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Biography

Dr Jose Pina-Sánchez is Associate Professor in Quantitative Criminology in the School of Law at the University of Leeds. Before joining the University of Leeds in 2015, and formally becoming a Criminologist, he was a Fellow in Statistics at the London School of Economics. And before that he worked in the private sector as a consultant in Public Policy Evaluation.

Most of Dr Pina-Sánchez's research has focused on sentencing and criminal justice decision-making, where he has explored new analytical strategies to operationalise highly elusive concepts such as consistency, individualisation, severity, or discrimination. He is also working in the subject of quantitative bias and measurement error specifically (i.e. the extent to which observed data represents the true phenomenon that we would like to record). He has explored this question using administrative and survey data on unemployment, and analytical strategies based on simulations, synthetic dataset, Bayesian statistics, and latent variable estimation. Other methodological areas that he is interested in are multilevel modelling, longitudinal data analysis, and causal inference. He is also interested in questions of compliance with the law and insititutional legitimacy.