

Welcome to our Winter 2017 newsletter!

In September of this year, I took over from Dr Darryl Humble as Programme Leader of the MSc International Development. I look forward to working with the International Development staff team, and with current and future students.



This newsletter gives a flavour of some of the activities the team behind the programme have been involved in. If you want any more information about any of our activities or about the MSc programme, please do get in touch.

Dr Oliver Hensengerth
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International Development team continue to build their strong international profile

The MSc International Development teaching team continues to develop a wide range of international activities, and their expertise is recognised internationally in diverse arenas. See below for a selection of high profile recent activities and grant successes:

- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** was invited to speak at the Global Humanitarian and Development Event, AidEx, in Brussels (for more details see below)
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** was invited to speak on ‘Peruvian women activists visualising development’ at the Annual Conference of the Peru Support Group, London, October 2017
- **Dr Mark Griffith** was keynote speaker at the University of Tampere at the workshop on Negating attunements and the moods of political violence workshop, September 2017
- **Dr Mark Griffith** was also invited discussant on a panel on Decolonising methodologies and South Asia (session organisers: Dr. Raksha Pande, Newcastle and Raihana Ferdous, Durham) at the RGS-IBG Annual Conference in London, August 2017
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** was shortlisted for the 2017 Newton Prize for his project on “Soft engineering approaches to disaster risk reduction: A case study on flood management in the Mekong River Delta in Vietnam.” The project is funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering—Newton Research Collaboration Programme. As part of this Oliver was invited to a reception at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in December 2017

Programme Highlights

We have welcomed a new group of students in September, who joined our continuing part-time students and our January starters. It's a vibrant and diverse student community, including continuing undergraduate students and students with a lot of working experience in government, the private sector, and social organizations. Our students come from Britain, Europe and the globe including the Czech Republic, Bangladesh, Malawi, Ghana, Laos, South Africa and other places. This is an exciting experience also for the teaching team and makes for a truly international programme.

In line with our international outlook and mix of practice and academic training, we continue our placement-based dissertation opportunity. This year one of our students works with a Nepal-based NGO, exploring the relationship between female-only communities and sustainable development.

This year we also had our first department-wide Enhancement Week. For the MSc International Development, two of our PhD students delivered a session on methodology and talking about their experience of conducting research in the global South. We heard from Inge Boudewijn and her experience in researching women's anti-mining activism in Peru; and Madeleine le Bourdon told us what it's like to research global citizenship in Lucknow, India, where she conducted field work in partnership with the NGO CISV.

We also had a fabulous social dinner and are looking forward to Christmas drinks before the break.

Finally, this month our last year's students attended their graduation ceremony. We wish them all the best for the future.

Recent Publications

Laurie, N. and **Baillie Smith, M.** (2017) Unsettling geographies of volunteering and development. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, doi:10.1111/tran.12205

Griffiths, M. (2017) For speaking against silence: Spivak's subaltern ethics in the field. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, doi:10.1111/tran.12226

Baillie Smith, M., Laurie N., **Griffiths, M.** (2017) South-South volunteering and development. *The Geographical Journal*, doi:10.1111/geoj.12243

Hensengerth, O. (2017) Place attachment and community resistance: Evidence from the Cheay Areng and Lower Sesan 2 dams in Cambodia. In: Nyiri, P. and Tan, D. (eds.) *Water Governance and Collective Action: Multi-scale Challenges*. Earthscan Water Text Series. Abingdon: Routledge.

Hensengerth, O. (2017) China's investment in African hydropower: How to govern the water-energy-nexus? Evidence from the Bui Dam in Ghana. In: Siciliano, G. and Urban, F. (eds.) *Chinese Hydropower Development in Africa and Asia: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Global Dam-Building*. Routledge Explorations in Development Studies. Abingdon: Routledge.

Jenkins, K. (2017) Peruvian women reflect on mining and development in the Andes. *Discover Society*, 6 December 2017, <https://discoversociety.org/2017/12/06/peruvian-women-reflect-on-mining-and-development-in-the-andes/>

New PhD students

We are excited that **Bianca Fadel** joined the PhD students in the Centre for International Development. Bianca's PhD project aims to explore the subject of local volunteering in humanitarian and development settings. In partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the research will analyse strengths, vulnerabilities and challenges of volunteers' simultaneous roles as beneficiaries and actors engaged in humanitarian and development activities in the global South

Professional development

Dr Darryl Humble, Senior Lecturer in Sociology (International Development and Research Methods) is continuing to deliver bespoke CPD training to public sector staff in the UK drawing on research and practice principles associated with development practice. This is the second year of a programme that seeks to offer CPD in different ways to civil society and public sector staff. Darryl is looking to grow the breadth and depth of this programme and identify new international pathways.

International Events

- **Dr Katy Jenkins** presented with her colleague Huge Romero Toledo at the American Studies Association Annual Conference, Lima, Peru on 'Indigenous communities' relationships with the mining industry in the Atacama Desert: Exploring processes of (re)ethnification and strategic indigeneity', April-May 2017
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** presented at the Interdisciplinary Conference on Extraction and Exclusion, University of Oxford, on 'Andean Women Visualising Development: Exploring Participatory Photography in the Context of Resource Extraction', October 2017

Professor Matt Baillie Smith was invited to speak at the Global Humanitarian and Development Event, AidEx, in Brussels, on the theme of Aid Effectiveness. The Volunteers in Conflicts and Emergencies Initiative, a collaboration with the Swedish Red Cross and the **Centre for International Development**, also displayed their exhibit at the event, which shares project findings and artefacts to raise awareness and debate about the roles and needs of local volunteers in crisis situations.



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Links and Collaborations

Dr Katy Jenkins has been in Cajamarca, Northern Peru, several times during spring/summer 2018, conducting participatory workshops with women anti-mining activists for her Leverhulme Trust Fellowship project. The project has involved a group of 12 women anti-mining activists participating in workshops and taking photos over a 3-month period, reflecting on the concept of Development, and what it means to them in the context of living with large scale resource extraction in the Peruvian Andes. The women have also written narratives and poems reflecting on the photos and their meanings.

For many of the women it has been the first time they have used a camera, and the project has provided an opportunity for them to capture diverse aspects of their everyday lives. The women have perceived the project as enabling them to showcase alternative and strategic visions of Cajamarca, foregrounding their views of the natural abundance and rich cultural heritage of the region. The project will culminate in an exhibition in the main plaza in Cajamarca city in March 2018, enabling the women to showcase their perspectives and their visions for a future beyond mining to a diverse audience of local stakeholders. Below are few pictures taken by the women.



Visit the project website to see some more of the photos that are coming out of this project
www.womenminingandphotography.wordpress.com – exhibition to follow in 2018!

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