

Professor Pete Fussey

Professor and Head of Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, University of Southampton, UK

Education

- PhD in Sociology, Brunel University, 2005 (Topic: Surveillance and Society)
- MA Criminology, University of Leicester, 1998 (Dissertation topic: Surveillance)
- BA (Hons) Historical Studies, University of Northumbria, 1996

Employment History

- 2024- Professor & Head of Department; Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology; University of Southampton, UK
- 2010-2024 Professor of Sociology (Professor 2013-, Reader 2012-2013, Senior Lecturer 2010-2012), Department of Sociology, University of Essex, UK
- 2002-2010, Senior Lecturer in Criminology and Programme Leader for Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of East London, UK
- Guest Academic Lecturer 2006- (occasional lectures at various institutions including Cambridge, LSE, UCL, University of North Carolina, Monash University Melbourne, the Autonomous University of Barcelona, University College Cork, University Côte d'Azur, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, KU Leuven).

Selected Public Policy Advisory, Impact and Engagement Activities

- **United Nations Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR)**
2025-26: Co-leading major UN human rights report on surveillance in collaboration with Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Assembly and Association. This work involves consultation and interviews with human rights defenders and civil society organisations in four continents.
2023-24: Co-authored international human rights standards for policing protests (UN Model Framework on Human Rights Standards for Protest Policing), led the sections focusing on uses of technology. The standards were developed to fulfil UN Human Rights Council Resolution **50/21** (additional collaboration with UN Office of Drugs and Crime for delivery). Also led authorship of companion manual on human rights standards for police uses of technology at protests.
2018-2019: Contributed to consultations on the right to privacy and, separately, freedom of association and assembly in the digital age. Invited collaboration for policy formation; co-facilitating tech-focused consultations in Africa, MENA and Europe; acknowledged contribution in official reports. Drafted sections of reports laid before UN General Assembly.
2025- Appointed expert to support implementation of Protocol with member states.
- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**
2023-24: Work on digital inclusion for platform-based management of applications for refugee determinations.
- **United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**
2024: Developing briefing materials on the human rights and social justice implications of AI-driven biometric surveillance.
- **Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)**
2025-: Appointed to advisory board for Freedom of Religion and Belief (FoRB). Contribution to digital surveillance and exercise of FoRB. For 2025 this involves advice on investigations in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. ODIHR observes elections, reviews legislation and advises governments on developing and sustaining democratic institutions for the 57 OSCE member states.
- **European Union Fundamental Rights Agency**
2024: Research lead for EU wide human rights project on remote biometric identification tools.

2019: Invited contribution to policy development on advanced biometric surveillance, in turn informed EU AI Act drafting stages.

- **Office of the Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner.**
2018-23: Led Human Rights Strand of National Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Policy. Work included: drafting sections of national guidance for human rights compliant police surveillance; *Amicus Curiae* contribution to Court of Appeal proceedings on the legality of biometric surveillance; informed parliamentary legislative processes (e.g. tabled amendments for the Data Protection & Digital Information Bill citing my research) and ongoing discussion with Parliamentarians in both houses.
2016-18: Advisory Council member for the UK Surveillance Camera Commissioner.
- **Equality and Human Rights Commission**
2023-: Working on standards setting for AI and advanced technology for UK policing.
- **Government Office for Science**
- 2020-2021: Panel member for Government Office for Science and UKRI development of ARIs on post-pandemic recovery, led by Sir Patrick Vallance, then UK Chief Scientific Advisor.
- **UK Cabinet Office Open Innovation Team**
2018-2022: Various collaborations on AI and other digital technologies. Includes contribution to Cabinet Office strategy on uses of virtual reality in policing. In January 2022 the OIT declared I was their most frequently consulted UK academic on digital-related issues.
- **New Orleans Police Department**
2018-2020: Detailed research co-designed with NOPD on technology usage in the force and Federal Consent Decree compliance.

Evidenced Expertise and Selected Publications

Google Scholar Profile: [here](#)

Books

- Fussey, P., and Murray, D. (2025) *Facial Recognition Surveillance: Policing and human rights in the age of AI*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Carrabine, E., Cox, A., Cox, P., Crowhurst, I., Di Ronco, A., Fussey, P., Sergi, A., South, N., Thiel, D., and Turton, J., (2020). *Criminology: A sociological introduction* (4th edition), London: Routledge (5th Edition under contract and in preparation)
- Fussey, P. and Rawlinson, P., (2017). *Child Trafficking in the EU: Policing and protecting Europe's most vulnerable*, London: Routledge
- Carrabine, E., Cox, P., Fussey, P., Hobbs, D., South, N., Thiel, D., and Turton, J., (2014). *Criminology: A sociological introduction* (3rd edition), London: Routledge
- Crowther-Dowey, C., and Fussey, P., (2013). *Researching Crime: Approaches, method and application*, Basingstoke: Palgrave
- Fussey, P., Coaffee, J., Armstrong, G., and Hobbs, D., (2011). *Securing and Sustaining the Olympic City: Reconfiguring London for 2012 and beyond*, Aldershot: Ashgate
- Richards, A., Fussey, P. and Silke, A., (eds) (2010). *Terrorism and the Olympics: Lessons for the future*, London: Routledge.
- IN PREPARATION: Maguire, M., and Fussey, P. *The Empty Watchtower: Life in the shadow of counterterrorism*, for submission to New York University Press, September 2025

Selected peer-reviewed articles in academic journals (of 49)

- Hadjimatheou, K., and Fussey, P. (2025) "The dream to know everything about everyone": affordances of commercial data systems and digital netwidening in policing', accepted for publication in *Theoretical Criminology* 29(3), 325-345

- Murray, D., Fussey, P., Hove, K., Wakabi, W., Kimumwe, P., Saki, O. and Stevens, A. (2023). The Chilling Effects of Surveillance and Human Rights: Insights from qualitative research in Uganda and Zimbabwe. *Journal of Human Rights Practice* <https://doi.org/10.1093/jhuman/huad020>
- Stevens, A., Fussey, P., Murray, D., Hove, K. and Saki, O. (2023). 'I Started Seeing Shadows Everywhere': The diverse chilling effects of surveillance in Zimbabwe. *Big Data and Society* 10(1), <https://doi.org/10.1177/20539517231158631>
- Fussey, P. and Sandhu, A. (2022). Surveillance Arbitration in the Era of Digital Policing. *Theoretical Criminology* 16(1), 3-22
- Fussey, P. (2022). Seeing Surveillance: Twenty years of Surveillance & Society. *Surveillance and Society* 20(4), 346-352
- Drake, A., Keller, P., Pietropaoli, I., Puri, A., Maniatis, S., Tomlinson, J., Maxwell, J., Fussey, P., Pagliari, C., Smethurst, H., Edwards, L. and Blair, SW. (2022). Legal Contestation of Artificial Intelligence-related Decision-making in the United Kingdom: Reflections for policy. *International Review of Law, Computers and Technology* 36(2), 251-285
- Fussey, P., Davies, B. and Innes, M. (2021). 'Assisted' Facial Recognition and the Reinvention of Suspicion and Discretion in Digital Policing. *The British Journal of Criminology* 61(2), 325-344
- Sandhu, A. and Fussey, P. (2021). The 'Uberization of Policing'? How police negotiate and operationalise predictive policing technology. *Policing and Society* 31(1), 66-81
- Murray, D., Fussey, P., McGregor, L. and Sunkin, M. (2021). Effective Oversight of Large-Scale Surveillance Activities: A human rights perspective. *Journal of National Security Law and Policy* 11(3), 743-770
- Fussey, P. and Roth, S. (2020). Digitizing Sociology: Continuity and change in the internet era. *Sociology* 54 (4), 659-674
- Murray, D. and Fussey, P. (2019). Bulk Surveillance in the Digital Age: Rethinking the Human Rights Law Approach to Bulk Monitoring of Communications Data. *Israel Law Review* 52 (1), 31-60
- Chmutina, K., Fussey, P., Dainty, A. and Boshier, L. (2018). Implications of Transforming Climate Change Risks into Security Risks. *Disaster Prevention and Management* 27 (5), 460-477
- Maguire, M. and Fussey, P. (2016). Sensing Evil. *Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology* (75), 31-44
- Fussey, P. (2015). Command, Control and Contestation: Negotiating security at the London 2012 Olympics. *The Geographical Journal* 181(3), 212-223
- Sage, D., Sircar, I., Dainty, A., Fussey, P. and Goodier, C. (2015). Understanding and Enhancing Future Infrastructure Resiliency: A socio-ecological approach. *Disasters* 39(3), 407-426
- Coaffee, J. and Fussey, P. (2015) Constructing Resilience Through Security and Surveillance: The politics, practices and tensions of security-driven resilience. *Security Dialogue* 46(1), 86-105
- Sage, D., Fussey, P. and Dainty, A. (2015). Securing and Scaling Resilient Futures: Neoliberalization, infrastructure, and topologies of power. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 33(3), 494-511
- Boykoff, J. and Fussey, P. (2014). London's Shadow Legacies: Security and activism at the 2012 Olympics. *Contemporary Social Science* 9(2), 253-270
- Fussey, P. (2013). Contested Topologies of UK Counterterrorist Surveillance: The rise and fall of Project Champion. *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 6(3), 351-370
- Fussey, P. (2013). Eternal Return? Social science perspectives of "upstream" terrorist activities. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology* 28(2), 102-114
- Sircar, I., Sage, D., Goodier, C., Fussey, P. and Dainty, A. (2013). Constructing Resilient Futures: Integrating UK multi-stakeholder transport and energy resilience for 2050. *Futures* 49, 49-63
- Fussey, P. and Coaffee, J. (2012). Balancing Local and Global Security Leitmotifs: Counter-terrorism and the spectacle of sporting mega-events. *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* 47(3), 268-285
- Fussey, P. (2012). Eastern promise? East London transformations and the state of surveillance. *Information Polity* 17(1), 21-34

- Fussey, P., Coaffee, J., Armstrong, G. and Hobbs, D. (2012). The Regeneration Games: Purity and security in the Olympic city. *The British Journal of Sociology* 63(2), 260-284. Reproduced in T. Monahan and D. Murakami Wood (eds) (2018). *Surveillance Studies: A Reader*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Coaffee, J., Fussey, P. and Moore, C. (2011). Laminated Security for London 2012. *Urban Studies* 48(15), 3311-3327
- Fussey, P. (2011). An Economy of Choice? Terrorist decision-making and criminological rational choice theories reconsidered. *Security Journal* 24(1), 85-99
- Coaffee, J. and Fussey, P., (2011). Resilient Planning for Sporting Mega-events: Designing and managing safe and secure urban places for London 2012 and beyond. *Urbe: Revista Brasileira de Gestão Urbana* 3(2), 165-177
- Fussey, P. (2008). Beyond Liberty, Beyond Security: The Politics of Public Surveillance. *British Politics* 3(1), 120-135
- Fussey, P. (2007). Observing Potentiality in the Global City. *International Criminal Justice Review* 17(3), 171-192
- Fussey, P. (2007). An Interrupted Transmission? Processes of CCTV implementation and the impact of human agency. *Surveillance & Society* 4(3), 229-256
- Fussey, P. (2004). New Labour and New Surveillance: Theoretical and political ramifications of CCTV implementation in the UK. *Surveillance and Society* 2(2-3), 251-269.

Selected chapter contributions to edited collections (of 19)

Latest contribution:

- Bradford, B., and Fussey, P. (2023) 'Security and Smart Cities' in A. Liebling, S. Maruna, and L. McAra (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
- 18 further chapter contributions published in edited volumes and one further contribution in press.

Other miscellaneous publications/outputs

- Fussey, P., and Webster, W. (2023) *Independent Report on Changes to the Functions of the Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner Arising from the Data Protection And Digital Information (No.2) Bill*, London: Office of the Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner
- Fussey, P., and Murray, D. (2019) *Independent Report on the London Metropolitan Police Service's Trial of Live Facial Recognition Technology*, Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project.

Invited Keynote Presentations

UK, France, India, US, Taiwan, China, Australia, New Zealand, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Estonia, Canada, Spain, Portugal, Lebanon.

Selected Research Funding

- ESRC Human Rights, Big Data and Technology. c.£6 000 000 (£4.7m ESRC, £1.2m institutional investment) (Co-director 2015-2023). Overall research lead, core grant writing team, interviewed by ESRC for the award
- ESRC GCRF 'Digital Surveillance and Human Rights in Zimbabwe and Uganda) 2020
- ESRC Impact Acceleration & other external matched funding: Regulating Communications Surveillance in the Post-Snowden Era 2017-18
- STFC Global Challenge Exploration Award 2015 Data Analytics and Future Urbanism
- ESRC & EPSRC EP/I005943/1 Resilient Futures. £1 700 000 (Co-I 2010-2014)
- EPSRC EP/HO230LX/1 Detecting Terrorism at a Distance. £1 200 000 (Co-I 2009-2013).

Awards and Fellowships

- Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
- Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences

- Global Scholar Fellowship (2021) KU University Leuven, Belgium
- 2022 University of Essex Excellence in Research Award (Category: Best Interdisciplinary Research)
- 2020 University of Essex Excellence in Research Award (Category: Best Interdisciplinary Research)
- 2018 University of Essex Excellence in Research Award (Category: Best Public Policy Impact).

Selected Academic Review, Validation and External Examining Work

- Peer review for multiple publications including: *British Journal of Sociology*, *Sociology* (former editorial board member), *British Journal of Criminology*, *Theoretical Criminology*, *Environment and Planning D*, *Security Dialogue*, and many others.
- UKRI award panel member and peer reviewer. Peer review of international funding applications including National Science Foundation (US), SSHRC (Canada), Conacyt (Mexico), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (Japanese equivalent of NSF), Swedish Research Council, Irish Research Council.
- External examiner and validation roles at seven universities including UCL and Liverpool.

Teaching and Learning (last 10 years only)

- Teaching experience on 26 sociology and criminology modules at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. Designed and validated entire MA and MSc programmes in addition to several modules.

PhD Supervision to completion

- Falko Ernst: The Behavior of Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (completed 2014)
- Juan Carlos Ruiz: Violence in Santiago de Chile (completed 2014)
- Emma Milne: Feminist socio-legal analysis of infanticide. AHRC funded (completed 2017)
- Kofi Addo: Police Corruption in West Africa (completed 2017)
- Eleana Nikiforidou: Kidnapping in Greece (completed 2017)
- Daniela Boraschi: Evidence-based Medicine. AHRC funded (completed 2018)
- Amy Stevens: Digital activism and the Investigatory Powers Act 2016. AHRC Funded (completed 2021)
- Daniel Marciniak: Predictive and algorithmic policing. ESRC Funded (completed 2021)
- Current supervision: Arun Mahanda. Caste-based prejudice and incarceration in Odisha, India (since 2021)
- External advisory panel member: Donatella Van Biervliet, KU Leuven, Belgium.

PhD Examination

- External: Kings, UCL, Warwick, Hamburg, Maynooth (Ireland), Victoria (Canada), Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Open University, Loughborough, Surrey, Reading, Brunel, Northumbria.
- Internal: 12 internal PhD examinations.