



Welcome to our Winter 2018 newsletter!

We have reached the end of the new semester. This newsletter contains the latest developments in and around the MSc International Development. We have welcomed a new group of students in September, who joined our continuing January and part-time students. There is much dynamism again this year, especially with the formation of the new International Development Society.

We are also saying goodbye to students who graduated this summer, many of who attended the December congregation. Best of luck, and please stay in touch. Finally, as we are completing the last week of teaching, the International Development Team wishes all students a Merry Christmas and a good break. See you all in the New Year.



Dr Oliver Hensengerth
Programme Leader, MSc International Development

Student news

We proudly announce that **Jodi Dinkelman and Viengdalat Somphet** won this year's prizes for best **Social Sciences Postgraduate Dissertations**. Jodi started her course in January 2017 and graduated earlier this year. Viengdalat enrolled in September 2017 and completed her course this summer. Well done both!

Judith Amolo has been selected as delegate, representing Northumbria University, for the **2019 Global Goals Model United Nations** in Kuala Lumpur, 11-14 January 2019.

New grants and keynote speeches

The team have been involved again in a number of high profile events and won important grants:

- British Academy Sustainable Development Grant: *Young Palestinians' Responses to Housing Demolitions*. **Matt Baillie Smith** (Principal Investigator), Rachel Clarke and **Mark Griffiths** (Co-Investigators)
- NERC Newton Fund: *Vietnam: Slow Onset Hazard Interactions with Enhanced Drought and Flood Extremes in an At-Risk Mega-Delta*. **Oliver Hensengerth** (Co-Investigator). The project is led by Southampton University.
- GCRF Global Research Hub: *Living Deltas*. **Matt Baillie Smith** (Co-Investigator and work package lead) and **Oliver Hensengerth** (Co-investigator).
- **Mark Griffiths** gave a keynote speech at the EXPLORE Seminar at the Royal Geographical Society in November 2018.

Programme Highlights

An exciting development is the founding of the **International Development Society**, which open to all staff and students. Its websites are here:

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

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

The Society formally launched on the 5th December with *I AM ID*—a highly successful event featuring students and staff talking about their personal journey into International Development.



The Society is led by Students on the MSc International Development course. It aims to create a space for holding events related to themes within International Development. Here is the team:

PRESIDENT: Farzana Begun

VICE PRESIDENT: Amy Huggins

TREASURER: Emily Jakeman

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER: Chloe Riviere

SECRETARY: Victoria Nicholson

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Student Profiles

Amy Huggins

Having grown up and attended school in France, Italy and England, I've long been fascinated with how different people and cultures interact with one another. At 15, I was given the opportunity through Girl Guides to volunteer on a children's project in India. This opportunity was hugely humbling and inspired me to further my interest in foreign languages and cultures. I completed a Bachelor's degree in French & Russian at the University of Manchester in 2014, spending my third year living abroad in both St. Petersburg and Paris. After graduating, I worked in Hong Kong as an English teacher for over a year, when I decided to come back to the UK to study a Masters in International Development at Northumbria



University. I wanted to better my knowledge and understanding of development, particularly education and development. The course truly surpassed my expectations and, as a January starter, I was able to volunteer with an education NGO in a refugee camp in Greece during the summer break between semesters. It was hugely inspiring and since returning to Northumbria I've been volunteering with the British Red Cross and an education NGO supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Newcastle.

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

- Sarah Kindon and Amber Kale of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences, Victoria University of Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand: Gender, (Im)mobility and Citizenship in a Refugee Women’s Driving Programme in Aotearoa New Zealand
- S.I. Rajan, Chair of the Research Unit on International Migration at the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India: Migration and Development: The Kerala Experience
- Margie Cheesman, University of Oxford Internet Institute: Anticipating Blockchain for Development: Data, Power and the Future

International Events

- **Dr Aisling O’Loghlen** attended the Summer Institute in Urban Studies in Singapore, run jointly by the University of Manchester and the National University of Singapore from 15-23 August.
- **Aisling** also conducted fieldwork in Uganda from 25 August to 15 September on a project with Matt Baillie Smith and Katy Jenkins, and Frank Ahimbisibwe of the Mbarara University of Science and Technology, entitled “an exploratory study of refugee health volunteering.” Fieldwork comprised a scoping study exploring the diverse range of refugee health volunteering taking place in Uganda. The geographical scope of the research focuses on Kampala, the capital city, and the Adjumani refugee settlement in northeastern Uganda, where the project team interviewed refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Somalia and Burundi.
- **Aisling** further presented a paper at the 11th International Forum on Urbanism (IFoU) Congress in Barcelona, entitled “Integration and instability: the resilience of urban refugees in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”
- **Prof Matt Baillie Smith** delivered a presentation at a workshop at the University of Ottawa on volunteering research and practitioner partnerships.
- **Matt** also gave a public lecture on volunteering in humanitarian and development settings at

Public engagement

- **Dr Siobhan Daly** was a member of the Delivery Group for the Community Foundation for Tyne and Wear’s festival of philanthropy, the GeNERosity festival, 7-27 November 2018. She worked with colleagues in marketing to develop the Generosity Trail, a sound walk which featured as part of the festival programme. You can also listen to each recording via a link on the drop down accordions on the following page: <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/about-us/alumni/champion-the-challengers/generosity-trail/find-out-more> or access the trail across the campus.
- The Northumbria Centre for International Development contributed two exhibits to the Great Exhibition of the North in the summer. As part of this prestigious event attracting celebrities and politicians as well as thousands of local visitors, **Dr Katy Jenkins** exhibited photographs from her Leverhulme funded research with women activists in Peru, while **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** led a large interactive exhibit in collaboration with the Swedish Red Cross on Volunteers in Conflicts and Emergencies. For more information on Katy’s exhibition, please see here the Exhibition information at <https://getnorth2018.com/inspired-by/photography-exhibition-women-anti-mining-activists-peru/>, and Katy’s project website at <https://womenminingandphotography.wordpress.com/>. More information on Matt’s exhibition can be found here: <https://getnorth2018.com/previous-events/volunteers-in-conflicts-and-emergencies/>.

National conferences

- **Dr Mark Griffiths** was session organiser and chair, with Dr. Mikko Joronen (Tampere) and Dr. James Riding (Tampere) for a panel on Estranged Landscapes at the Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference in Cardiff. He also presented a paper with with Dr. Jemima Repo (Newcastle) on Biopolitics and Checkpoint 300 in Occupied Palestine: bodies, affect, discipline.

Links and Collaborations

- In September, Sarah Coulthard hosted a two-day international research workshop to discuss emergent evidence about the benefits and disadvantages of nature conservation on people living in national parks around the world. A research agenda was established for a new network of global conservation actors and social scientists, who engage with methods from wellbeing and social justice approaches, to improve understanding about how conservation can affect people living and working in conservation areas.
- The Centre for International Development hosted Prof Steve Flynn of the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University, Boston. Prof Flynn's visit followed the participation of CID staff in the Global Resilience Summit at Northeastern University in March. In October, **Prof Matt Baillie Smith** and **Dr Oliver Hensengerth paid a return visit to** Northeastern University in Boston to further strengthen cooperation around themes of resilience, in particular to explore the role storytelling and arts-based approaches for community resilience.
- The Centre for International Development also hosted a visit from Chilean colleagues Dr Hugo Romero Toledo and Angelica Videla Oyarzo, who took part in writing workshops and networking meetings with colleagues, and presented at the Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference, as part of **Katy Jenkins'** British Academy International Partnerships and Mobility grant. **Katy** has recently returned from a visit to the Universidad Austral de Chile as part of this project.
- In addition, the Centre has hosted a series of workshops, seminars and events on migration and development as part of Steve Taylor's British Academy award between September and November, including a very well attended seminar from Professor Rajan (CDS, Kerala) and collaboration with the South Asia Institute at SOAS (University of London) in hosting four international workshops on Migration and Inclusive Development in India, two of which were held at Northumbria.

Recent Publications

- **Daly, S.**, Slack, R., Brandon, T. and Biddle, P. (in press) 'In whom do we trust? The experiences of trustees in learning disability charities', *Voluntary Sector Review*, available via Fast Track at: <https://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/tpp/vsr>
- **Griffiths, M.** and Joronen, M. (2018) Marriage under occupation: Israel's spousal visa restrictions in the West Bank *Gender, Place & Culture*

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