Conflicts of interest (COI) arise where there is a divergence between an individual’s responsibilities to COPE Council and their other interests, such that an individual’s motives might be compromised, or perceived to be compromised. COIs are important since Council members’ opinions and actions must be, and be seen to be, impartial. COI of all council members are collected on election and annually thereafter.

COI include, but are not limited to, the following. Council members are required to disclose any of the following:

All relevant financial relationships with commercial interests (entities producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing goods or services) in any amount as well as the nature of the relationship (personal or immediate family) within the past 5 years, eg:

I was Senior Marketing Editor of Primus Books, an academic publisher based in Delhi, from 2015 to 2017. My role involved commissioning manuscripts, coordinating book reviews, and editing manuscripts. I have not had any professional associations with Primus Books or any of its staff since leaving service in 2017.

- Grant/research support: NA
- Consultancies: NA
- Membership of speakers’ bureaux: NA
- Patent ownership: NA
- Membership of scientific advisory board: NA
- Membership of board of directors: NA
- Stock shareholding (directly purchased):
• Other financial support (eg, honoraria, travel grants, gift, royalties) (please specify):

  1. I have published edited volumes with Routledge and will receive royalties on sale of my books.
  2. I have received a travel grant from the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities to participate in one of their international conferences organised in Beirut in 2019.
  3. I have received a bursary from the Research Committee 21 of the International Sociological Association to participate in their annual international conferences organised in Delhi in 2019.
  4. I have received a bursary from the European Association for Urban History to participate in their biannual international conference organised in Helsinki in 2016.

Any non-financial relationships/affiliations relevant to COPE (please specify): NA

Further information
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While COIs will be reviewed annually, they must also be specifically declared at the beginning of each Council or Forum meeting or before participation in any complaints processes. COIs are posted on COPE’s website.