

Institution: City University London
Unit of Assessment: 23 Sociology
<p>a. Overview</p> <p>Sociology at City University London has an internationally recognised tradition of theoretically informed, empirical research that engages critically with defining societal transformations and policy challenges. That tradition, evolved over past RAEs, has been refined in this REF period and is being developed to address contemporary challenges in Sociology. Since 2008 we have consolidated and developed our research profile around four cross-cutting Themes, operationalised through five Centres and two Clusters. The Themes, Centres and Clusters interact in a three-dimensional matrix, designed to promote research vitality and sustainability. The three dimensions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centres: Comparative Social Surveys (CCSS); Crime and Justice Research (CCJR), co-directed with City Law School); Food Policy (CFP); International Communications and Society (CICS); Law, Justice and Journalism (CLJJ), co-directed with City Law School and Department of Journalism). • Clusters: Work, Class and Gender (WCG); Cultural Sociology (CS). • Themes (with primary affiliated Centres/Clusters in bold): European Social Research and Analysis (CCSS, CFP); Media, Communication and Society (CICS, CLJJ, CCJR); Policy and Governance (CFP, CCJR, WCG); Structures of Inequality (CS, WCG, CCSS, CFP, CCJR). <p>Themes define our research identity and the intellectual connectivities that drive departmental strategy and planning. Centres are established longstanding research units. Clusters are emerging or revitalising research strengths with potential for strategic intra- and cross-departmental development. This architecture reflects the University's prioritisation of creativity, interdisciplinarity and policy relevance. All members of staff participate in one or more of these Centres or Clusters. Three of the Centres are departmental (CCSS, CFP, CICS) and two are interdepartmental (CCJR, CLJJ). One Cluster reflects an established tradition in Sociology (WCG), one an emerging area of expertise (CS). The Department of Sociology is located within City's School of Arts and Social Sciences. We are submitting 21.6 fulltime equivalent staff (FTEs).</p> <p>b. Research strategy</p> <p><i>Evaluation of Strategies Outlined in RAE 2008</i></p> <p>We have made major progress on the five strategic aims identified in RAE 2008. We have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised the quality of research outputs through Annual Research Quality Monitoring, academic mentoring/appraisal and strategic appointments, as evidenced by the volume and proportion of outputs in high-impact journals and via established publishers; • Increased research funding by 18% to approximately £4M, winning grants from a greater diversity of sources including Research Councils, charitable foundations and governmental bodies, e.g., the British Academy, EU Frameworks, ESRC, Nuffield Foundation, Shelter, the Runnymede Trust, Wellcome Trust and various local authority and public health funders; • Strengthened our research base within the Department (via integration of CCSS and incorporation of CFP from the School of Health Sciences) and our capacity for collaborative research with other Departments in City (e.g., the creation of CLJJ and CCJR) and other universities nationally and internationally (e.g., CFP working with more than 20 international university departments on 7th Framework projects and ESS working with 36 international research partners; see below for further details); • Deepened engagement with government and civil society: UK government (e.g., the Cabinet Office, Defra, Office for National Statistics); regional (e.g., Mayor of London); national (e.g., the Afghan, Belgian, French, Irish and UK governments); international (e.g., the European Parliament and Commission, Food and Agriculture Organization, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Health Organization). We have also engaged extensively with civil society (e.g., Church Action on Poverty, Community Development Foundation, Oxfam, Raleigh International, Royal National Institute of Blind People, Sustain and working groups on public procurement) and professional institutions (e.g., Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), British Medical Association, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, Faculty of Public Health, London Metropolitan Police Service);

- **Strengthened our PhD programme** with an 80% increase in externally, University- and self-funded research students (42 registered in 2013, 20 of these since 2010), a 28% increase in completions (23 since 2008, escalating rapidly in line with the recent growth in registrations) and enhanced research training for doctoral students (see section b below).

Departmental Research Objectives 2014–2019

For the next assessment period, our research objectives as a Department are to:

- **Reinforce the international reputation of our Centres and develop our Clusters**, producing policy-relevant research that reflects and capitalises on our central London location, close to centres for communication, cultural industries and governance;
- **Enhance the Department's reputation for methodological innovation** around cultures of work and leisure, social implications of food sustainability, inequalities in the new austerity and justice processes and practices;
- **Increase research funding by 25% through the development of Centres and Clusters** and targeting of particular funding streams, for example of Horizon 2020, ESRC and foundations;
- **Promote and expand public engagement with societal transformations, hotspots and policy challenges**, evidenced by increased take-up by media and non-academic user groups;
- **Prioritise policy analysis** in staff recruitment, professional development and future collaboration with research partners;
- **Strengthen our postgraduate research culture**, attracting externally, University- or self-funded students to produce future research leaders.

Departmental achievements and objectives gain specificity from our cross-cutting themes:

EUROPEAN SOCIAL RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS (primarily CCSS/European Social Survey [ESS])

Core Theme Members: CCSS/ESS staff plus Cohen, Friedman, Gash, Hohl and Mercea.

Alongside wider international work, we have refined our European focus and expertise.

Key achievements since 2008: We have: (1) fully integrated CCSS, which leads the 36-country ESS, the methodologically unrivalled, academically driven, Descartes Prize-winning general social survey; (2) secured long-term funding for ESS through its designation as the first UK-hosted European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC); (3) won Nuffield Foundation/ESRC/HEFCE Q-Step funding (Cohen and CCSS) of £897,000 for five years, with attached quantitative methods lectureships (two in Sociology, one in International Politics, with three 0.2 FTE Teaching Assistants with PhD fee waiver) to promote excellence in methods training; (4) appointed five FTEs specialising in the collection and/or analysis of European data, including the ESS.

Objectives 2014–2019: We will: (1) research complex data collection and analysis problems, for example survey non-response/transactional data; (2) further consolidate and extend the reach and significance of the ESS; (3) build on Q-Step funding to optimise the highest quality research training.

MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND SOCIETY (primarily CICS and CLJJ)

Core Theme Members: Chalaby, Greer, Hohl, Iosifidis, Matos, McLaughlin and Mercea.

This Theme has been a core element of the Department's research culture since Professor Jeremy Tunstall's (Emeritus) pioneering work in the 1970s.

Key achievements since 2008: We have: (1) created CLJJ in 2009 (£400,000 competitive University seed-funding) as the first UK interdisciplinary centre, co-directed by Greer (Sociology), Tumber (Journalism) and Gale and de Than (Law), to focus on the interface of law, justice and journalism in society; (2) consolidated CICS interests around the political economy of media power and participatory democracy; (3) organised one EPSRC-funded and seven other conferences (five CICS, three CLJJ); (4) appointed three media and communication FTEs.

Objectives 2014–2019: We will deepen analyses of: (1) the impact of social and public media on social movements and democratisation; (2) the changing shape of international industry; (3) the interface of law, justice and journalism.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE (primarily CFP and CCJR)

Core Theme Members: Barling, Caraher, Greer, Hohl, Lang, McLaughlin and Schuster.

Key achievements since 2008: We have: (1) incorporated CFP from the School of Health Sciences

to strengthen our critical policy focus and analysis; (2) grown criminology and criminal justice from a *Cluster* in 2004 to a *Centre* in 2009 and then to the interdepartmental CCJR with Law in 2013; (3) appointed two FTEs in Criminology and four Research Assistants in CFP; (4) organised events funded by ESRC (Greer), the British Academy (McLaughlin) and Worshipful Company of Cooks (CFP); (5) won Leverhulme Trust and British Academy grants (Schuster) and five EU 7th Framework grants (CFP's share estimated at €839,792) on: global/local supply chains (Global and Local Food Chain Assessment: A Multidimensional Performance-based Approach – GLAMUR); environmental and social impacts of food products (SENSE); knowledge brokerage, sustainable consumption and food production (Foodlinks); urban food strategies (PUREFOOD); food chain transparency and sustainability (Transparent_Food); and were part of a European Cooperation in Science and Technology/European Science Foundation-funded foresight, *Forward Look: European Food Systems in a Changing World*.

Objectives 2014–2019: We will: (1) conduct multi-level policy analysis on hotspots in food, deportation, crime and justice; (2) increase evidence-based engagement with policy-makers; (3) strengthen data and evidence transfer to civil society (e.g., Esmée Fairbairn Foundation food research network funding of £260,000); (4) develop the research agenda on policy responses to food scandals.

STRUCTURES OF INEQUALITY (primarily CS and WCG)

Core Theme Members: Caraher, Cohen, Friedman, Gash, James, Jones, Rojek, Schuster, Susen and Vogler.

This *Theme* has been developed and revitalised in the REF period.

Key achievements since 2008: We have: (1) established Cultural Sociology as a *Cluster*, formalising links with the Departments of Cultural and Creative Industries and Journalism (submitted to Unit of Assessment 36); (2) revitalised Work, Class and Gender as a *Cluster*, building on the legacy of the late Professor Rosemary Crompton; (3) published a trilogy of monographs on popular culture and celebrity (Rojek); (4) co-organised an ESRC Seminar Series and British Library conference on 'Body Work' (Cohen, see also section e below).

Objectives 2014–2019: We will: (1) develop intra- and interdepartmental strength in Cultural Sociology; (2) develop collaborative research on the food industry as the UK's largest but low wage employer (WCG/CFP); (3) secure funding to deepen the analysis of inequalities as structured by culture, work, class and gender.

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Staffing strategy: The Department's staffing strategy, consistent with University and School strategy, is to appoint staff with established high-quality research profiles and strong research potential. Our strategic priority is to recruit candidates who strengthen existing and emerging research groups, ensuring their sustainability. Building on our reputation for expertise in social research methods, all appointments are based on methodological capabilities and substantive research interest. In the REF period, the Department has been strengthened by a combination of external and internal appointments, four at professorial level (Caraher, Lang, McLaughlin, Rojek). The 2012 incorporation of CFP from the School of Health Sciences renewed and intensified our longstanding focus on governance and policy. The full integration of CCSS has strengthened our European Research and Data Analysis expertise and was instrumental in Sociology's successful bid for Nuffield/ESRC/HEFCE Q-Step funding. McLaughlin's appointment from the University of Southampton strengthened Criminology and Criminal Justice, while Rojek's from Brunel University developed the emerging focus on Cultural Sociology. Some senior professors have retired – Coyle (Emeritus), Crompton (deceased), Jowell (deceased), Tunstall (Emeritus); Webster has moved to Journalism at City. Others have moved to top-ranking institutions: Bloch to Sociology at the University of Manchester and Solomos to a position as Head of Sociology at the University of Warwick. Their work continues to influence research across our Themes, Centres and Clusters. We have maintained our active role in developing young scholars and six of our submitted staff are early career (Butt, Friedman, Hohl, James, Matos, Villar). We have kept a broadly equal balance between male and female staff. Since August 2012, continuing contracts for research staff are the norm, creating parity between research and academic staff. We host a regular flow of visiting scholars, both through invitation and application, who contribute actively to departmental research

culture by presenting at and participating in research seminars and expanding our research networks. In the REF period, scholars have visited from academic institutions in, for example, Australia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Switzerland. One-off lectures have been given by scholars from universities in, for example, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Norway and the USA.

Staff development: In the last assessment period, we developed International Politics from a Cluster in Sociology to a free-standing Department. International Politics is being submitted to REF 2014 as a separate Unit of Assessment and retains close relations with Sociology. All new Sociology staff are given lighter teaching and administrative roles in their first year to protect research time as they settle into the Department. New staff are allocated to a senior academic mentor. Mentoring meetings derive from the wider University Appraisal Scheme. All staff are appraised annually to facilitate academic planning and promote career development. Research plans and achievements form an important part of the annual appraisal process and research achievements are weighted heavily in staff promotion. In the REF period, four staff were promoted to Professor (Bloch, Chalaby, Greer, Iosifidis). The University and the School of Arts and Social Sciences support the growth of our research culture by providing all academic staff with: eligibility for sabbatical leave for a period of time up to a maximum of one-seventh of service at the University (staff produce 'outcomes' reports for the Research Committee following sabbaticals); an individual Research Fund of £1,000 per year to facilitate attendance at national and international conferences; financial and administrative support to organise conferences and workshops (e.g., CFP's WCC-funded Food Symposia); access to small research grants (up to £5,000) as pump-priming, examples including 'remapping Europe's media spaces' (Chalaby) and 'youth identities and cyberbullying' (Greer and Myers). Seminar series are organised at Department and Centre level, for example CCJR, CICS, CLJJ, CFP and Sociology. Sociology staff contribute to the University research training programme by delivering specialist seminars on, for example, data analysis, conducting fieldwork and publishing research.

ii. Research students

In 2013 there were 42 research students registered in Sociology (19 full-time, 11 part-time and 12 writing-up), an increase of more than 80% on 2008. In this assessment period, 23 students have been awarded doctorates, an increase of 28% on RAE 2008 that will continue to escalate in line with growing student numbers. Former research students have secured academic posts in international universities, including University of Nicosia, Cyprus, Bahçeşehir University, Turkey and Wageningen University, Netherlands. Others have secured employment in the policy and professional sectors, including the Italian Ministry of Education, Korea Communication Commission and Qatar Public Health Department. All academic staff are actively involved in doctoral recruitment and supervision and all research students are supervised jointly, which increases student-staff contact and collaboration between colleagues. An on-line 'Research and Progress' system is used to support and monitor PhD students. The creation of the City Graduate School in 2012 facilitated interschool and interdepartmental doctoral supervision with Journalism, Law and the Cass Business School. Doctoral funding has come from the ESRC, Onassis Foundation, EU 6th and 7th Frameworks, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (Australian Government) and University Chancellor's scheme and from supporting self-, employer- and part-funded students. We are a key provider of methods training, supporting Sociology, the Department of Journalism and The City Law School. Research students contribute to our research culture by organising a seminar series combining guest speakers and doctoral presentations and play a key role in organising events within our Centres and Clusters (e.g., CLJJ research students have organised conferences on Impunity and the Rule of Law, Open Justice and the Future of Humanitarian Reporting). Media and Communication research students present at an annual seminar organised between City, Goldsmiths, University of London, the London School of Economics and Politics (LSE) and the University of Westminster. Research students working on race, ethnicity and migration present at an annual seminar held between City, LSE and Goldsmiths, University of London. CFP research students help to organise annual City Food Symposia and have presented at the World and European Congresses of Rural Sociology and European Consortium for Political Research. Criminology research students have presented at conferences of the British and European Societies of Criminology. Students can apply for funding

from the Graduate School and Department and School Research Committees to attend national and international conferences. University studentships also receive a £1,000 allowance.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Our annual research income has increased from £3.4M for RAE 2008 to around £4M in the current REF period. A list of funding sources is included in section b above. Specific examples include: the British Academy (McLaughlin with University of Tasmania, 'Public Confidence in Policing in UK and Australia'); EU 7th Framework (Barling, 'Food Chain Sustainability and Governance' – Transparent Food, FOODLINKS, SENSE and GLAMUR £589,792); Leverhulme Trust (Schuster, 'Impact of Deportation in Afghanistan', £44,971), EU Marie Curie Initial Training Network (Barling, 'Urban Food Strategies', estimated €250,000); Paul Hamlyn Foundation (Bloch with University of Oxford, 'Undocumented Migrants', £184,000). The European Social Survey (ESS), hosted by CCSS, has become the first UK-hosted ERIC. Previously funded by the European Commission, ESS is now funded by 15 countries and research councils, including ESRC. Funding applications are organised to a significant extent around the Department's Centres and Clusters. Our strategy for increasing research income dovetails with the development of existing and emerging areas of expertise.

The University has made a substantial financial investment of £165M to support the expansion of infrastructure, estate and research, of which £1.5M per annum has been invested in Library collections including e-journals. This has enhanced the School's capacity for research activity. The Department occupies 1.5 floors of the high-specification Social Sciences Building. All academic staff have individual offices, on-site and remote access to computer networks (including all major quantitative and qualitative research software packages) and the support of a dedicated IT team and Sociology librarian. We benefit from close proximity to the British Library, the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries and the Society of College, National and University Libraries. The Department has dedicated space for research students with the same range of software described above, including secure space for the storage of research materials.

The Department's research structures are embedded in the University's. The University operates a developed system of research offices, funding support mechanisms and annual research quality monitoring, supporting Sociology staff at each stage of the research process from inception to outputs and final reporting. University-wide workshops provide research skills training. Research Committees function across three intersecting levels - University, School and Department - and provide support to Centres, Clusters and individuals as requested. Two dedicated, experienced staff in the School Research Office disseminate national and international funding opportunities, advise on funding sources, costings, schedules and international collaboration and assist in grant application completion. The Department Research Committee organises an annual Research Day to review research priorities, feeding into the wider School and University infrastructure. The Department makes full use of the University's experienced Press Office for dissemination, profile raising and long-term stakeholder engagement.

e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline

City Sociology makes a distinctive and collaborative contribution to the maintenance and renewal of the discipline. In the REF period, academic staff have published 15 books, 20 edited books, 155 refereed journal articles, 104 chapters in books and 79 reports to outside agencies. We have delivered 975 invited, keynote, plenary and conference presentations at universities in Britain and overseas, including: Amsterdam, Berlin, Brisbane, Budapest, Cambridge, Canberra, Cardiff, Copenhagen, Gent, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Lancaster, Lisbon, LSE, New York, Oslo, Oxford, Queensland, Paris, Seoul, Singapore, Southampton, Texas, Tokyo and York. We have presented at 28 major disciplinary/interdisciplinary events and conferences across four continents, including the: Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia; American, British and European Societies of Criminology; American, British and European Sociological Associations; Australian Institute of Food Science Technology; dietetic and public health associations (New Zealand, Australian, European); European Consortium for Political Research; European Federation of Food Science and Technology; International Association for Media and Communication Research; Korean Food Research Institute; Media, Communication and Cultural Studies Association; Political Studies Association; Royal Geographical Society (with IBG); Royal Society for Public Health; Royal Statistical Soc.; US Natl. Acad. of Sciences; World and European Congresses of Rural Sociology.

The Department and Centres maintain an active programme of discipline-specific and interdisciplinary seminars and conferences which help foster and maintain our research culture, including: CICS; CLJJ (with Law and Journalism); CCJR (Crime and Justice, with Law); CFP (Food

Thinkers); Sociology (Department). CFP organises an annual Food Symposium (e.g., 2012 had speakers from the USA, Canada and Chile) and CLJJ organises a public Annual Lecture (2011 Mr Justice Eady, 2012 Baroness Buscombe, 2013 Ofcom Chief Executive Ed Richards). Since 2008 five international journals have been based in the Department: *Crime, Media, Culture* (since 2005); *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (2001–2013); *International Journal of Digital Television*, (since 2013); *Journal of Classical Sociology* (since 2011); *Theoretical Criminology* (2004–2009). In addition, City Sociologists serve on editorial boards for 24 peer-reviewed journals, including: *Agriculture and Human Values* (Barling); *Body & Society* (Rojek); *British Food Journal* (Caraher); *British Journal of Criminology* (McLaughlin); *Economic Geography* (Jones); *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (Schuster); *European Journal of Social Theory* (Rojek); *Information, Communication and Society* (Mercea); *International Journal of Cultural Studies* (Rojek); *International Journal of Electronic Governance* (Iosifidis); *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (Fitzgerald); *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food* (Lang); *Survey Research Methods* (Fitzgerald); *Theoretical Criminology* (Greer, McLaughlin); *Theory, Culture and Society* (Rojek); *Work, Employment and Society* (Cohen, Gash).

City sociologists have secured Visiting Fellowships and Professorships, for example: Deakin University Thinker in Residence, Australia, 2012/13, and Curtin University Fellowship, Australia, 2008 (Caraher); Hood Fellow University of Auckland, New Zealand, 2009 (Rojek); Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Hong Kong, 2011 (McLaughlin). Visiting Scholar positions, include: European Institute, University of Geneva, Switzerland, since 1999 (Chalaby); St. Petersburg State University, Russia, 2009 and 2010 (Cohen); Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago De Chile, Chile, 2013 (Friedman); Equalsoc Visiting Fellowship to the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Germany, 2010 (Gash); John Jay College, City University of New York, USA, 2008 (Greer), 2013 (McLaughlin); Virginia Tech, USA (Hohl); CERI – Sciences Po, Paris, France, 2012 (Schuster). In the REF period, staff have been external examiners for at least 37 doctoral awards, reviewers for more than 120 journals and external assessors for a diversity of funding bodies, including: British Academy; Big Lottery Fund; Cancer Research UK; ESRC; Leverhulme Trust; Open Research Area ORA plus; RAND Corporation; Government of South Australia; US Save the Children; and (Social Science) Research Councils in Belgium, Canada, Israel, New Zealand and Sweden.

Our research evidence and thinking has fed into the work of societal institutions at various levels: UK government (e.g., Cabinet Office, Defra, Office for National Statistics); regional (e.g., Mayor of London); national (e.g., Afghan, Belgian, French, Irish and UK governments; Refugee Council of Australia); international (e.g., European Parliament and Commission, UNEP, World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights). We have also engaged extensively with civil society (e.g., Church Action on Poverty, Community Development Foundation, French legal non-governmental organization *Groupe d'information et de soutien des immigrés* (GISTI), Oxfam, Raleigh International, Royal National Institute of Blind People, Soil Association, Sustain, working groups on public procurement) and professional institutions (e.g., ACCA, British Medical Association, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, Faculty of Public Health, London Met. Police and Nottinghamshire Police).

Our contribution to the discipline and to interdisciplinary scholarship can be presented in accordance with our three-dimensional research matrix (see section a above), as follows (with core members in **bold** and cross-cutting underlined).

EUROPEAN SOCIAL RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Centre for Comparative Social Surveys (CCSS)

Based at City since 2003, CCSS leads on international knowledge transfer activities such as methodological developments in cross-national survey research. Its contribution is to: (1) chart stability and change in European social structure, conditions and attitudes; (2) achieve and spread higher standards in cross-national research, for example sampling, data collection, bias reduction and reliability of questions; (3) develop social indicators based on citizens' perceptions and judgements; (4) train European social researchers in comparative quantitative measurement and analysis; (5) improve the use and dissemination of data on social change among academics, policy-makers and the public. As the 'engine room' for the ESS, CCSS coordinates six other scientific institutions in delivering the project. **CCSS** also leads on science communication activities and has published top-line findings booklets and convened ESS policy seminars at the Cabinet

Office, Brussels-based think tanks and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. CCSS members co-organised an international conference on the ESS (2012, under Cypriot EU presidency), attracting over 100 scholars globally. **Fitzgerald** hosted the 2011 Comparative Survey Design and Implementation workshop at City, inviting leading cross-national scholars from around the world.

Outside the CCSS, **Cohen** and **Gash** have used cross-national and longitudinal comparative data (notably ESS) to explore labour markets and social attitudes. **Friedman**'s cultural class analysis has used national survey data. **Gash** has applied propensity score matching techniques and event history models to compare outcomes of temporary workers in different European countries. **Mercea** has used content, computer-mediated discourse and semantic network analysis to examine data 'scraped' from social media such as Facebook and Twitter. **Lang**'s notion of 'food miles' remains a much-debated indicator of cultural and environmental desirability for food choice. **Lang** and **Barling** have developed omni-standards metrics for operationalising food systems sustainability and **Caraher** has developed metrics to inform health and town planners on the proximity of fast-food outlets to schools.

MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND SOCIETY

Centre for International Communications and Society (CICS)

Chalaby analysed transnational media proliferation by expanding his network among the international TV production elite to research the rise of cross-border TV channels and global TV formats. His 2011 symposium examined Transnational Media and Audiences. **Iosifidis** analysed policy frameworks adopted by governments and international regulators to deliver public accountability and their impact on democracy, pluralism and freedom of speech. He organised five conferences at City, including the EPSRC-funded Digital Economy (2009); Global Media Policy (2011) and Public Service Broadcasting in the Era of Austerity (with Chalaby, 2013). **Matos** researched the role of media in national development and democratisation, particularly public service broadcasting and public communication structures in Latin America, with a special focus on Brazil. **Mercea** examined the implications of social media for democratic politics, exploring social movement protest and the impact of networked communication on physical participation. **Rojek** explored celebrity and entertainment cultures (see **Cultural Sociology**).

Centre for Law, Justice and Journalism (CLJJ)

CLJJ supports research collaboration and knowledge transfer to policy-makers and media and justice practitioners. Two international journals – *Journalism* (co-edited by Tumber) and *Crime Media, Culture* (co-edited by Greer) – support the Centre's activities. Sociology core members **Greer**, **Hohl** and **McLaughlin** are discussed under **CCJR**. The CLJJ has launched: The Initiative on Impunity and the Rule of Law, a Joint Project of CLJJ and the University of Sheffield Centre for Freedom of the Media; Citizenship and Journalistic Practices, an international scholar and practitioner network on journalism and citizenship; Open Justice in the Digital Era, which makes recommendations on how judicial information and legal data are communicated in a digital era. CLJJ has created a publication series, doctoral studentships, a research seminar series, the CLJJ Annual Lecture and a programme of public events. CLJJ currently funds nine doctoral students and has nine visiting scholars. It is associated with the Centre for Investigative Journalism.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

Centre for Crime and Justice Research (CCJR)

Greer and **McLaughlin** have developed the concepts of 'trial by media' and 'media justice' to analyse the changing power relations between news media and official institutions, with a particular focus on institutional scandal and delegitimation. **Greer** co-organised the ESRC-funded seminar series 'Visual Criminology' (with Sociology/Criminology at the University of Essex, Keele University and University of Leicester) and is Founding and current Co-Editor of *Crime, Media, Culture*. **McLaughlin**'s British Academy-funded international workshops have produced two Special Issues on public confidence in the police. As part of the EU-funded FP7 Fiducia project, **Hohl** has used ESS data to conduct cross-national comparative research on the role of trust in public co-operation and compliance with criminal justice institutions and the law. **Schuster**'s British Academy grant funded a UK workshop on EU deportation to Afghanistan and training in Uganda for practitioners working with EU deportees. Her Leverhulme Fellowship funded one of only a few ethnographies in

Afghanistan in the last 30 years, the only one by a female, resulting in unique access to all household members, including women.

Centre for Food Policy (CFP)

CFP's long record on food policy integration was summarised in *Food Policy* (2010, highly commended, British Medical Association book awards). **Barling** was Principal Investigator (PI) from City in six EU-funded collaborations (see section b) and co-authored papers on priority research questions for the UK food system and governance of food chain traceability, a hotspot since the horsemeat scandal of 2013. **Lang** led five papers within the Sustainable Development Commission and played a key role in raising international attention to sustainable diets (*Proceedings of the Nutrition Society*, *FAO-Bioversity International* report, UNEP). He proposed the new six-heading framework emerging in commercial, foundation and academic research. Co-authored interdisciplinary papers in agricultural research, geography, public health and consumer culture included a *BMJ* article downloaded 13,000 times in 2013. **Lang** and **Barling** advised the UK Cabinet Office on *Food Matters*, the first review of food policy since the 1950s, and co-wrote UNEP's *Avoiding Future Famines* report. **Caraher's** research on fast-food outlets around schools has generated planning interest. He has researched whether teaching children to cook alters behaviour and, in collaboration with NGOs and scientists, led the policy focus on 'new' food poverty in the UK and EU.

Outside CCJR and CFP, **Gash** has examined the impact of policy change on gender inequality in the labour market across for 18 countries over a 16-year period. **Jones** produced a policy report, commissioned for the incoming South Korean government in 2013, contributing directly to international policy debates on voluntary work and skills.

STRUCTURES OF INEQUALITY

Cultural Sociology (CS)

Rojek has completed a trilogy of monographs on popular culture and celebrity (2011, 2012, 2013) and is creating a multi-university collaboration to study *hikikomori* culture in Japan and convergent trends in Spain and the UK. **Friedman** is Principal Investigator on a project examining social mobility, cultural tastes and identities and Co-Investigator on a multi-institutional team analysing the BBC Great British Class Survey. He co-founded the Stratification and Culture Research Network with colleagues at LSE, University of Manchester and York University. **James** co-founded the Race, Ethnicity and Post-Colonial Studies PhD Network (REPS), a collaboration between City, Goldsmiths, University of London and LSE, which grew from London-wide in 2008 to national in 2013. REPS workshops have generated a collaboration with the Runnymede Trust and a special issue of *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. **Susen** is an Associate Member of the Bauman Institute and co-edits (with Bryan S. Turner) the *Journal of Classical Sociology*. He has co-edited a collection on Bourdieu's legacy (2011) and a double Special Issue on 'Bourdieu and Language' for *Social Epistemology* (2013). **Caraher** has explored cultures of food poverty in the 'new austerity'. **Lang** has explored the tension between consumer culture and democracy.

Work, Class and Gender (WCG)

Jones has developed the concept of 'global work' to explore qualitatively the relationship between (international) voluntary work and transnational professional labour markets. **Cohen** has co-organised the ESRC Seminar Series 'Body Work: Critical Themes, Future Agendas' and a Body Work conference at the British Library and has co-edited a special issue of *Sociology of Health and Illness* and *Body/Sex/Work* (Palgrave, 2013). Her interest in feminism and quantitative methods led to a special issue of *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*. **Gash** has underscored the pivotal role of cross-national comparative research in providing policy answers to social problems. Using the European Labour Force Survey and National Panel Surveys (for the UK and Germany), she has found atypical workers to have lower wages, higher unemployment risks and inferior job quality compared with those on the standard employment contract. **Vogler** has continued her (initially ESRC-funded) quantitative analysis of International Social Survey Programme data, focusing on money, power and inequality within intimate relationships, and has contributed to the Law Commission's *Cohabitation* (Law Com No. 307). She is developing a psychosocial framework for understanding the conscious and unconscious dynamics shaping couples' money management.