

## Audio Transcription

### Nick Ellison - Why Social Policy is an important subject

*Julia Waldman: Can I start with an obvious question, could you tell me why Social Policy is an important subject to you?*

I think the question is quite easy one to answer in a way, social policy has basically to do with human needs, poverty, equality and how societies organise themselves in ways which provides people with a sense of well-being. For me, I guess the common denominator of all that is a sense of social justice. I think social policy of all the social sciences provides people with the opportunity to study what that phrase social justice actually means. For me and we might get to this later on but a lot of that has to do with ideas of citizenship and ideas of equality. The short answer to your question is I think, of all the social sciences, social policy is the one that provides the widest range of opportunities to study issues around social justice and how societies organise themselves for the greatest or some cases the least welfare of their people.