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### Biography

Michelle Ryan is a Professor of Social and Organisational Psychology at the University of Exeter, UK and a (part-time) Professor of Diversity at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

At the University of Exeter she is the Dean of Postgraduate Research and founding Director of the University of Exeter Doctoral College. She was recently awarded an European Research Council Consolidator Grant to investigate how context constrains women's careers choices.

Michelle is involved in a number of other research projects. With Alex Haslam, she has uncovered the phenomenon of the glass cliff, whereby women (and members of other minority groups) are more likely to be placed in leadership positions that are risky or precarious. Research into the glass cliff has been funded by the ESRC and the European Social Fund. In 2005 it was short-listed for the Times Higher Research Project of the Year and was named by the New York Times as one of the top 100 ideas that shaped 2008.

