



Welcome to our Summer 2019 newsletter!

We are welcoming a new group of students while proudly seeing others graduating. Well done and best of luck for your future endeavours. We are also looking forward to seeing again our continuing students—welcome back! The past year has been very dynamic, particularly with the foundation of the International Development Society.



As we are nearing the start of the new year, the International Development team is looking forward to starting an exciting new term.

Dr Oliver Hensengerth
Programme Leader, MSc International Development

Student News

Amy Huggins won this year's **prize for best Social Sciences Postgraduate Dissertations**. Amy started her course in January 2018 and graduated in summer 2019. Well done, Amy!

Nikolaos Litsas undertook a series of TQEF paid research workshops regarding soft skills and innovation supported by the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)** in association with the Design School in the Northern Design Centre from the last week of May until the mid of June and put these skills to work in a team-based creative project working with an external business partner in terms of business development. Nikolaos has also participated in a 2-week summer exchange programme at **Humboldt University in Berlin** organised by FoodBerlin regarding a good, varied and sustainably produced food to nine billion people by 2050 and did a small presentation followed by a research along with two participants from India and Brazil on Bio-economy Policy Analysis in India, Brazil and the UK thanks to **Santander Mobility Scholarship**.

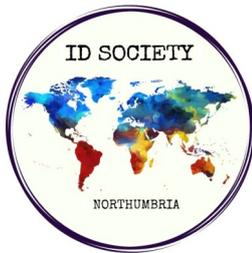
Harriet Armstrong spent time in **Rio de Janeiro** as part of the **Santander scheme** to join a group of masters students at the **Universidade Estacio** who are working on a research project about how Brazilian Jiu Jitsu can empower the female community in Rio. Harriet visited the university on a number of occasions to share ideas and discuss how they can continue to work together on this project after her return to the UK.

Morgan Ballou has been doing an internship with a NGO called **Operation Smile**. She worked directly with the founders of the organization and their development team. She spent the summer assisting in planning numerous fundraising events, coordinating current medical missions, and sitting in on calls with large donors and research teams.

Student News Continued

Over the summer **Roxanne Daruwalla** completed a Qualitative Data Analysis Internship at **COCO**, with a focus on sorting and updating the case studies and photos of the charity's projects in East Africa. She also had the opportunity to assist with other day-to-day tasks and gain insight into the way a small development-oriented NGO functions.

Programme Highlights



The student-run **International Development Society** organised a number of high profile events. This included the staging of a play - The Castaways Play by the White Tree Theatre Company - with Q&A panel discussion. Speakers for the Q+A included The Director of North of England Refugee Service, Dr Mohamed Nasreldin, and Richard Kotter, Northumbria University lecturer and representative for Amnesty International. The play was also followed by information about local and international volunteering opportunities and well as a chance to speak to representatives from local charities and White Tree

Theatre Company.

The Castaways is a play written and performed by York-based, White Tree Theatre Company. The play explores the complexities of being a displaced person, in an attempt to shed light on the current plight of displaced people in refugee camps across the world. More information about White Tree's awareness-raising project can be found here: <https://www.whitetreetheatre.co.uk/impact/>

During the evening money was raised for the charity Help Refugees with pay as you feel refreshments available at the evening, and students collected donations for CARE4CALAIS, for which attendees were encouraged to bring along any unwanted winter clothes, toiletries etc.

Further ID Society events included participation in Red Hand Day to raise money for Child Soldiers International. The Society also organised a HIV/AIDS Awareness Workshop with the aim of tackling and raising awareness of HIV related stigma that people face today. All participants were awarded a certificate of attendance.

More on the Society, and how to engage, can be found here:

<https://www.mysu.co.uk/getinvolved/society/idsociety/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386575454808005/>

Student Profiles

Faisal Al-Balushi

The MSc in International Development has been a great opportunity for me to develop my skills and knowledge. I have a bachelors degree in English Language and Literature, and working in the private sector in the area of news I was looking to undertake my masters in International Development to gain advanced skills in this important area and enhance my general subject knowledge. Curiosity and passion for knowledge on how the world is developing pushed me to undertake a degree in International Development, and combined with my background in the news sector I have the opportunity to discover new topics occurring everyday around the world.



Centre for International Development Seminar Series

We continued our **Centre for International Development Seminar Series**, with a number of exciting high-profile speakers:

Dr Charlotte Riley, University of Southampton: 'Nobody could say our heart was not in the right place.' The Labour Party and overseas development at the end of empire.

Dr Fayez Mahamid, Dr Kefah Barham, Dr Rabeah Morrar, Centre for International Development, Northumbria University: Contemporary research on Palestine.

Dr Regina Hansda, Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University: India, indigenous peoples and food futures: asserting and re-claiming from the margins.

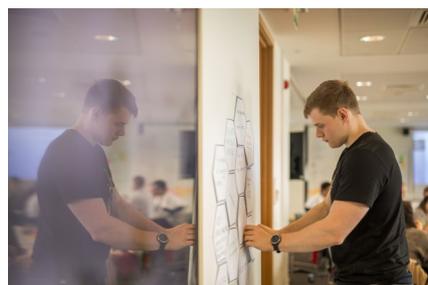
Professor Giorgia Dona, Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging, University of East London: The architecture of a global system of protection and the Global Compact on Refugees.

Dr Joseph Lawson, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, Newcastle University: Not sharing the machine: Pro-elite agricultural mechanization in development in anti-communist Asia, 1945-1980.

Dr Sofia Zaragocin, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador: Doing decolonial feminist geography in Latin America.

Global Development Summer School

Prof Matt Baillie Smith and **Dr Aisling O'Lughlen** organized the Global Development Summer School, which ran from 4-6 June 2019 and was facilitated by Rob Bowden, lead practitioner at Lifeworld's Learning. The aim of the summer school was to contribute to current development debates, specifically focusing on the areas of citizen engagement, the changing development landscape and policy change for transformation. It was attended by students from across the North East. It included speakers from organizations such as Christian Aid, Global Justice Now, Oxfam and Coco. Highlights included some really engaging keynote speeches from Nick Deardan, Dr. Rajesh Tandon of PRIA and Shaun Hazeline from the International Federation of the Red Cross. **Dr Joanna Allan** from the Centre for International Development also ran a workshop on Natural Resources in Situations of Conflict in Western Sahara, while other workshops were facilitated by Traidcraft Exchange, VSO and Newcastle City Council. The feedback from participants was very positive, and the final session was rounded off with some well-deserved ice cream.



Development Practice Evening

In March we held again our Development Practice Evening. Speakers from Coco and Traidcraft talked about how they understand development and how it works in different contexts.

Public Engagement and Public Lectures

Dr Katy Jenkins was invited to give public lectures at Wageningen University and Utrecht University, the Netherlands, on Andean Women Visualising Development: Participatory Photography and Hopeful Perspectives on Beyond Mining in Peru, March 2019.

Links and Collaborations

Dr Oliver Hensengerth has been appointed to the Steering Committee of the Global Resilience Research Network at Northeastern University: <https://globalresilience.northeastern.edu/network/>.

The Global Resilience Research Network (GRRN) is committed to informing and advancing resilience solutions so that individuals, communities, systems and networks can thrive in the face of acute disturbances - both sudden and slow-moving. Founded by the Global Resilience Institute (GRI) at Northeastern University in collaboration with the Fraunhofer Ernst-Mach-Institut, GRRN is a membership network of leading universities, institutes, non-profit organizations, and companies engaged in resilience research that informs the development of novel tools and applications.

Recent Publications

Chaigneau, T., Brown, K., **Coulthard, S.**, Szaboova, L., and Daw, T. (*in press*). Money, use and experience: Identifying the mechanisms through which ecosystem services contribute to wellbeing in coastal Kenya and Mozambique. *Ecosystem Services*.

Chaigneau, T., **Coulthard, S.**, Brown, K., Daw, T. M. and Schulte-Herbrüggen, B. (2019) Incorporating basic needs to reconcile poverty and ecosystem services: Poverty and Ecosystems. *Conservation Biology* 33(3): 655-664.

Humble, D. (2019) Recasting professionalisation: Understanding self-legitimizing professionalisation as a precursor to neoliberal professionalisation. *Geoforum* 106: 135-143.

Dombrowsky, I. and **Hensengerth O.** (2018) Governing the Water-Energy-Food Nexus Related to Hydropower on Shared Rivers—The Role of Regional Organizations. *Frontiers of Environmental Science*, December 2018, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fenvs.2018.00153>.

If you have any questions, comments, or if you would prefer not to receive future newsletters please email oliver.hensengerth@northumbria.ac.uk.

More information about the MSc International Development, including September and January starts, is available online at <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/international-development-dtfitz6/>.

You can also visit the Centre for International Development online at <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/cid>.