

Curriculum Vitae: Professor Alan Deacon

Date of Birth: 05/12/1946

Qualifications and Awards

- 1969 BSc (Soc) 2:1 London School of Economics and Political Science
- 1979 PhD. London School of Economics and Political Science
Genuinely Seeking Work? A Study of Unemployment Insurance in Britain 1920-1931.
- 2004 Academician, Academy of the Social Sciences
- 2012 Fellow, Royal Society of Arts
- 2012 Special Recognition Award, Social Policy Association

Posts held: University of Leeds

- 1971-85 Lecturer in Social Policy
- 1985-91 Senior Lecturer in Social Policy
- 1986-92 Head of Department of Social Policy and Sociology
- 1991-2008 Professor of Social Policy
- 1994-97 Dean, Faculty of Economics, Social Studies and Law
- 2001-03 Chair, School of Social Sciences and Law
- 2008 - Emeritus Professor of Social Policy

Posts held: Social Policy Association

- 1983-86 Review Editor, *Journal of Social Policy*
- 1986-91 Editor, *Journal of Social Policy*
- 1991-94 Chair, Editorial Board *Journal of Social Policy*
- 2001-04 Chair, Executive Committee
- 2001-05 Chair, Editorial Board, *Social Policy and Society*
- 2009 - Chair, Editorial Board, *Social Policy and Society*

Research Grants and Consultancies

- 1983-86 *The Rehousing of Single Homeless People.* Director and Grant Holder. Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, £81,000
- 1987-88 *The Needs of Single Homeless People in West Yorkshire.* Director and Grant Holder. Jointly Funded by 5 West Yorkshire Local Authorities, £8,800
- 1988 *A Study of Resettlement Schemes in Great Britain.* Report to and Consultancy for Department of Health and Social Security, £2,500

- 1991-93 *A Study of the Effects of the Closure of Alavaston Resettlement Unit.* Co-Director. Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, £60,000
- 1992 *The Role of the Salvation Army in Meeting the Needs of Single Homeless People.* Report to and Consultancy for the Salvation Army, £2,500
- 1992-94 *Social Security Benefits and Black Communities.* Co-Director. Nuffield Foundation, £54,000
- 1994-96 *Youth Homeless amongst Black Communities,* Co-Director. Nuffield Foundation, £71,000
- 1998 *The New Paternalism in Welfare: A Review of the Evidence.* Research Fellowship, Leverhulme, £8,600
- 1999-2004 *Care, Values and the Future of Welfare.* Co-Applicant and Member of Management Team, ESRC, £1,300,000
- 2000 Invited participant and presenter, symposium on *the British New Deal: What is in it for the US?* Fall Research Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Seattle, USA. Rockefeller Foundation, \$2,400
- 2003-05 Invited participant and presenter, international discussion group on *Welfare Reform and Political Theory.* Seminars held in Wisconsin and Oxford, Russell Sage Foundation and Johnson Foundation, \$2,600.

Selected Activities and Presentations: Academic

- 1996 'Should we worry about the character of the poor?' *Beckly Lecture* Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, Blackpool June 1996
- 1998 'Public welfare and private behaviour: the case of welfare to work' International Social Security Association Conference *Summing up the Evidence: the Impact of Incentives and Targeting in Social Security* Jerusalem, Israel, January 1998
- 1998 'Learning from the USA? The impact of American ideas upon the British welfare debate', Paper to symposium *Welfare Reform in the UK*, Fall Research Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, , New York, USA, November 1998.
- 1999 'But not just America: the influence of European and American ideas upon New Labour thinking on welfare reform' European University Institute Conference *Global Trajectories: Ideas,*

Transnational Policy Transfer and Models of Welfare Reform,
Florence, Italy, March 1999

- 2000 'Anglo-US policy transfer: the limits of ideology and rhetoric',
Paper to symposium *the British New Deal: What is in it for the
US?* Fall Research Conference, Association for Public Policy
Analysis and Management, Seattle, USA, November 2000.
- 2002 'Echoes of Sir Keith? New Labour and the cycle of
disadvantage' Conference on *The Cycle of Deprivation: Thirty
Years On*, Leeds, June 2002
- 2002 'Equality, Community, and..Coercion: What values shape New
Labour's approach to welfare? European Social Policy Network
Conference *Social Values, Social Policies*, Tilburg, Netherlands,
August 2002
- 2003 'Beyond paternalism: a fuller justification for welfare
conditionality', International seminar on *Welfare Reform and
Political Theory*, Wingspread Conference Centre, Racine,
Wisconsin, USA October 2003.
- 2004 'Personal qualities and civic virtues: care, values and the future
of welfare' European Social Policy Network Conference,
Meeting the Needs of a New Europe Oxford, September 2004
(with Fiona Williams)
- 2005 'An ethic of mutual responsibility: theoretical reflections on the
conditionality debate', International Conference on *Welfare
Reform and Political Theory*, Oxford, May 2005
- 2011 'A covert consensus? Welfare reform under the Coalition
Government' *Colloque International 'La nouvelle donne politique
en GB'* Rennes, 6-7 October

Selected Activities and Presentations: Policy Related

- 1994 'Unemployment benefits, work and training: is there a case for
conditional welfare? Written and oral evidence to *House of
Commons Employment Committee Inquiry into 'Right to
Work/Workfare*, London, July 1994
- 1996-97 Member, Inquiry into *Unemployment and the Future of Work*,
established by Council of Churches for UK and Ireland. Report
published, March 1997
- 1998-9 Member of a group of academics and journalists invited to
submit ideas and drafts to Prime Minister Tony Blair in advance
of his Beveridge Memorial Lecture. The lecture was delivered

on 18 March 1999 and the lecture and drafts were published in Walker Ed. *Ending Child Poverty*, Policy Press, 1999.

- 2000-02 Member, Pensions Reform Group (Chair Frank Field MP). Report *A Universal Protected Pension* published October 2001
- 2002 'Moral arguments for welfare reform' *Stockholm Network Seminar on Europe's Welfare Burden?* The Hague, Netherlands, February 2002
- 2002 'Welfare contractualism to welfare mutualism' Seminar on *A New Agenda for Rights and Responsibilities* No.10 Downing Street, London December 2002
- 2002 'Conditionality at the Crossroads' Seminar on *Where Will the Rights and Responsibilities Agenda Take Us?* Institute for Public Policy Research, London, December 2002
- 2004 'Where will the justifications for conditionality take us?' Seminar *New Directions for Conditionality* Social Market Foundation, London April 2004

Selected Activities: Teaching and Examining

- 1981 - External Examiner for M.Phil and PhD degrees at Universities of Southampton, Bristol, York, Glasgow, New South Wales Sydney, Edinburgh, Bradford, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Cardiff, and Bath.
- 1990 - External Examiner for undergraduate degrees at London School of Economics (twice), and Universities of Nottingham, Lincolnshire and Humberside, Birmingham, Bath, and Stirling (current).
- 1990-94 External Examiner for Taught Masters Degrees at London School of Economics.
- 1994-96 Subject Assessor for Social Policy and Sociology, HEFCE Teaching Quality Assessment Exercise.
- 1996 Member of External Review Team, School of Social Sciences, University of Bath.
- 2000 Member of External Review Team, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of York
- 2002 Member of External Review Team, School of Policy Sciences University of Bristol

- 2007 Member of External Review Team, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Nottingham.
- 2011 External Member, Quality Review of School of Applied Social Science, University College Dublin, 10-13 October.

National Media Outputs

- Television: Recorded interview, ITN News following publication of Churches Enquiry into *Unemployment and the Future of Work* March 1997.
Participant in live studio discussion on welfare reform, BBC2 *Newsnight* March 1998
- Radio: Live and recorded discussions on welfare reform BBC R4 *The World Tonight*, 1999-2003
Live studio discussion on pensions reform, BBC R4 *The World at One*, October 2001.

