Alice Welsh

Practice Summary

Research interests:

Migration and welfare rights, EU citizenship, administrative justice, interdisciplinary research, human rights law.

Employment and research experience

Lecturer - York Law School (Starting July 2023)

Research Fellow – EU Rights and Brexit Hub, York Law School (July 2020- July 2023)

A major ESRC Governance after Brexit funded project. Legal action research clinic providing second-tier advice and researching EEA+ nationals access to welfare and public services.

UK national expert – MoveS Network, EU Commission (July 2021 – present)

Contributing to monthly flash reports on free movement and social security coordination.

Research Fellow – EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS), Public Law Project (July 2019 – June 2020)

Researching the administrative justice implications of the EUSS. Submitting FOIA requests, survey design and writing up findings in articles, reports and blogs.

ESRC Overseas Institutional Visit – Glendon College, York University, Toronto (September to December 2018)

An ESRC funded placement to research further the dynamics of multi-level citizenship.

Legal Caseworker - The AIRE Centre (Sept 2017 – December 2017) (voluntary)

Preparing pro bono written legal advice, cases for tribunal. Writing case and information notes for AIRE Centre publications. Training QMU students for their EU law clinic service.

Education and qualifications:

2016 – 2020: University of York - PhD in Law

Vanishing safety nets, the citizenship illusion, and the worker that isn't: a case study of EU migrant atypical workers' rights in the UK.

This PhD used a mixed methods approach, utilising doctrinal legal and theoretical analysis alongside empirical case study methodologies to analyse the application of the minimum earnings threshold in welfare benefit and permanent residence card applications to determine if an EU national fits the definition of a worker.

Supervised by Professor Charlotte O'Brien (University of York), Dr Simon Lightfoot (University of Leeds) and Dr Nicolas Rennuy (University of York)

2014-2015: University of York – LLM in International Human Rights Law and Practice

2011-2014: University of York – LLB in Law

Teaching responsibilities:

Nov 2018 – Guest Lecturer at Glendon College, York University (Toronto).

Sept 2014 – 2020: Postgraduate Teaching Assistant (University of York):

Research networks:

2020-2023: Governance After Brexit Programme, ESRC.

2016 – 2019: Economic and Social Research Council White Rose Network on EU Citizenship and Free Movement (Universities of York, Sheffield and Leeds)

Publications

A Welsh, *Free Movement Rights for Atypical workers* (Hart Publishing, forthcoming).

A Welsh, 'Permission to discriminate – EU nationals, pre-settled status and access to social assistance' (2022) Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law

A Welsh, 'A genuine chance of free movement? Clarifying the 'reasonable period of time' and residence conditions for jobseekers in G. M. A.' (2021) 58(5) Common Market Law Review 1591.

J Tomlinson, J Maxwell and A Welsh, 'Discrimination in Digital Immigration Status' (2021) Legal Studies.

J Tomlinson and A Welsh, 'Will Digital Immigration Status Work?' (2020) 34(4) Journal of Immigration, Asylum & Nationality Law 306.

Reports and evidence:

C O'Brien, A Welsh, J Evemy and S Parker, 'EU Rights and Brexit Hub – Written evidence (CIT0005)' (House of Lords European Affairs Committee)

C O'Brien and A Welsh, 'The Status of EU Nationals: Emergency Measures Needed' (EU Rights and Brexit Hub, May 2021)

Other Employment experience

The Refugee Council – Project Worker (Jul 2016- Jul 2017)

Providing support work to resettled Syrian families in the UK. Providing help and advice on benefits and finance, housing, health, education, social and community integration. Advocating for client’s rights to access services and interpreters.

Refugee Action York – Volunteer Coordinator (Oct 2015- Jul 2016)

Trustee for Student Action for Refugees (Nov 2012 – Nov 2016) (voluntary)