

SEED Bulletin October 2017

Welcome to the October 2017 edition of the SEED Bulletin

Head of School Message

Dear Colleagues,

Firstly, I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen Walker (Reader in Architecture) as incoming Head of Architecture to succeed Ray Lucas who finishes his term as Head at the end of December. I really want to thank Ray for all his hard work and important role in building the success of Architecture and the School over the last three years.



Secondly, as you know Martin Evans will take over as Head of School on 1st November. I am absolutely delighted we have such an experienced member of SEED stepping up to the role, giving great confidence for our future.

Thirdly, apologies for a slightly more (ahem) reflective message this month. Indulge me.

I've written 'Dear Colleagues' to you 25 times now, and for me the word 'colleague' has very particular resonance and importance given the University context we work in and the challenges of a rapidly changing Higher Education environment. I once appointed a senior member of staff who, after the appointment process and associated negotiations were successfully concluded, held their hand out to me. As we shook they simply said the word 'Colleague' to me. I've always thought that was as powerful a statement of intent for the contribution they wanted to make to the School as you could possibly wish for.

We now list 'a commitment to collegiality' as an essential requirement in our Job Descriptions, and in interviews we often ask candidates to explain what collegiality means to them. This can be very revealing, not least once when a non-native English speaker (quite fairly!) immediately asked the panel to clarify what the word meant. Several very different interpretations were given by panel members, all equally valid. So I know that my own views on collegiality are not definitive, but I also know it goes way beyond simply providing strong support for one another. Collegiality includes the sharing of a common purpose, the ability to sometimes act in a way that might not benefit you but benefits others around you, and the over-riding need to respect each other's abilities and to try to understand and respect different perspectives. And sometimes it is about having very difficult conversations. One of the privileges of being Head of School has been seeing the way that, in the overwhelming majority of cases, conversations with the potential for significant personal conflict are conducted with real respect for one another. However, I've also been drawn into University grievance and disciplinary panels, and have seen cases where collegiality has very badly broken down to the detriment of everyone involved. So it is really important that as part of our commitment to collegiality we regularly remind ourselves of how to properly treat and work with our colleagues, and to insure we avoid behaviours that are, or could be interpreted, as simply unacceptable. So my last request to you as HoS - if you haven't done so recently please have another really good look at the University's 'We Get It' web pages. At some stage they might really help you, or help a colleague.

Finally, thank you colleagues. It has been an absolute privilege, at times intensely humbling, to lead a School with such talented staff undertaking such important work across the wide range of our disciplines. As I return to the shop floor I really look forward to continuing working for the School, and contributing to its vital work... just in a somewhat modified capacity.

Very best wishes,

Tim

Staff Visits, Activities and News

Staff	Date	Activity
Steve Courtney, Ruth McGinity and Helen Gunter	September 2017	Courtney, S.J., McGinity, R., and Gunter, H.M. (Eds.), (2017). <i>Educational leadership: Theorising professional practice in neoliberal times</i> . London: Routledge.
Ray Lucas	September 2017	'Lessons From Socially Produced Architecture: a Graphic Anthropology of Namdaemun Market, Seoul' was awarded a prize for 'Outstanding paper presentation' at the International Union of Architects' World Congress in Seoul.
Cecilia Wong	September 2017	After being listed in <i>The Planner's</i> Women of Influence in Planning, 2017, Cecilia Wong was elected to Fellowship of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) in September 2017. The RTPI Fellowship is only awarded to its chartered member that has made a major personal contribution to the profession, in terms of leadership and innovation, to further the science and art of planning for the benefit of the public.
Albena Yaneva	September 2017	Princeton School of Architecture, USA, conference REVOLUTIONIZING REVOLUTION: A Tender Guerrilla On Cis-Architecture , invited lecture.
Richard Fay	October 2017	Swedish Centre for Architecture and Design/ArkDes, Stockholm County Museum/Diesilverkstaden, and KTH School of Architecture, conference " Making Effect ", 13-16 September 2017, keynote lecture. From 17-21st October, Richard will be in Greece as consultant for the PRESS (provision of educational, and especially language education, for refugees in Greece) project. Dec 7th (7.30pm), the university klezmer ensemble (the Michael Kahan Kapelye), of which I am co-director, will be performing for the now annual Chanukah concert at the Manchester Jewish Museum.
Neil Simcock, Harriet Thomson, Saskia Petrova and Stefan Bouzarovski	September 2017	A new edited book by Neil Simcock, Harriet Thomson, Saskia Petrova and Stefan Bouzarovski was recently published by Routledge - <i>Energy poverty and vulnerability: a global perspective</i> . The book contains empirical studies from a wide range of countries, providing the first globally-integrated account of a policy and research issue that has previously been divided between the Global South and North, and offers some fresh and innovative insights into the causes and consequences of energy poverty around the world. Along with the editors, other SEED contributors to individual chapters are Alison Browne, Caitlin Robinson, and Sarah Lindley.

Neil Simcock, Saskia Petrova and Cait Robinson	September 2017	The RGS Energy Geographies Research Group now has three members from the University of Manchester. Neil Simcock has been newly elected as research group Chair, Saskia Petrova continues as Treasurer and Cait Robinson as Postgraduate Rep.
Alfredo Stein	September 2017	On 21 st September, Alfredo Stein was interviewed by The Conversation to discuss how communities can mitigate and recover from the devastation wrought by natural disasters, especially the recent earthquakes in Mexico and the hurricanes in the Caribbean.
Tanja Müller	October 2017	Tanja Müller has been invited as key speaker to the Workshop AFTER SOCIALISM: FORGOTTEN LEGACIES, POSSIBLE FUTURES IN AFRICA AND BEYOND at the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, 13-14 October. She will give a talk entitled: 'Samora's children': The celebration of (post-)socialist citizenship in Mozambique.
Bina Agarwal	September 2017	Awarded the Balzan Prize 2017 for my research on women in agriculture and gender studies. The ceremony will be held in Bern on 17 November.
		Gave a talk on "Do farmers really like farming", Kings College London, 28 September 2017
		Gave a talk on "What's under the pot: Rural women and cooking energy in South Asia", University of Cambridge series on Energy@Cambridge, 3 October 2017
		Gave the D.S. Borker Memorial lecture on "Transforming Institutions, My Vision of India in 2047", India international Centre, 24 August 2017
Alan Lewis	September 2017	Invited to attend the Project Advisory Group meeting for the ESRC-funded research project, "Buildings in the Making: A Sociological Exploration of Architecture in the Context of Health and Social Care," University of York.
Deljana Iossifova	September 2017	Published the co-edited volume " Defining the Urban: interdisciplinary and professional perspectives " (Routledge) – now available £3 off at Blackwell's on campus.
		Was appointed Director of the Confucius Institute at The University of Manchester.
		Was appointed Visiting Scholar at the Urban Studies Institute, University of Antwerp (Belgium).
Joe Ravetz	September 2017	Dissemination & collaboration: Scenario workshop, coordinator: on the future of the Finland national urban system, for the 'Beyond Technical' project www.bemine.fi Qatar National Research Foundation, workshop on Low Carbon Pathways, keynote on 'Low Carbon Cognitive Capital – who measures or manages?' Doha, Oct 2017. JPI Urban Europe policy-research conference on urban transformation pathways: Sheffield 2017 White Rose DTC, Advanced Visual Research Methods, Summer School: joint keynote with Prof. Amanda Ravetz: 'seeing the wood for the trees: visual thinking and the outlook for social science-III'. Sept 2017 CURE research workshop: coordinator of 'resilience for what and for whom?' Sept 2017. With Profs Ruth Beilin & Alan March from University of Melbourne

Greater Manchester Resilience Forum: joint keynote with Beilin & March, on Manchester-Melbourne risk & resilience program.

New bids, projects & programs

SUGI Urban Nexus program: proposal for 'Food Intelligent Grids' coordinated by Neutral Science, Washington DC
LIFE project 'Natural Course', study on environmental governance in GM.

Homes & Communities Agency & Dept for Transport: Smart cities development program.

Bogfest 2017

On 21st to 23rd September, physical geographers from the Environmental Processes Research Group (EPRG) attended [BogFest 2017](#), the IUCN UK Peatland Programme Annual Conference hosted in Edale by Moors for the Future Partnership. The group presented various aspects of their research: **Martin Evans** gave a talk on trajectories of ecosystem service change in restored peatlands, **Tim Allott** presented on the role of blanket peats and natural flood management (NFM), **Gail Millin-Chalabi** reported on the development of EnviroSAR to manage wildfire disturbance in moorlands and heathlands, and **Gareth Clay** discussed how management can reduce the risk and severity of wildfire, while **Emma Shuttleworth**, **Sarah Brown** and **Oscar Kennedy Blundell** delivered poster presentations. **Julia McMorrow**, **Ioanna Tantanasi**, **(Dylan) Ziliang Zhang** and **Adam Johnson** were also in attendance.

Whilst at the conference, **Tim**, **Martin** and **Emma** also launched the [IUCN UK Peatland Programme Inquiry into Peatland Catchments](#). The inquiry is an initiative which will explore advances in our understanding of catchment-scale hydrology and growing policy interest in the role of peatland restoration in NFM.

English Language for Education students' success at Undergraduate Awards

The BA(Hons) English Language for Education (ELE) has produced two winners at this year's Undergraduate Awards. Zahra Kahn was awarded a Highly Commended prize for her essay on 'The Role of Touch Screen Technology in Fostering Literacy in the Home Environment', which was completed as part of her Teaching and Learning Literacy module (taught by Zeynep Onat-Stelma). Farhana Choudhury went one step further and was awarded the Global Winner prize for her assignment: "A discussion of literacy as a vehicle which enables women from urban Afghanistan and rural Nepal to overcome societal challenges and participate in society" which was submitted for her EDUC unit on Global Literacy (taught by Susie Miles).

The Undergraduate Awards is the leading academic awards programme for undergraduate students, celebrates outstanding undergraduate work. Submitted entries are judged by academics from around the globe and the purpose is to reward the best, most innovative and creative undergraduate coursework. The top 10% of papers in each of the 25 categories are Highly Commended; just one paper from each category is named the UA Global Winner. This year there were 6,432 submissions from students in 299 Institutions across 47 countries.

These students were inspired to submit their assignments to the Awards by another BA ELE graduate, Bethany Ryan, who also won the Highly Commended award in last year's Education category. Susie Miles invited Beth to speak to the students about her experience, and also recommended to several

students that they submit their assignments. As a Global Winner, Farhana will now receive an all-expenses paid trip to Dublin to participate in the Global Summit.

School Information and Notices

December 2017 Graduation Ceremonies

The confirmed dates for SEED graduation ceremonies are below. Please add these to your diary

Wednesday 13 December	14.30 GDI (MGD, DIG, HRD), Geography, MSA
Wednesday 13 December	16.45 GDI (SD, DEPP), PEM
Thursday 14 December	10.00 MIE (PGT & PGCE Teach First)
Thursday 14 December	12.15 MIE (PGCE)

New guidance relating to staff working abroad

The University has recently updated its guidance relating to staff working abroad. The guidance applies in the following circumstances:

- When the University is recruiting an employee who lives and will continue to live and work abroad for the University,
- When the University is sending an existing employee to be based abroad on an assignment or secondment for six months or more,
- When the University is considering a request from an employee to work abroad for personal reasons (e.g. to work from home in another country).

Such appointments / arrangements can have significant contractual, financial, tax and pension implications for both the individual and the University. Therefore it is vital that advice, guidance and approval is sought at the planning stage.

The guidance can be found on [Staffnet](#).

Doctoral Services Event

Date for your calendar – **PGR Annual Conference** – Tuesday 22 May 2018, Manchester Meeting Place

A reminder about timescales for the delivery of feedback to students

Feedback must be timely and students must be made aware of the timetable for submission deadlines and dates on which feedback will be returned for each unit.

For all formative assessments and assessed coursework, feedback will normally be provided within 15 working days after the final submission deadline or exceptionally, and subject to prior approval by the faculty, within 20 working days after the final submission deadline; extensions to 20 working

days will be approved on academic grounds only and must be clearly communicated to students in advance.

For single pieces of assessed work carrying a credit weighting of 30 credits or more, the maximum time for feedback to be given is normally 30 working days after the final submission deadline.

For further information on the feedback policy see [StaffNet](#).

Library Update

Open Access: Improving access to your Research Outputs

Following the launch of the Open Access Gateway last year the Library is working with the Research Office to improve access to papers via Pure, including adding an article coversheet and a “Request a Copy” feature. High levels of engagement with the Gateway over the past year mean that for the first time in the University's history, the majority of its research outputs accepted during the previous 12 months will be freely available to anyone with access to the web.



For further information on Open Access and Library support for Open Access see:

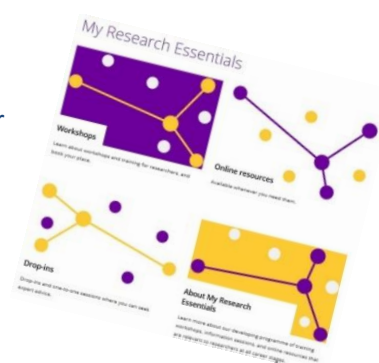
- [Open Access at Manchester](#)

Open Access Week (23rd – 29th October): Pop up Events / Open Research Forum / Open Access Workshops

- **Pop Ups:** The Library's Academic Engagement team, and research services team colleagues, will be hosting pop up events across campus including the Arthur Lewis building (Tuesday 24th 12-1). Staff will be on hand to provide guidance and answer any questions relating to Open Access
- **Open Research Forum:** Thursday 26th October, [Contact theatre](#) (programme of activities: 3.00pm – 6.00pm with opportunity for networking and discussions: 6.00 pm –7.00 pm). This event aims to build awareness of, and stimulate discussion about changes in scholarly communications and open research. It will also help to deliver the library's strategic goals around advocating for data publication, openness as part of our social responsibility and increasing the impact of Manchester research. The event structure will encourage peer-to-peer learning, using a combination of story-telling style presentations of 20 minutes and workshops, largely led by researchers. More information and booking details to follow.
- 'Open Access in 5 Simple Steps': Open Access workshops 24th/25th October (see [My Research Essentials](#))

My Research Essentials

My Research Essentials, the Library's development programme aimed at researchers at all career stages, continues with a new series of workshops for 2017/18. Topics range from the tools/resources used in the research process to recent developments in scholarly communications and researcher funder policy requirements.



Details of all our workshops, how to book and available online resources can be found via:

- [My Research Essentials](#)

Library Strategy Consultation

Over the past 12 months The University of Manchester Library has developed a new strategic plan. It sets out a vision for the Library we believe is needed for the future, the things we will achieve and the services we will build to support the Manchester 2020 goals. We are now able to share this draft strategy with you and would welcome your insight via our short survey.

- [University of Manchester Library: Draft Consultation](#)
- [University of Manchester Library: Draft Consultation Feedback](#)



Global Development Institute Update

Joining GDI recently or imminently are:

- Dr Pritish Behuria, Hallsworth Research Fellow
- Dr Judith Krauss, Lecturer in Environment, Climate Change and Development
- Dr Negar Monazam Tabrizi, Lecturer in Information Systems and Digital Development

GDI visiting fellows:

- Imran Matin (until 30 December; sponsored by David Hulme)
- Dr Marjorie Pajaron (until 15 December; sponsored by Armando Barrientos)
- Dr Yang Liu (until 30 September 2018; sponsored by Ping Gao)
- Prof William Ferguson (20 November to 20 December; sponsored by Kunal Sen)

Dates for your diaries:

18 October [Prof Bill Adams: Designing dams that don't cost the earth](#) (5pm Uni Place – followed by a drinks reception)

26 October [GDI Annual Lecture: Prof Dani Rodrik on the economics of populism](#) (5pm Uni Place – followed by a drinks reception)

30 October – 1 November [World On The Move Conference by Migration Lab](#)

31 October – 4 November [Be / / Longing Theatre Performance](#)

4 November [Cocoa Sustainability Challenge with Dr Judith Krauss](#) (10am/2pm Manchester Museum)

7 November [White Helmets Documentary Screening](#) (6pm Manchester Museum)

Dams 2.0 launch

David Hulme is launching [Dams 2.0, a new research initiative](#), which has received GCRF funding of £8 million over the next four years. The Vice Chancellor will introduce a public lecture from Professor Bill Adams on '[Building Dams That Don't Cost The Earth](#)' at 5.00, Wednesday 18 October in University Place, lecture theatre B. A drinks reception will follow.

Dams 2.0 will be led by a team from the University of Manchester's Global Development Institute (GDI) and Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering School (MACE). The team intends to improve the selection and design of dams by enabling analysts and decision-makers to consider impacts on wider water, energy, food and environmental systems.

Manchester Urban Institute Update

Carbon Landscape project launch event and video

A multi-million pound project funded by [the Heritage Lottery Fund](#) has been launched to restore areas in the North West transformed by heavy industries like coal mining, peat extraction and iron & steel production.

Led by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust and University of Manchester lead Dr Joanne Tippet, [The Carbon Landscape](#) aims to restore more than 130 hectares to nature, train more than 1000 volunteers and offer free education to 40 schools, and is spearheading the latest Government thinking on the environment. While work has already been happening to create green areas, the project aims to connect these areas - and to get local people involved in the restoration work.

For more details, including the project video, please see the [University news article](#).

Upcoming events

12 Oct: Planning and Environmental Management seminar:

Prof Chao Ren, Chinese University of Hong Kong 'Urban Climatic Application in Asian Cities for Sustainable Environmental Design'. HBS 1.69/1.70, 5pm.

17 Oct: Planning and Environmental Management seminar:

Dr Yishuang Xu 'The Effect of Tenant Mix on Shopping Centre Performance: Evidence from England'. HBS 1.69/1.70, 5pm.

7 Nov: Planning and Environmental Management seminar:

Dr Ammar Azzouz, Arump 'Urban resilience in Homs (Syria) during and after the conflict. HBS 1.69/1.70, 5pm.

Social Responsibility

What's Our Story – New video showcasing SEED themes

As part of the Our Story project, we have brought the five disciplines of SEED together in a video under the umbrella themes of addressing inequality and promoting social justice.

You can [watch the video online](#).

The video will be primarily used in a social media campaign to encourage prospective PGR students to find out more about SEED's research activity and PGR programmes.

We wanted to:

- Promote SEED as a vibrant research community and therefore a destination of choice for PGR students.
- Communicate SEED's unique combination of disciplines, specialist expertise and culture of interdisciplinary working.

- Demonstrate how SEED's research is tackling global challenges and supporting the University's Global Inequalities research beacon.

If you actively use social media to promote your own or SEED's research, you might like to share the video using the suggested text and trackable link below:

"Was your story written at birth? At Manchester, we aspire to write a better story on inequality.

Video: [#SEEDstories](http://man.ac.uk/o75weP)"

Rachel Knowles

Faculty Marketing Officer for the School of Environment, Education and Development

Submissions now open for Cheltenham Science Festival 2018

We are excited to announce that submissions are now open to be a part of Cheltenham Science Festival 2018 which takes place from the 5th to the 10th of June.

For those that don't know us, the Festival is a 6-day celebration of science, jam-packed with thought-provoking discussions, energetic schools shows, hands-on workshops, mindblowing performances and interactive exhibitions. In 2017, we ran a programme of over 150 public events, 50 school events and a range of hands-on drop in spaces. We issued over 40,000 tickets, saw over 25,000 visits to free drop in spaces, and had over 7000 visits to free activities in the town centre.

We are looking for fresh ideas to create a varied and engaging programme covering a wide range of topics and themes. We are keen to trial new formats and inventive ways of exploring science, and to attract audiences who would not normally consider attending a Science Festival.

We are accepting submissions from individuals, groups and organisations to take part in events, one of our interactive hands-on spaces, or an activity in the town centre.

You can find [more information](#) about the Festival, areas of the programme and how to apply.

Deadlines for submissions are:

Main programme events (including Adult and Family events) - Midday Monday 6th November

Interactive exhibits and town centre activities - Midday Monday 20th November

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Events

Date for your diary: talk on a career in the humanitarian and aid sector after academic study

Tanja Müller

I want to invite you to a talk by a former GDI PhD student, Georgios Tsopanakis, on his reflections of having worked in the humanitarian and aid sectors including for organisations such as MSF before and after the completion of a PhD in the field. I think Georgios' talk will be of great interest to all of you who may consider a role outside academy, but also to those who often find it challenging to combine more academic insights with the often frustrating realities on the ground. The talk is taking place on **7 November from 16:00 to 17:30 in Simon Theatre C.**

To submit an article or information to the SEED Bulletin, please email seedschooloffice@manchester.ac.uk