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Areas of Expertise:

Social Theory, Criminology, Cultural Sociology, Religion, Social Movements, Terrorism Studies

Biography:

Paul Joosse received his PhD in Sociology from the University of Alberta, Canada. Prior to joining the University of Hong Kong, he was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Surveillance and Criminology, supervised by Kevin Haggerty, and an Editorial Assistant at the *British Journal of Sociology*. He is also currently a Senior Research Affiliate with the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security, and Society (TSAS).

Paul is a qualitative ethnographic researcher whose research and teaching interests fall into the realms of criminology, social theory, media studies, and the globalization of social movements.

Cross-cutting through these fields is an interest specifically in inspirational leadership and the decentralization processes of organizational hierarchies. His empirical work has examined landowner movements that resist oil and gas extraction, green anarchist movements and 'ecoterrorism,' processes of social exclusion and radicalization in the Somali-Canadian diaspora, and the formation of charismatic bonds in new religious movements (colloquially, 'cults'). His research has been supported by a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canada Graduate Scholarship, the University of Alberta PhD Dissertation Fellowship, and Public Safety Canada.

Peer-reviewed Articles

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2015. "Leaderless Resistance and the Loneliness of Lone Wolves: Exploring the Rhetorical Dynamics of Lone-Actor Violence." Forthcoming, *Terrorism and Political Violence*.
2014. "Becoming a God: Max Weber and the Social Construction of Charisma," *Journal of Classical Sociology* 14.3: 266-283.
2014. "Anti-globalization and Radical Environmentalism: an exchange on Ethical Grounds." *Ethics in Progress Quarterly* 5.1: 33-51.
- 2012 "Elves, Environmentalism, and 'Eco-Terror': Leaderless Resistance and Media Coverage of the Earth Liberation Front." *Crime, Media, Culture* 8.1: 75-93.
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* Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR) Graduate Student Essay Contest—1st Place, 2012
2007. "Leaderless Resistance and Ideological Inclusion: the Case of the Earth Liberation Front." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 19.3: 351-368.
* Western Society of Criminology, Best Student Paper Award—1st Place, 2007
2006. "Silence, Charisma and Power: the Case of John de Ruiter." *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 21.3 (October) 2006: 355-371.
*Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR) Graduate Student Essay Contest—2nd Place, 2006

Research Reports:

- Thompson, Sara K., Sandra Bucerius, Paul Joosse, Kelsi Barkway, Katharina Maier, Kieren Szuchewycz. 2014. *Collective Efficacy and Cultural Capital: Building and Fostering Resilience in Different Ethnic Communities*. Report for Public Safety Canada.
- Joosse, Paul. 2013. *Mobilizing Rhetoric in Asymmetrical Warfare: the Origins of 'Leaderless Resistance.'* Report for Public Safety Canada.

Non-refereed publications:

2010. "Ludwig's Arrest may have had more to do with Olympics than Evidence." *The Edmonton Journal* (January 12) (reprinted in *The Vancouver Sun*, *The Calgary Herald*, *The BC Province*, *The Saskatoon StarPhoenix*, and *The Victoria Times-Colonist*).
2009. "Investigation Eroding Confidence." *The Saskatoon Star Phoenix*, p. A6, August 12, 2009.
2009. "Tomslake's Whodunit." *The Calgary Herald*, p. A11, August 4, 2009.
2008. "RCMP Blows Pipeline Bomb Investigation." *The Calgary Herald*, p. A9, December 15.
2008. "Is it only a 'crazed' individual behind pipeline bombings?" *The Vancouver Sun*, p. A7, November 24.

Teaching:

- SOCI7009 *Global and Comparative Criminology* (postgraduate)
- SOCI8006 *Youth and Delinquency* (postgraduate)
- CCGL9048 *Global Crime and Injustice* (undergraduate common core course)