

# Dr Thiago R. Oliveira

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## PERSONAL SUMMARY

I am a quantitative social scientist 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 theories from sociology, social policy, and social psychology and methods from econometrics, demography, and epidemiology, my research tackles policing's often conflicting objectives of crime deterrence and public legitimacy and investigates the extent to which legal institutions 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
  - Programme Director, MA/MRes in Criminology (2025–...)

### [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: *Research Associate*, Centre for the Study of Violence, [University of São Paulo](#)
- 2022 – 2024: *Associate*, Department of Sociology, [Harvard University](#)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 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 College London](#), London, UK

- 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**

12. Oliveira, Thiago R., & Jonathan Jackson. 2025. “Learning about the binding nature of the law: Police violence, criminal offending and adolescent legal socialization”. *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, online first. (doi [10.1007/s40865-025-00271-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40865-025-00271-y))
11. Kyprianides, Arabella, Amal Ali, Pele Petnga-Wallace, Paul Quinton, & Thiago R. Oliveira. 2025. “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*, online first. (doi [10.1093/bjc/azaf068](https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azaf068))
10. Oliveira, Thiago R. 2025. “Legal cynicism, intrusive policing, and the dynamics of police legitimacy: Evidence from Brazil’s largest city”. *Law & Society Review*, 59(3) : 548 – 583. (doi [10.31235/osf.io/89jky](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/89jky))
9. Fine, Adam, Thiago R. Oliveira, Jon Jackson, Ben Bradford, Rick Trinkner, & Krisztian Pösch. 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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-022-09527-9))
  - Winner of the 2025 European Society of Criminology Policing Working Group *Early Career Researcher Prize*
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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/10.1007/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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'. *Andálise Social*, Vol. VLII(2). (doi [10.31447/AS00032573.2022243.01](https://doi.org/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 procedural em São Paulo", *Dados*, 63(1). (doi [10.1590/001152582020197](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/10.20336/rbs.205)).  
 ['Social mechanisms of judicial decisions: an explanatory mixed-methods research design on juvenile sentencing']
2. Oliveira, Thiago R. 2017. "Oitivas ceremoniais: relatos descritivos do sistema de justiça juvenil em São Paulo", *Confluências*, 18(3), pp. 65-91. (doi [10.22409/confluencias.v18i3.476](https://doi.org/10.22409/confluencias.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](https://doi.org/10.15448/1984-7289.2016.4.24183)).  
 ['Police legitimacy: criminal policy beyond deterrence']

### Manuscripts Under Review and Working Papers

- Oliveira, Thiago R., David S. Kirk, Robert J. Sampson, & Charles C. Lanfear. "Legal cynicism and the enduring legacy of abusive policing".  
 Under review, *American Journal of Sociology*. Draft available. Preregistration available at OSF Registries (<https://osf.io/xgeyn>).
- Lanfear, Charles C., & Thiago R. Oliveira. "Reciprocal relationships, reverse causality, and temporal ordering: Testing theories with cross-lagged panel models".  
 Under review, *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*. Invited submission. Draft available.
- Giese, Celine, & Thiago R. Oliveira. "Cold calculations: How conflict characteristics shape external support in armed conflicts".  
 Under review, *The British Journal of Criminology*. Draft available.
- Oliveira, Thiago R., Jonathan Jackson, and David S. Kirk. "Cumulative injustice: Exposure to unjust policing across the life course".  
 Working paper (targeting *Annual Review of Criminology*).
- Ali, Amal, & Thiago R. Oliveira. "Racialized policing in England: Stop and search and the neighborhood context of police use-of-force".  
 Working paper.

### AWARDS

#### ESC Policing Early Career Researcher Prize

2025 - European Society of Criminology Policing Working Group *Early Career Researcher Prize*

#### UoM Outstanding Undergraduate Dissertation Supervision Award

2024/2025 - The University of Manchester *Outstanding Staff Awards* (nominated by students), Highly Commended in the category Outstanding Undergraduate Dissertation Supervision Award

#### 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

### Guest lectures

- **Lecture to Brazilian police officers.** “O que é e como promover legitimidade? Justiça procedural e o papel da polícia na construção de crenças públicas na legitimidade das leis.” *Curso NEV CAES*. 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)

- “Cumulative injustice: a life-course approach to procedural justice theory”. *Procedural Justice at 50*, The Justice Collaboratory—Yale Law School, November 2025.
- “Exploring the effect of fear of crime on walking.” (with José Pina Sánchez). *Cars and Crime Symposium*, University of Leeds, July 2025.
- “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

- **American Society of Criminology** (ASC) · 2019, 2022, 2024, 2025
- **European Society of Criminology** (ESC) · 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- **International Sociology Association** (ISA) · 2018
- **Brazilian Society of Sociology** (SBS) · 2015, 2017
- **Brazilian Association of Social Sciences** (ANPOCS) · 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

**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, 2024, 2025). Year 2.
- [Modelling Criminological Data \(CRIM20452\)](#). Course unit director (2024, 2025). Year 2.
- [Data Analysis with R \(CRIM70821\)](#). Lecturer (2023). PGT.
- [Foundations of Criminal Justice \(CRIM10421\)](#). Guest lecturer (2023, 2024). 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.

**50<sup>th</sup> 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.
- [Multivariate 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.

**PhD  
SUPERVISION**

**Megan Davidson.** Second supervisor, University of Manchester. 2025–2029.

**SUPERVISORY  
EXPERIENCE**

### **The University of Manchester**

- PGT dissertation supervision (MA/MRes in Criminology): **3 students**.
- UG dissertation supervision (BA in Criminology/Social Sciences): **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**

### **Editorial board**

*Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology (2025-...)*

### **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: A Journal of Policy and Practice, Policing: An International Journal, Revista Salud Bosque, Sociological Perspectives, 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.*

**Department of Criminology, University of Manchester**

- *PGT Director* (2025 – ...)
  - Programme Director, MA in Criminology, Sep. 2025 – present
  - Programme Director, MRes in Criminology, Sep. 2025 – present
  - Programme Director, MSc in Digital Trust, Society and Security, Sep. – Dec. 2025
- *Coordinator: Reading Sessions in Quantitative Criminology* (2025 – ...)
- *Employability Lead* (2024 – 2025)
  - Founder and organiser of the 1st Criminology Dissertation Undergraduate Conference

**Methods North West, North West Social Science Doctoral Training Programme**

- *Quantitative Methods Lead* (2024 – 2025)

**Department of Sociology, University of Surrey**

- *Exchange Coordinator* (2022 – 2023)
- *Director of Internationalisation* (2022 – 2023)
- *Academic Integrity Officer* (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), Mplus (proficient user), Stata (instructor), SPSS (instructor)

**Miscellaneous**

LATEX, RMarkdown, git

**LANGUAGES**

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

November 1, 2025