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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Social Protection Research Fellow
THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Social protection; politics of development; gender
GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Sub-Saharan Africa, esp. Zambia; Asia-Pacific: Timor-Leste

OVERVIEW

Kate has ten years of experience conducting research on social protection, as well as seven years working across sub-Saharan Africa with national and international NGOs. Her research focuses on social protection and the politics of development, with other research interests including developmental leadership, gender and social justice. Kate has extensive experience working on large-scale, multi-country research programmes, collaborating with a wide range of partners. These include the FCDO-funded Effective States and Inclusive Development (ESID) research centre based at the University of Manchester and the DFAT-funded Developmental Leadership Program (DLP), co-led by the University of Birmingham and La Trobe University, Melbourne. From June 2022-July 2023 she was Acting Research Director of the Developmental Leadership Program. Kate's geographical experience encompasses sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on Zambia, and the Asia-Pacific region, particularly Timor-Leste.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2014 – 2019	PhD Development Policy and Management University of Manchester, UK
2012 – 2013	MA International Development Management University of Manchester, UK
2000 – 2004	BA (Hons) English Literature (with Sociology) Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2023 – PRESENT	Social Protection Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK
2022 – 2023	Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Leadership for Development, University of Birmingham, UK
2021 – 2022	ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Manchester, UK
2020 – 2021	Research Associate, Effective States and Inclusive Development research centre, University of Manchester, UK
2009 – 2012	Regional Programme Manager (Africa), dance4life international, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2007 – 2009	Programme Coordinator Restless Development, Kabwe, Zambia

AFFILIATIONS

Honorary Research Fellow, International Development Department, University of Birmingham, UK

Honorary Research Fellow, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, UK

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - 2023** **Acting Research Director:** Developmental Leadership Program, co-led by the University of Birmingham, UK and La Trobe University, Melbourne, funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 2022 - 2023** **Principal Investigator:** 'Social protection and state legitimacy in Timor-Leste', funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

- Pruce, K. (accepted). 'Women-state relations: the gendered politics of social protection provisioning in Zambia', *Social Policy and Administration*.
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- Pruce, K. (2019). *Investigating the Politics of Global Policy Transfer: the Case of Social Protection in Zambia*. PhD Thesis, The University of Manchester, UK.
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