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<b>Research interests and expertise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Countries of expertise</b></li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The development and assessment of Urban Policy;</li> <li>2. Urban Regeneration, Partnerships and Community Participation;</li> <li>3. Social Exclusion;</li> <li>4. European Spatial Planning and EU Urban Policy;</li> <li>5. Urban Governance, Knowledge and Sustainable Urban Development</li> </ol> <p>Detailed knowledge of UK and to a lesser extent of several other European countries plus of developments at the EU level.</p>
<b>Consultancy work</b>	<p>'Mapping and Evaluating Social Exclusion in Plymouth', Plymouth City Council.</p> <p>Advising on the Evaluation of Urban Regeneration in Hackney', one-year project (rolling programme for later years), working with RENAISSI (Hackney Council's independent regeneration company).</p> <p>Participated in drawing up an 'Urban Strategy' for the South West of England Regional Development Agency.</p> <p>Worked with the European Commission (DG Environment) on the consultation process around the Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Urban Environment Action Framework. My role was to consult with the academic community across Europe, solicit responses on a background paper, write a synthesis report based on the responses and organise academics to participate in a Stakeholder Platform (including representatives from local/regional government, the private sector, NGOs and the academic sector).</p> <p>With Rambol Management (Brussels) Evaluation of ESPON.</p>
<b>Funded projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project title/area of work</b></li> <li>• <b>Funding source</b></li> <li>• <b>Start/end dates</b></li> <li>• <b>Key partners</b></li> </ul>	<p>Member of the national evaluation team working on New Deal for Communities, with specific responsibility for Plymouth NDC. This is a multi-annual, multi-million pound research/evaluation project, funded by UK government.</p> <p>Member of the national team carrying out research on Local Strategic Partnerships, this is a 5-year project funded by UK government..</p> <p>Partner in Fifth Framework project 'Spatial Deconcentration of Economic Land Use and Quality of life in European Metropolitan Areas' (SELMA), funded by the European Commission.</p> <p>Member of COST Action (COST C20) "Urban Knowledge Arena: Developing a European Arena for Cross-Boundary Cooperation in Production of Knowledge and Know-How on Complex Urban Problems".</p>

	<p>Framework 6 project - <i>Governance for Sustainability (GFORS)</i>, a STREP which is a largely theoretical research project about the relationship between different modes of governance and different knowledge forms with a focus on sustainability.</p> <p>Framework 6 project - <i>Urban Matrix</i> - a knowledge dissemination platform designed to support local authorities across Europe in the development and implementation of policies on sustainable urban development</p>
<b>Other projects</b>	<p>Member of the EU Urban Environment Expert Group Advising the European Commission on the development of Urban Thematic Strategy as part of the European Commission (DG Environment) Sixth Community Environment Action Programme.</p> <p>Vice President European Urban Research Association (EURA). Editor of the EURA journal – Urban Research and Practice (to be launched in 2008)</p>
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Key words</b>	Urban regeneration, partnerships, community participation, urban governance, social exclusion.

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