

Biography

James Nazroo is Professor of Sociology, Director of the Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity ([CoDE](#)), and co-Director of the Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing ([MICRA](#)), all at the University of Manchester. He initially trained in Medicine and Sociology, then studied at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College for a MSc in Sociology of Health and Illness (1989), and studied for his PhD in Sociology at UCL (1999). Before coming to Manchester, he was Professor of Medical Sociology at UCL.

Issues of inequality have been the primary focus of his research activities, which have centred on gender, ethnicity, ageing, and the inter-relationships between these. His research on ageing has been concerned to understand the patterns and determinants of social and health inequalities in ageing populations, with a particular interest on the 'transmission' of inequalities across the life course, patterns of 'retirement', formal and informal social and civic participation, and how class operates post-retirement. He has conducted studies on quality of life for older people among different ethnic groups in the UK, on inequalities in health at older ages, and on routes into retirement and the impact of retirement on health and well-being. He is PI of the fRail programme, an interdisciplinary study of inequalities in later life ([fRail](#)), and co-PI of the English Longitudinal Study of Aging ([ELSA](#)), which is a multi-disciplinary panel study of those aged 50 and older, and part of an international 'family' of very similar studies.