

Professor Craig Jeffrey



Professor Craig Jeffrey is a leading scholar of India and youth globally. He was given a Personal Chair at the University of Oxford in 2012 and has been elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (2014), Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (2017), and Fellow of the Academy of the Humanities in Australia (2019). He served as Director of the Australia India Institute between 2015 and 2020.

Craig Jeffrey has spent 25 years conducting ethnographic research on education, development, and youth in north India, working in Hindi and Urdu, which he speaks fluently. He has authored seven books, including *Timepass: Youth, Class and the Politics of Waiting in India*, which is one of the two most cited Anthropology monographs on India of the last 10 years. Craig Jeffrey's work has been key to the emergence of the now vibrant subfield of studies of childhood and youth in South Asia. His scholarship has informed Australian government policy on India engagement and the work of the Indian government on educational change.

Professor Jeffrey has focused especially on encouraging yearly-career research development. He has supervised 23 PhD students to completion. In 2015 he obtained funding for the 'New Generation Network' - a network of 16 postdoctoral fellows researching aspects of contemporary India across Australia.