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KEY RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

- Social Protection
- Fiscal Policy, Policy tools for costing & incidence
- Social inclusion, Monetary and multi-dimensional poverty
- Experience in Central & Eastern Europe: EU accession states, Georgia; Africa: Madagascar, Kenya, South Africa & Ghana; Asia: Nepal, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia, Timor Leste & Papua New Guinea; OECD countries: UK, USA, France, Germany, and EU level

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1992** **PhD (Econ) Social Policy**
London School of Economics
- 1988** **MSc (Econ) Social Policy & Planning** London
School of Economics
- 1979** **B.A. Sociology & Politics**
Exeter University

RELEVANT POSTS HELD

- 01/2018 – Present** **Senior Research Fellow, Public Finance and Development**
Overseas Development Institute, London, UK
Leading research on social protection with specialised focus on:
- Inclusion of informal workers in social protection
 - Micro-simulation of options for transfers and taxes: focusing in universal transfers and social assistance programmes
 - Poverty impacts of social protection programmes using both monetary and multi-dimensional approaches
 - Social and Economic inclusion of People with Disabilities – systemic alignment of public health programmes, healthcare services and social protection within remits of ‘equality legislation’.
- 01/2012-01/2018** **Economic and Social Policy Specialist (Poverty)**
UNICEF, New York

- Developed global partnerships for child poverty measurement and profiling: World Bank, OECD, UNDP, Multi-dimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN), Cross-national Data Centre in Luxembourg (LIS)
 - Delivered, published and disseminated analytical work on child poverty: examples – World Bank and MPI global profiles
 - Provided technical advice to UNICEF Regional and Country Offices – both incountry missions and remote
 - Produced technical and advocacy reports on child poverty
- 03/2007 – 01/2012** **Senior Research Fellow**
 Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, UK
- Delivered successful research fund grant applications
 - Managed a small research team
 - Published numerous academic and conference papers (see publication list)
 - Taught PhD and Masters level students in Social Policy.
 - Representative on UK policy fora: e.g. Rowntree Foundation advisory groups:
 Child Poverty Action Group – Policy Committee
- 04/2002 – 03/2007** **Senior Research Fellow**
 Department of Social & Policy Sciences, University of Bath, UK
- 07/1991 03/2002** **Research Fellow- Research Officer**
 Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics, UK

SELECTED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE

- **Financing Social Assistance:** author of primer on social assistance finance for World Bank.
- **Informal Transfers:** Analysed and profiled the distributional impacts of informal transfers across donor and recipient households. Analysed the cross national scale and distributional impacts of income from informal transfers
- **Rwanda:** Jointly led advice and analysis for Rwandan Social Security Board
- **Afghanistan:** led analysis and country level research on social assistance options from humanitarian sources post Taliban take over.
- **Nepal:** finance and costing of one-off transfers to girls *Beti Padhau-Beti Bachao* (BPPB) Programme
- **Moldova:** simulated and costed improved transfers for children under TSA programme
- **Vietnam:** Led several projects for UNDP Viet Nam – on analysis and profiling of Social Protection coverage and progressivity; of coverage of elderly people; of sickness and invalidity and of the detailed mapping and outcomes of the complex social assistance system 2007-2011. Outputs were seminal in setting up review of social protection
- **Malaysia:** Led projects for UNDP on ‘single mothers’ access to social protection and was consultant for World Bank project on elderly people and pension provision. 2007, 2008 and 2011
- **EU:** Led and co-ordinated two projects considering the social protection and social security provisions of prospective ‘accession countries’ in 1999 and 2002. The projects

included co-ordinating national policy experts on legislation and international experts on areas of social protection, including coverage of 'self-employed'

- **Cross-national studies of OECD countries:** led projects funded by Nuffield and Joseph Rowntree Foundations on describing and modelling social protection programmes for social assistance and Active Labour Market Programmes for 'welfare to work'. 1994, and 1997.
- **Detailed profiling and micro-simulation of social protection and taxation:** led projects on simulating reform and building simulations models for social assistance in UK (1993, 2006, 2007), cross-EU countries 1998; assisted in designing South African microsimulation model (SAMOD) 2008. Designed and produced longitudinal lifetime simulations of contributory benefits and social assistance and taxation to consider pension reform and to profile overall social protection policy change, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2009.

SELECTION OF RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS

Books

2009 (with Williams L.) *A Generation of Change, A Lifetime of Difference? Social policy in Britain since 1979*. The Policy Press.

Book Chapters

2025 Financing Social Assistance: a primer, in Gentili U (ed), *How Scale Up Happens: Financing, Political Economy, and Delivery in Social Assistance Expansion*, Washington DC: World Bank

2013 (with Gao Q. & Garfinkel I.) 'Social Benefits and Income Inequality in Post-Socialist China and Vietnam' in Baehler K and Besharov D. (Eds), *Chinese Social Policy in a Time of Transition*. OUP

2009 (with Harkness S) 'Employment, Worklessness and Unemployment' in McLean I., Halpern D, Uberoi V. and Coutts A (Eds) *Options for a New Britain*. Palgrave Macmillan

2000 (with O'Donoghue C & Vizard P) Means Testing and Poverty in 5 European Countries in Atella V. (ed.) *Le Politiche Sociali in Italia ed in Europa Coerenza e Convergenza nelle Azioni 1997-1999*. il Mulino.

1996 Exploring National Rules on Social Security and Statistics: Means-Testing and Disincentive Effects, in Hantrais L and Mangen S (eds), *Cross National Research Methods in Social Sciences*. Pinter.

Journal articles

2023 Evans M, Nogales R and Robson M., Monetary and Multidimensional Poverty: Correlation, Mismatches, and a Combined Approach, *The Journal of Development Studies*, 60 (1), 147–170.

2019: Evans M, Child Poverty: How to Measure and For What Policy Purpose? *Dimensions* v7; Oxford, Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network

2018: Chai Y and Evans M., Informal Transfers in Comparisons of Income Distributions: Lessons from Rich and Middle-Income Countries, *Journal of Income Distribution*, v 27, 2, pp 26-45.

- 2017 (with Newhouse D., Suárez Becerra P.) 'New global estimates of child poverty and their sensitivity to alternative equivalence scales', *Economics Letters* 157, pp 125–128.
- 2010 (with Harkness S) The Impact of the Tax and Benefit System on Second Earners, *Journal of Poverty and Social Justice*, V.18, No. 1 pp 35-52.
- 2008 (with Harkness S.) 'Elderly People in Vietnam: Social Protection, Informal Support and Poverty', *Benefits* vol 16 no 3, pp 245-253.
- 2008 (with Harkness S.) 'Social Protection in Vietnam and Obstacles to Progressivity', *Asian Social Work and Policy Review* v2. Pp 30–52
- 2006 'Target Practice: Ambition and Ambiguity in the Aim to End Child Poverty', *Poverty* 124 Summer 2006 pp 11-14
- 2000 (with Rake K. & Falkingham J.) 21st Century Pensions – A Partnership or a marriage to the means-test? *Social Policy and Administration*, vol. 34 no 3 pp 296-317.
- 1999 (with O'Donoghue C.) Cross-National Microsimulation Modelling: Reforming Social Assistance in Three European Countries, *Brazilian Electronic Journal of Economics* Vol 2 No. 1

Working Papers, Discussion Papers and Reports:

- Evans M & Ghani S (2023) Proposals for a safety net in Afghanistan: Developing humanitarian transfers for resilience. London: ODI
- Evans M., Manuel M., McNabb K, Mwenda Kamninga T. & Manea S. (2023) Financing social assistance in lower-income countries post-Covid-19: An exploration of realistic options. London: ODI
- Samman E, Roche J M, Binat Sarwar M, Evans M (2021) 'Leave no one behind' – five years into Agenda 2030: guidelines for turning the concept into action. London ODI
- Evans M. Jehangir Khan M (2022) Informal and religious taxes and transfers in Pakistan. London ODI
- Evans M. (2022) Informal transfers in low- and middle-income countries: for whom, how much and with what effect? London: ODI
- Evans M. (2022) Uneven floors: targeting categorical transfers for poverty and inequality reductions. London: ODI
- Evans M (2021) Informal taxes and transfers in sub-Saharan Africa: a review and analysis of incidence in Rwanda. London ODI
- Manuel M., Samman E, Evans M (2020) Financing the reduction of extreme poverty post-Covid-19. London: ODI
- Bastagli F., Samman E., Both N., Evans M. & Salomon H. (2020) Universal child benefits: policy issues and options. London: ODI
- Holmes R., Samuels F., Twigg J & Evans M (2019) The potential of Nepal's social security allowance schemes to support emergency flood response. London: ODI
- Manuel M., Samman E, Evans M (2019) Financing the end of extreme poverty: 2019 update. London: ODI
- Evans M (2018) Simulating policy options for universal child allowances in Ghana, WIDER Working Paper 2018/145, Helsinki: UN-WIDER.

Evans M., Hidalgo A and Wang M (2018) Universal Child Allowances in 14 Middle Income Countries: Options for Policy and Poverty Reduction. LIS Working Paper Series 738, Luxembourg: LIS

Evans M and Abdurazakov A (2018) The Measurement Properties of Multidimensional Poverty Indices for Children: Lessons and Ways Forward, OPHI Working Paper 115, Oxford: OPHI

Cai Y and Evans M (2017) Informal Transfers in Comparisons of Monetary Welfare and Its Distribution, LIS Working Paper Series 705, Luxembourg: LIS

Aran, M., Aktakke, N and Evans, M, (2016) Benefit Incidence of Fuel Subsidies in Madagascar and Recommendations for Child-Friendly Reallocation. Development Analytics Research Paper Series No 1602.

Newhouse, David; Suarez-Becerra, P; Evans, M. (2016) New Estimates of Extreme Poverty for Children. Policy Research Working Paper No. 7845. World Bank, Washington, DC (2016)

Gardner K. & Evans M. (2011) Exploring poverty gaps among children in the UK, Department of Work & Pensions Working Paper No. 103, London: DWP

Evans M & Gardner K. (2011) Child Poverty Pilots: Interim Synthesis Report, Department for Work and Pensions Research Report No 730: Leeds: Corporate Document Services.

Sutherland H., Evans M., Hancock R, Hills J. & Zantomio F. (2008) The impact of benefit and tax up-rating on incomes and poverty, York: Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

Evans M & Williams L (2008) Tackling Child Poverty when Parents are Unable to Work, York: Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2008)

Evans M., Gough I., Harkness S., McKay A., Nguyen H & Do Lo The N. (2007) How Progressive is Vietnamese Social Security? UNDP Vietnam Policy Dialogue Paper 2007/1. Hanoi: United Nations Development Programme.

Evans M., Gough I., Harkness S., McKay A., Nguyen H & Do Lo The N. (2007) The Relationship Between Old Age and Poverty in Vietnam, UNDP Policy Dialogue Paper 2007/2. Hanoi: United Nations Development Programme

Evans M., Knight G, & La Valle I (2007) Working for Families: Literature Review of Evaluation Evidence. Wellington: Centre for Social Research and Evaluation, Ministry of Social Development New Zealand

Evans M (2003) "Poverty and Social Exclusion" in European Commission, The Modernisation of Social Protection in Candidate Countries for the European Union. Luxembourg: European Commission.

Millar J. & Evans M. (eds) (2003) Lone Parents and Employment: International Comparison of what works Sheffield. Department for Work and Pensions.

Evans M (2002) Recent Evolution of Social Protection in the Central and Eastern European Applicant Countries. Brussels: The European Commission Directorate-General for Employment & Social Affairs.

Evans M (1999) Change and Choice in Social Protection: The Experience of Central and Eastern Europe - Volume 2, Phare Consensus Programme European Commission. Paris: ADECRI.

AFFILIATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

2017- Research Associate, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, Department of International Development, University of Oxford

2018- Research Associate, Development Analytics, Oxford

2016-17 Research Associate, Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, City University of New York.

2006 Visiting Research Fellow, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley.