

SEED Bulletin February 2017

Welcome to the February 2017 edition of the SEED Bulletin

Head of School Message

Dear Colleagues,

Like so many, I've been struck down by the particularly nasty bug that's doing the rounds at the moment (and has laid waste to the School Office). If you've also been hit by this, my sincere commiserations, and I hope you make a speedy recovery!



As a School we are right in the middle of the frantic period of confirming our operational and strategic plans, as well as the School budget for 2017-18 and financial plan for the next five years – all to be submitted by 24th February and then discussed in a formal meeting with the Dean and Faculty colleagues on March 6th. I know I seem to say this every year, but we are again anticipating another challenging set of discussions over our targets and the budget! After the meeting and any subsequent changes to the plans we will as usual post them on the School intranet, along with associated documents including the School SWOT analysis.

There are several other items I need to bring to your attention:

Senate elections

You will have seen the email sent on Friday from 'Elections' regarding the vote for Senate. For those who aren't fully aware, Senate is the principal academic body of The University of Manchester, and is responsible for the promotion of research, and for the regulation of the education and discipline of students of the University. So it's a hugely important body and as a School it's vital we have sufficient representation. Two members of SEED are standing for election this round– Jamie Woodward (Geography) and Tanja Muller (GDI), and I very strongly endorse their candidatures and encourage you to support them. Voting ends at noon on Friday 24th February.

Manchester Urban Institute

Last week I was very pleased, along with many of you, to attend the very successful launch event of the MUI, with a terrific talk by Michael Keith. It's great that this SEED initiative is up and running and rapidly gaining momentum, and wanted to thank Kevin Ward, Matthew Harrison and all the rest of the MUI team for their hard work to date. There are further events planned for the week of 6th March – look out for these.

Visit to SEED by the President and Vice Chancellor

The President and Vice Chancellor, Nancy Rothwell, will be making her annual visiting to the School on Wednesday 8th March (10am -11.30am, full details to be circulated) including a presentation to the School and Q&A. Please make an effort to attend and engage with Nancy!

HASMAP Audit

Colleagues should be aware that SEED is being audited for Health and Safety by HASMAP this Semester. This is standard – all Schools are audited on a rolling basis - but will involve meetings (likely to be in March) between the HASMAP auditors and key staff in the School.

10,000 Actions

Many thanks, from myself and Terry Hanley, to all colleagues who have completed the 10,000 Actions survey and their own Action plan as part of the University's environmental sustainability strategy. By the end of January, 72 SEED staff had completed an action plan – and we are delighted to report this was the highest return rate of any School in the Faculty. The website is still open, and we encourage staff who have not yet participated to take the time to complete their own action plan.

Very best wishes,

Tim

Staff Visits, Activities and News

Staff	Date	Activity
Martin Evans and Julia McMorrow	November 2016	Martin Evans and Julia McMorrow attended a NERC Peatlands workshop for invited researchers, policymakers and funders on 22 November 2016. The aim was to identify the key challenges for a Joint Strategic Response funding bid on lowland and upland peatland
Joanne Tippett	January 2017	'The Carbon Landscape – Restoring Great Manchester Wetlands to the Community' project has been awarded almost £2million by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Joanne will be running a key element of the community engagement for this project, following positive trials of innovative sustainability approaches from her work in the development phase.
Chris Perkins	December 2016	Chris Perkins, Clancy Wilmott and Dan Evans as part of the Playful Mapping Collective co-authored the following published in December 2016: Playful Mapping Collective (2016) <i>Playful Mapping in the Digital Age</i> . Amsterdam: Institute for Network Culture Also available as open access volume .
Gail Millin-Chalabi	January 2017	Invited seminar presentation: Millin-Chalabi, G. (2017) Multi-Sensor Observations of Peat Moorland Burn Scars, Peak District, UK, Mini Workshop for Global Wildfire Prevention, 16th January 2017, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), The Artificial Intelligence Research Center, GeoInformation Science Team, Tokyo Waterfront, Japan.
Deljana Iossifova	January 2017	Deljana Iossifova was invited to serve as a Director ('Trustee') on the Board of the Urban Studies Foundation (USF). This is a four-year position and in addition to fulfilling administrative and legal duties in the general management and control of USF affairs, Iossifova will provide intellectual and creative leadership in assisting USF to achieve its objectives.

Bina Agarwal	November 2016 – April 2017	<p>Distinguished Lecture at IDS, Sussex, on 'Gender Challenges', Nov 2016.</p> <p>Plenary panel on 'Governing South Asia's Forests', at <i>Healthy Planet: Better World</i> Conference, London, December 2016.</p> <p>Plenary panel at the Land & Development Conference, Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, 10-11 March 2017.</p> <p>Keynote Lecture on 'Interdisciplinary Approaches to Inequality', on 27 April at the 2017 Biennial Conference of the London International Development Centre.</p>
Alan Lewis	February 2017	Invited to participate in the "Future support in later life" workshop, organised by the Government Office for Science in collaboration with the Cabinet Office, Westminster, London.
Gareth Clay and Emma Shuttleworth	January 2017	Dr Gareth Clay and Dr Emma Shuttleworth (Geography) and Prof Derrick Lai (Chinese University of Hong Kong, CUHK), have been awarded £10,000 from the UoM-Chinese University of Hong Kong Research Fund to explore carbon storage and other properties of sub-tropical mangroves. Mangroves, salt marshes and sea grasses have been dubbed 'blue carbon' and are efficient sinks of carbon; however, they are at risk from climate change, land management, and resource extraction. This will involve a field visits for both teams to Hong Kong and the UK in the coming year.
Gareth Clay	February 2017	<p>Fieldwork</p> <p>Dr Gareth Clay (Geography) has recently returned from a month of fieldwork on the British Overseas Territory of St Helena in the south Atlantic. This Royal Geographical Society-funded project (with Co-I, Chris Perkins, Geography) explored the soils in a range of unique ecosystems, including the St Helena National Trust's flagship Millennium Forest. Here the Trust is restoring a 200+ha degraded ecosystem by cultivating and planting a range of endemic plants and trees. It also involved interviews across the island with a range of environmental stakeholders to scope out future research opportunities. Although the time on the island was only 2 weeks the fieldwork lasted nearly a month due to the challenges of getting to the island - currently it is only accessible by a 5-night sea voyage on the RMS St Helena. Follow updates on the project here.</p>
Albena Yaneva	February 2017	Professor Albena Yaneva from MUI was awarded the Lise Meitner Visiting Chair at the University of Lund for 2017. The professorship is named after the renown physicist Lise Meitner, who was the first woman to become a full professor of physics in Germany and who together with Otto Hahn, discovered nuclear fission and the element protactinium in 1918 for which Hahn received the Nobel Prize. The award is offered to a distinguished female academic to provide the opportunity to conduct innovative research and lecture at Lund University in Sweden.

RSPSoc Annual Lecture and Conversazione MSc GISc and MSc EMMR Student Trip

Thanks to the Student Experience Fund, Julia McMorrow and Gail Millin-Chalabi took a group of MSc GISc and MSc Environmental Monitoring, Modelling and Reconstruction (EMMR) students to the ACC, Liverpool to attend the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society (RSPSoc) Annual Lecture and Conversazione. The event took place on 12th December 2016 and was attended by members of the Northwest Earth Observation Network ([NEON](#)).

The lecture by Dr Nathalie Pettorelli a senior research fellow at the Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London was titled *Satellite remote sensing for conservation: opportunities and challenges*. The lecture provided an interdisciplinary perspective on the prospects of satellite remote sensing for conservation applications including some of the barriers and limitations of a remote sensing approach. The PGT students were attending GEOG60921 Environmental Remote Sensing which examines the spectral reflectance of peatland land cover classes in the Peak District National Park. This event provided them with complementary material in the ecological application of remote sensing as part of the British Ecological Society Annual Meeting 2016 (BES 2016). The students were able to join a drinks reception after the lecture to network with other academics and researchers using remote sensing in and around the northwest.



Thanks go to RSPSoc for removing the attendance fee which enabled local PGT students to attend this event.

Photo: Centre left: Julia McMorrow – Senior Lecturer in Remote Sensing, Centre right: Gail Millin-Chalabi – GIS and Remote Sensing Officer for SEED and Peter Kabano – PhD student in Remote Sensing. Left and right ends: PGT students from GEOG60921 Environmental Remote Sensing (Course Convenor – Julia McMorrow).

GIS and Remote Sensing (Technical Support)

Overview of services

GIS and Remote Sensing (RS) support is provided for members of SEED staff and students in the following areas:

- Access to GIS/RS data for teaching and research
- Support in using GIS/RS software
- Installation of GIS/RS software on personal laptops or a home computer
- Advice on university GIS/RS software licensing terms and conditions
- Access to GIS/RS software training
- Help with accessing software for producing online maps
- Advice on geospatial data management
- Geospatial software cluster installations
- Quality assurance of GIS/RS teaching materials
- Arranging student trips to GIS and RS events

Please email Gail Millin-Chalabi for an appointment detailing the following:

- Name and department

- GIS/RS service required

Specific details

For GIS/RS installation:

- Your machine specifications and operating system

For geospatial support requests:

- A summary of your project and the types of spatial data you are trying to source

For teaching support requests:

- The dates and times support is required and if any specific testing/quality assurance of teaching materials is required

Contact details

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Semester 2 Consultation Hours: Mon 14:00 – 16:00 and Thurs 16:00 – 17:00.

School Information and Notices



SEED win Silver Green Impact Award

The SEED Green Impact team have worked hard to achieve the Silver award across all 3 SEED buildings. Many thanks to all those who worked towards this award.

New PSS Organogram Available

Keep up to date with who's who – the new [PSS organogram](#) is live on the SEED Intranet.

Recruitment and Selection Training

If colleagues haven't already attended one of the Recruitment and Selection Training courses, can they ensure that they book onto one of the courses currently being offered? All panel members are also required to be TEDI trained. Further details can be found by visiting [staffnet](#).

Vacancies

Chair in Education (2 posts) – Closing date tba.

For further details visit [Staffnet](#).

Appointments

Dr Tom Gillespie, Lecturer in Poverty, Inequality and Pro-Poor Politics

Dr Gindo Tampubolon, Lecturer in Poverty, Inequality and Growth

Advice and guidance for EU (non-UK) staff following EU referendum

Frequently Asked Questions from the recent information sessions held on Permanent Residency applications can now be found on [StaffNet](#). These FAQs are likely to be of help to those staff considering making a Permanent Residency application.

Reminder about the University's Equality and diversity Policy

The University of Manchester is committed to creating an environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone is treated fairly, regardless of gender, disability, ethnic origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or nationality. It has a clear [Equality and Diversity Policy](#).

Accompanying this policy are “[Dignity at Work and Study](#)” policies which further protect staff and students during their time at the University, with clear reporting procedures.

£100 raised for Woodstreet Mission Christmas Appeal



Elaine Jones won the Christmas raffle and we managed to raise £105 for the Wood Street Mission. A big thank you to all those colleagues and students who bought tickets.

Teaching, Learning and Students

Survey Dates

NSS is now open from Monday 30 January 2017 until Saturday 29 April 2017.

PTES will run from Monday 6 March 2017 until Friday 12 May 2017.

PRES will run from Monday 3 April 2017 until Friday 12 May 2017

TA Surgery

Wednesday 08 February, 2-3pm, held in the Nile Meeting Room 1st Floor Arthur Lewis Building

Supervisors Awareness session

Wednesday 08 March, 12-2pm in room 1.69/70 HBS. Lunch will be provided from 12pm, for a 12.30pm start. Please register on [Eventbrite](#) by 12noon on Wednesday 1st March.

SEED PGR Annual Conference

Monday 15 May, to be held at Manchester Meeting Place.

Social Responsibility

Nuffield Research Placement Scheme

Every year, the University of Manchester hosts sixth formers participating in the [Nuffield Research Placement](#) scheme. Last year we were proud, once again, to have hosted more students than any other institution in the UK. In 2016, almost half of these opportunities were offered to students who met our [widening participation criteria](#).

Nuffield Research Placements are a fantastic way of working with talented young people from local schools and colleges who have a strong interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) or quantitative Social Sciences and giving them an insight into research as a career. There are more details on the scheme below.

We are now looking for staff who would be willing to host a Nuffield Research Placement in summer 2017.

If you are interested in offering a project for 2017 or would like more information on how it works, please e-mail roz.webster@manchester.ac.uk who will put you in touch with the Regional Coordinator, Sarah Fenton.

Museum University Partnership Initiative – free events

Are you a museum looking to work with university? Or an academic wanting to work with a museum? Then the Museum University Partnership Initiative could be what you have been looking for.

Funded by Arts Council England, the project is offering museum staff and volunteers the opportunity to meet with academics to develop mutually beneficial partnerships. The MUPI match events cover each region of England, and are particularly targeted at small and regional museums who are ACE accredited (or working towards accreditation) who haven't had the opportunity to work in partnership with a university. During the event there is a chance to meet academics, and to come up with partnership ideas. Participants can then apply for 'thinking funding' to develop their partnership approach.

You can choose to attend an event in your region, or join a national event. The current dates are listed below:

Regional MUPI Match events

- North West Region, 17 February 2017, Manchester Museum
- East of England, 21 February 2017, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
- Yorkshire, 16 March 2017, York venue tbc
- London, 21 March 2017, London venue tbc

- South East Region, 28 March 2017, London venue tbc
- West Midlands, 26 April 2017, Birmingham venue tbc
- South West, 5 May 2017, venue tbc
- North East, 18 May 2017, venue tbc
- East Midlands, 25 May 2017, venue tbc

National MUPI sandpits

- Partnerships, London, 7 June 2017
- Designated collections, Birmingham, 14 June 2017

Are you a woman in science? Want to share your passion for your work with the public? Why not apply to become one of our 2017 Soapbox Science speakers?

We have 17 events going on next year, in the UK, Canada, Australia, Italy, Ireland and Germany. Our speakers are PhD students, lecturers, readers, professors, engineers, and scientists working in the industry.

Soapbox Science is a novel public outreach platform for promoting women scientists and the science they do. Our events transform public areas into an arena for public learning and scientific debate; they follow the format of London Hyde Park's Speaker's Corner, which is historically an arena for public debate. With Soapbox Science, we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy, learn from, heckle, question, probe, interact with and be inspired by some of our leading scientists. No middle man, no PowerPoint slide, no amphitheatre – just remarkable women in science who are there to amaze you with their latest discoveries, and to answer the science questions you have been burning to ask.

To apply, just fill the form from the [Soapbox Science website](#).

The deadline for applications is **Friday 24th February 2017**.

And find out **why The University of Manchester scientists [get involved](#)**.

Dee-Ann Johnson

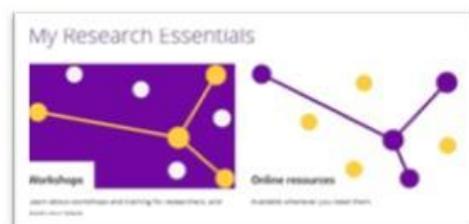
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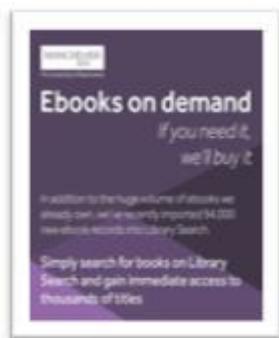
My Research Essentials

My Research Essential's 2017 programme of events is now available to view.

Forthcoming sessions include Open Access Publishing; Raising your Research Profile; Creating and Managing your ORCIDS; Research Data Management Reference Management tools and a number of publisher seminars.



In addition the Library has also produced a number of online resources including citation analysis, research data management, [How to get Published in Academic Journals](#) and [Peer Review](#). For further information on our workshops and online resources see the My Research Essentials website: [My Research Essentials](#)



E-Books on Demand

Ebooks on demand is back! We've imported 94,000 additional e-books into Library Search to access for free. Once selected content can be accessed immediately ensuring that your views determine the purchases we make. For more details of how this scheme works, and e-books purchased last year via the scheme see: [E-Books on Demand](#)

Look out for our print books on demand scheme – due to launch in March.

New Newspaper Archives

Get to grips with some of the great events of our time with our [new newspaper archives](#). The University of Manchester Library has recently acquired a number of online digitised newspaper archives covering a wide variety of titles from all over the globe, and stretching as far back as 1746. From The Irish Times to The Times of India, and from the Manchester Mercury to The Telegraph. These archives include: a collection from the British Library with a concentration of titles from the northern half of the country, covering the mid-18th to the mid-20th century; a worldwide audio/visual collection containing rare newsreel footage leading up to and during the Second World War; and two collections of the Washington D.C Bureau of Associated Press which includes reporting on the assassination of John F Kennedy, the Mexican Revolution, the Wall Street Crash and much more.



Research Centres and Institutes

Global Development Institute

[GDI academics have been awarded over £350,000 to lead three strategic networks](#), bringing together various partners to carry out innovative research:

- Professor Richard Heeks and the 'Development Implications of Digital Economies (DIODE)' network will receive £129,000 as part of the Economic and Social Research Council's Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) to look at the growth of digital technologies in the developing world and their impact upon work and businesses.
- Dr Admos Chimhowu will lead the Strategic Network on 'New National Planning for Sustainable Development in the Global South' which has been awarded £130,000, also by

the GCRF, to address 'new national planning' and its role in helping governments achieve the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals agreed in September 2015.

- Professor Diana Mitlin was awarded an International Network Grant by the Leverhulme to lead on a network looking at 'Achieving Inclusive Cities through Scaling up Participatory Planning in Africa'. The network was awarded £120,000 to bring together civil society action-research agencies and academic departments in three sub-Saharan African countries and at Manchester, including the Global Urban Research Centre.
- The [GDI Lecture Series](#) returns on 8 February. All lectures will be livestreamed:
 - 8 February: Professor Julien Harou (The University of Manchester) on designing interventions in developing water-energy-food systems
 - 22 February: Professor Mehrdad Vahabi (University of Paris) on predatory states and economic development
 - 8 March: Professor Sylvia Chant (London School of Economics) on gender, urbanisation and poverty: principles, practice, and the space of slums
 - 22 March: Professor Katrina Brown (University of Exeter) on resilience, development and global change - resistance, rootedness and resourcefulness
 - 26 April: Dr Shavana Musa (The University of Manchester) on the global arms trade and international law: prevention is better than cure.
- The [GDI Working Paper Series](#) published the following:
 - [What is sustainable cocoa? Constellations of commercial, socio-economic and environmental priorities associated with a polysemic concept](#) by Judith Krauss
 - [Governance and development in Africa: A concise review](#) by Augustin Fosu
 - [Does access to formal finance matter for welfare and inequality? Micro level evidence from Nigeria](#) by Olabimtan Adebawale and Ralitzia Dimova.
- Aminu Mamman, Chris Rees and Farhad Hossain and GDI alumni Justice Bawole and Asan Ghalib have co-edited [Development Management in developing and transitional countries: Theory and practice](#).
- Three new academics joined GDI in January: [meet Tom Gillespie, Rory Stanton and Gindo Tampubolon](#).
- Phil Woodhouse wrote about [irrigation in Tanzania](#).
- Four academics participated in our "big trends in development for 2017" series:
 - David Hulme: [Why Donald Trump will make China great](#)
 - Joanne Jordan: [Will the gendered impacts of climate change be taken seriously?](#)
 - Rory Horner: [Domestic vs. international inequalities](#)
 - Pablo Yanguas: [Can adaptive management save DFID?](#)
- We were all saddened to hear of the death of [Sir Tony Atkinson](#), a longstanding leader on inequality research.

Events

Public Engagement and Performance Conference 2017

Date: 17th & 18th March, 2017 **Venue:** The Conference Centre, YHA York

www.engageyork2016.org.uk

This year our aim is to once again bring together researchers from across the arts, humanities and social sciences to support, develop and to foster greater awareness, expertise, and understanding about engaging the public through research [re]presentations that are ethically sensitive, socially relevant, creative, artistic and imaginative. Alongside considering the theoretical, methodological and ethical reasons to engage the public the workshops and presentations at this interdisciplinary conference provide a supportive forum to share, discuss and learn about different approaches to performing, presenting and evaluating research along with the practical and technical issues that underpin such approaches.

What's New: [Key Note Workshops](#)

Wellcome Trust Fellow, Delia Muir, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Leeds. Title 'Lost in Memories' research in dementia and caring. Workshop: participants will work with data from the project and consider how to turn carer testimonies into a live performance.

Emeritus Professor Kim Etherington, University of Bristol, 'Creativity and Research: how do they go together?' This presentation explores: what we mean by creativity; the conditions that support and work against it; how we achieve these conditions; what research has said about the characteristics of creative people and how all of that might inform research training.

[Dedicated "short film/doc" stream](#) Submit a documentary of film up to 30 minutes in length

Who attends Last year's conference drew delegates from Anthropology, Sociology, Sport & Exercise Science, Clinical Trials Research, Counselling & Psychotherapy, Dance, Drama, Education, Health & Social Change, Nursing, Medicine, Business Management and Marketing, and from the USA, Canada, South America, Australia, UK & Europe.

How to join in:

1. Share a paper or conference presentation
2. Deliver or take part in a workshop
3. Present your film/installation/performance at the evening event
4. Watch, listen, engage; there is no requirement to present/perform

[Registration](#)

[Additional information](#)

For questions or queries please contact the administration team at the following address:

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