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EDUCATION

The University of Sheffield

2023 – 2026

PhD in Journalism, Media and Communication

- Awarded prestigious **£40k Departmental Scholarship** based on academic merit; **total funding £45k+**.
- Executed **3-year strategic research project on post-conflict governance** and stakeholder negotiation, delivered **on time and well within budget**.
- Conducted **high-level and sensitive interviews with top-tier diplomats, senior politicians**, and NGO leaders.
- **Published** interview-based research in **top-level, peer-reviewed** international publications.

The University of Sheffield

2021 – 2022

MA International Public and Political Communication | Result: **Distinction**

- Awarded **£10k “Sheffield 100+” Full Scholarship** for academic excellence.
- Dissertation on: **Political communication of national security in Australia and the United States (2010-16)**

The University of Sheffield

2018 – 2021

BA (Hons) International Relations and Politics | Result: **First Class Honours**

- Candidate for Sheffield City Council (2020-2022). Balanced a high-pressure political campaign alongside a First-Class Honours undergraduate degree, demonstrating effective time management and public speaking skills.

PROFESSIONAL & ADVISORY EXPERIENCE

Consultant (Advisory)

Feb – Mar 2026

- Strategic Risk Mitigation: Providing critical policy analysis to support high-stakes executive decision-making.
- Executive Synthesis: **Distilling complex, sensitive data** into actionable briefings for senior executives.
- Rapid Response: **Delivering high-accuracy outputs under rigorous, high-pressure deadlines**.

Faculty of Social Sciences, Sheffield

Jan – Jul 2023

Knowledge Exchange Research Fellow

- Initiative: **Co-executed a £55k funded research initiative** involving multi-site operations across the UK.
- Stakeholder Engagement: Conducted primary interviews to map social risks and community integration barriers.
- Impact Reporting: **Co-authored a strategic report** identifying growth opportunities for regional stakeholders.

Hub for the Study of Hybrid Communication (HCPB)

Oct 2021 – Nov 2022

Communications Manager (Intern)

- Digital Transformation: Re-engineered organizational web presence to enhance brand clarity and user engagement.
- International Strategy: Led global online presentations for externally funded research initiatives.

LEADERSHIP & SKILLS

Graduate Teaching Assistant/Associate | University of Sheffield

2023 – 2025

- Group Management: **Directed and mentored** diverse cohorts of **15-70 international post-graduate students**.
- Curricula Delivery: **Led seminars and guest lectures across seven modules** on complex subjects including Research Methods and Global Crisis Media.

Technical Skills: Risk Analysis, Geopolitical Risk, Stakeholder Negotiation, NVivo, Microsoft Office.

Communications: Executive Interviewing, High-Impact Presentation, Podcast Production, Election Campaigning.

Interests: Travelling to Australia, playing the trumpet, hiking in the Peak District, learning Norwegian.

View my portfolio at tomparkin.org/portfolio-and-cv.