

# **Dr. Elle Boag**

**Senior Lecturer in Social Psychology, Teaching, Learning and Quality Lead at Birmingham City University**

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Elle Boag's research has an attachment-related basis, and covers topics that extend her PhD research on prejudice and discrimination.

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## **Biography**

Although beginning her academic career as a mature student, Elle's history at the University of Southampton spans seven years. After completing her BSc in psychology in 2006 at the University of Southampton, she was awarded both the school of psychology prize and the BPS prize for best dissertation in the Wessex region. Subsequently, she continued onto an MSc in research methods in psychology which she completed in 2007. Elle was awarded school funding to complete a PhD examining the role of empathy in explaining the relation between attachment patterns and prejudice. She was awarded her PhD in March 2011. In the latter stages of writing up her PhD thesis she was offered a one year post as a part-time lecturer within the School of Social Sciences at the University of Southampton. During this time she taught psychology to undergraduates studying a BSc in Applied Social Sciences, along various pathways including criminology, sociology, anthropology, and criminology/psychology. Having taught both A Level and undergraduate students during her time as a student Elle was able to take on this lectureship with confidence. Prior to her contract ending at the University of Southampton, she was offered the permanent position of lecturer in social psychology at Birmingham City University in September 2011. Throughout her academic career Elle has attended numerous symposiums and conferences, allowing her to disseminate her research to professionals and other research students both nationally and internationally. Additionally, being offered the opportunity to attend school symposiums and seminars provided Elle with the opportunity to forge professional relationships with world-renowned psychologists. She has published her research in peer reviewed journals, and begun to build a profile as a scientist as well as an academic. Although traditionally, the pathway to a permanent lectureship involves a period as a post-doctoral fellow of teaching and/or research, Elle was fortunate enough to attend a University that provided consistently high quality training and research opportunities. Taking advantage of such opportunities has undoubtedly served to springboard her career at a much faster rate.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Social Exclusion, Prejudice & Discrimination, Human Behavior, Social Psychology, Attachment, Empathy

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## **Affiliations**

Society for Personality and Social Psychology - Graduate member, International Association of Attachment and Romantic Relationships - Graduate member, United Kingdom Attachment Network ? Committee member, Fellow of The Higher Education Academy

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## **Education**

**Birmingham City University**  
PGCertHE

**University of Southampton**  
Ph.D. Social Psychology

**University of Southampton**  
M.Sc. Research Methods in Psychology

**University of Southampton**  
B.Sc. Psychology

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