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Employment	Assistant Professor Department of Health Policy London School of Economics	2019 – present
	Research Associate Bennett Institute for Public Policy University of Cambridge	2019
Education	DPhil (PhD) in Sociology University of Oxford	2015 – 2018
	MSc in Sociology, Distinction University of Oxford	2013 – 2014
	BSc in Economics with Economic History, First Class Honours London School of Economics	2009 – 2012

Publications

Peer-reviewed research

Barlow, P. 2021. The effect of schooling on women's overweight and obesity: a natural experiment in Nigeria. *Demography*, 58(2), 685–710.

Barlow, P., Stuckler, D. 2021. Globalization and health policy space: introducing the WTOhealth dataset of trade challenges to national health regulations at World Trade Organization, 1995-2016. *Social Science & Medicine*, 275, e113807.

Barlow, P., Thow, AM. 2021. Neoliberal discourse, actor power, and the politics of nutrition policy: a qualitative analysis of Specific Trade Concerns on nutrition labelling regulations at the World Trade Organization, 2007-2019. *Social Science & Medicine*, 273, e113761.

Barlow, P., Loopstra, R., Tarasuk., V., Reeves, A. 2020. Liberal trade policy and individual food insecurity across the income distribution: an observational analysis of 460,102 persons in 132 countries, 2014-2017. *The Lancet Global Health*, 8(8), e1090-1097.

Barlow, P. 2020. Global disparities in health-systems financing: a cross-national analysis of the impact of tariff reductions and state capacity on public health expenditure in 65 low- and middle-income countries, 1996-2016. *Health & Place*, 63, e102329.

Barlow, P., Reeves, A., McKee, M., Stuckler, D. 2019. Employment relations, insecurity, and employment regulations: does dismissal legislation protect workers' health? *Social Policy & Administration*, 53, p.939-957.

Barlow, P., Labonte, R., McKee, M., Stuckler, D. 2018. Trade challenges at the World Trade Organization to national noncommunicable disease prevention policies: A thematic document analysis of trade and health policy space. *PLOS Medicine*, 15(6), e1002590.

→ Featured in *PLOS Medicine* editors' selection of the 10 most interesting articles of the past 15 years.

- **Barlow, P.** 2018. Does trade liberalization reduce child mortality? Evidence from a synthetic control analysis of 36 policy experiments in low- and middle-income countries, 1963-2005. *Social Science & Medicine*, 205, p.107-116.
- **Barlow, P.,** McKee, M., Stuckler, D. 2018. The impact of US Free Trade Agreements on calorie availability and obesity: a natural experiment in Canada. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 54(5), p.637-643.
 - → International media coverage including *The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times*, and *CBC*.
- **Barlow, P.,** Serôdio, P., Ruskin, G., McKee, M., Stuckler, D. 2018. Science organizations and Coca-Cola's "war" with the public health community: insights from an internal industry document. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 72, p.761-763.
- **Barlow, P.**, McKee, M., Basu, S., Stuckler, D. 2017. The impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement on high-fructose corn syrup consumption: a natural experiment using synthetic control methods. *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 189(26), p.881-887.
 - → Included commentary by Ashley Schram (Research Fellow, Australian National University) and Ronald Labonte (Professor, University of Ottawa).
 - → International media coverage including Washington Post, The Guardian and El Pais.
- **Barlow, P.**, McKee, M., Basu, S., Stuckler, D. 2017. The health impact of trade and investment agreements: a systematic literature review and network co-citation analysis. *Globalization and Health*, 13(1).
- McNeill, D., **Barlow**, **P.,** Birkbeck, CD., Fukuda-Parr, S., Grover, A., Schrecker, T., Stuckler, D., (2017). Trade and Investment Agreements: Implications for Health Protection. *Journal of World Trade*, 51(1), p.159-182.
- **Barlow, P.**, Reeves, A., McKee, M., Galea, G., Stuckler, D. 2016. Smoking and time-discounting: a systematic review and network analysis. *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 46(3), p.860-869.
 - → Included commentary by James MacKillop (Professor, McMaster University) and Marcus Munafò (Professor, University of Bristol).
- **Barlow, P.**, Reeves, A., McKee, M., Galea, G., Stuckler, D. 2016. Unhealthy diets, obesity and time-discounting: a systematic review and network analysis. *Obesity Reviews*, 17 (9), p. 810-819.
- **Barlow, P.**, Reeves, A., McKee, M., Stuckler, D. 2015. Austerity, precariousness, and the health status of Greek labour market participants: Retrospective cohort analysis of employed and unemployed persons in 2008–2009 and 2010–2011. *Journal of Public Health Policy*, 36(4), p.452-468.

Work in progress

- van Schalkwyk, M., **Barlow, P.**, Siles-Brügge, G., Jarman, H., Hervey, T., McKee, M., Brexit and trade policy: An analysis of governance of UK trade policy and what it means for health, social justice and democracy. *Revise & resubmit*.
- **Barlow, P.** Gleeson, D. Exporting policy dystopia: is the World Trade Organization a vehicle for alcohol industry lobbying against health warning labelling? A thematic analysis of TBT Committee debates, 2010-2020. *In progress*.

Commentaries

- van Schalkwyk, M.C., Jarman, H., Hervey, T., Wouters, OW., **Barlow, P.**, McKee, M. Risks to health and the NHS in the post-Brexit era. *British Medical Journal*, 369, p. 2307
- **Barlow, P.,** Labonte, R., McKee, M., Stuckler, D. 2019. WHO response to WTO member state challenges on tobacco, food and beverage policies. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 97, p.846-848

van Schalkwyk, M.C., **Barlow, P.**, Stuckler, D., Rae, M., Lang, T., Hervey, T. and McKee, M. 2019. Assessing the health effects of a "no deal" Brexit. *British Medical Journal*, 366, p.5300

McKee, M., **Barlow, P.**, Stuckler, D. 2017. A trade deal between the United Kingdom and United States. *British Medical Journal*, 356, p.491

Teaching

LSE Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (2019-20, 2020-21)

Research Design for Evaluating Health Programs and Policies (2020-21)

Introduction to Healthcare Evaluation (2020-21)

Economic Analysis for Health Policy in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (2019-20)

Advanced Health Policy and Health Economics (2019-20)

Other roles Guest Lecturer, Nutrition Policy, King's College London (2019)

Examiner, Introductory Statistics for Political Science, University of Cambridge (2019)

Tutor, Quantitative Methods (BSc), Keble College, Oxford (2017-18) Teaching Assistant, Sociological Analysis (MSc), Oxford (2016-18)

Thesis Supervisor (MSc), LSHTM (2017-18)

Teaching Assistant, Social Network Analysis (PhD), Oxford (2017)

Qualifications Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCertHE), 2020

Grants & awards PETRA review of trade deals and health (~£,10,000), MRC, 2020

Society and Ethics Doctoral Studentship (~£100,000), Wellcome Trust, 2015-2018 Clarendon Scholarship, University of Oxford (~£90,000), 2015-2018 (declined) The AH Halsey Prize for Best Performance on the MSc in Sociology, 2014

Professional service

Associate Editor, Globalization and Health, 2018-present

Programme Co-Director, MSc International Health Policy, LSE, 2019-present

Ad-hoc reviewer for Demography, British Medical Journal, Social Science & Medicine, Health Economics, Nature Human Behavior, Sociology of Health & Illness, Sociology, Health Policy, Epidemiology, European Journal of Public Health, PLOS Medicine, PLOS One, Public Health Reviews, Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health, Diabetic Medicine, Psychology of Addictive Behaviours, Globalization & Health, International Journal of Health Policy & Management

Junior Common Room LGBT Representative, Nuffield College, 2016-2018

Conferences Association for Public Policy Analysis annual conference, 2020

Society for Social Medicine and Population Health annual meeting, 2017, 2018, 2020

Cambridge Political Economy Society annual conference, 2019

European Public Health Association annual conference, 2016, 2017, 2018

Population Studies 'Popfest' annual conference, 2018

Political Studies Association Methodology Group annual conference, 2017 European Consortium for Sociological Research annual conference, 2015

Other Research Assistant to Professor Richard Breen, University of Oxford, 2017

professional Scientific Adviser, World Health Organization, 2015 experience Research Intern, Institute for Government, 2013 Research Analyst, Harvard, Columbia & LSE Executive Time Use Project, 2013

Methods training Introduction to Machine Learning, Stanford University (MOOC via Coursera), 2018

Panel Data Analysis, Essex Summer School, 2016

Advances in Causal Inference, Department of Politics, Oxford, 2016

Causal Inference, Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods, 2016 Data Visualisation, Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods, 2016 Advanced Quantitative Research Methods, Harvard Extension School, 2015

Qualitative Methods, Department of Sociology, 2015

Professional membership

Society for Social Medicine and Population Health

Computing R, NVivo, STATA, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

Languages English (native), French (fluent), Romanian (basic)

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