

UKAJI Current research register - 'live' research projects in administrative justice (5 October 2015)

How to use this register: The research projects are listed in this register under keyword. Where more than one keyword applies, the project is listed with a cross-reference to the main listing. For some keywords we have no current research listed; we will add to these in future. We plan to publish an updated register every six months. To see the entire text in a cell, double click that cell.

Structure					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Le Sueur, Andrew	Administrative Justice in Jersey	Active	States of Jersey/Jersey Law Commission	Jersey Law Commission/School of Law, University of Essex	The project is examining the work of the various tribunals set up by Jersey Laws, the role of the Royal Court in hearing statutory appeals and applications for judicial review, and the work of the States of Jersey Complaints Board.
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Morrison, Alan	Mapping the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Landscape in Scotland	Completed November 2015	STAJAC	The Scottish Tribunals and Administrative Justice Advisory Committee (STAJAC)	Mapping the administrative justice and tribunals landscape in Scotland. The reportsets out all the public bodies (both devolved and reserved) which take administrative justice decisions within each subject area in Scotland.
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Skelcher, Chris	Shrinking the state: reforming arm's length bodies in an age of austerity	Active - Until Jan 2016	ESRC	ESRC funded. University of Birmingham, INLOGOV	Track the implementation of the Coalition Government's reform and compare this with developments internationally. It will consider the legal, constitutional and administrative issues involved, but also the broader politics involved in reshaping and shrinking the state
Principles					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Le Sueur, Andrew (See Structure)					
Designers					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Le Sueur, Andrew (See Structure)					
Human Rights/Equalities					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About

Baumberg, Ben	Re-thinking Incapacity: Evidence-based perspectives on work, benefits and disability	Active	ESRC - Grant ES/K009583/1	Demos	Examines the Work Capability Assessment which assesses eligibility for the main out-of-work disability benefit, Employment and Support Allowance and considers how seven other countries assess incapacity. It finds several lessons for the UK and recommends steps towards a new incapacity assessment based on a real-world idea of incapacity.
---------------	--	--------	---------------------------	-------	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Croydon Mind	Mental health impact of welfare assessments	To be published by Feb 2015	Trust for London		An independent piece of research to assess the economic and health impact of current welfare assessments on people with mental health issues.
--------------	---	-----------------------------	------------------	--	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Drummond, Orla	Inclusive Justice? A Comparative Examination of the UK and Ireland	Active	Department of Employment and Learning (NI)	Ulster Law School	Examines participation of children in SEN tribunals
----------------	--	--------	--	-------------------	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Landman, Todd.	The Rights Track	September 2015 - September 2016	Law in Society	University of Nottingham	This project will establish a free website resource of twelve podcasts on systematic social science research on human rights.
----------------	----------------------------------	---------------------------------	----------------	--------------------------	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

McGregor, Lorna., Shipman, Shirely., and Murray, Rachel.	The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Providing Access to Justice	June 2014 - November 2015	Law in Society	University of Essex	This project will examine the roles that National Human Rights Institutions in Europe do, and should, play in dispute resolution.
--	---	---------------------------	----------------	---------------------	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Garthwaite, Kayleigh (See Health)

Initial Decision-Making

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Lincoln, John	Developing excellence in administrative justice	Completed November 2015	Audit Scotland	Audit Scotland and the Scottish Tribunals and Administrative Justice Advisory Committee (STAJAC)	The project looks at a representative selection of local authority decision making areas to model the user journey through these administrative justice processes.Provides a whole system view, including the appeal or review processes and costs.
---------------	---	-------------------------	----------------	--	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

UCC Child Law Clinic	Child-friendly Public Services	Active	Children’s Commissioner?	Univ College Cork, Ireland – Child Law Clinic	Designed to advance the promotion and protection of children’s rights in the administrative actions and decision-making processes of public bodies and to improve children’s access to public services.
----------------------	--	--------	--------------------------	---	---

User Views and Experiences

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Creutzfeldt, N	Trusting the middle-man: Impact and Legitimacy of Ombudsmen in Europe	Active. Oct 13 - Sep 16	ESRC FRL Scheme	University of Oxford, Socio-Legal Studies Centre	Compares levels of perceived procedural fairness and trust in ombudsman systems in France, Germany and the United Kingdom

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Lincoln, John (see Initial Decision-Making)					

Judicial Review

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Gill, Chris	Administrative Justice and the Control of Bureaucratic Decision-Making	Active	University of Glasgow PhD Scholarship	PhD - University of Glasgow. School of Law	Explores the idea that courts, tribunals, and ombuds schemes (collectively, redress mechanisms) exercise both ex post and ex ante control over bureaucratic decision-makers.

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Morison, John and Anthony, Gordon	What Makes an Important Case? A Study of the Creation, Transmission and Validation of Legal Knowledge	01/08/2011 - Present	ESRC ES/I032630/1	Queen’s University Belfast	Examines how and why particular reported cases become significant. It seeks to explore how value is attributed to particular cases in judicial review and how this is transmitted to a wider community of users of legal information.

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Le Sueur, Andrew (See Structure)					

Tribunals

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Drummond, Orla (See Human Rights/Equalities)					

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
Fennell, Phil (See Community/ Social Care)					

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Gill, Chris (See Judicial Review)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Le Sueur, Andrew (See Structure)

Ombuds and Reviewers

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Cortes, Pablo	Incentives for Effective Consumer Redress in the EU	1 September 2014 – 30 September 2016	Nuffield	University of Leicester	Evaluating main consumer ADR schemes in Italy, Spain and the UK in sociolegal context with particular reference to new European legislation, ODR and best practice for processing complaints online
---------------	---	--------------------------------------	----------	-------------------------	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Doyle, M; Bondy, V; Hirst, C	Informal resolution approaches by Ombudsmen in the UK and Ireland	Active – started 2014	Nuffield	De Montfort University / Essex University	Mapping the use of mediation and other alternatives to investigation by ombuds and other complaint-handling bodies in the UK and Ireland (all members of the Ombudsman Association).
------------------------------	---	-----------------------	----------	---	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Sargeant, Christopher	Holding persons to account for their actions in respect of a death in prison custody	Active – projected completion July 2015	Arts and Humanities Research Council	PhD – Cambridge University Law School	Examines whether those existing accountability mechanisms are effective and to consider how they can be improved. Scrutinises the way effectiveness of a complex accountability framework is assessed in the existing research.
-----------------------	--	---	--------------------------------------	---------------------------------------	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Creutzfeldt, N (See User Views and Experiences)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Gill, Chris (See Judicial Review)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Le Sueur, Andrew (See Structure)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

McBurnie, Gavin (See Health)

Mediation and ADR

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Irvine, Charlie	Mediation and Justice: An Empirical Investigation	Active Sept 2014 – Aug 2020	University bursary	PhD, Queen Margaret University	Considers the alleged gap between mediation and justice. The empirical element will involve examining outcomes for those taking small claims whose cases are mediated and those who continue to a Proof hearing.
-----------------	---	-----------------------------	--------------------	--------------------------------	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

May, Charlotte	Mediation in the Court of Protection	Active Autumn 2015 - 2016	Self Funded	Specialist mediator and local authority solicitor specialising in adult social care	Examines the use of mediation in the Court of Protection, how often it is used, examples of mediated cases, timing, risks and benefits and obstacles to mediation in CoP cases.
----------------	--	---------------------------	-------------	---	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Cortes, Pablo (See Ombuds and Reviewers)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Doyle, M; Bondy, V; Hirst, C (See Ombuds and Reviewers)

Judiciary

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Hazell, R J	The Politics of Judicial Independence: Follow on Funding	Active?	AHRC	University College London, Political Science	Series of workshops and dissemination activities – following on from original research on The Politics of Judicial Independence (2011-13), which explored the changing relations between the judiciary, executive and Parliament in light of recent constitutional reforms.
-------------	--	---------	------	--	---

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Leith, Philip., Dickson, Brice., Morison, John. Wheeler, Sally. Lynch, Marie (see Northern ireland)

Children and Young People

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

UCC Child Law Clinic (See Initial Decision-Making)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Drummond, Orla (See Human Rights/Equalities)

Community / Social Care

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Fennell, Phil	Personal Welfare Disputes in the Court of Protection	Active - Sept 2013 – Sept 2016	Nuffield	Cardiff Law School, Cardiff University	Aims to provide an overview of the typical welfare work of the Court of Protection (COP); observe COP hearings and compare its processes with tribunals; interview COP and tribunal litigants for their perspectives on policy concerns; use surveys and focus groups to seek practitioner views on policy concerns and proposals for changes.
---------------	--	--------------------------------	----------	--	--

Consumer and Administrative Justice					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About

Cortes, Pablo (See Ombuds and Reviewers)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Creutzfeldt, N (See User Views and Experiences)

Education and Administrative Justice					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About

Drummond, Orla (See Human Rights/Equalities)

Health					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About

Garthwaite, Kayleigh	Local Health Inequalities in an Age of Austerity: The Stockton-on-Tees Study	Active	Leverhulme	Durham University	Effects of austerity and welfare reform on health inequalities. Part of a five-year project investigating local health inequalities in an age of austerity in Stockton on Tees, England.
----------------------	--	--------	------------	-------------------	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

McBurnie, Gavin	An Investigation into the Impact of Health Ombudsman Schemes on the Delivery of Healthcare – an International Comparison	Active	Fee waiver/Self	Queen Margaret University	Examines the impact of three different ombudsman schemes, which have differing roles and functions, upon the delivery and quality of healthcare. A key question will be to define the term ‘impact’ in this context.
-----------------	--	--------	-----------------	---------------------------	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

May, Charlotte (See Mediation)

Immigration and asylum					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About

Bennett, Claire	Women's Asylum Appeals Project	August 2015 - August 2016	Law in Society	National Centre for Social Research	Investigates how women's asylum cases are dealt with on appeal, whether current guidance is followed and what support is available to women – focusing especially on those which are subsequently overturned at appeal.
-----------------	--	---------------------------	----------------	-------------------------------------	---

Prisons /Detention Centres					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About

Sargeant, Christopher (See Ombuds and Reviewers)

Social Security and Welfare Benefits					
Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About

Croydon Mind (See Human Rights/Equalities)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Loopstra, Rachel with David Stuckler	Social Welfare and Public Health: Analysing Quasi-natural Experiments from the 2007 Recession	Active	Wellcome Trust		Does investing in social protection improve public health? Which social protection programmes, if any, have a significant effect? The project seeks to understand how social protection programmes affect public health and which specific investments are the most effective.
--------------------------------------	---	--------	----------------	--	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Webster, David	A Critical Analysis of the Use of Disallowances and Sanctions in the UK Unemployment Benefit System	Active	none	University of Glasgow	Aims to provide a comprehensive critical re-evaluation of the use of disallowances and sanctions in unemployment benefits. The objective is to find out what the disallowance/sanction system has done in quantitative terms and to relate this to changing labour market conditions, to establish whether stated rationales survive scrutiny of outcomes.
----------------	---	--------	------	-----------------------	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Simpson, Mark	Social citizenship in the devolutionary state: the case of lone parents in Northern Ireland	Active - 2015		PhD, University of Ulster	Seeks to establish the standard of living identified by the state as the minimum acceptable for citizens in 2015 through legislation and international agreements. It then interrogates the extent to which this model of social citizenship is within the reach of all citizens by examining the circumstances of lone parents.
---------------	---	---------------	--	---------------------------	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Bennett, Fran (See human rights and equalities)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Garthwaite, Kayleigh (See Health)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

O’Brien, Charlotte (See EU)

Northern Ireland

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Leith, Philip., Dickson, Brice., Morison, John. Wheeler, Sally. Lynch, Marie	Rewarding Merit in Judicial Appointments?	2012 - Present	Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission	Queen's Unviersity Belfast	Explores how the idea of “merit” as a governing factor in judicial appointment is seen as working in practiceand aims to develop an understanding of how gender is perceived to operate in the appointments process and how barriers to recruiting women can be further broken down.
--	---	----------------	--	----------------------------	--

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Anderson, Jack (See Mediation and ADR)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Drummond, Orla (See Human Rights/Equalities)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Simpson, Mark (See Social Security and Welfare Benefits)

Scotland

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Morrison, Alan (see Structure)

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Lincoln, John (see Initial Decision-Making)

Wales

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
--------------	---------------	--------	------------------------	-------------	-------

Drummond, Orla (See Human Rights/Equalities)

EU

Investigator	Project title	Status	Funder (if applicable)	Institution	About
O'Brien, Charlotte	Realising EU welfare rights: administrative gatekeeping and the accessibility of EU law	Active - Apr 16	ESRC	York Law School, University of York	Investigates how easy it is to use the rights granted by EU law in the UK, to test how well EU citizenship rights work in practice, and to test the values of social and administrative justice in EU law. In collaboration with Ripon Citizens Advice Bureau, the Principal Investigator (PI) will set up a specialist advice and advocacy service on EU welfare claims.