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Qualifications

- 2004 **PhD Town and Regional Planning***, Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool

Thesis: *'Diversity and Context Dependency in European Spatial Planning: Investigating the Application of the European Spatial Development Perspective'*

Examiners: Professor Andreas Faludi and Professor Peter Roberts

*Supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
- 2000 **Master of Civic Design with Distinction**, Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool

Dissertation: *'Approaches to Integrated Land Use and Transport Planning in the UK and France'* (Distinction)
- 1997 **BA First Class Hons.**, History with French, University College Chester (Liverpool)

Dissertation: *'Processes of Suburbanisation in 19th Century Chester'* (First)
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Employment

- August 2004 - Present Lecturer in European Spatial Planning at the Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool.
- August 2002 Research Assistant, Department of Civic Design (Project: 'Progress in Environmental Assessment Tiering', University Research Fund)
- October 2000- May 2001 Research Assistant, Department of Civic Design (Project: 'Delivering the European Spatial Development Perspective', Planning Officers' Society and UK Government)

July-September 1999	Research Assistant, Department of Civic Design (Project: 'North West Housing Needs and Demand Research', Government Office for the North West)
June 1999	Research Assistant, Department of Civic Design (Project: 'Liverpool City Centre Living Survey, Liverpool City Council)
February-April 1998	Researcher, National Trust (Project: 'Estate Survey of Erddig Park and Gardens, Wrexham')

Teaching experience and activity

I have experience of a range of teaching methods used in higher education including formal lectures, tutorial teaching and student supervision. The main focus of my teaching is in the following areas: international planning studies, comparative planning and urban policy; European spatial planning and regional development; the institutional and governance frameworks for planning in the UK; and, planning theory and its application to the practice of spatial planning. I have organised and led 10 overseas field studies since 2005. I am currently involved in the following module coordination and teaching duties:

Undergraduate Teaching

- International Planning Studies (coordination and teaching of double modul including international field study)
- Study Skills and GIS (personal tutor)
- Undergraduate Dissertation (supervision)

Postgraduate Teaching

- Planning Theory, Power and Ethics (coordination and teaching)
- Masters Dissertation (supervision)

I have been invited as a visiting lecturer by the following institutions:

- Institut d'Urbanisme de Lyon (2006), Institut de Géoarchitecture, Université de Bretagne Occidentale / Skol Veur Breiz Izel (2007-), Université de Rouen (2010), Université de Paris 4 (2010), Université de Paris 7 (2014), Université de Paris 1 (2014)

I have received the following awards for my teaching:

- Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) Excellence in Teaching Prize (2009) in collaboration with the Institut de Géoarchitecture (Brest)
 - AESOP Excellence in Teaching Prize (2014) for the module 'International Planning Studies'
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Research Focus and Activities

Since being awarded my PhD in urban and regional planning from the University of Liverpool in 2004 I have been constantly engaged in research activity leading to internationally recognised outputs. My work has focussed primarily on the Europeanization of planning systems and aspects of comparative planning and urban policy. Within these broad areas my publications have focussed on the impacts of EU concepts, legislation and programmes on the practices of spatial planning in EU member states and how these might be conceptualised and assessed; approaches to planning and urban regeneration in different countries (including towards culture-led regeneration and transport investment); and, internationalisation of planning practice and education. My work within the discipline has been recognised through invitations to join transnational project teams and become involved in the editorial work of international peer-reviewed journals. I am currently a member of the editorial boards of *Town planning Review* and *Urban, Planning and Transport Research*. I am also a reviewer of funding bids for research councils in a number of EU countries.

Research Awards

- Agence National de Recherche (ANR) Fellowship - LabEx Dynamite (Cluster of Excellence in Territorial and Spatial Dynamics) (2014)
- 'Pioneers in Urban- Rural Entrepreneurship Hub', (INTERREG IVB). £297,278. (with Thomas Fischer)
- 'ESPON and Territorial Impact Assessment (EATIA)', (ESPON / ORATE). €300,000 (with Thomas Fischer) (2011-2012).
- 'Exploring the Wider Territorial Impacts of European Cultural Capitals'. University of Liverpool. £4,411.50. (with Dr. Beatriz Garcia). (2011)
- 'Application and Effects of the European Spatial Development Perspective in Member States', European Spatial Planning Observatory Network (ESPON / ORATE), Action 2.3.1, (with David Shaw) (2004-2007). €18,000
- 'The role, function and interrelationship of settlements and town centres in the North West, within the context of spatial planning and the Regional Spatial Strategy', North West Regional Assembly, (with Peter Roberts) (2005). Project value £3,000.
- 'Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West – Learning the Lessons from Elsewhere', North West Regional Assembly, (with Peter Roberts) (2004-2005). Project value £3000.
- 'Delivering the European Spatial Development Perspective' for the Planning Officers Society and the UK Government (with Dave Shaw) (2000-2001). Project value £10,000.

Research Supervision

My principle academic leadership role in my current institution relates to postgraduate research student development. I am currently the Director of Doctoral Studies for the planning discipline at the University of Liverpool and have previously acted as Head of Postgraduate Research Studies in the School of Environmental Sciences. In these roles I have helped to lead and deliver change and enhancement to postgraduate research studies and the research student experience. I have experience of the often complex recruitment and management processes for research students, including sitting on progress review committees, making arrangements for international students to join (and remain on) PhD programmes, and acting as an examiner of PhD theses.

I am currently also the leader of the 'Planning and Environment' pathway of the Economic and Social Research Council's (ESRC) North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTC), which for planning brings together the universities of Liverpool and Manchester. During the time that the NWDTC has been in existence, Liverpool has attracted roughly £317,000 in ESRC support for doctoral students in planning with a similar amount going to Manchester.

I am also supervisor of doctoral students have been involved in the supervision of the following successful 7 PhD students:

- *Matthew Cocks, Eric Yeboah, Karen Potter, Alexander Nurse, Richard Jarvis, Mark Smith and Antonio Ferreira, Philip O'Brien.*

I am currently involved in the following 11 PhD supervisions as primary, or secondary, supervisor:

- *Adeleh Haghighi (Primary Supervisor), Daniel Slade (Primary Supervisor), Moiad Al Madani (Primary Supervisor), Miu Yuk Cheung (Primary Supervisor), Guoping Zhang (Secondary Supervisor), Tara Muthoor (Secondary Supervisor), Yu Wang, Xinzhong Yu (Secondary Supervisor), Bertie Dockerill (Secondary Supervisor)*

Leadership and Professional Experience

- Leader of the North West Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) Planning and Environment 'Pathway' (University of Manchester and University of Liverpool)
- Director of Postgraduate Research Studies for planning at the University of Liverpool
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Town Planning Review*
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Urban, Planning and Transport Research*
- Convenor of the French and British Planning Study Group
- Reviewer of research proposals for the ESRC (UK)
- Reviewer of research proposals for the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) (Portuguese public research funding agency)
- Reviewer of research proposals for the Estonian Research Council

- Referee of academic papers for the international journals, *International Planning Studies*, the *European Journal of Spatial Development*, *European Planning Studies*, *Regional Studies*, *Planning Practice and Research*, *Cultural Trends*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, and *Urban, Planning and Transport Research*.
- Reviewer of book proposals for Routledge and Sage publications.
- Member of the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA)
- Regular contributor to the journal *Town and Country Planning*
- Member of the Local Organising Committee for the Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) 2008, Liverpool
- Member of the Local Organising Committee for the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) Congress, 2009 Liverpool.
- Member of Organising Committees for the 'Urban Rails 2012' Seminars held in Paris (May 2012) and Liverpool (November 2012)
- External examiner for Masters Programme Dissertations at Universiteit van Pretoria, Republic of South Africa (2008-2012).
- Witness at two Planning Public Inquiries (Edge Lane 2008 & Welsh Streets 2014)

Publications

- 2001** *Delivering the European Spatial Development Perspective: Final Report*, Policy Evaluation and Analysis Laboratory, Liverpool, (with David Shaw). (UK government report)
- European Spatial Planning: Parallel or Converging Tracks?*, (Ed.), report of the Conference held by the European Council of Town Planners, London, December 2000. (report)
- 2002** 'Regional Governance in Cross-Border Regions', contribution to the *Report of the EuroConference Regional Governance*, Hannover (Germany), April 2001 (with Richard Kötter). (conference report)
- 2003** 'Investigating the Application of the ESDP to regional planning in the UK' *Town Planning Review*, 74/1 (January 2003), pp.31- 50, (with David Shaw). (refereed journal article)
- International Approaches to Advancing Smarter Growth and More Liveable Communities Through Spatial Planning*, Research paper for Global Innovations Group, New York. (consultancy report)
- 2004** 'The concept of polycentricity in European Spatial Planning: reflections on its interpretation and application in the practice of spatial planning', *International Planning Studies*, 9/4, (November 2004), pp. 283-306, (with David Shaw). (refereed journal article)
- 'Euro-proofing the Northern Way', *Town and Country Planning*, (December 2004), pp.371-372. (journal article)

- 2005** *The Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West: Learning the Lessons from Elsewhere – Final Report*, Policy Evaluation and Analysis Laboratory, Liverpool, (with Peter Roberts). (consultancy report for regional government)
- 'Addressing Connectivity through innovation in a decentralising institutional context: boundaries and regional spatial planning in the English regions', *Planning Theory and Practice*, 6/1, (March 2005), pp.11-33, (with David Shaw). (refereed journal article)
- 'Thin red lines', *Society Guardian*, (February),
<http://society.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,7884,1410992,00.html> , Guardian Newspapers, UK. (on-line newspaper article)
- 'Tracing the Influence of the European Spatial Development Perspective on Planning in the UK', *Town and Country Planning*, Special Issue: Britain and the European Spatial Planning Agenda, (March 2005), pp.109-110, (with David Shaw). (journal article)
- The role, function and interrelationship of settlements and town centres in the North West, within the context of spatial planning and the Regional Spatial Strategy*, Policy Evaluation and Analysis Laboratory, Liverpool, (with Philip Jeffery and Peter Roberts) (April 2005). (consultancy report for regional government)
- 'European spatial development policy and evolving forms of territorial mobilisation in the UK', *Planning Practice and Research*, 20/3, pp.183-200, (with David Shaw). (refereed article)
- 'Polycentricity: An idea that is here to stay?', *Town and Country Planning*, (July/August 2005), pp. 250-253. (journal article)
- 'Metropolitan Cooperation the Gallic Way', *Town and Country Planning*, (October 2005), pp.320-232. (journal article)
- 2006** 'Cities and urban areas in the new European cohesion policy', *Town and Country Planning*, (February), pp.62-65. (journal article)
- 'Space - The Final Frontier?', *Town and Country Planning*, (May), pp.158-161. (journal article)
- 'Der Ball ist Rund und das Spiel Dauert Neunzig Minuten - But balancing spatial development requires playing the long game...', *Town and Country Planning*, (July/August 2006), pp.223-224. (journal article)
- 'The Evolving Context for European Territorial Cooperation'. *Town and Country Planning*, (October 2006), pp. 287-288. (journal article)
- 'La (ré)émergence de la city region au Royaume Uni - vers une coopération métropolitaine'. *Le FAX de l'Agence de développement et d'urbanisme de Lille Métropole*, (October). (professional publication)
- 'Building Capacity for Territorial Cooperation - The Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière'. *Town and Country Planning*, (November 2006), pp 330-332. (journal article)

- 2007** 'Planning at the Supranational and National Level', Chapter Seven, in Booth, P., Breuillard, M., Fraser, C. and Paris, D. (Eds.), *Spatial Planning Systems of Britain and France: a comparative analysis*, Routledge, London, (with Alain Motte). (book chapter)
- 'Les rapports entre planifications spatiales, transnationales et nationales', in Booth, P., Breuillard, M., Fraser, C., Paris, D., *Aménagement et Urbanisme en France et en Grande-Bretagne - Etude Comparative*, pp.141-162 (avec Alain Motte). (book chapter)
- 'Plan Europe 2007?'. *Town and Country Planning* (February 2007), pp 72-73. (journal article)
- 'Happy Birthday to EU!', *Town and Country Planning*, (April 2007), pp 139-140. (journal article)
- 'The New Territorial Agenda – Progress for the Environment?', *Town and Country Planning*, (June/July 2007), pp.225-229. (with Thomas Fischer). (journal article)
- 'Governance for Climate Change Adaption', *Town and Country Planning*, (December 2007), pp.471-476. (with Thomas Fischer). (journal article)
- 2008** 'Investigating Territorial Positioning by Sub-State Territories in Europe', *Regional and Federal Studies*, 18/01, February 2008, pp.55-76. (with David Shaw) (refereed journal article)
- 'Thirty Years of Regeneration in France, Germany and Britain - Part 1 - Spatial, institutional and urban context', *Town and Country Planning*, April 2008, pp. 187-192, (with Chris Couch). (journal article)
- 'The Importance of Context and Comparison in the Study of European Spatial Planning', *European Planning Studies*, 16/04, May 2008, pp. 537-556. (refereed journal article)
- 'Thirty Years of Regeneration in France, Germany and Britain - Part 2 - Spatial, institutional and urban context', *Town and Country Planning*, May 2008, (with Chris Couch). (journal article)
- 2009** 'Prima l'uovo o la gallina? Storie di applicazione dello SSSE in diversi territori d'Europa', in Governa, F., Janin Rivolin, U. e Santangelo, M. (Eds.) (2009), *La costruzione del territorio europeo*, Carocci, Roma (con Dave Shaw). (book chapter)
- 'The new EU Territorial Agenda - Indicating Progress for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation?' *Town Planning Review*. 80/01, pp.57-82, (with Thomas Fischer). (refereed journal article)
- 'Gauging the impact of a year of culture', *Town and Country Planning*, February 2009, pp.100-103. (with Dave Shaw). (journal article)
- 'Culture, regeneration and urban renaissance: Reflections of Liverpool's experiences as 'European Capital of Culture'', *RaumPlanung*. (with Dave Shaw and Thomas Fischer). (journal article)
- 'The ten-t - an environmental pitch', *Town and Country Planning*. (with Thomas Fischer) (journal article)

'Talking Territorial Cohesion Views - Debating Territorial Cohesion', *Town and Country Planning*, June 2009. (journal article)

'A Tale of Four Cities', *Town and Country Planning*, October 2009. (journal article)

'Planning Theory or Planning Theories? The Hydra Model and its Implications for Planning Education' *Journal for Education in the Built Environment*, 4/2, pp. 29-54 (with António Ferreira and Peter Batey). (refereed journal article)

2010 'Planning in a World Container', *Town and Country Planning*, January 2010, pp.47-51. (with Alex Lord and Urmila Jha-Thakur) (journal article).

'Territorial Cohesion Policy – into the 2010s', *Town and Country Planning*, February 2010. pp. 101-103. (journal article)

'Another Europe', *Town and Country Planning*, April 2010, pp.203-207. (journal article)

'Internationalisation of the planning curriculum through cross-national cooperation: reflections on the AESOP Excellence in Teaching Prize 2009', *Journal for Education in the Built Environment*, (with Lionel Prigent), 7/1, pp 67-79 (13). (refereed journal article)

'All Quiet on the European Front?', *Town and Country Planning*, October 2010, pp. 451-455. (journal article)

'La nouvelle planification spatiale régionale en Angleterre : un pari gagné ou une ambition qu'il reste à réaliser?', *L'Information géographique - Réformes territoriales*, 74/4, (refereed journal article)

2011 'Thirty Years of Regeneration in France, Germany and Britain: The importance of context and path dependency', *Progress in Planning*, 75/1, 2011 (with Chris Couch and Wolfgang Börstinghaus), pp.1-52. (refereed journal article)

'European Cities and Capitals of Culture – A comparative approach – Introduction to the Special Issue', *Town Planning Review*, 82/1, pp.1-12. (refereed journal article)

'New Visions for Cities and Regions in Europe?', *Town and Country Planning*, February 2011, pp.100-104. (journal article)

'Making the case for participatory Territorial Impact Assessment', *Town and Country Planning*, April 2011, pp.204-207. (with Thomas B. Fischer and Tom Gore) (journal article)

'Liverpool: European Capital of Culture, *CURB Magazine*, Vol. 2, Number 1, pp.18-20 (with Jonathan Brown). (magazine article)

'Sustaining a Territorial Agenda for the EU?', *Town and Country Planning*, July/August 2011, pp.352-355. (journal article)

'Whither a Europe of the (English) regions? Reflections on the prospects for the representation of English territorial interests in Europe', *Local Economy*, 26/6–7, pp.486–499 (with Alex Lord). (refereed journal article).

'Investigating sub-state interpretations of European Territorial Cohesion – the case of the United Kingdom', *International Planning Studies*, 16/4, pp. 377–396. (refereed journal article)

article)

- 2012** Neo-liberalization processes and spatial planning in Northwest Europe', *Planning Practice and Research*, 28/1, pp. 141-159, (with Bas Waterhout and Frank Othengrafen) (refereed journal article)

'For a Few Euros More?', *Town and Country Planning*, January 2012, pp.48-51. (journal article)

'In Europe 2012', *Town and Country Planning*, April 2012, pp.214-216. (journal article)

'Rail and Urban Development – United Kingdom & France a comparative approach', Conference Note, Seminar of the French and British Planning Study Group Seminar, Liverpool 29-30 November 2012 (with Jonathan Brown) (conference report)

http://www.francobritishcouncil.org.uk/data/files/various_publications/12-11-30_Rail_Regeneration_Conference_Note_14_12_12_2.pdf

- 2013** 'Neo-liberalization Processes and Spatial Planning in France, Germany, and the Netherlands: An Exploration', in Houghton, G. and Allmendinger, P. (Eds.), *Spatial Planning and the New Localism*, pp.141-159, Routledge, Abingdon. (with Bas Waterhout and Frank Othengrafen) (book chapter)

'Pulling the Right Levers? : Rail Investment and Regeneration in Britain and France', *Town and Country Planning*, February 2013, pp. 110-115 (with Jonathan Brown and Ian Wray). (journal article).

'A Tail of the Unexpected', *Town and Country Planning*, April 2013, pp. 200-203. (with Philip O'Brien). (journal article).

'Report on the CaDEC concepts in the context of planning in the United Kingdom' (ESPON Project CaDEC), Department of Geography and Planning, University of Liverpool (research report)

'Entering Unknown Territory?' *Town and Country Planning*, June 2013, pp.302-306. (journal article).

'City Profile – Liverpool', *Cities* (with Matthew Cocks, David Shaw, Chris Couch and Jonathan Brown) (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2013.03.013>) (refereed journal article)

'The Changing Context of Urban Regeneration in Europe', in Leary, M.E. and McCarthy, J. (Eds.), *Companion to Urban Regeneration*, Routledge, Abingdon. (with Couch, C. and Cocks, M.) (book chapter)

'Remembering the legacy of 'le Baron', 160 years on, *Town and Country Planning*, December 2013, pp.546-551. (journal article).

- 2014** 'Can less sometimes be more? - Integrating Land Use and Transport Planning on Merseyside (1965 – 2008)', *Urban, Planning and Transport Research*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1–27, (with Thomas Fischer and Mark Smith) (refereed journal article).

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/21650020.2013.866876>

'Territorial Impact Assessment (TIA) of European draft directives – The emergence of a new policy assessment instrument', *European Planning Studies*, (with Thomas Fischer, Tom Gore, Naja Marot, Mojca Golobic, Paulo Pinho, Bas Waterhout, Anastassios Perdicoulis) (refereed journal article) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09654313.2013.868292>

'Why are there so many failures in returning tramways to Great Britain? – lessons from Merseytram', *Town Planning Review*, Vol. 85, No.2, 237-259. (with Mark Smith and Thomas Fischer) (refereed journal article)

'Linking Rail and Urban Development – *reflections on French and British Experience*' (Introduction to the Special Issue), *Town Planning Review*, Vol. 85, No.2, 143-154 (with Xavier Desjardins and Juliette Maulat) (journal article)

'Despite the Edinburgh debacle, trams still have a bright future', *The Conversation*, (with Mark Smith and Xavier Desjardins),

<https://theconversation.com/despite-the-edinburgh-debacle-trams-still-have-a-bright-future-27484> (on-line article)

'The Tracks of My Tears? the Edinburgh Trams in Context', *Town and Country Planning*, June/July 2014, 295-299, (with Xavier Desjardins and Mark Smith) (journal article)

'Anti-politics, professionals and *A Bear Called Paddington*', *Town and Country Planning*, December 2014, 572-575.

- 2015** 'The Potential and Perils of Cross National Planning Research', *Town and Country Planning*, February, 2015, 98-103. (with Lauren Andres and Philip Booth)

'The evolving context for territorial development policy and governance in Europe', *L'Information géographique*, 01/2015, pp.72-97. (with Phil O'Brien and David Shaw) (journal article)

'Liverpool Story – growth, distress, reinvention and place-based strategy in an English City' in Wagner, F. (Ed.) (2015) *Transforming Distressed Global Cities into More Healthy and Humane Places*, Ashgate, (with David Shaw), (book chapter).

'Sir Peter Hall, un figure de l'urbanisme (2)', *Revue internationale de l'urbanisme*, <http://www.riurba.org/sir-peter-hall-figure-de-lurbanisme-2/>

Sykes, O., Jha-Thakur, U. and Potter, K. (2015), "*What's Love Got to Do With It?*" - Some reflections on the Internationalisation of planning education, *Education 3 Report*, Association of European Schools of Planning. (in press)

Sykes, O. and Ludwig, C. (2015), Defining and managing the historic urban landscape: reflections on the English experience and some stories from Liverpool, *European Spatial Research and Policy*. (in press)

Conference Papers and Presentations

- 2005** 'The role of spatial planning in managing spatial change at different scales', paper given at the *Schola Europea*, Brussels II, (April).
- 'L'influence de l'Union Européenne sur les discours et pratiques des politiques de développement spatiale des États Membres : le cas du Schéma de Développement de l'Espace Communautaire (SDEC) et le Royaume Uni', visio conference with the Institut d'Urbanisme de Grenoble, Grenoble, as part of the conference '*Le Développement Urbain Durable: Echelles, Temporalités, Acteurs & Indicateurs*', April.
- 'Polycentricity & Urban Governance', *The China Business Centre of the Manchester Business School*, Manchester, (November), (with Andreas Schulze Bäing).
- 'Recognising the Importance of Story in Planning: Whose Story? Who's Important?', *Bartlett School of Planning (UCL)*, London, (December).
- 2006** 'The re-emergence of the city regional scale and the renewed emphasis on city regions in northern England', *Réunion du Groupe d'études en urbanisme français et britannique*, Londres, (Janvier)
- Visiting lecturer at the *Institut d'Urbanisme de Lyon* of Université Lyon (France) as a contributor to the course '*L'aménagement urbain : une perspective comparative*' (Janvier)
- 'Recognising the Importance of Identity and Story in Planning: Which Identities? Whose story? Whose Important?', Social and Environmental Studies Faculty Research Seminar, '*The Future of Citizenship and Identity*', University of Liverpool, (May).
- 'La Planification Stratégique dans les 'city regions' au RU : les cas du 'Northern Way' et de l'aire urbaine de Liverpool', Presentation to the *Agence d'Urbanisme et de Développement de Lille Métropole*, July 2006.
- 'Cities and Urban Areas and the Lisbon Agenda', Key Note Address to the Institution of Economic Development, *UK Economic Development Conference 2006*, Gateshead, October 2006.
- 'Berlin a European Metropolis that has come full circle?', Address to Turley Associates, Manchester, October 2006 (with Andreas Schulze-Bäing).
- 2007** 'Comment Aménager une Union à 27 Etats Membres ?', Participation in Table Ronde at *Séminaire Prospective-Info ESPON / ORATE*, Université Paris IV, Paris, January 2007.
- 2008** '30 Years of Urban Regeneration Policy in the UK, France and Germany', paper presented at the *Regeneration is 30 Conference*, LACE, Liverpool, 30th. January 2008. (with Chris Couch).
- 'La nouvelle planification spatiale régionale au Royaume Uni : un pari gagné ou une ambition qu'il reste à réaliser?', paper presented at the *4th. International Symposium on Territorial Planning (Grenoble) 'Imagining, anticipating and organising space'*, Grenoble, 7-8 February 2008.

Co-organiser of the seminar '*European Capitals and Cities of Culture: Learning Lessons from one another?*' (Franco-British Planning Study Group / Groupe d'Etudes sur l'Urbanisme Francais et Britannique), Liverpool, 28 February – 01 March, 2008.

Invited Participant at Seminar on Research Themes on Territorial Cohesion in Europe, Delft, 17 June 2008.

'Territorial Positioning by Sub-state territories in Europe', paper presented at the Europe in the World Centre, *Liverpool Forum Seminar*, Foresight Centre, Liverpool, 09 December 2008.

'Territorial Cohesion: taking the debate forward', presentation at the *Daresbury Innovation Centre*, 19 December 2008.

- 2009** 'Culture, Regeneration and Urban Renaissance in Liverpool: Reflections of Experiences as 'European Capital of Culture', paper presented at the *Merseyside Network for Europe*, seminar for the visiting delegation of the Klon/Jawor Association (Polish voluntary sector), Stanley House, Liverpool, 11 June 2009.

'La Régénération de Liverpool – 30 ans de changements', presentation to a visiting delegation from Lens (France) on behalf of the *Mersey Partnership*, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, October 2009.

- 2010** 'L'émergence et l'évolution des politiques d'aménagement et d'urbanisme au RU depuis le vingtième siècle', *Université de Rouen*, February 2010.

'La nouvelle planification spatiale régionale en Angleterre : un pari gagné ou une ambition qu'il reste à réaliser?', Séminaire « Le 'local' a l'heure de la réforme territoriale », Université Paris Diderot-Paris 7, 12 avril 2010.

'La réforme des systèmes d'aménagement et d'urbanisme au Royaume Uni', Université de Paris – Sorbonne, Décembre 2010.

- 2011** 'A Participatory approach to European Territorial Impact Assessment', Citta Conference, Porto, Portugal, 05 May 2011.

- 2012** 'Challenging the Violence of Housing Policy: strategies for academics', Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology Social Justice Seminar, University of Liverpool, 21 November 2012.

- 2013** 'Local Development: the practice of policies of regulation and economic development' (AESOP Teaching Prize, 2009) - Some Reflections on the Role of New technologies in Delivering the Module, AESOP Heads of School Meeting, Gdansk, 12-14 April 2013.

'CaDEC Concepts and Spatial Planning Some Reflections from the United Kingdom', First Transnational Workshop of the ESPON CaDEC Project, Université Paris VII, Diderot, Paris, 22-23 May 2013.

'Introducing International Planning Studies', Lecture, Aalto University, Otaniemi / Otnäs, Finland, 11 June 2013.

'From splinterland to hinterland? - chasing Liverpoolian Dreams', State of the City Debate, Civic Day 2013, Blucoat Chambers, Liverpool, 22 June 2013.

'Educating 'world professionals'? – the challenges of internationalisation and the planning curriculum', Joint AESOP/ACSP Congress, UCD, Dublin, 17 July 2013.

'Derailed – exploring the implementation failures of Merseytram', *Seminaire sur les transports urbains*, Université de Bretagne Occidentale / Skol Veur Breiz Izel, Brest, 5 November 2013. (co-authors Mark Smith and Thomas Fischer collaborators Peter Brown and Bryan Matthews).

2014 'Les partenariats public privés dans les politiques d'aménagement au Royaume Uni', *Université de Paris VII – Diderot*, 31 March 2014.

'European territorial development policy and its interaction with processes of territorial rescaling – some reflections on English experience', *Université de Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne*, Friday 04 April, 2014 (co-authors Phil O'Brien and David Shaw).

'Les villes et capitales Européennes de la culture', *Paris VII – Diderot*, 09 April, 2014.

'The internationalisation of the university curriculum – opportunities, challenges and responses', *University of Liverpool Continuing Professional Development Programme*, 14 October 2014.

'The evolution of urban regeneration policy and thought in Britain 1968-2014'; *Université de Paris 1, Panthéon Sorbonne*, 08 December 2014.

'Urban Public Transport in the United Kingdom – between competition and regulation?', *Université de Paris , Panthéon Sorbonne*, 08 December 2014.

Mind the Gap! – despite all the talk, does planning theory actually *speak* to practice?, *LabEx Dynamite (Cluster of Excellence in Territorial and Spatial Dynamics)*, Paris, 09 December 2014.

2015 Sykes, O. 2014, "What's Love Got to Do With It?" - Some reflections on the Internationalisation of planning education, *AESOP Heads of School Meeting, Enhancing International Cooperation in a Connected and Divided World*, 12-14 March 2015, Madrid.

External collaboration and knowledge exchange

- Contributor to 'The Conversation' (<http://theconversation.com>) website
- China Central Television, interview for documentary on the 19th century transformation of Paris under Eugène Haussmann, 1 August 2013.
- Study tour of Liverpool City Region for Université de Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne (in collaboration with www.sharethecity.org), 2013 & 2014.

- Study of Liverpool City Region for Université de Bretagne Occidentale / Skol Veur Breiz Izel (in collaboration with www.sharethecity.org), May 2013.
 - Collaboration with Build and Design Partnership (BDP) on a bid to the North West Regional Development Agency (2009) and to the Kuwaiti Government (2012).
 - Council member of the Merseyside Civic Society.
 - Involvement in working with Liverpool City Council to investigate innovative ways of engaging the public in the production of the city's new Local Development Framework (2008-2009)
 - Collaboration with Spatial Foresight GmbH (Luxembourg) on projects for the European Commission (2012-2013).
 - Witness and community advocate at the 2nd. Edge Lane Public Inquiry (February, 2008) (a controversial planning proposal in Liverpool).
 - Witness and community advocate at the Welsh Streets Public Inquiry (May 2014) (a controversial planning proposal in Liverpool).
 - Advisor to North West England Regional Partners on the region's response to the EU's *Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion* (December 2008 – January 2009)
 - Contribution to work on a Neighbourhood Plan for the L8 area of Liverpool (2014-2015).
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Other relevant information

- Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
 - Member of the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA)
 - Member of the European Movement
 - Language Skills (Common European Language Framework):
 - English (C2)
 - French (C1)
 - German (B1- spoken)
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Hobbies

- Music
- Film
- Song writing and performance
- Rail Travel