

CURRICULUM VITAE for Sarah Birch

EDUCATION:

University of Essex, Ph.D., 1998, Department of Government; M.A. (with distinction) in Political Behaviour, 1994

Oxford University, D.Phil., 1992, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages and Literature; M.Phil. in European Literature, 1988

Dartmouth College, A.B., 1985, Comparative Literature, high honours

CURRENT POST: Professor of Politics, Department of Government, University of Essex, since May 2012. Reader 2003-2012; Lecturer 1996-2003.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

2012, [co-authored with Andrew Wroe and Nicholas Allen], 'The Role of Trust in Perceptions of Political Corruption and Scandal', *European Political Science Review*, published online 23 May 2012, doi:10.1017/S1755773912000094.

2012, [co-authored with Nicholas Allen], 'On Either Side of a Moat? Elite and Mass Attitudes towards Right and Wrong', *European Journal of Political Research*, 51.

2011, *Electoral Malpractice*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2011, 'Post-Soviet Electoral Practices in Comparative Perspective', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 63.4.

2010, 'Perceptions of Electoral Fairness and Voter Turnout', *Comparative Political Studies*, 43.12.

2009, *Full Participation: A Comparative Study of Compulsory Voting*, Manchester: Manchester University Press.

2009, 'Electoral Corruption', in Todd Landman and Neil Robinson (eds.), *Handbook of Comparative Politics*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

2008, 'Electoral Institutions and Popular Confidence in Electoral Processes: A Cross-National Analysis', *Electoral Studies* 27.2.

2007, 'Electoral Systems and Electoral Misconduct', *Comparative Political Studies*, 40.12.

2005, 'Single-Member District Electoral Systems and Democratic Transition', *Electoral Studies* 24.2.

2003, *Electoral Systems and Political Transformation in Post-Communist Europe*, 'One Europe or Several?' series, Basingstoke: Palgrave-Macmillan.

2003, 'Two-Round Electoral Systems and Democracy', *Comparative Political Studies* 36.3.

2002 [co-authored with Frances Millard, Kieran Williams, and Marina Popescu], *Embodying Democracy: Electoral System Design in Post-Communist Europe*, 'One Europe or Several?' series, Basingstoke: Palgrave-Macmillan.

2000, *Elections and Democratization in Ukraine*, Basingstoke: Macmillan.

1997, 'Nomenklatura Democratization: Electoral Clientelism in Post-Soviet Ukraine', *Democratization*, 4.4.

FUNDED RESEARCH:

- **Unequal Democracy: The Impact of Political Inequality.** Grant awarded by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. Principal researcher: Guy Lodge of the Institute of Public Policy Research. April-August 2011.
- **Attitudes towards political ethics and misconduct in France.** Grant awarded by the British Academy. Principal Investigator: Nicholas Allen, Royal Holloway. June 2011-December 2012.
- **Project on Perceptions and Conceptions of Political Misconduct: The British Public and Their Attitudes towards Political Ethics.** Grants awarded by the ESRC and the British Academy. Sarah Birch was the principal investigator. Nicholas Allen was the co-investigator. February 2009-April 2011.

- **Project on Electoral Malpractice in New and Semi-Democracies.** Grants awarded by the **British Academy** and the **University of Essex Research Promotion Fund**. Sarah Birch was the principal investigator. June 2003-March 2011.
- **Project on the Implementation of Electronic Voting** commissioned by **Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, the Electoral Commission, the Local Government Association, the Innovation and Development Agency, and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives**. Lawrence Pratchett of DeMontfort University was the Principal Investigator. August 2001- May 2002.
- **Project on Political Transformation and the Electoral Process in Post-Communist Europe.** Grant awarded by the **ESRC**. Frances Millard was the Principal Investigator. April 1999-March 2002.
- **Project on the Quality of Democracy in Ukraine: Representation in and after the March 1998 Ukrainian Elections.** Grant awarded by the **ESRC**. Andrew Wilson of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies was the Principal Investigator. September 1997-August 1999.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DISTINCTIONS:

- Co-Editor, *British Journal of Political Science*, 2002-2011 (member of the Editorial Board 2001 and since 2012). Co-Editor, *Representation*, 2000-2003, Member of the editorial advisory board since 2003. Member, Editorial Board, *East European Politics*.
- Oral evidence given to the **House of Commons Scottish Affairs Committee** on arrangements for the proposed referendum on separation for Scotland, 4 July 2012. Supplied, upon request, written evidence to the **House of Commons ODPM Housing, Local Government and the Regions Select Committee inquiry into postal voting**, January 2004.
- Member, **ACE Practitioners' Network Expert Group** from June 2012.
- Member, Advisory Board, **The Electoral Integrity Project**, www.electoralintegrityproject.com.
- Member, **Economic and Social Research Council Peer Review College**, since June 2010.
- Member, **Electoral Commission Reference Group for Electoral Register Research**, since June 2011.
- Member, **International Electoral Integrity Advisory Council, Creative Associates, Inc.** (Washington, DC), since December 2009.
- Co-ordinator of the **Association of Election Administrators Diploma Course training manual** project, 2000-2001, up-dated 2008, and director of the taught component of the **Association of Electoral Administrators' Diploma Course**, 1999-2000.
- International consultant on **United Nations Development Programme** project on 'One Voter - One Ballot: Addressing Proxy and Family Voting in Macedonia', April 2007.
- Rapporteur for **International IDEA** conference 'La corruption électorale en Afrique de l'ouest', Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 28-29 November 2003.
- Expert advisor on electoral system design to **International IDEA**, August 2002.
- Expert advisor to the **USAID Elections and Political Processes Project in Ukraine**, 2001.
- Course Director of a series of eight courses on elections and electoral systems for the **Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe's Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina**, February-September, 1999.