Dr Thiago R. Oliveira

PERSONAL
SUMMARY

I am a quantitative criminologist doing research on policing, neighbourhoods, and the life course. Currently, I am Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in the Department of Criminology of the University of Manchester (UK). Drawing on social theories from sociology, social psychology, and social policy and methods from econometrics, social statistics, and epidemiology, my research tackles policing's often conflicting objectives of crime deterrence and public legitimacy and investigates the extent to which policing practices influence crime, community trust, and social inequality in large cities across the globe.

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PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

The University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

· Sep. 2023−...: *Lecturer in Criminology*, Department of Criminology, School of Social Sciences

University of Surrey, Guildford, UK

· Aug. 2022− Aug. 2023: *Lecturer in Criminology*, Department of Sociology

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

· Aug. 2021− Jul. 2022: *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Centre for Social Investigation, Nuffield College
· Aug. 2021− Jul. 2022: *Research Fellow*, Nuffield College

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

Ph.D., Social Research Methods, 2017 − 2021
   - Supervisory team: Prof. Jonathan Jackson & Prof. Jouni Kuha

University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

M.A., Sociology, 2014 − 2016
   - Visiting Scholar, International Institute for the Sociology of Law (Oñati, Spain), Fall 2015
   - **Award**: Best M.A. dissertation concluded in the Department of Sociology in 2016

B.A., Social Sciences, 2010 − 2013

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS

· 2022−present: *Associate Member*, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
· 2017−present: *Associate Member*, Centre for the Study of Violence, University of São Paulo
· 2022 − 2024: *Associate*, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

University College London, London, UK

· Sep. 2020− Jun. 2021: *Associate Lecturer (Teaching) in Quantitative Research Methods and Data Analysis (QStep)*, Department of Political Science & School of Public Policy

· Sep. 2019− Feb. 2020: *Teaching Fellow in Quantitative Research Methods*, Department of Political Science & School of Public Policy

University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

· Apr. 2015− Aug. 2017: *Researcher*, Centre for the Study of Violence

GRANTS & CONTRACTS	**Project grants**

4. *The Impact of Stop and Search on Youth Mental Health and Crime Involvement*

£196,503.35 — Youth Endowment Fund, Secondary Data Analysis call

Principal Investigator, with Arabella Kyprianides (co-I), Ben Bradford (co-I), and Paul Quinton (Advisor)

Sep 2025—Mar 2027

3. *Manchester Policing Academic Centre of Excellence*

£600,000.00 — ESRC Policing Academic Centre of Excellence

Co-Investigator, with Jon Bannister (co-PI), Reka Solymosi (co-PI), David Buil-Gil (co-I), Geoff Pearson (co-I), Nick Lord (co-I), and Rose Broad (co-I)

Sep 2025—Aug 2028

2. *Stop and Search and the Reproduction of Social Inequality*

£23,226.24 — Early Career Researcher Development Fund, ESRC Vulnerability & Policing Futures Research Centre

Principal Investigator

May 2025—Apr 2026

1. *Comparing Long-term Effects of Police Stops in Adolescence across Generations in London*

£9,957.75 — Small Grants Scheme, UCL Centre for Global City Policing

Principal Investigator, with Paul Quinton (Advisor)

May 2025—Dec 2025

Consultancy projects

1. *Analysis of the Millennium Cohort Study on the impact of police stops on teenage offending, educational and health trajectories*

£10,000.00 — College of Policing, Police Race Action Plan

Principal Investigator, with Arabella Kyprianides (co-I) and Amal Ali (co-I)

Feb 2024—May 2024

PUBLICATIONS	**Peer-Reviewed Papers**

11. Kyprianides, Arabella, Amal Ali, Pele Petnga-Wallace, Paul Quinton, & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. *Accepted for publication*. "Unintended consequences of early exposure to policing: Assessing long-term effects of police stops during adolescence in England and Wales". *The British Journal of Criminology*.

10. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** 2025. "Legal cynicism, intrusive policing, and the dynamics of police legitimacy: Evidence from Brazil's largest city". *Law & Society Review*, online first. (doi 10.31235/osf.io/89jkv)

9. Fine, Adam, **Thiago R. Oliveira**, Jon Jackson, Ben Bradford, Rick Trinkner, & Krisztiàn Pósch. 2025. "Did the murder of George Floyd damage public perceptions of police and law in the United States?" *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, $62(2) : 333 - 382$. (doi 10.1177/00224278241263527)

8. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** 2024. "Aggressive policing and undermined legitimacy: Assessing the impact of police stops at gunpoint on perceptions of police in São Paulo, Brazil". *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, $20 : 83 - 121$. (doi 10.1007/s11292-022-09527-9)

7. Suss, Joel & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. 2023. "Economic inequality and the spatial distribution of stop and search: Evidence from London". *The British Journal of Criminology*, $63(4) : 828 - 847$. (doi 10.1093/bjc/azac069)

6. **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, Marcos César Alvarez, & Bruna Gisi. 2023. "From an offender-based to an offense-based justice: Changes in sentencing patterns in the juvenile justice system in São Paulo from 1990 to 2006". *Crime, Law and Social Change*, $79 : 643 - 666$. (doi s10611-022-10065-8)

5. Jackson, Jonathan, Krisztián Pósch, **Thiago R. Oliveira**, Ben Bradford, Silvia Camões, Ariadne Natal, & André Zanetic. 2022. "Fear and legitimacy in São Paulo, Brazil: police-citizen relations in a high violence, high fear city". *Law & Society Review*, $56(1) : 122 - 145$. (doi 10.1111/lasr.12589)

4. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** & Jonathan Jackson. 2021. "Legitimacy, trust and legal cynicism: A review of concepts". *Tempo Social*, $33(3) : 113 - 145$. (doi 10.11606/0103-2070.ts.2021.191381)

3. **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, Jonathan Jackson, Kristina Murphy, & Ben Bradford. 2021. "Are trustworthiness and legitimacy 'hard to win, easy to lose'? A longitudinal test of the asymmetry thesis of police-citizen contact", *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, $37 : 1003 - 1045$. (doi 10.1007/s10940-020-09478-2)

2. Jackson, Jonathan, Ian Bruton-Smith, Ben Bradford, **Thiago R. Oliveira**, Krisztián Pósch, & Patrick Sturgis. 2021. "Police legitimacy and the norm to cooperate: using a mixed effects location scale model to estimate the strength of social norms at a small spatial scale", *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, $37 : 547 - 572$. (doi 10.1007/s10940-020-09467-5)

1. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** 2019. "Juvenile Sentencing: A Mixed-Methods Approach", *Brazilian Political Science Review*, 13(1). (doi 10.1590/1981-3821201900010006)

Peer-Reviewed Papers in Portuguese

6. Theodoro, Renan, Debora Piccirillo, Aline Gomes, & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. 2023. 'Violência como fator socializador na construção da legitimidade da polícia: um estudo com adolescentes de São Paulo, Brasil'. *Análise Social*, Vol. $VLII(2)$. (doi 10.31447/AS00032573.2022243.01).
['Violence as a socialising factor shaping legitimacy: a study with adolescents from São Paulo']

5. **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, André Zanetic, & Ariadne Natal. 2020. "Preditores e impactos da legitimidade policial: testando a teoria da justeza procedimental em São Paulo", *Dados*, 63(1). (doi 10.1590/001152582020197).
['Predictors and impacts of police legitimacy: testing procedural justice theory in São Paulo']

4. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** André R. Oliveira, Sergio & Adorno, S. 2019. "Legitimidade policial: um modelo de mensuração", *Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais*, 34, 100. (doi 10.1590/3410007/2019).
['Police legitimacy: a measurement model']

3. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** 2017. "Mecanismos sociais de decisões judiciais: um desenho misto explicativo sobre a aplicação da medida socioeducativa de internação", *Revista Brasileira de Sociologia*, 5(10), pp. 58-88. (doi 10.20336/rbs.205).
['Social mechanisms of judicial decisions: an explanatory mixed-methods research design on juvenile sentencing']

2. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** 2017. "Oitivas cerimoniais: relatos descritivos do sistema de justiça juvenil em São Paulo", *Confluências*, 18(3), pp. 65-91. (doi 10.22409/confluências.v18i3.476).
['Ceremonial hearings: descriptive reports of the juvenile justice system in São Paulo']

1. Zanetic, André, Bruno Paes Manso, Ariadne Natal, & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. 2016.

"Legitimidade da polícia: segurança pública para além da dissuasão", *Civitas - Revista de Ciências Sociais*, 16(4), pp. 148-173. (doi 10.15448/1984-7289.2016.4.24183).
['Police legitimacy: criminal policy beyond deterrence']

Manuscripts Under Review and Working Papers

· **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, & Jonathan Jackson. "Learning about the binding nature of the law: Police violence, criminal offending and adolescent legal socialization".
Revised and Resubmitted. *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*.

· Lanfear, Charles C., & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. "Reciprocal relationships, reverse causality, and temporal ordering: Testing theories with cross-lagged panel models".
Working paper. Draft available.

· **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, David S. Kirk, Charles C. Lanfear, & Robert J. Sampson. "Legal cynicism and the enduring legacy of neighborhood exposures to police misconduct".
Working paper. Draft available. Preregistration available at OSF Registries (https://osf.io/xgeyn).

· Ali, Amal, & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. "Racialized policing? Stop and search and the neighborhood context of police misconduct and use-of-force".
Working paper.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Guest lectures

· "O que é e como promover legitimidade? Justiça procedimental e o papel da polícia na construção de crenças públicas na legitimidade das leis." *Curso NEV CAES 2022*, lecture to Brazilian police officers, June 2022 | June 2023 | October 2024 | May 2025.
['What is and how to promote police legitimacy? Procedural justice and the role of the police in shaping public beliefs about the legitimacy of the law']

· "Como promover legitimidade das autoridades legais?" *Lecture to captains of all Brazilian Military police forces*, November 2022.
['Promoting the legitimacy of legal authority']

· "A legitimacy crisis among ethnic minorities? Understanding the 'defund the police' movement." Postgraduate module: *Criminal Justice Systems*, Department of Sociology, University of Surrey, March 2022.

· "Police violence and police legitimacy: A legitimacy crisis among ethnic minorities?" Postgraduate module: *Police Violence and Racial Oppression*, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, February 2022.

· "Police-citizen contact and public attitudes towards legal authority: a longitudinal test of procedural justice policing." Postgraduate module: *Public Policy Analysis*, University of Minho, Portugal, May 2019.

Invited talks (*selected*)

· "Causal inference with observational data?" *Three Decades of Quantitative Criminology at Manchester*, University of Manchester, March 2024.

· "Legal cynicism and the enduring legacy of police misconduct." (with David S. Kirk). CrimCafe Internal Seminars, University of Manchester, March 2024.

· "Dynamics of the overpolicing-underpolicing paradox in São Paulo." Latin American Centre, University of Oxford, March 2022.

· "Police use of force and legal cynicism: Preliminary findings from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods" (with David S. Kirk). London Policing Seminar Series, University College London, December 2021.

- "Violence and coercive policing: Dynamics and consequences of the overpolicing-underpolicing paradox in Brazil's largest city." London Policing Seminar Series, University College London, October 2021.

- "Violence and coercive policing: Dynamics and consequences of the overpolicing-underpolicing paradox in Brazil's largest city." Seminário NIED-CERES, UERJ/UFRJ, Brazil, September 2021.

- "Social conservatism and legitimacy: predicting public support for police violence in São Paulo." Workshop *Trust in Justice*, University of Minho, Portugal, September 2017.

- "Profiling mechanisms in the Brazilian juvenile justice system." *Violence, media, and youth*, SESC, Brazil, June 2017

Scientific meetings

· ASC	· 2019, 2020 (*cancelled*), 2022, 2024
· Eurocrim	· 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024
· ISA	· 2018
· SBS (Brazil)	· 2015, 2017
· ANPOCS (Brazil)	· 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

AWARDS

LSE Class Teacher Award

2018/2019 - LSE Class Teacher Award nominated by the Department of Methodology

Departmental Award: Best Dissertation

2017 - Best M.A. dissertation concluded in 2016 in the Department of Sociology, University of São Paulo

Conference Award: Top 3 paper
2016 - VI Political Science Graduate Seminar, University of São Paulo

STUDENT FUNDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Travel Fund

LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund, LSE – 2018, 2019: GBP $2,000.00$

PhD scholarship

LSE PhD Studentship, LSE – 2017-2021: GBP $140,000.00$

M.A. scholarship

Bolsa de mestrado, National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) – 2014-2016: BRL $36,000.00$

Residence Grant

Residence Grant, International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL) – Nov-Dec 2015

Research Trainee (Research fellowship for undergraduate students)
Iniciação Científica, The São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) – Jan-Dec 2013: BRL $7,000.00$

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Manchester

- Policing and the Police (CRIM20051). Course unit director (2023/24, 2024/25). Year 2.
- Modelling Criminological Data (CRIM20452). Course unit director (2023/24, 2024/25). Year 2.
- Data Analysis with R (CRIM70821). Lecturer (2023/24). PGT.
- Foundations of Criminal Justice (CRIM10421). Guest lecturer (2023/24, 2024/25). Year 1.

The University of Manchester, *methods@manchester Summer School*

· Longitudinal Data Analysis. One-week course. Lecturer (2025). PhD.

University of Leeds, *Social Research Methods Centre*

· Longitudinal Data Analysis. 5 hours short course. Lecturer (2025). PhD.

University of Surrey

· Measuring the Social World: Quantitative Methods (SOC1050). Module leader (2022/23). Year 1.
· Advanced Quantitative Methods (SOC2093). Lecturer (2022/23). Year 2.
· Crime and Society (SOC1034). Lecturer (2022/23). Year 1.

50th GESIS Spring Seminar

· Causal Inference in Observational Studies. Co-lecturer (2021). MSc/PhD.

University College London (UCL)

· Data Analysis (QStep) (POLS0010). Class Teacher (2021). Year 2.
· Introduction to Quantitative Methods (PUBL0055). Class Teacher (2019, 2020). MSc.

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

· Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Media and Communications (MY464). Co-lecturer (2020). MSc.
· Introduction to R Programming (MY591). Instructor (2019). MSc/PhD.
· Mutivariate Analysis and Measurement (MY455). Graduate Teaching Assistant (2019). Msc/PhD.
· Intermediate Quantitative Methods (MY465). Class Teacher (2017, 2018). MSc.
· Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (MY451). Graduate Teaching Assistant (2017). MSc.

University of São Paulo (USP)

· Research Methods and Techniques (FSL0203). Graduate Teaching Assistant (2015, 2017). Year 1.
· Prison in Modern Society (FSL0531). Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (2013). Years 3/4.

SUPERVISORY
EXPERIENCE

The University of Manchester

· MA dissertation supervision (MA in Criminology): **3 students**.
· Undergraduate dissertation supervision (BA in Criminology): **18 students**.
· Academic Advisor (BA in Criminology/Social Sciences): **20 students**.

University of Surrey

· MSc dissertation supervision (MSc in Criminology): **1 student**.
· Undergraduate dissertation supervision (BSc in Criminology, BSc in Sociology, BSc in Sociology and Criminology): **6 students**.
· Personal Tutor (undergraduate, postgraduate, and exchange students): **18 students**.

University of Oxford

· UNIQ+ (research internship for students from under-represented and disadvantaged backgrounds).

- Sulaiman Iqbal (2022), 'Stop and search and the Muslim populations in London'

REVIEWER

Reviews in English

Applied Geography, Asian Journal of Criminology, British Journal of Criminology, Crime Science, Criminal Justice and Behavior, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Criminology & Public Policy, Critical Criminology, European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research, Home Office, Humanities & Social Sciences Communications, International Criminology, Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology, Journal of Experimental Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Latin American Research Review, Manchester Review of Law, Crime and Ethics, PLOS One, Policing: An International Journal, Revista Salud Bosque, Victims and Offenders, Youth Justice.

Reviews in Portuguese or Spanish

Dados: Revista de Ciências Sociais, Dilemas: Revista de Estudos de Conflito e Controle Social, Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais, Revista de Ciências Sociais, Revista Eletrônica de Ciência Política, Revista Estudios Sociológicos, Tempo Social.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Department of Criminology, University of Manchester

· *PGT Director* (2025 – . . .)
· *RESQUANT Co-lead* (2025 – . . .)
· *Employability Lead* (2024 – 2025)

Methods North West, North West Social Science Doctoral Training Programme

· *Quantitative Methods Lead* (2024 – . . .)

Department of Sociology, University of Surrey

· *International Officer* (Exchange Coordinator & Director of Internationalisation) (2022 – 2023)
· *Academic Integrity Team* (2022 – 2023)

Public interest

· Member of the *Social Statistics Section*, **Royal Statistical Society** (2024 − 2025)
· *Voluntary Consultant* in Research and Data Analysis at **StopWatch** (2020 − 2022)
· Member of the Advisory Board, *National Survey on Violence Against Children*, **Fundação José Luiz Egydio Setúbal** (2021 − 2022)

Student services

· *Coordinator* of the **LSE Quantitative Methods Reading Group** (2020 − 2021)
· *PhD representative* for the Teaching Committee, **Department of Methodology**, London School of Economics and Political Science (2018/2019)
· Elected *Graduate Student Representative* in the **Department of Sociology**, University of São Paulo (2015)
· Member of **Editorial Board** for **Primeiros Estudos** (journal organised by USP undergraduate students in Social Sciences) (2013 − 2014)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistics

R (proficient user and instructor), M*plus* (proficient user), Stata (instructor), SPSS (instructor)

Miscellaneous

LaTeX, RMarkdown, git

LANGUAGES   English (fluent), Portuguese (native), Spanish (intermediate)

June 29, 2025