

COHEN R. SIMPSON

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INTERESTS

Academic: Genetic Kinship • Friendship • Social Support • Evolutionary Theories of Cooperation • Social Networks
Methods: Causal Inference • Randomised Trials • Quasi-Experiments • Regression (Frequentist and Bayesian)
Programming: R • Python • SQL • LaTeX [Technical Reports] • Replicable Workflows w/ [Micromamba](#) Environments

EXPERIENCE

University College London

Senior Research Fellow in Social Research Methods, Social Research Institute August 2025 – Present

Octopus Energy Group

Data Scientist (Applied Econometrics & Experimentation) July 2023 – December 2024

London School of Economics

Fellow in Quantitative Research Methods, Department of Methodology Jan 2022 – Dec 2022

University of Oxford

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow & Research Fellow, Oxford Internet Institute Jan 2018 – Dec 2020

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Sociology Mar 2017 – Dec 2017

Associate Member/Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow, Nuffield College Mar 2017 – Dec 2022

University of Cambridge

Research Assistant/Associate, Department of Sociology Feb 2016 – Dec 2017

EDUCATION

London School of Economics, PhD, Social Research Methods 2012 – 2016

University of Oxford, MSc, Social Science of the Internet 2011 – 2012

Clemson University, BA, Communication Studies [[Summa Cum Laude](#)] 2007 – 2011

RESEARCH

Working Papers

- Simpson, C.R. The emergence and stability of cooperation.
 - Status: Finalising Analysis Code and Text
- Simpson, C. R. Degrees of kin and the macro-level integration of cooperative networks.
 - Status: Finalising Analysis Code and Text
- Simpson, C.R. The relational bases of informal financial cooperation.
 - Status: Performing Analysis + Finalising Text
- Metcalfe, R., Schein, A., Simpson, C. R., Sun, Y. (2025). Large-scale experimental evidence on electric vehicle charging demand.
 - Draft: https://www.cohensimpson.com/papers/preprints/MSSS_Charging_Demand_Oct_2025.pdf
 - Pre-Registration (Field Experiment + Difference-in-Differences): <https://doi.org/10.1257/rct.13037-1.0>

Refereed Articles (* = Retired Research Foci)

- Simpson, C.R., Power, E.A. (2023). Dynamics of cooperative networks associated with gender among South Indian Tamils. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 378:20210437. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.2021.0437>
- Simpson, C.R., Kirk, D.S. (2023). *Is police misconduct contagious? Non-trivial null findings from Dallas, Texas. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 39:425–463. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10940-021-09532-7>
- Simpson, C.R. (2022). Social support and network formation in a small-scale horticulturalist population. *Scientific Data*, 9:570. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-022-01516-x>
- Simpson, C.R. (2022). On the structural equivalence of coresidents and the measurement of village social structure. *Social Networks*, 69:55–73. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2020.02.010>
- Simpson, C.R. (2020). Farm size shapes friend choice amongst rice producers in China: Some evidence for the theory of network ecology. *Social Networks*, 61:107–127. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2019.10.001>

- Simpson, C.R. (2016). *Competition for foundation patronage and the differential effects of prestige on the grant market success of social movement organisations. *Social Networks*, 46:29-43. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2016.02.001>
- Simpson, C.R. (2015). *Multiplexity and strategic alliances: The relational embeddedness of coalitions in social movement organisational fields. *Social Networks*, 42:42-59. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2015.02.007>

Industry White Papers

- Simpson, C. R., Lopez Garcia, D. L., Schein A. R. (2024). Atmospheric temperature and consumer rejection of remote thermostat control. *Octopus Energy Group*. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.12703197>

FUNDING AND AWARDS

- **“Network Formation and Function Within and Between Cultural Groups”** **\$447,116** **2022**
 - **Funder:** United States National Science Foundation (Grant Num. 2214088)
 - **Role:** Co-PI w/ Luke Glowacki (PI; Boston Uni.) and Zachary H. Garfield (Co-PI; IAS Toulouse)
[n.b., participation withdrawn to pursue a tech-industry career focused on causal inference.]
- **“The Cultural Origins of Village Social Structure”** **£337,789** **2017**
 - **Funder:** British Academy (Grant Num. pf170158)
 - **Role:** Principal Investigator (PI)
- **LSE PhD Scholarship (Full)** **£84,480** **2012**
 - **Funder:** London School of Economics
- **Clarendon Fund MSc Scholarship (Full)** **£28,140** **2011**
 - **Funder:** University of Oxford

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

- **London School of Economics, Department of Methodology**
 - Internal Examiner for MSc Theses Summer 2022
 - Co-Leader for “MY452 Applied Regression Analysis” (3-4 classes/week; 20 pupils/class; R Lang.) Winter & Fall 2022
 - Guest Teacher for “MY461 Social Network Analysis” (6 classes; 20 pupils/class; R Language) Winter & Fall 2022
 - Supervisor (i.e., Research + Pastoral Care) for Four MSc Students
- **Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford**
 - Internal Examiner for MSc Theses Summer 2019; 2020
 - Assessor + Interviewer for MSc Student Admissions Spring 2019; 2020
 - Internal Second Examiner for “Online Social Networks” (20 pupils) Spring 2019; 2020
 - Tutor for “Quantitative Methods Surgeries” (One-to-One; 1-8 pupils/week; R Language) Fall 2020
 - Co-Leader for “Statistics Core” Module (Lecture + Class; 50 pupils/week; R Language) Fall 2018; 2019
 - Guest Teacher for “Foundations of Social Data Science” (2 classes; 20 pupils/class) Fall 2018
 - Supervisor (i.e., Research + Pastoral Care) for Two MSc Students

ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE

- **Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford**
 - Departmental Research Ethics Committee, Junior Member (Policy + Ethics Reviewer) Mar 2018 – Dec 2020
 - Departmental Lecturer Hiring Committee, Junior Member (Assessor + Interviewer) August 2020
 - Voting Member of Congregation (Oxford’s Sovereign Governing Body) Mar 2018 – Dec 2020
- **Nuffield College, University of Oxford**
 - Network Analysis Weekly Seminar Series 2017 – 2018
 - Co-convenor w/ Laurin Weissinger
- **Queens’ College, University of Cambridge**
 - “Human Rights Practice in the Digital Age” Conference (≈20 Delegates) March 2016
 - Co-organised w/ Ella McPherson