



Welcome to our Summer 2018 newsletter!

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
Programme Leader, MSc International Development



High esteem for the International Development team

Over the past months the team have been invited again to a number of prestigious events and won important grants:

- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** has been appointed to the advisory board for the final evaluation of Voluntary Service Overseas' Department for International Development funded International Citizen Service
- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** was invited to give a keynote address: 'Researching volunteering: what is volunteering made of?', Student Volunteering Symposium, University of Galway, Ireland, in March 2018
- **Dr Mark Griffiths** and **Professor Baillie Smith** won a prestigious Rutherford Fund Strategic Partnership Grant to work with An-Najah University in the Occupied Palestine Territories. The grant will bring three post-doctoral research fellows from An-Najah to work at Northumbria's Centre for International Development for 2018 – 2019
- **Madeleine Le Bourdon** was invited to a guest lecture at UCL on Understanding Global Citizenship in Practice, for the Angel Network Seminar Series (February 2018)
- **Dr Mark Griffiths** was awarded a British Academy Small Grant (£9931) for a project on Checkpoints beyond the checkpoint: the implications for women left at home
- **Dr Philip Proudfoot** has been invited to present at the British Academy's Summer Showcase on Agriculture, Pastoralism and Settlement in Contemporary Syria: The Deep Past to the Modern Conflict in the Fertile Crescent: <https://www.britac.ac.uk/summershowcase/2018/agriculture-pastoralism-settlement-past-modern-conflict-fertile-crescent>
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** has been invited to present his work on Proactively Living with Floods: Developing New Approaches to Flood Management in Vietnam's Mekong Delta: <https://www.britac.ac.uk/summershowcase/2018/proactively-living-floods-developing-new-approaches-flood-management-vietnams-mekong-delta>

Programme Highlights

In January we were joined by students from the UK, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana, with diverse experience and study backgrounds. At the same time, we are now saying goodbye to the group of students who joined us full time in January 2016 and who will be graduating this summer. We wish them the best of luck for their future. Please stay in touch.

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

- Dr Lei Xie, Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Centre at the Chinese Academy of Sciences: The politics of international cooperation on transboundary rivers in Asia
- Rosie Hogg and Malcolm Reid (Greenpeace) and Alex Snowden (Palestine Solidarity Campaign): Being an Activist (in the Northeast)
- Professor Caroline Dyer, School of Politics and International Studies at Leeds University: Education inclusion as a border regime for mobile pastoralists in India and Ethiopia.

We also inaugurated a **Postgraduate Seminar Series** run by our PhD students: **Women Researchers in Development Studies: Gender, Activism and Global Citizenship**. The first speakers were:

- **Kate Mukungu**: Locating the Individual in Collective Activism to Address Violence Against Women in Post Conflict Contexts
- **Madeleine Le Bourdon**: Understanding Global Citizenship in Practise

Furthermore, Jess Hamer of COCO and George Williams of Tradecraft gave a well-attended seminar for the MSc ID students, speaking about the meaning and practice of development.

Student Profiles

Benita Siloko

I am a qualified environmental manager with over 5 years experience in environmental advocacy and strategy in sustainable development. I am also the Co-chair on environment for Nigerian Youth SDG Network. I volunteer for Health of Mother Health Foundation (HOMEF), Connected Development (CODE) and Nigerian Environmental Society with focus on environmental challenges and management strategies which cuts across local, national, regional and international communities. In May I was in Bonn, Germany during the Talanoa Dialogue and I look forward to be in Katowice, Poland later this year for COP24. I am a member of Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) of the United Kingdom. My interests for development work motivated me to undertake my current study, a second master's degree program in International Development, a multidisciplinary course at Northumbria University.

Benita Siloko (AIEMA, MNES)



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I completed my Bachelor degree in Geography at the National University of Singapore in 2013 with the support from the Singapore ASEAN scholarship. I returned to Laos and worked for the Embassy of India in Vientiane as interpreter and social secretary to the Ambassador, and I also worked as a part-time volunteer, coordinating local community development projects in Laos for the Singapore-based Overseas Community Involvement Programme. After two and half years at the Embassy, I decided to become a civil servant, and in 2016 I won a placement as Officer at the Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The work at the Ministry has been a very interesting experience. I realized how little I knew and understood about development work. In 2017, I decided to further my studies, and I have been awarded a UK government Chevening Scholarship for the academic year 2017/2018 to do a Master's degree at Northumbria University. The course has been a very enriching and engaging learning experience for me. The diversity of the class and the modules make the learning experience even more worthwhile.



Major research reviews for policy makers

Dr Sarah Coulthard conducted a review of research conducted over the last 10 years funded by the ESPA (Ecosystem Services and Poverty Alleviation) programme. The review assessed the extent to which ESPA research had engaged with multidimensional concepts of poverty and wellbeing to understand how ecosystem services can contribute to poverty reduction. Sarah presented the results at the annual science conference in Edinburgh in December 2017 and attended a 2 day policy workshop to distill key messages for policy makers from the ESPA programme overall. The review is being published as a book chapter in the ESPA synthesis book out soon.

International Events

- **Professor Baillie Smith** and **Dr Nisha Thomas** co-facilitated a global research conference on Volunteers in Conflicts and Emergencies with the Swedish Red Cross, in Stockholm in December 2018. The event was part of the joint Volunteering in Conflicts and Emergencies Initiative, and attracted leading and humanitarian and development actors, including NGOs, the UN and ICRC
- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** gave a talk on 'Thinking differently about international volunteering', Irish Development Education Association Seminar, Dublin, March 2018
- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** gave a speech on 'The meaning of volunteering' to International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescents' Global Volunteer Alliance, Madrid, March 2018
- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** gave a talk at a workshop on 'Volunteers in Conflicts and Emergencies', International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, February 2018.
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** organised a panel at the Latin American Studies Annual Conference in Barcelona, 22-26th May 'Gender and resistance to mining in Peru and Guatemala'
- Exhibition for International Women's Day, 5th May 2018: As part of **Katy Jenkins'** Leverhulme Fellowship, she organised an exhibition in Cajamarca, Peru, of photos taken by women anti-mining activists on what 'Development' means to them in the context of living with large scale resource extraction. Katy appeared on a local TV news programme in Cajamarca and on several radio shows discussing the project and the exhibition.
- **Dr Mark Griffiths** ran a session in April at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in New Orleans on The Body, Political Violence and the Colonial Present. He also gave a paper on Biopolitics and Checkpoint 300 in Occupied Palestine: bodies, affect, discipline.

Links and Collaborations

- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** hosted colleagues from Vietnam as part of his Royal Academy of Engineering—Newton Fund project on flooding in the Mekong delta. His colleagues were Dr Dang Tung Hoa of the Institute for the Management of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr Le Anh Tuan of Cantho University, and Dr Nguyen Thi Lan Huong of Thuyloi University. The visiting colleagues gave lectures, taught on the MSc International Development, and organised a workshop with Newcastle University.
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** organised a panel at the Society for Latin American Studies Annual Conference on ‘Women, Activism and Resource Extraction in Latin America’, University of Southampton, Winchester, 22-23rd March 2018. **Inge Boudewijn** presented a paper as part of the panel entitled ‘Affected Women’s Tales of Struggles, Resistance, Change: Large Scale Mining in the Northern Peruvian Andes’
- **Madeleine Le Bourdon** presented at the Bodyworks International Conference, Northumbria University, May 2018

Recent Publications

- **O’Loghlen, A** and Nondo Nobel Bwami (2018) Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: A Case Study of Refugees in Towns. Tufts University. Link to report here: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/599720dc59cc68c3683049bc/t/5ae86e1603ce643d8763461c/1525181977954/Tufts+RIT+Dar+es+Salaam%2C+Tanzania.pdf>.
- **O’Loghlen, A** also recorded a webinar for the Refugees in Towns project, which can be accessed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTgj2_SQFr&feature=youtu.be.
- **O’Loghlen, A** (2018) How refugees can actually create jobs for locals in growing cities – if given the chance. The Independent, <https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/refugees-cities-jobs-migration-gdp-economy-a8348816.html>
- **Griffiths, M** & Repo, J (2018) ‘Biopolitics and Checkpoint 300 in Occupied Palestine: bodies, affect, discipline’. *Political Geography* 65, pp. 17-25
- **Le Bourdon, M** (2018) ‘Informal Spaces in Global Citizenship Education’. *Policy & Practice: A Development Education Review*, Vol. 26, Spring, pp. 105-121
- Reid, R, Laurie N & **Baillie Smith, M** (2018) ‘International Voluntary Health Networks (IVHNs). A social-geographical framework’. *Health and Place*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2017.12.005>
- **Hensengerth, O** (2018) ‘South-South technology transfer: who benefits? A case study of the Chinese-built Bui dam in Ghana’. *Energy Policy* 114, pp. 499-507

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