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2022- **Executive Director, Understanding Society**
Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex

EDUCATION

1997-2003 **PhD Government**
1994-1995 **MA British Government and Politics** (distinction)
1991-1994 **BA Government** (first class)
Department of Government, University of Essex

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2020-2021 **Associate Director - Data Linkage, Understanding Society**
2015-2020 **Executive Director, EUROMOD**
Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex
2008-2015 **Support (formerly Service) Manager**
2000-2008 **Senior Data and Support Services Officer**
UK Data Archive, University of Essex
1995-2000 Various short-term research and teaching posts
Department of Government, University of Essex
The King's Fund (UK health care policy institute), London

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

For over two decades, I have worked on a wide range of social science data infrastructure projects and services, funded by various UK research councils and the European Commission. I am expert in managing complex and technical developments (including major cross-site and cross-national collaborations), alongside managing people, projects, contracts, budgets, risk and relationships.

In my current and recent posts, I have gained substantial leadership experience, setting and leading strategy for projects and teams. I have a strong set of project management skills, frequently applied to data-driven projects, and hold a PRINCE2 Foundation certificate.

I am an experienced communicator, with over 100 presentations given at conferences, meetings, and other knowledge exchange events over the past 10 years. I have authored papers, reports and technical documents for a variety of audiences and written and edited extensively for the web.

On a daily basis, I am a user of MS Office software (Word, Excel, PPT, Outlook), and I am familiar with social science data analysis software (SPSS, Stata), web development environments (HTML, CSS and various web content management systems) and project management/collaboration platforms (e.g. Redmine, Trello, Confluence).

RESEARCH AND INFRASTRUCTURE AWARDS

- 2023- : Co-Investigator, Understanding Society Waves 17-22 (ESRC, ~£100m)
- 2016-2020: Co-Investigator, Regular maintenance of the EUROMOD tax-benefit microsimulation model and preparation of its transfer to the European Commission (EC, £1.3m)
- 2012-2015: Co-Investigator, Cohort and Longitudinal Studies Enhancement Resources (CLOSER) programme (ESRC/MRC, £5m)
- 1999-2000: Co-Investigator, small grant for research into survey question wording experiment (British Academy, £4.5k)
- 1997-2000: CASE PhD Research Studentship (ESRC/King's Fund)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- 2020- : Member, UK Longitudinal Linkage Collaboration Vanguard group
- 2017-2020: Member, Eurostat Microdata Access Network group
- 2013-2015: Member, Life Study methodology scientific working group
- 2012-2015: Chair, CLOSER metadata search platform technical committee
- 2012-2015: Member, CLOSER leadership team
- 2012-2015: Member, Understanding Society data access committee
- 2010-2015: Member, Understanding Society methodological advisory committee
- 2011: Invited expert, CESSDA expert seminar: Question databanks - towards greater integration?
- 2006-2009: Member, MRC-National Survey of Health and Development data sharing project
- 2005-2006: Consultant, MRC data sharing initiative (2005-2006)
- Referee for various funding bodies and journals

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed journal articles:

- David Sanders, Jonathan Burton and **Jack Kneeshaw**, 'Identifying the True Party Identifiers: A Question Wording Experiment', Party Politics 8:2, March 2002

Working papers:

- **Jack Kneeshaw** et al, Baseline Results from the EU28 EUROMOD: 2017-2020, EUROMOD Working Paper EM 1/21, 2021
- **Jack Kneeshaw** et al, Baseline Results from the EU28 EUROMOD: 2016-2019, EUROMOD Working Paper EM 20/20, 2020

Chapters in edited books:

- **Jack Kneeshaw**, 'Does the Public Mind Having to Wait?', in Anthony Harrison, ed., Health Care UK, 1997-98 (London: King's Fund, 1998)
- **Jack Kneeshaw**, 'What Does the Public Think About Rationing? A Review of the Evidence', in Bill New, ed., Rationing: Talk and Action in Health Care (London: King's Fund / BMJ, 1997)

Commissioned reports:

- **Jack Kneeshaw** and Sharon Bolton, Cohort Support Project: NSHD. Consultants' report for the MRC, 2006
- **Jack Kneeshaw**, Cohort Support Project: ALSPAC. Consultant's report for the MRC, 2006