

Michael Pugh
Senior Lecturer
School of Education and Social Sciences

Overview

Michael.Pugh@uws.ac.uk

Senior Lecturer (Political History)

Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (Advance HE)

Research Interests (outline)

Political and constitutional change, especially in Scotland and the UK

Local governance and sociopolitical change

Current Teaching Interests (* = as Module Coordinator or Moderator)

L7: Making the Modern World*

L8: Foundations of Social and Political Thought*

L9: Democracy and European Political Parties

L10: Social Science Dissertation (Supervisor); British and Irish Political History Since WW2*

L11: The State, Globalisation and Social Justice; Dissertation: Applied Social Sciences (supervisor)

In addition to the above current modules, I have extensive successful experience of teaching political theory, contemporary ideologies, Scottish, British, US, and international politics. I'm also an experienced, effective undergraduate and postgraduate supervisor.

Other information:

Academic Admissions Officer for BA (Hons) Social Sciences

FE-to-HE Direct Entrants Lead / personal tutor for BA Social Sciences

UWS-NCL Social Science Franchise Link Tutor

Member (one of ESS reps) Senate Disciplinary Committee and Fitness to Practice Panels

Member of ESS School Learning and Teaching Group

Assessor (MPhil to Phd transfer); PhD internal examiner

PhD supervision team member; lead supervisor for Oko Eigege (Nigeria herdsman-farmer conflict)

PhD supervision team member, lead supervisor for Hugh Stewart - intergovernmental relations in the UK after Brexit

Note: former roles include Programme Leader (PL) in undergraduate Social Sciences 2011-15; year leader L7 2010-12.

interim PL for the Master of Public Administration January-June 2023.

Qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy, 'Once Proud Burghs': Community and the Politics of Autonomy, Annexation and Assimilation, Govan and Partick c. 1850-1912, University of Glasgow

31 Jan 2005 → 30 Nov 2011

Award Date: 30 Nov 2011

Master of Philosophy, Social History (graduated jointly from Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities, University of Glasgow

1 Sept 2002 → 1 Sept 2004

Award Date: 30 Nov 2004

Bachelor of Arts (Hons.), Social Sciences with joint Hons in Politics and History, Glasgow Caledonian University

10 Sept 1996 → 31 Jul 2012

Award Date: 12 Jul 2000

1 Aug 2000 → 1 Jul 2001 Postgraduate Certificate in (Secondary) Education - History and Modern Studies, PGCE

Employment

Senior Lecturer

Senior Lecturer

School of Education and Social Sciences

University Of The West Of Scotland

1 Aug 2023 → present

External Examiner for MA International Relations

University of Northampton
Northampton, United Kingdom
1 Oct 2021 → 30 Sept 2025

External Examiner

Leeds International Study Centre (Leeds and Leeds Beckett Universities, jointly) International Year One Programme
United Kingdom
1 Nov 2017 → 1 Nov 2021

Executive Committee Member -cofounder Community Exchange blog series

Social History Society
United Kingdom
1 Apr 2014 → 1 Apr 2017

Research outputs

The travails of Scottish local government organisation and changing status since c1832

Pugh, M., 8 Mar 2025.

The Contemporary History of Drug-Based Organised Crime in Scotland

McLean, R., Holligan, C. & Pugh, M. G., 7 Oct 2024, Leeds: Emerald Publishing Limited. 136 p. (Emerald Advances in Historical Criminology)

Undergraduate peer review, reading and writing: reflecting on experiences from an International Politics module

Pugh, M. & Veitch, F., 30 Jun 2019, In: European Political Science. 18, 2, p. 335-350 16 p., EPSTL2018340R.

Student peer review workshop

Pugh, M. G., 12 Feb 2018, Social History Society Learning and Teaching Exchange.

A review of contemporary linked challenges for Scottish Local Government

Pugh, M. & Connolly, J., 1 Jul 2016, (E-pub ahead of print) In: Scottish Affairs. 25, 3, p. 317-336 20 p.

Supporting transitions through undergraduate peer review within an International Politics module: an invitation to share in our reflections

Pugh, M. & Veitch, F., Jun 2016.

Civic borders and imagined communities: continuity and change in Scotland's municipal boundaries, jurisdictions and structures - from nineteenth-century "General Police" to twenty first-century "Community Empowerment"

Pugh, M., 25 Apr 2016, In: Etudes écossaises . 18, p. 29-49 21 p.

Civic borders and imagined communities: themes in Scottish local government from 'general police' to 'community empowerment'

Pugh, M., 23 Mar 2016.

Guest blog post – 'centralisation has its draw backs as well as its advantages'

Pugh, M., 25 Mar 2015, EUP Journals Blog.

Does student peer review help to improve essay and exam technique?

Pugh, M. & Veitch, F., 1 Oct 2014.

Effective learning through peer review

Veitch, F. & Pugh, M., Oct 2014.

Written Submission on Draft Community Empowerment Bill

Pugh, M. & Connolly, J., 5 Sept 2014, 3 p. The Scottish Parliament.

Centralism versus localism? Democracy versus efficiency? The perennial challenges of Scottish local government organisation

Pugh, M., 30 Jun 2014, History and Policy.

Multi-level Challenges to Scottish Local Government: An Organisational and Undemocratic 'Morass'?

Connolly, J. & Pugh, M., 9 Jun 2014.

'Centralisation has its draw backs as well as its advantages': The Surrounding Burghs' Resistance to Glasgow's Municipal Expansion, c. 1869–1912

Pugh, M., 31 May 2014, In: Journal of Scottish Historical Studies. 34, 1, p. 40-66 27 p.

Going for gold: encouraging effective learning through peer review

Pugh, M. & Veitch, F., 13 Jun 2013.

Govan Press (1885-1985)

Pugh, M., 30 Nov 2012, *Dictionary of Nineteenth Century Journalism*. ProQuest

Local Self-Government in Victorian Scotland: the case of Govan and Partick, c. 1869-1912 [by invitation]

Pugh, M., Sept 2012.

Once Proud Burghs: Community and the Politics of Autonomy, Annexation and Assimilation - Govan and Partick, c. 1850-1925

Pugh, M., 1 Jun 2011, (E-pub ahead of print) 395 p.

'Oases of pleasure in deserts of toil'? leisure, recreation and the promotion of civic culture in two Clyde shipbuilding communities, c. 1885-1912

Pugh, M., Apr 2011.

Local self-government versus municipal socialism on the grand scale: a case study of two Clyde Shipbuilding Communities c. 1869-1912

Pugh, M., 2011.

Liberal Decline: the Case of Partick 1918-1924

Pugh, M., Aug 2004, (Accepted/In press) 71 p.

Activities

Oxford University Press (OUP) (Publisher)

Pugh, M. (Peer reviewer)

24 Nov 2021 → 26 May 2022

'No Authority Which Cares for its Citizens Can Afford to Ignore the Threat': Scotland and the Nuclear Free Local Authorities Organisation Since 1980

Pugh, M. (Speaker)

22 May 2021

Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland (External organisation)

Pugh, M. (Member)

21 Aug 2020 → ...

Take your teaching online (Badge and Certificate of Participation)

Pugh, M. (Participant)
30 Jun 2020

Democracy@101

Pugh, M. (Organiser), Clark, C. (Keynote/plenary speaker), Fuentes, V. (Chair), Gibbs, E. (Chair) & McNally, M. (Chair)
20 Mar 2019

Engaging with Government: Alumni Panel and Dinner 2019

Pugh, M. (Speaker)
6 Mar 2019

Engaging Parliaments with Research GCRF - UKRI AHRC event, Houses of Parliament, Westminster

Pugh, M. (Invited speaker)
1 Mar 2019

Oxford University Press (Publisher)

Pugh, M. (Peer reviewer)
1 Dec 2018 → 4 Feb 2019

Engaging with Government

Pugh, M. (Invited speaker)
7 Mar 2018 → 8 Mar 2018

Govan: The Once Proud Burgh Part 3

Pugh, M. (Speaker)
3 May 2017

Edinburgh University Press (Publisher)

Pugh, M. (Peer reviewer)
7 Apr 2017

Govan: the once proud burgh part 2

Pugh, M. (Speaker)
29 Mar 2017

UWS-Oxfam Partnership Policy Forum

Collins, C. (Organiser), Pautz, H. (Organiser), Gibbs, E. (Organiser), Pugh, M. (Organiser), Stuart, F. (Chair), Foster, J. (Invited speaker), Henderson, A. (Invited speaker), Findlay, P. (Invited speaker), Simpson, B. (Invited speaker), Connolly, J. (Participant) & Harkins, C. (Participant)
22 Mar 2017

Govan: The Once Proud Burgh Part 1

Pugh, M. (Speaker)
8 Feb 2017

Engaging with Government

Pugh, M. (Invited speaker)
8 Mar 2016 → 10 Mar 2016

PSA/BISA 7th Annual Learning and Teaching Conference

Pugh, M. (Speaker)
16 Sept 2014 → 17 Sept 2014

Executive Committee Member, Social History Society of the United Kingdom

Pugh, M. (Examiner)

1 Apr 2014 → 1 Apr 2017

Prizes

Best Personal Tutor - nominated

Pugh, M. (Recipient), 31 Mar 2010

Innovative Teaching Award - shortlisted

Pugh, M. (Recipient), 31 Mar 2014

'Lecturer of the 21st Century' (UWS Students' Association Lecturer of the Year) - shortlisted

Pugh, M. (Recipient), 31 Mar 2010

STARS nomination for outstanding service to colleagues

Pugh, M. (Recipient), 31 Mar 2014

Press/Media

Kirsteen Paterson, 'Liz Truss & Paisley: The town that made a prime minister', Holyrood Magazine 14 September 2022

Pugh, M.

14/09/22

1 Media contribution

Liz Truss & Paisley: The town that made a prime minister

Pugh, M.

14/09/22

1 item of Media coverage

Member - History and Policy Network

Pugh, M.

30/06/14

1 Media contribution

Mentioned in AHRC and Institute for Government Newsletter

Pugh, M.

6/12/17

1 item of Media coverage

Obituary: Fiona Veitch 1962-2017, Political Studies Association News

Pugh, M.

4/10/17

1 Media contribution

The Great British Story: A People's History of Britain

Pugh, M.

24/03/14

1 Media contribution

The system is broken. Real local government is long overdue

Pugh, M.

8/05/12

1 item of Media coverage

Awards

100 years of Democracy in the UK?

Pugh, M. (PI)

Social History Society: £500.00

1/10/18 → 31/03/19

Projects

Impacts

Quoted in Briefing To Scottish Parliament Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Pugh, M. (Participant) & Connolly, J. (Participant)