

Dr. Mark Littler

Education:

2010-2014 **Ph.D. in Social Change**
University of Manchester

Title: *The Rational Extremist: Reconciling, religion, attitudes to politics and support for violence*

Supervisors: Prof. Anthony Heath, Dr. Nick Shryane, Dr. Siobhan McAndrew

2009-2010 **M.St. in Applied Criminology**
University of Cambridge

Thesis Title: *Re-examining Religion and Crime: A study of the impact of religious practice on adolescent criminality in the United Kingdom*

Supervisor: Dr. Tim Coupe

2004-2007 **LL.B. in Law**
University College London (UCL)

Thesis Title: *Non-legal dispute resolution in East Asia: A review of the literature*

Supervisor: Prof. Dame. Hazel Genn

Work Experience:

2015 - Present **Lecturer**
University of Hull

I am currently employed as a Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Hull, where I form part of a team delivering teaching across a number of programmes in Criminology. I currently teach on Criminal Justice Process and Procedure, Research Methods, and Understanding Terrorism, and serve as lead supervisor for a first year PhD student.

2014 - 2015 **Post-Doctoral Research Scholar**
Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford

I served as a Post-Doctoral Research Scholar at the Las Cass Institute, a research group at Oxford University's Blackfriars Hall that focusses on exploring the role of faith in contemporary society.

My work employed data from the British Cohort Study and over 50 qualitative interviews with parents, teachers, and former students at faith schools to explore the relationship between faith schooling and juvenile delinquency/criminality in the UK. The findings, to be presented at the Las Casas seminar series later in 2015, form the basis of two journal articles

shortly to be submitted for review.

2014 **Research Associate**
University of Manchester

I was employed as part of an ESRC funded project that aimed to use the medium of film to bring social research to life. I was responsible for all day to day management of the project including scheduling filming, organising events, managing stakeholders and supporting the editing of the final footage. Against a tight deadline I delivered 8 well received films and a multi-site launch event that drew an audience of senior academics, policy makers and journalists.

2013 - 2014 **Sessional Teaching and Research Work**
Various Colleges and Universities

I held a number of sessional teaching and research posts during the course of my doctoral studies. These included:

- Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Central Lancashire (2014)
- Associate Lecturer in Criminology at Sheffield Hallam University (2013-2014)
- Research Associate/Research Assistant at the Centre for Fascist, Post-Fascist and Anti-Fascist Studies, Teesside University (2012-2014)
- Associate Lecturer in Criminology at Plymouth University (2011-2012)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant in Religious and Ethnic Change at the University of Manchester (2011)
- Graduate Research Assistant working on British Religion in Numbers (BRIN) at the University of Manchester (2010-2011)

Appointments:

2011- Present **Associate**
Demos

I serve as an Associate Researcher specialising in terrorism and violent extremism at a leading London think-tank.

2014- Present **Visiting Researcher**
Teesside University Centre for Fascist, Post-Fascist and Anti-Fascist Studies

I was appointed as a Visiting Research at Teesside University's Centre for Fascist, Post-Fascist and Anti-Fascist Studies. My work here has involved ongoing monitoring using Tell MAMA data with Prof. Matthew Feldman.

2012 **SCHMi Pre-Doctoral Visiting Fellow**
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Appointed to a Pre-Doctoral Visiting Fellowship at the Kennedy School of Government as part of the Social Change: A Harvard-Manchester Initiative programme. Worked with Prof. Pippa Norris on a number of my own research projects, including:

- A working paper using EMBES data to explore the drivers for distrusting democracy amongst UK Muslims
- A working paper investigating motivational drivers for violence amongst the members of far-right groups.

Publications:

Books and Chapters

1. Bartlett, J., Birdwell, J., and Littler, M. (2011) *The New Face of Digital Populism*, London: Demos
2. Birdwell, J., and Littler, M., *Faithful Citizens: Why those who do God, do good*, in Birdwell, J., and Timms, S. (2013) *The Faith Collection*, London: Demos

Book Reviews

1. Littler, M. (2013) *Understanding Al Qaeda: Changing War and Global Politics* (Second Edition), *Journal of International Relations Research*, Vol. 1, No. 2

Academic Reports

1. Copsey, N., Dack, J., Littler, M., and Feldman, M. (2013) *Anti-Muslim Hate Crime and the Far Right*, Teesside: Teesside University Press
2. Feldman, M., and Littler, M., (2014) *Tell MAMA Reporting 2013/14: Anti-Muslim Overview, Analysis and 'Cumulative Extremism'*, Teesside: Teesside University Press
3. Littler, M., and Feldman, M. (2015) *Tell MAMA Reporting 2014/2015: Annual Monitoring, Cumulative Extremism, and Policy Implications*, Teesside: Teesside University Press [Forthcoming]

Policy Papers

1. Littler, M. and Birdwell, J. (2011) *After Osama: What Londoners Think*, London: Demos
2. Bartlett, J., and Littler, M. (2011) *Inside the EDL: Populist Politics in a Digital Age*, London: Demos
3. Bartlett, J., Froio, C., Littler, M., and McDonnell, D. (2013) *New Political Actors in Europe: Beppe Grillo and the M5S*, London: Demos

Conferences and Events:

1. September 2015 - Birmingham City University, Society for Terrorism Research Annual Conference, *Who supports the Terrorists?: A quantitative critique of the idea of a 'terrorist profile' amongst British Muslims*.
2. September 2015 - University of Kent, Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, *Migration and Support for Terrorism: Exploring the survey data*.
3. June 2015 - Teesside University, Tell MAMA 2014/2015 Report Launch Event, *Cumulative Extremism and the State of Hate: Exploring the 2014/2015 Tell MAMA Data*

4. June 2015 - University of Plymouth, British Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Migration and Attitudes to the Criminal Justice System: A Quantitative Exploration.
5. May 2015 - University of Manchester, ESRC Research Seminar Series on Right Wing Extremism in Contemporary Europe, Who are 'the men who will stand up and fight'?: A digital profile of National Action
6. September 2014 - Charles University Prague, European Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Mapping the 'God gap': A quantitative exploration of the relationship between religion and trust in the criminal justice system
7. September 2014 - University of Leicester, Digital Populism and the Young: Populism, Young People, and the World Wide Web in Theory and Practice, 'Liking' Extremism: An exploratory map of right-wing populist support on social media
8. September 2014 - University of Leicester, Digital Populism and the Young: Populism, Young People, and the World Wide Web in Theory and Practice, Attitudes to politics, radicalisation, and the PREVENT counter-extremism agenda: Making a case for citizenship education
9. September 2014 - University of Leeds, Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, Radical, Religious, and (supporting the) Violent: A rational choice model of religious support for violence extremism
10. July 2014 - Teesside University, Tell MAMA 2013/2014 Report Launch, Quantitative considerations for the analysis of Tell MAMA data
11. September 2013 - Eötvös Loránd University, European Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Hellfire 2.0: A quantitative exploration of the relationship between religion, social control and juvenile delinquency in Britain
12. July 2013 - Teesside University, Fascist Ideologues: Past and Present, Using Tell MAMA: Quantitative elements of data exploration
13. April 2013 - Royal United Services Institute, Community Tension Workshop, Challenges for understanding Community Tensions: Linking Cause and Effect
14. October 2012 - University of Ulster, Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Transferable Extremism: Sectarianism, populism, and the market for political violence in Northern Ireland
15. September 2012 - University of Coventry, Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, Pragmatic terrorism: A quantitative test of the role of political confidence on support for terrorism
16. September 2012 - University of Northampton, A Special Relationship of Hate: 50 Years of the Anglo-American Far-Right, People Like Us: Mapping the social media linkages between the European and American far-right
17. July 2012 - University of Portsmouth, British Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Islam, Democracy and Terrorism: Dispelling the myth of Islamic terrorist culture
18. June 2012 - Danish National Centre for Social Research, Seminar on Methods and Methodology in Researching Extremist Groups, Using Social Media Tools to Research the Populist Right: Methodological Notes and Experiences from a pan-European Quantitative Study
19. May 2012 - Central European University, The Radical Right and Europe Series, Quantifying the 'Populist Right': Findings from a quantitative study of the EDL
20. December 2011 - Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies, The Rise of the Extreme Right and the Future of Liberal Democracy in Europe, Researching The New Face of Digital Populism: Tracing the rise of populism through online behaviours
21. December 2011 - University of Manchester Institute for Social Change, Brown-bag Seminar Series, Using Facebook to research 'hard to reach groups': Notes and experiences from studying the 'digital populists'

Technical Experience:

Competence in the use of most major internet and office software, including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Additional competency in the use of academic and social research packages including R, SPSS and nVivo. Also a competent programmer, with good knowledge of Visual Basic, HTML and Delphi.