Association (2009 and 2013)
- International Political Science Association (since 2011)

### Peer Review Activities

- Editorial Board Member for *Law & Policy* and *Queen Mary Human Rights Law Review*
- Member of Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Peer Review College (2010-2016)
- Regular peer-reviewer for Cambridge University Press and Routledge Press.
- I have also reviewed for the following journals: *Comparative Political Studies*, *World Politics*, *Law and Society Review*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Politique Européenne*, *Environmental Politics*, *Environmental Practice*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Canadian Journal of Law and Society*, *Law & Policy*, *Policy and Politics*, *Studies in Social Justice* and *Citizenship Studies*.

### Languages

- Fluent in English, French and Finnish