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## Current positions

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<b>Senior Departmental Research Lecturer in Quantitative Methods</b> Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	Jul 2022 -
<b>Research Fellow</b> Wolfson College, University of Oxford	Apr 2023 -
<b>Visiting Fellow</b> International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics & Political Science	Oct 2020 -
<b>Fellow</b> World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics	Aug 2023 -

## Previous positions

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<b>Senior Research Officer</b> Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	Jan 2021 - Jun 2022
<b>Departmental Lecturer in Quantitative Methods</b> Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	Sep 2020 - Jun 2022
<b>Junior Research Fellow</b> Wolfson College, University of Oxford	Oct 2020 - Apr 2023
<b>Research Officer</b> International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics & Political Science	2018-2020
<b>Social Statistics Officer</b> Oxford City Council	2007-2016
<b>Policy Officer (Social Inclusion &amp; Health Inequalities)</b> Oxford City Council	2005-2007
<b>Cancer Information Analyst</b> Oxford Cancer Intelligence Unit, National Health Service	2004-2005
<b>Research &amp; Evaluation Officer</b> Nacro	2002-2004

## Education

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<b>DPhil in Geography &amp; the Environment</b> School of Geography & the Environment, University of Oxford Thesis title: <i>Understanding neighbourhood income poverty dynamics in England</i> Supervisors: Professor Danny Dorling and Dr Rachel Loopstra Passed without corrections	2015-2018
<b>MSc Applied Social Studies / Diploma in Social Work</b> Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Oxford	2000-2002
<b>BA Hons Physics 2:1</b> St Catherine's College, University of Oxford	1995-1998

# Publications

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## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Bukowski, P., Fransham, M., Lee N. et al. (in preparation) Trends in spatial labour income inequality in Canada, France, Germany, UK and the US 1975-2020: the Linking National and Regional Inequalities project.

Fransham, M., Bauluz, L., Breau, S., Lee, N. & Verdugo, G., (in preparation) International trends in geographic income inequality: a method for assessing the comparability of spatial units.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Hilhorst, S., Koch, I., Fransham, M., Reeves, A. & Savage, M. (accepted, in press) 'Corruption talk' and working-class politics in 21st century Britain. *The Sociological Review*.

Reeves, A., Fransham, M., Stewart, K., Reader, M., & Patrick, R. (2024). Capping welfare payments for workless families increases employment and economic inactivity: Evidence from the UK's benefit cap. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12651>

Lee, N., Fransham, M. & Bukowski, P. (2024) Spatial Labour Market Inequality and Social Protection in the UK. *LSE Public Policy Review*, 3(2), 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.31389/lseppr.99>

Fransham, M., Herbertson, M., Pop, M., Bandeira Morais, M., & Lee, N. (2023). Level best? The levelling up agenda and UK regional inequality. *Regional Studies*, 57(11), 2339–2352. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2022.2159356>

Reeves, A., Fransham, M., Stewart, K., & Patrick, R. (2022). Does capping social security harm health? A natural experiment in the UK. *Social Policy & Administration*, 56(3), 345–359. <https://doi.org/10.1111/SPOL.12768> (Guardian | New Psychotherapist)

Koch, I., Fransham, M., Cant, S., Ebrey, J., Glucksberg, L., & Savage, M. (2020). Social Polarisation at the Local Level: A Four-Town Comparative Study on the Challenges of Politicising Inequality in Britain, *Sociology*, 55(1), 3–29. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0038038520975593> (winner of 2022 SAGE Prize for Innovation/Excellence)

Fransham, M. (2020) Neighbourhood gentrification, displacement, and poverty dynamics in post-recession England, *Population, Space and Place*, 25(5):e2327. <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2327>

Fransham, M. (2019) Increasing evenness in the neighbourhood distribution of income poverty in England 2005–2014: Age differences and the influence of private rented housing, *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space* 51(2), 403–419. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X18792569>

Fransham, M. (2019) Income and Population Dynamics in Deprived Neighbourhoods: Measuring the Poverty Turnover Rate Using Administrative Data, *Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy* 12(2), 275–300. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12061-017-9242-6>

## WORKING PAPERS, BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Fransham, M., Andersen, K., Patrick, R., Reeves, A., Stewart, K. (2024). *Capped and trapped (in the UK's housing market): how the benefit cap makes it almost impossible to find affordable housing*. Working Paper CASE/234, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics & Political Science. <https://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/cp/casepaper234.pdf>

Koch I, Fransham M, Cant S, Ebrey J, Glucksberg L, Savage M. (2023) The Challenges of Polarisation: Lessons for (Re-)Politicising Inequality across Four English Towns. In: Gohrisch J, Stedman G (eds.) *Affective Polarisation: Social Inequality in the UK after Austerity, Brexit and COVID-19*. Bristol: Bristol University Press.

Bauluz, L, Bukowski, P, Fransham, M, Lee, A, López Forero, M, Novokmet, F, Breau, S, Lee, N, Malgouyres, C, Schularick, M & Verdugo, G (2023) Spatial wage inequality in North America and Western Europe: changes between and within local labour markets 1975-2019. Working Paper (98). International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics & Political Science, London, UK. <https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/119922/>

Fransham, M. (2023). Poverty. In D. Demeritt & L. Lees (Eds.), *Concise Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Reeves, A., Fransham, M., Stewart, K., & Patrick, R. (2021). *Does capping social security harm health? A natural experiment in the UK*. Working Paper CASE/221, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics & Political Science. <https://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/cp/casepaper221.pdf>

Koch, I., Fransham, M., Cant, S., Ebrey, J., Glucksberg, L. and Savage, M. (2019) *Social polarisation at the local level: a four-town comparative study*. Working Paper (37). International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics & Political Science, London, UK. <http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/102216/>

Fransham, M., & Dorling, D. (2018). Homelessness and Public Health. *British Medical Journal*, 360, k214. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.k214>

Fransham, M., & Dorling, D. (2017). Have mortality improvements stalled in England? *British Medical Journal*, 1946, j1946. <http://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.j1946>

Fransham, M., & Dorling, D. (2017, April 8). Oxford academics: "House prices can keep rising only if the Government backs mass buy-to-let." *The Telegraph*. London.

## Funding

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**ESRC Open Research Area 6** 2021-2025

*Linking National and Regional Income Inequality: Cross-Country Data Harmonization and Analysis*

Co-Investigator with partners at LSE, McGill, Bonn and Paris-Saclay universities

Total ESRC funding £458,480; total project funding approx £1.2 million; grant number ES/V013548/1

**3 year joint ESRC/EPSRC doctoral studentship** 2015-2018

Social Sciences Doctoral Training Centre, University of Oxford

Grant numbers ES/J500112/1, EP/K503113/1, EP/L505031/1, EP/M50659X/1

## Awards

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**Divisional Teaching Excellence Award (Early Career Strand)** Jun 2022

Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford

**Winner of SAGE Prize for Innovation/Excellence in the journal Sociology** Apr 2022

*Awarded for Koch, Fransham et al. (2020)*

British Sociological Association

## Teaching experience

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CURRENT TEACHING AT UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

**BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics / History & Politics / Human Sciences**

Social Policy 224 option: poverty

**MSc/MPhil Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation**

Quantitative Analysis module convenor

Evaluation Methods module: matching methods, synthetic control, difference-in-differences, regression discontinuity, interrupted time series, meta-analysis

Social Policy Analysis module

Thesis supervision

**MSc/MPhil Comparative Social Policy**

Social Policy Analysis module

Thesis supervision

**DPhil (PhD) Social Policy / Social Intervention & Policy Evaluation**

DPhil co-supervision: Dan Mocanu (2023-)

Methods Hub (methods advice and guidance on training opportunities)

Convenor of *Modern Methods in Social Policy and Intervention Research* seminar series

Methods Meetups (methods workshops)

PAST TEACHING

**London School of Economics Masterclass *Inequality and Social Cohesion: A Global Perspective*** July 2019

Fundacion Ramon Areces, Madrid

**MSc Inequalities and Social Science, London School of Economics** 2018-2020

Dissertation supervision

**BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford**  
Social Policy 224 undergraduate option (2017-2019, as a college tutor)

2017-2019

**BA Geography, University of Oxford**  
Applied Statistics module (as teaching assistant)

2017

## Leadership, service and affiliations

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### ADVISORY POSITIONS

Government Statistical Service Migration Statistics Expert Group	2020-current
UK Population Theme Advisory Board, Office for National Statistics	2016-current
Member of Council, British Society for Population Studies	2019-2023
Local Authority Co-Chair, Local Government Association CLIP Population Subgroup	2013-2015
Official Statistics Committee, Royal Statistical Society	2012-2014
Chair, Oxfordshire Data Observatory	2008-2010

### PEER REVIEW

Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) Peer Review College member (2024-current). Reviewer for Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC), *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *SSM - Population Health*, *Cambridge Journal of Regions*, *Economy & Society*, *Regional Studies*, *BMJ Open*, *Journal of Social Policy*, *Urban Studies* and *Population, Space and Place*.

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Chair of Examiners, Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	2024-current
Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	2023-current
Ethics Committee, Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	2021-current
MSc Teaching Committees, Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	2020-current
IT Committee, Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	2021-2023
Research Committee, International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics	2019-2010
Equality and Diversity Committee, School of Geography & the Environment, University of Oxford (Contributed to the successful application for an Athena SWAN Bronze Award)	2015-2017

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Royal Statistical Society (2010-), British Society for Population Studies (2014-), Social Policy Association (2017-) and Regional Studies Association (2018-)