

Conference Speakers

Professor **Allyson Pollock** is Head of the Public Health Policy Unit at UCL (University College London) and Director of Research & Development at UCL Hospitals NHS Trust. She trained in medicine in Scotland and worked in hospitals in Edinburgh and Leeds before moving to London in 1986, where she became a consultant in public health. Her research interests include the financing of health care, the funding and structures of primary care, intermediate and long term care, and health and globalisation.

Professor Pollock's work on the private finance initiative has been a major intervention. She has given evidence to the Health, Transport, and Treasury Select Committees of the House of Commons, and to the Finance Committee of the Scottish Parliament. She has also co-written articles on the impact of the WTO and GATS on health and other public services. She has been invited to speak on all these issues in countries as diverse as Spain, Canada, the US, Cuba, Taiwan, and Indonesia, and has recently taken part in the World Economic Forum. Among her many other activities she is Chair of the NHS Consultants' Association. Her recent publications can be found at: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/phpu>

Alison Macfarlane is a longstanding member of Radical Statistics. She co-edited 'Official Health Statistics: an unofficial guide' and contributed to 'Facing the figures' 'Statistics in Society' and has written many articles in 'Radical Statistics' about the misleading uses of official health statistics and the need for improvement. She works in research on maternity care.

Jean Shaoul is a professor of Public Accountability in the Manchester Business School, Division of Accounting and Finance, at the University of Manchester. She uses financial information from the corporate and public sectors to evaluate public policy decisions and inform wider economic and social issues. She has a particular interest in transport and healthcare financing. Recent studies have included: privatisation, particularly the water and railway industries, utility regulation, corporate accountability, environmental accounting, capital charging in and the finances of the NHS, the Public Finance Initiative in the NHS, education, roads and IT, the Public Private Partnership for London Underground and National Air Traffic Services (NATS), the implications of international regulatory reform and the WTO's GATS agreement for public services, and a financial analysis of the BSE crisis and food safety scandals.

Mike Ironside is Senior Lecturer in Industrial Relations in the Centre for Industrial Relations at Keele University. His main area of interest is the public sector. He has written books and articles on this, the most recent book being 'Facing up to Thatcherism: the History of NALGO 1979-93', published by Oxford University Press, with Roger Seifert.

Martin Mayer is a member of the TGWU General Executive Council and a working bus driver from Sheffield. As a long standing national representative in the bus industry, he has long campaigned against bus privatisation and deregulation and the effects these policies have had on bus workers: longer hours, worse pay, attacks on pensions and so on.

Jay Ginn was a Senior Research Fellow, Sociology Department, University of Surrey and co-director of the Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender. She has now retired and is a Visiting Professor at the University of Surrey. She has published widely on gender and class differences in the financial resources of older people and trends in pension systems internationally. Recent books include Women, Work and Pensions (co-edited with Debra Street and Sara Arber, Open University Press 2001) and Gender, Pensions and the Lifecourse (2003).

Additional note:

The article by Allyson Pollock and David Price and the article by Mike Ironside and Roger Seifert do not come exclusively from the conference. They are included because of their relevance and expansion of the ideas expressed in the conference, as Allyson and Mike did speak at the conference.

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Apology: Radical Statistics would like to publicly apologise to Joe Rollins and H. N. Hirsch for the error in Issue 83 of the journal that had an impact on their article. Due to an unfortunate oversight Joe Rollins was mistakenly printed as Jon Rollins and H. N. Hirsch was left out altogether of the co-authorship credit for the article. Colin Clark, editor of the special issue on 'Sexuality and Statistics' takes full responsibility for this error and apologies profusely to both.