



### **Professor Tarani Chandola**

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### **Biography**

Professor Tarani Chandola is a Professor of Medical Sociology. He is the Director of Social Sciences Research Centre and Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Hong Kong. He joined the Department of Sociology in August 2021 and was formerly the Head of Department of Social Statistics at the University of Manchester.

He is a member of the ESRC Strategic Advisory Network Strategic Advisory Network and a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. He was formerly the editor-in-chief of the journal *Sociology*, the flagship journal of the *British Sociological Association*, and is currently an international advisory board member of the journal *Sociology of Health & Illness*. He was a panel member of the Sociology Unit of Assessment for the 2021 Research Excellence Framework, UK. He obtained his PhD in Sociology from Nuffield College, University of Oxford in 1998.

Professor Chandola's research is primarily on the social determinants of health, focusing on health inequalities and psychosocial factors, and the analysis of longitudinal cohort studies. His major research contributions have been on understanding the role of chronic stress related biomarkers in relation to psychosocial stressors such as poor working conditions. He is currently researching HPA-axis biomarkers associated with social isolation, loneliness and (resilience to) chronic pain.