SHAPE OUR SUCCESS

JOIN OUR REMARKABLE COMMUNITY AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL POLICY AND CRIMINOLOGY
FOREWORD

Thank you for your interest in the position of Head of Department, Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, at the University of Southampton.

Our department delivers groundbreaking research and offers educational excellence resulting in impactful contributions that address inequality and injustice in society. Our approach is truly interdisciplinary, bringing together experts in sociology, social policy, and criminology, to collaboratively tackle complex social challenges from cybercrime and global terrorism to pension inequality and migration.

The role of Head of Department in SSPC sits within the senior team in the School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences, based in the Faculty of Social Sciences. The head of SSPC will contribute to achieving the bold ambitions of the department, the school and the faculty, and championing the new University Strategy. The department plays a key role in the university’s aims of sustained quality and growth. Our excellence in the Research Excellence Framework 2021 (as part of the Unit of Assessment ranked 4th) is recognised in a new investment of five posts across the UoA, both at Professor and Lecturer levels, which will enhance our strength in social-technical research in AI and Data Science, and Criminology, and foster new capacity in Sustainability and Resilience. This is an exciting moment of growth for the UoA, and the Head of Department in SSPC will play a pivotal role in the recruitment process.

The need for internationally excellent, research-intensive universities like Southampton to help tackle some of the world’s biggest challenges has never been more important and urgent. Since the launch of the University’s Strategy in January 2021, the university has launched significant investment projects on our campuses to develop our estate, provided more support to students and staff, and worked towards greater recognition for successes within our community. Currently ranked 81st in the world*, our university has bold ambitions to advance this position and as part of SSPC, you will be key to achieving this. The University of Southampton is a founding member of both the UK’s prestigious Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities and the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). With major partnerships across the world, we have a global outlook that attracts the most talented staff and students from around the world.

Join us and you will have the opportunity to bring your ideas to life and make a tangible difference to future generations. If you are a sociologist, criminologist or policy expert, committed to interdisciplinarity and excellence in research and teaching, you will be a superb fit for our department. If you believe you have the skills, experience and drive to help lead the Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, we want to hear from you. If you can help the school deliver its current objectives and develop a forward-facing and impactful vision and strategy that is aligned with the university’s and faculty’s strategic priorities, objectives, and values, this role may be for you. If you welcome the opportunity to help shape the future of the University of Southampton, we look forward to receiving your application.

In this role, you’ll have the exciting opportunity to shape the future of the department and its strategy, and to actively contribute to the execution of a substantial university investment dedicated to sustaining research excellence within the specific REF UoA to which the department belongs.

It is important that we find the right person for this role, whatever their circumstances. We will endeavour to be as flexible as possible to consider individual requirements and circumstances to find the optimal solution for the successful applicant.

* QS World University Rankings 2024
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL POLICY AND CRIMINOLOGY (SSPC)

SSPC is at the forefront of pioneering research and educational excellence. Our dynamic, interdisciplinary staff team of sociologists, criminologists and policy experts, collaborate within and beyond the University to explore complex social challenges with a focus on inequality and injustice.

Our research
Interdisciplinarity and diversity are our strength. Our research ranges from artificial intelligence to sustainability, and from digital transformation to extremism. Within the department we work across four interdisciplinary clusters: Digital Technologies and Societies, Social Inequalities and Policy, Security and Governance, and Work Futures. Outside the department our staff play a substantial role in university research centres such as The Web Science Institute, the Centre for Democratic Futures, the Institute for Criminal Justice and the Sustainability and Resilience Institute. Beyond the university we contribute to world leading institutes like Turing. Our research is recognised and supported by funders such as Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) - UKRI, Trustworthy Autonomous Systems Hub (TAS) The British Academy, Leverhulme and Nuffield foundations.

Policy and practice are central to our work. Together with the Departments of Social Statistics and Demography and Gerontology, SSPC has achieved outstanding success in REF and RAE since 2008. Submitting to Social Work and Social Policy (10402) in REF2021, the UoA were ranked 4th in the UK. The University’s investment in new posts in AI, Crimeology, and Sustainability is an exciting development opportunity for the department.

Our teaching
Our diverse range of undergraduate degrees, taught master’s programmes, and postgraduate research opportunities aims to equip future leaders to address complex social problems. Our teaching is innovative, engaging, and strongly research led. The recent redesign and digitisation of our programmes has ensured their contemporary relevance for example by including AI, global terrorism, post-colonial approaches and sustainability. Our commitment to rigorous qualitative and quantitative methods training, empirical dissertations and embedding public policy across all our degrees, provides students with vital skills for navigating dynamic global labour markets. We offer the UK’s first and only British Psychological Society accredited degree in Criminology and Psychology at a Russell Group university in partnership with colleagues in Psychology. We are key contributors to the ESRC’s South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership.

Our knowledge exchange
We are engaged in knowledge exchange at local, national, and international levels. Notably Ashton Kingdon contributed on the role of extremism in social news media to the US January 6th House Select Committee. At the local level we are committed to the University’s strategy to become a more connected civic University, Craig Webber’s initiative with Solent University, Hampshire Constabulary, and the Office for the Police Crime Commissioner, fostered collaboration between police and students to co-create solutions to policing problems. Lizzie Reed’s research on the Lesbian Community in Southampton worked with community partners like the City Council, and shared knowledge with participants and non-academic audiences through digital artefacts and community news sites.

How to apply
For a conversation in confidence or details of how to apply, please contact Victoria Sanders-Clarke - Victoria.Sanders-Clarke@society-search.com +44 (0)203 653 3464

Please visit Society to see details of the closing deadline and interview date.

Dr Bindi Shah
Associate Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology

Bindi’s research on the role of social capital in overcoming disadvantage among minority ethnic communities has had an impact on understanding progression into higher education and social mobility within UK government policy. Bindi’s current research, funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering, extends the social capital lens to critically examine climate change related adaptation and mitigation among marginalised communities in the global South.

Bindi says: “The University has made significant investments in fostering equality and inclusion, and it encourages transdisciplinary collaborations. I have had exciting opportunities to work with colleagues in Humanities, Computer Science, Engineering and Geography.”

Prof Pamela Ugwudike
Professor of Criminology
Department of Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology

Pamela is a Fellow of the Alan Turing Institute (the UK’s institute for data science and artificial intelligence (AI)). Her research focuses on the ethics and governance of (AI) technologies. She is currently the Principal Investigator of the ESRC project, Pro T echThem. This multidisciplinary study is using sociotechnical methods which innovatively combine criminological, sociological, and computer science research approaches. It’s exploring the role of social media in inadvertently producing risks and harms associated with new digital cultures.

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ROLE OF HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
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Job purpose
Working in conjunction with the Head of School (HoS) and Associate Deans, take responsibility for developing and delivering the vision and strategy of the department and to provide strong academic leadership to ensure efficient and effective operations management.

To provide exemplary leadership and direction to staff at all levels, and lead and manage change equitably, are clear about their responsibilities and are adequately managed, monitored and/or monitored.

To work effectively, as a member of the Workload: A proven track record of credible academic embedding collegiality: Proven ability to lead change in a complex performance management: Strong leadership abilities, including the excellent organisational skills student experience: Ensure line managers are skilled to provide managing people: Ability to positively influence colleagues, managing financial decisions: Able to shape a positive culture of staff development: To provide strong academic leadership internal and external relationships: Internal and external relationships

Key accountabilities/primary responsibilities

School level strategy
Towards effectively, as a member of the School Board, in the strategic leadership, management and development of School activities.

School level operational responsibilities
To provide strong academic leadership and operational management for the department, striving for and being accountable for excellence in quality and productivity of research, education and enterprise, within the planned resources.

Line management responsibilities
Managing People: Manage and support your people’s work productivity, performance, wellbeing and development to maximise their contribution and enable personal growth.

Workload: In conjunction with the HoS, accountability for an effective line management structure to ensure that all staff in the department are allocated duties/ workload equitably, are clear about their responsibilities and are adequately managed, monitored and/or monitored.

Recruitment: Working with the HoS, take a leading role and responsibility for business cases for all academic posts (including school funded) ensuring appointments are aligned with Faculty and University Strategy.

Internal and external relationships

Internal

> Responsible to The Head of School
> Collaborative relationships in research and teaching with university and faculty academic staff elsewhere in the university, nationally and internationally.

External

> A PhD and/or extensive professional success and achievement
> Familiarity with the major partners [in a relevant area] as applicable
> Significant skills and experience in education/research/enterprise programme delivery
> An established national and international reputation in a subject area relevant to the Faculty

Planning and organising

> Excellent organisational skills
> Able to achieve maximum added value in coordinated strategic partnerships and academic education and/or research and/or enterprise as appropriate
> Proven ability to lead change in a complex organisation.

Qualifications, knowledge and experience

> Exceptional ability to solve problems and critically analyse situations
> Proven ability to demonstrate independent and distinctive thinking

Management and teamwork

> Strong leadership abilities, including the ability to motivate, influence and persuade others - internally and externally, across a range of professional and academic backgrounds
> Ability to work cooperatively, influentially and effectively with the other Schools in the Faculty, across the University and with other Universities and partners to deliver the University and Faculty priorities
> Ability to manage individuals from diverse backgrounds
> Able to shape a positive culture of management, leadership and engagement at all levels of the department through exceptional leadership and personal example

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CANDIDATE PROFILE

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Other skills and behaviours

> Commitment to maintain compliance with relevant Health & Safety policies and to sustain a working environment sensitive to the well being of University employees
> Ability to lead and manage change through an organisation
> Able to demonstrate alignment with the University’s core values in all areas of work, and champion those behaviours in the Department

Special requirements

> Able to attend national and international meetings as appropriate
OUR STAFF

Ashton Kingdon, Lecturer - Online Radicatization/Extremism, Terrorism and Climate Change, Research Ethics
Avi Boudiki, Associate Professor - Human Trafficking, International Criminal Law, Zemiology
Bindi Shah, Associate Professor - Sociology of migration, Climate change, digital research methods
Charlie Walker, Associate Professor - Post coloniality, Masculinities, Youth transitions
Christopher Hamerton, Lecturer - Socio-legal Studies, White-Collar Crime, Organisational Deviance & Crime
Craig Webber, Associate Professor - Cybercrime and cybersecurity, Psychology and crime, Criminal Law theory,
Gina Vale, Lecturer - terrorism and extremism, gender, youth
Graham Baxendale, Senior Teaching Fellow - Gender, Sexuality
Jenny Fleming, Professor - Policing, Policewomen and leadership, ethnographic research methods
Katy Sindall, Lecturer - Public perceptions of policy and crime, criminology, victimisation, quantitative research
Keith Spiller, Lecturer in Criminology - surveillance, counter-terrorism, regulation
Laura Harris, Senior Research Fellow - Arts and culture, Visual methods, Documentary Film
Lizzie Reed, Lecturer - queer theory, intimate relationships, LGBTQ identity and culture
Lucy Neville, Lecturer - sex work, domestic violence, pornography
Maria Villares-Varela, Associate Professor - Migrant entrepreneurship, Work in small firms, family businesses
Michelle Newberry, Associate Professor - motivations for criminal behaviour, violent offenders poaching and illegal wildlife trade
Nana Zhang, Lecturer - Children and childhood, Migration and trafficking, gender and development
Pam Ugwuadike, Professor - Aesthetics, algorithms in justice systems, social media analytics
Paul Bridgen, Associate Professor – The environmental crisis and welfare states, eco-social policy, energy and fuel poverty
Pauline Leonard, Professor of Sociology - work and organisational inequalities, sociotechnical studies, professional migration
Rebecca Taylor, Associate Professor - Sociology of families and work, Digital transformation, Data software and ethics
Ros Edwards, Professor - Families and parenting, qualitative, mixed methods and longitudinal research, Indigenous partnership research approaches
Silke Roth, Professor of Sociology - Social Change, Intersectionality, Biographical and Life-Course approaches
Trapeze Meyer, Professor of Social Policy - Welfare state regimes and social inequality, Pension reform, migrant workers

Dr Paul Bridgen
Associate Professor of Social Policy, Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology

Paul’s research is helping shape the Net Zero agenda, particularly efforts to ensure it is fair. With colleagues, his work has shown deficiencies in the targeting of UK housing retrofit policy on fuel poverty households and the regressive impact of the UK’s range of environmental taxes. He has engaged on this work with policy-makers at local, national and international levels.

Paul said: ‘If the Net Zero transition is to succeed it is well-recognised it must be perceived as fair. My work highlights why this is not currently the case and the options for addressing this problem.’

Paul has been at the University of Southampton for 30 years and strongly values the supportive and collegial environment that has been a constant throughout this time.

OUR UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

Southampton is ranked

81st in the world1

92% of our research has been classed as world leading or internationally excellent*2

Engaged in research with over 700 overseas partners

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Course approaches

Change, Intersectionality, Biographical and Life Course approaches

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1. QS World University Rankings, 2024
3. Research Excellence Framework, 2021
4. The Complete University Guide, 2024
5. Performance or above the bastard average across every perspective
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Together we can make a real impact on the future.

Our University community is committed to the highest quality in everything we do. We have a global reputation for our passion and ability to work collaboratively in delivering world-class education, research and innovation that makes a real impact on society’s biggest challenges.

To meet those challenges head-on, we must have a team that is reflective of society and our students. We strive for greater inclusivity in our community. Diversity is a strength and makes us more creative, accelerating our impact on society. We celebrate an equal and respectful environment in which people from all walks of life and backgrounds are welcome to join us.

Our people inspire and empower one another to share and apply their knowledge to transform lives. They are key to what we do, and who we are. Working collaboratively and fostering a culture of transformational leadership are two of our five core values. These values form part of our University Strategy and are there to help us achieve our overall purpose and vision to inspire excellence, to achieve the remarkable, and build an inclusive world. Find out more about our values on page six.

Our exceptional students share in the journeys of discovery and become confident thinkers who can realise their full potential. We attract high-quality students from over 130 countries, and educate students through University of Southampton Malaysia and collaborations with prestigious partners globally.

As our students become graduates of the University, they join our wider global community of over 265,000 alumni, with access to a network that can provide further opportunities across the world.

As a forward-thinking institution, we will strengthen our reputation, increasing our national and international rankings to secure a position in the top 10 in the UK and strengthen our position in the top 100 internationally.

Our strong research partnerships, public engagement and achievements in entrepreneurial activities have been recognised in our very strong all-round performance in the first and second Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) exercises.

Collaborate with us: together we advance.

Find out more

The University Strategy

Our influential research is leading the way to a sustainable future that puts the world’s most vulnerable children at the heart of policy. Craig Hutton, Professor of Sustainability Science, and his team produced the first comprehensive worldwide analysis of the climate risks to children. The Children’s Climate Risk Index (CCRI) has been supported by the Data for Children Collaborative, which includes UNICEF and Save the Children, plus a multi-university team led by the University of Southampton.

The results were presented at the UN Climate Change Conference, COP26.

Researchers at Southampton are encouraging schoolgirls to become scientists when they are older through in-person events and hands-on activities, thus reducing the gender gap in science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM).

On 29 March 2023, a group of 15 Shirley Infant School six- and seven-year-old schoolgirls came to the University’s high-voltage lab to learn about electricity. The activities the girls engaged in involved batteries, wires, copper wire, and magnets. They were able to create circuits and learn about conductors and insulators.
Our values provide the lens through which we make decisions, guiding our actions, collective behaviours and systems. They are integral to our purpose of building an inclusive community that makes positive change.

We are ambitious, both personally and institutionally, which requires us to be collaborative and collegial.

As a community of talented individuals, our systems need to enable and empower us. Our community upholds academic freedom and develops through constructive, civil debate. Ensuring different views are heard allows us to make the best decisions.

Our annual Vice-Chancellor’s Awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional contributions made by our staff during the academic year.

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Our values in action

Our highly-ranked education, research and knowledge exchange and enterprise (KEE) are already distinctively intertwined.

By strengthening and increasing these links, our Triple Helix approach will achieve greater impact and accelerate new ways to tackle the world’s most complex problems.

This scaling up is a challenging goal we commit to achieve; its reach and ambition sets us apart.

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The climate emergency and ecological destruction are among the greatest challenges the world faces. By embedding sustainability in the ways we operate, in our education programmes, and addressing its urgency in our research and enterprise, we will shape a more positive future locally and across the globe.
EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

It matters to us in all that we do.

At the University of Southampton, we believe that we can only truly play our part in supporting society if we are reflective of society. We are therefore passionate about creating a working environment in which you are free to bring your whole self to work.

We are focused on creating supportive workplaces for all where discrimination has no place. The way in which you choose to live your life has no bearing on your ability to do your job. Likewise, your age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, social background, ethnicity or any other identifying factor will never be a consideration here. Instead, we are determined to always treat our staff equally, fairly and with respect.

We welcome people from all walks of life, and as such, we champion a uniquely diverse working environment in which every colleague is able to excel, regardless of their background or their life choices. Quite simply, we want to attract likeminded people to our team – people who care about the world, and who share our passion for creating an innovative and forward-thinking learning and research environment.

As part of the School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences, the Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology integrates equality, diversity, and inclusion into all decisions and activities. Our commitment is further recognised through the School’s Bronze Athena SWAN award.

In our pursuit of championing gender equality, various initiatives have been implemented to support the career development of our staff through mentoring, annual appraisal processes, and promotions workshops. Numerous student outreach events have been organised in schools and on campus to encourage better gender balance, particularly in disciplines traditionally dominated by males.

An information campaign titled “Respect” has been launched for staff and students to raise awareness of our code of ethics, featuring prominently displayed posters across the School and presentations in staff and student induction meetings. Themed workshops addressing significant gender gaps have been conducted, covering promotions, appraisals, and flexible working.

Our recruitment process ensures gender balance in shortlisting and interview panels, with critical engagement from an independent super-recruiter during these phases to foster inclusive recruitment practices and challenge unconscious bias. Pay offers are scrutinised with consideration for existing pay structures and gender pay gaps.

While numerous positive changes have been implemented, challenges lie ahead. The School has established an ambitious Athena SWAN agenda focused on key priorities, such as reducing gender disparities in staff career progression and increasing awareness of the gendered challenges faced by our students in admissions, progression, and achievement.
OUR CAMPUSES

We have six campuses in Southampton, one in Winchester and one in Malaysia. Each has its own personality, world-leading facilities and specialisms.

Highfield Campus
Our main campus, Highfield, is the largest of our campuses, and the heart of the University. It is home to many of our state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities, and combines a lively and exciting atmosphere with calm, green surroundings.

With cafes, shops, concert halls, gyms and even a student cinema alongside academic facilities, Highfield is a hub of activity.

This is also where we are planning significant improvements to our student sports facilities, including a major expansion of the popular Jubilee Sports Centre.

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS)
UHS is the main site for the study of medicine and healthcare. It hosts a purpose-built research hub, and is also home to the University’s dedicated Centre for Cancer Immunology – the first of its kind in the UK. This site will soon see the development of a new medical health research building.

Boldrewood Innovation Campus
Boldrewood is the base for engineering studies and research. Facilities include laboratories for studying unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), fluid dynamics and high-performance sports, a driving simulator, flight simulators, design studios, a 138m towing tank and our £48m National Infrastructure Laboratory (NIL). The NIL houses five new engineering laboratories, including a 30m x 15m large structures testing laboratory and a cutting-edge geotechnical centrifuge.

National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS)
Our unique waterfront campus, based at NOCS, is one of the world’s leading research centres for the study of ocean and Earth science, with facilities including the Coral Reef Laboratory, a multi-use research aquarium, our 19.75m purpose-built catamaran and the National Oceanographic Library.

With 200m of access to the waterfront, the campus is also the operational base for the Natural Environment Research Council’s (NERC) UK fleet of deep-sea research vessels, giving us unique access to research cruises all over the world.

Avenue Campus
Just a few minutes’ walk from Highfield, and on the edge of Southampton Common, Avenue Campus is the base for our humanities subjects. Avenue has its own lecture theatres and catering facilities, plus a purpose-built £3m archaeology building and a new interactive digital humanities hub.

Southampton city centre
In the heart of the Cultural Quarter in the city centre, our Sir James Matthews Building offers updated teaching and learning spaces alongside facilities for meeting local and regional civic partners. The Building also includes a student enterprise zone and an artisan cafe.

A short walk across Guildhall Square from the Sir James Matthews Building is the University’s John Hansard Gallery, one of the UK’s leading contemporary art galleries, which plays a dynamic role in the cultural life of Southampton and the region.

Winchester School of Art (WSA)
Based in the historic city of Winchester, our specialist arts campus is home to a vibrant community of over 1,300 art and design students. With creative ambition at its core, WSA offers cutting-edge resources and facilities including specialist computer suites, photography studios, laser cutting, 3D printing and more.

The University is planning to expand its presence in Winchester, with an exciting opportunity from Winchester City Council.

University of Southampton Malaysia
In 2021, we relocated our campus in Malaysia to a brand new estate with state-of-the-art laboratories, upgraded facilities, and improved learning and recreational spaces.
THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS REGION

Our foundations and heritage make the University a gateway to the world and our Strategy emphasises our commitment to ‘place’ and being a civic university. We are deeply committed to Southampton as a city of culture and across the region we will further develop our civic role of making a positive impact.

Being a civic university allows us to rethink how we contribute to our region, so that civic engagement can become hardwired into institutional culture.

Articulation of the benefit the University brings to the region through the productive relationships we have with local and regional government, will help mobilise a community of supporters to benefit all communities. Over 50 per cent of our UK-based alumni (over 80,000 people) live within 50 miles of the University alongside ‘friends’ who support us philanthropically and through collaboration.

Underpinned by the four pillars of the Civic Charter – Place, People, Partnerships and Impact – we will work together with our friends and civic partnerships to improve the lives and environment of people across diverse communities in a just and responsible way. The University will become a truly integrated part of its local communities.

Southampton

Southampton is a fantastic place in which to live, work and socialise. Regardless of what life stage you are at, you will find a dynamic and vibrant city that caters for all. With an enviable location on the coast, yet just over an hour from London, the region combines incredible natural beauty with a thriving social scene – making it a desirable place to live! As an ethnically rich city that is growing rapidly, Southampton is benefitting from considerable investments in the region. The city centre is currently thriving thanks to over £600m of regeneration plans and projects, including the historic Bargate Quarter, with new hotels, homes and transport links. This is a city of growth and transformation, and it is an exciting time to be here.

There is something for everyone in Southampton and the surrounding areas. For outdoor enthusiasts, water sports, sailing and ocean racing are easily available, while the beautiful New Forest National Park is just 30 minutes away. With many excellent local schools and nurseries, families will find a fantastic quality of life, while there’s a thriving LGBTQ+ social scene. Multiple faiths are celebrated in the city, and the rich cultural heritage of Winchester is just on our doorstep.

Winchester

On the edge of the South Downs National Park, England’s ancient capital, Winchester, is steeped in history and is complemented by a lively atmosphere and wide variety of pubs and restaurants, museums, theatres and galleries. With direct rail links to London, our Winchester School of Art campus is one of the UK’s leading art and design institutions.

View our virtual tours

Watch our video

*Good Growth for Cities Index, January 2021, DEMOS-PwC