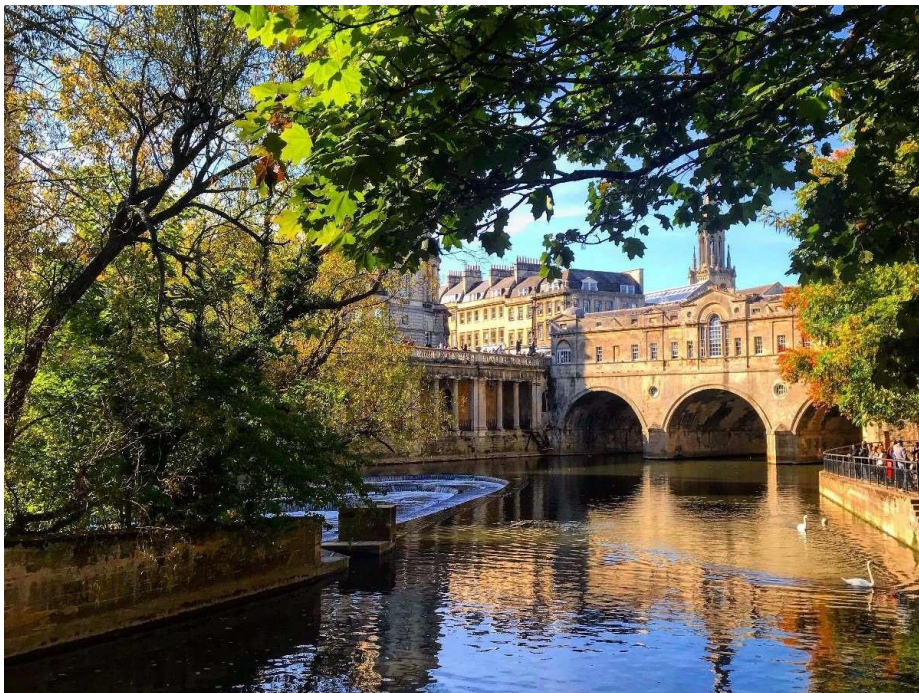


NEWSLETTER

SPRING-SUMMER 2024



Directors' Note

Welcome to our super-bumper CASPS Spring-summer 2024 newsletter. This is the first newsletter under our new name as Centre for the Analysis of Social Policy and Society. The newsletter offers an overview of the latest news of the centre, summaries of key events, CASPS members' news, a new section on Researcher Profiles, and updates with the latest publications of our members and research grants. Our apologies if we missed anything in which case please contact us to include it in our future newsletter.

We hope you will enjoy our newsletter and wish you a relaxing summer.

Dr Theodoros Papadopoulos and Dr Jordan Tchilingirian
Co-directors, CASPS

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CASPS News

Launching CASPS Working Paper Series

We are delighted to announce the launch of CASPS' Working paper series. Entitled '***Bath Papers in Social Welfare, Policy & Society***'. It aims to provide a platform for CASPS affiliated researchers, SPS students and colleagues external to CASPS to share early versions of research work, interesting findings or theoretical pieces of work. The series operates with light anonymized peer review (Bath-based unless stated otherwise) to encourage good quality submissions. Our first working paper is entitled: "**Dualization and Welfare in the 21st Century: A Literature Review and a Proposal for a Conceptual and Explanatory Framework**". It is co-authored by two colleagues based in Spain: Jorge Hernández-Moreno, from the Institute of Public Goods and Policies (IPP) & Centre for Human and Social Sciences (CCHS) and Gibrán Cruz-Martínez from the Faculty of Political Science and Sociology Complutense University of Madrid (UCM).

CASPS' partnership with School for Health Policy, Western University (Canada) is renewed

Western's Faculty of Health Sciences (Canada) and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Bath (UK) have renewed their memorandum of understanding (MOU) lead to health and welfare focused collaborations between the two institutions. The agreement includes Western's School of Health Studies and Bath's Department for Health and the Centre for Analysis of Social Policy and Society. CASPS collaboration will involve co-organizing joint research-focused work and events like the joint event – *Health Equity Issues: Soundbites from across the world* – which CASPS led in 2022 when academics from around the globe spoke for three minutes each about the major health equity issues affecting their respective countries.

CASPS and MEGRI collaboration receives support from the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation

Since 2019 the Centre for the Analysis of Social Policy and Society (CASPS) at the University of Bath has been collaborating with the Medical Governance Research Institute (MEGRI) based at Tokyo, Japan, on examining and comparing the rules governing the disclosure of payments that pharmaceutical companies make to the healthcare sector in the UK and Japan. Key findings from this phase of our research have been published in a major comparative paper published in *Globalization and Health*. Our new research project, was generously funded by The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation (early 2024), and seeks to examine why, compared to the UK, the pharmaceutical industry in Japan has more comprehensive transparency rules regarding some aspects of collaborations between the pharmaceutical industry but not others. This research will draw on a new data source – qualitative interviews with stakeholders involved in pharmaceutical policymaking in Japan. The partnership is led by Dr Piotr Ozieranski (CASPS) with support from Dr Theo Papadopoulos and Dr Akihiko Ozaki, Medical Governance Research Institute (Tokyo, Japan). It involves a large number of activities, including visits of medical students from MEGRI to CASPS. This collaborative research brings together insights from social scientists, policy experts and medical professionals. We look forward to taking it further thanks to the support of the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation!

CASPS forges collaboration with NatCen International (National Centre for Social Research)

Over several months CASPS has been strengthening links and collaboration with colleagues from NatCen International (National Centre for Social Research). This partnership is led by Dr Sherine El Taraboulsi-McCarthy, Director of NatCen International and Dr Theo Papadopoulos, co-Director of CASPS. We had the pleasure to welcome Dr Taraboulsi-McCarthy in an online seminar exploring 'Complexity Theory and Asylum Seekers Decision-making' while an expert commentary was co-authored by the two leads on the importance of social policy and social cohesion in global action to tackle the poly-crises of our times. Discussions on potential joint research continue. The work of Dr Taraboulsi-McCarthy and NatCen can be found here: <https://natcen.ac.uk/people/sherine-el-taraboulsi-mccarthy> To access the video form the seminar follow the link here: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/announcements/video-complexity-theory-and-asylum-seekers-decision-making/>

Events



Community Summit: Addressing children's needs in Bath and North East Somerset

A major event – the first of its kind - was hosted by Centre of Analysis of Social Policy in partnership with Bath and North East Somerset Council, SARI (Stand Against Racism) and St John's Foundation. It brought together many local stakeholders who participated in discussions and workshops that explored the critical issues surrounding children's wellbeing, poverty and socio-economic deprivation in our region, especially in the areas of mental health, education, justice and discrimination, socio-economic deprivation. The summit also discussed the potential for setting up a collaborative Socio-economic Observatory for BANES to be hosted by CASPS. The event opened with welcoming words from Mohammed Saddiq DL, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, Robert Drewett DL, High Sheriff of Somerset, Cllr Paul May, BANES Lead Member for Children and Young People, Dr Alex Raikes MBE DL, Director, SARI charity (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) and Prof Cassie Wilson, Pro-VC (Student Experience), University of Bath and Dr Theo Papadopoulos Co-Director of CASPS. CASPS and the co-organizers gratefully acknowledge the support of Community Engagement Team and the financial contribution of the University of Bath's Alumni Fund and Knowledge Exchange Fund in covering the catering and other costs for this event. A report on the topics addressed in the summit is under preparation. Follow-up events are currently under preparation for Autumn-winter 2024/5. (Access the web page for the event: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/announcements/event-addressing-childrens-needs-in-bath-and-north-east-somerset/>)

Appointments of CASPS visiting fellows and academics

Appointment of Dr Margaret McCartney as CASPS visiting fellow

We are delighted to announce that the visiting fellowship of Dr Margaret McCartney, is currently being finalised. Dr McCartney is a GP and a very influential researcher and public health advocate on matters relating to transparency and conflicts of interest. She regularly writes for The BMJ and has a large following on Twitter.

Appointment of Dr James Larkin as CASPS visiting fellow

We are delighted to announce that the visiting fellowship of Dr James Larkin, is currently being finalised. Dr Larkin is an early career researcher based at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland with expertise in the transparency of the medical device industry, a key emerging field of study in health policy. Dr Piotr Ozieranski and Dr James Larkin have recently published a study on payments relating to medical devices in the NHS, which has received broad media coverage, including in the Observer.

Renewal of Dr Justin Rogers status as CASPS visiting fellowship

We are delighted to announce the renewal of Dr Justin Rogers CASPS visiting fellowship. Dr Roger is a Lecturer in Social Work in Open University was previously a Lecturer in Social Work in Bath from 2013 -2020. He has been a visiting fellow with us since 2021, engaged in several activities including delivering lectures, written a blog discussing the plight of children with disabilities in institutional care in Ukraine, and collaborating on research projects with Bath colleagues. Dr Rogers has recently also begun a significant research collaboration with Professor Lizzi Milligan in the Department of Education, on a project exploring education in alternative care settings in Kenya.

Renewal of Prof Rachel Forester Jones visiting Professorship status

We are delighted to announce the extension of the visiting Professorship status of Prof Rachel Forester Jones, ex-Director of the Centre of Analysis of Social Policy, currently Head of the Faculty of Health Sciences (Western University, Canada)

CASPS Members News

Dr Mel Channon

- Mel was recently interviewed by Monocle Radio about the implications of fertility decline: <https://monocle.com/radio/shows/the-briefing/3261/play/>
- Mel would also like to point everyone towards our Menstrual Justice project website, where you can keep up to date with our latest project news [News - MeJARa \(mejara-project.com\)](https://mejara-project.com). We completed the first round of qualitative data collection in Nepal at the beginning of this year and will be heading to Nepal in June to share our initial results.
- Mel was interviewed by The Times about migration: [What Britain must do to cope with looming surge in immigration \(thetimes.co.uk\)](https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/what-britain-must-do-to-cope-with-looming-surge-in-immigration).

Dr Diana Teggi

- Diana recent publication co-authored with Dr Kate Woodthorpe (SPS) contains evidence and recommendations for end-of-life care policy in the care home context. The paper explores how care home staff collaborate with GPs to prescribe medication for the management of dying symptoms to residents ahead of need. This process is called

anticipatory prescribing. The paper reveals that anticipatory prescribing extends the GP's medico-legal authority to make life-altering decisions to care home nurses and senior carers. Link: <https://rdcu.be/dDBKf>

Ms Josephine Mcallister

- Josephine is a first year PhD student is working on communications for the 'Menstrual Justice: Achieving the Right to a Good Period in LMICs' (MeJARa) project, led by Dr Melanie Channon. Her short blog for World Health Day (7 April 2024) highlights the impact of menstrual taboos on health and introduces some of the project work. (Access: <https://mejara-project.com/news/world-health-day-how-mejara-supports-girls-to-lead-healthier-lives/>)

Dr Theodoros Papadopoulos

- Theo co-authored a blog with Dr Sherine El Taraboulsi-McCarthy, Director of NatCen International (National Centre for Social Research) entitled "On "Rebuilding Trust": Davos and Embedding Social Cohesion in Global Action". This expert commentary focused on the importance of embedding social cohesion in policy domestically and cross-nationally. They argued first "international development and humanitarian thinking are increasingly feeding into domestic policies in wealthier nations and vice versa" and, second, "a centring of social policy in global action will be critical to integrating social justice in key agendas such as climate action and environmental sustainability" (Access: <https://natcen.ac.uk/rebuilding-trust-davos-and-embedding-social-cohesion-global-action>).

CASPS Researcher Profiles

In this newsletter we launch a new section that will introduce brief profiles of CASPS affiliated researchers to showcase the diversity, vision and impact of our research.

Emeritus Professor Richard Velleman

Richard Velleman is Emeritus Professor in the Department of Psychology and is also affiliated with CASPS. He currently divides his time between two main work areas.

He founded and is the co-Director of the Addictions and related Research Group, part of Sangath, Goa, India - <https://sangath.in/addictions-research-group/>. The ARG was set up with the intention to create a world-class research group, focused on addictions and related mental health issues in low resource settings. The vision for the ARG was to create a sustainable group of researchers and health workers, championing the field of addictions (and related) research in India. This has led to projects around many aspects of 'addiction', including those developing and evaluation the provision of counselling to families of people with drinking problems and to survivors of domestic violence; as well as work within the wider global mental health field.

He also founded and is a Trustee and Treasurer of AFINet (Addictions and the Family International Network - www.afinetwork.info), a free-to-join Network, providing a platform which:

- brings together researchers, policy-makers, practitioners, and experts by experience;
- promotes the well-being of family members, friends and colleagues who are affected by or concerned about another person's problems with or addiction to alcohol, drugs or gambling; and
- develops research, policy, practice, and advocacy in the field.

CASPS Members' recent and forthcoming publications

Dr Piotr Ozieranski

Dr Ozieranski recent publications focused on different aspects of his main research agenda that focuses on transparency and accountability of pharmaceutical industry.

- Boytchev, H., Mulinari, S. & **Ozieranski, P.**, (2024), Delays in dealing with complaints against drug companies are growing, In: BMJ (Clinical research ed.). 384, q365. (Access: [10.1136/bmj.q365](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.q365))
- Larkin, J., Mulinari, S., **Ozieranski, P.**, Lynch, K., Fahey, T., Ozaki, A. & Moriarty, F., Payments to healthcare organisations reported by the medical device industry in Europe from 2017 to 2019: An observational study (forthcoming 30 Jun 2024) In: Health Policy and Technology. 13, 2, 9 p., 100865 (Access: [10.1016/j.hlpt.2024.100865](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.hlpt.2024.100865))

Dr Diana Teggi

Dr Teggi's recent publication which contains evidence and recommendations for end-of-life care policy in the care home context.

- Teggi, D., Woodthorpe, K. (2024). Anticipatory prescribing of injectable controlled drugs (ICDs) in care homes: a qualitative observational study of staff role, uncertain dying and hospital transfer at the end-of-life. BMC Geriatrics 24, 310. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12877-024-04801-z>

Prof Emma Carmel

A new book (June 2024) co-edited by Prof. Emma Carmel “explores the relationship between public policy and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies across a broad range of geographical, technical, political and policy contexts”. The book “contributes to critical AI studies, focusing on the intersection of the norms, discourses, policies, practices and regulation that shape AI in the public sector” (more information here: <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/handbook-on-public-policy-and-artificial-intelligence-9781803922164.html>)

- Paul R., Carmel E. and Cobbe J. (2024) , Handbook on Public Policy and Artificial Intelligence, Handbooks of Research on Public Policy series Assistant Professor in Law and Technology,

Dr Mel Channon

Dr Channon co-authored expert commentary in the Conversation addressed the issue of low birthrates and current concerns “that there won't be enough young people to support an ageing population through pensions and social care, or that a population decline will affect the economy”.

- Channon M. and Kuang B. (2024) Fears about falling birthrate in England and Wales are misplaced – the population is due to grow for years to come, Theconversation.com (Access: <https://theconversation.com/fears-about-falling-birthrate-in-england-and-wales-are-misplaced-the-population-is-due-to-grow-for-years-to-come-218655>)

Prof Graham Room

Prof Room's forthcoming publication revisits the 'Hiding Hand' metaphor/principle used in the work of Albert Hirschman "to characterize the international development process [...arguing that] international development projects typically incur major cost overruns and other implementation problems, which put in question the decision to launch them in the first place".

- Room G. (forthcoming 2024/5) Unveiling the Hiding Hand, Handbook on Project Behaviour, Cambridge University Press

Prof Richard Velleman

Prof. Velleman has an edited book coming out later this year (2024): it is at the copyediting stage: Gallus Bischof, **Richard Velleman**, Jim Orford, Abhijit Nadkarni, and Marcela Tiburcio (Eds). (2024) Families Affected by Addiction: a Handbook. Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature Switzerland AG. [and I am the co-author of 5 of the 27 chapters].

Prof. Velleman's papers and book chapters over the last two years are as follows:

- Nadkarni, A., Gaikwad, L., Sequeira, M.,..... **Velleman, R.** and Bhatia, U. (2024) Text message-based Cessation Intervention for Smoked and Smokeless Tobacco Users in India: a Feasibility Randomised Controlled Trial. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. DOI: 10.1093/ntr/ntae056.
- Fernandes, D., D'souza, E., Sambari, S. **Velleman, R.**, et al (2023) Experiences of a mobile phone delivered brief intervention for hazardous drinking: a qualitative study nested in the AMBIT trial from Goa, India. *Cambridge Prisms: Global Mental Health*, 10, e58, 1–8. DOI: 10.1017/gmh.2023.51
- Nadkarni, A., Gaikwad, L., Sequeira, M., **Velleman, R.**, et al (2023) Evaluation of feasibility and acceptability of a text messaging intervention for tobacco cessation in India. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 26(1), 72-78. DOI: 10.1093/ntr/ntad163
- Nadkarni, A., Gandhi, Y., Bhatia, U. and **Velleman, R.** (2023) Closing the treatment gap for Alcohol Use Disorders in Low- and Middle- Income Countries. *Global Mental Health*. commissioned review. *Cambridge Prisms: Global Mental Health*, 10, e3, 1-12. DOI: 10.1017/gmh.2022.57
- Nadkarni, A., Garg, A., Agrawal, R. ... **Velleman, R.** et al (2023) Acceptability and feasibility of assisted tele-psychiatry in routine healthcare settings in India: a qualitative study. *Oxford Open Digital Health*, 1, oqad016. DOI: 10.1093/oodh/oqad016
- Nadkarni, A., Massazza, A., Guda, R. **Velleman, R.** et al. (2023) Common strategies in empirically supported psychological interventions for alcohol use disorders: a meta-review. *Drug and Alcohol Review*, 42(1), 94-104. DOI: 10.1111/dar.13550.
- Sampson, D., Heinsch, M., Geddes, J., **Velleman, R.** et al (2023) 'I no longer know that person': Experiences of families living with someone using crystal methamphetamine. *PLOS ONE*, 18(4):e0284156. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0284156
- Schess, J., Bennett-Li, L., **Velleman, R.**, et al (2023) Alcohol Policies in India: a scoping review. *PLoS ONE*, 18(11), e0294392. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0294392
- van Beek, M., **Velleman, R.**, de Bruijn, T. et al (2023) Helping family members affected by a relative's substance use or gambling: an evaluation study of the 5-Step Method delivered in the Netherlands. *Drugs: Education, Practice and Policy*. DOI: 10.1080/09687637.2023.2165040
- van den Broek, M., Gandhi, Y., Sureshkumar, D. **Velleman, R.** et al (2023) Interventions to increase help-seeking for mental health care in low-and middle-income countries: a systematic review. *PLOS Global Public Health*, 3(9), e0002302. DOI:

10.1371/journal.pgph.0002302

- **Velleman, R.** and Selseng, L. (2024) Coping with bereavement due to drug-related death in the context of one's own drug challenges. In: Margaret S. Stroebe, Kari Dyregrov and Kristine Berg Titlestad (Eds.) The Routledge International Handbook of Drug-Related Death Bereavement. London; Routledge (Chapter 12). eBook ISBN: 9781032657455
- **Velleman, R.**, Tiburcio, M. and Nadkarni, A. (2024) Beyond the Western World: Dealing with Bereavement Following a Drug-related Death in Mexico and India.
- In: Margaret S. Stroebe, Kari Dyregrov and Kristine Berg Titlestad (Eds.) The Routledge International Handbook of Drug-Related Death Bereavement. London; Routledge (Chapter 16). eBook ISBN: 9781032657455
- **Velleman, R.** and Templeton, L. (2024) Stigma, kindness and professionalism: On fostering compassion and countering stigmatization.
- In: Margaret S. Stroebe, Kari Dyregrov and Kristine Berg Titlestad (Eds.) The Routledge International Handbook of Drug-Related Death Bereavement. London; Routledge (Chapter 20). eBook ISBN: 9781032657455
- **Velleman, R.**, Sequeira, M. and Bhatia, U. (2023) Supporting and including families in professional care for alcohol use.
- In: David B. Cooper (Ed.) (2023) Alcohol Use: Assessment, Withdrawal Management, Treatment and Therapy: Ethical Practice. Switzerland; Springer Nature. ISBN 978-3-031-18380-5 (Print); ISBN 978-3-031-18381-2 (eBook). DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-18381-2. (Chapter 8, pp 129-150).

Ms Josephine Mcallister

- Josephine Mcallister J. (2024) World Health Day 2024: How MeJARa supports girls to lead healthier lives, Mejara Project Blog (Access: <https://mejara-project.com/news/world-health-day-how-mejara-supports-girls-to-lead-healthier-lives/>)

Research grants

- Emeritus Professor Richard Velleman received the following grant: Landscaping common definitions in mental health science. 2024. £233,540 over 9-months from the Wellcome Trust, UK. Principal Investigator [Professor Richard Velleman: Sangath]; Co-Investigators, Professor Abhijit Nadkarni, NIHR Professor of Global Research, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK and Claudia Sartor, Deputy CEO: Global Mental Health Peer Network, South Africa.