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Biography

Stephen Parker is a Senior Lecturer in Law working in the Aston Law School (ALS). He has multi-disciplinary background, having a BSc. joint honours in Chemical Engineering and Management from Loughborough University and a Masters in Law from Bristol University. He worked for Rolls-Royce plc. for 21 years, starting as an aerodynamicist, moving on to software development, IT project and systems manager and left as a Head of IT. Having retrained in law Stephen has worked in academia as a lecturer and researcher being involved in numerous externally funded projects and currently leads an ESRC project looking at risk prediction in child protection. He is currently interested in the role of the State in intervening in private family life and the use of expert evidence in the justice systems. His risk project is exploring the role of predictive tools and AI currently being touted as a panacea in so many areas of life. As a critical thinker with a STEM background and legally qualified he has a unique take on the systems and processes which surround us all. He is developing methodologies for law using Corpus Linguistic (CL) to extend the ability of law researchers to add statistical rigour to the analysis of legal documents. His teaching focusses expert evidence, legal methods but has taught medical law as well as other core law options. His current doctoral students are law and corpus linguistics focussed.