

Vikki Boliver, Professor in the Department of Sociology at Durham University, discusses admissions in conversation with Annette Hayton, NERUPI Convenor

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Vikki Boliver joined the Department of Sociology at Durham in September 2011. Before coming to Durham, Vikki studied Sociology at Leicester University (BA), Cambridge University (MPhil) and Oxford University (DPhil) and was a Departmental Lecturer in Sociology at Oxford, a Nuffield Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Visiting Lecturer at Harvard, a British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Oxford, and a Sociology Lecturer at Bath Spa.

Vikki's research focuses on social inequalities of access to the most prestigious universities. She is a leading expert on the use of contextual data on the socioeconomic circumstances of prospective university students to inform more equitable admissions decisions.

Vikki sits on NERUPI's Academic Advisory Board and has presented at NERUPI events – see the [**Members' Area website**](#) for previous recordings.

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