

# SEED Bulletin March 2018

## Welcome to the March 2018 edition of the SEED Bulletin

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### Head of School Message

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a challenging month for all of us, not least for those colleagues picketing outside in freezing conditions. I'd like to thank all staff for the cordial and respectful way in which the impacts of the strike have been handled and sincerely hope that the fact that the parties are talking again will lead to a speedy conclusion.



At the beginning of the semester I was writing parts of a new first year lecture course and revisiting, in the context of the Anthropocene, some of the 'ultimate resource vs limits to growth' debates I remember from my undergraduate years. When I wasn't writing lectures I was trying to put together budgets and five year plans in what looks an increasingly turbulent environment for higher education. There is a degree to which in a changing environment we have to change to keep up but as usual the bulletin is filled with an inspiring catalogue of the many great initiatives and impressive achievements that the school has collectively recorded this month. In the context of global environmental change I am something of a pessimist, the physical scientist in me can't escape the nagging doubt that we are meddling with a system that we don't understand. However, in the context of the school I am firmly in the optimist's camp. I am confident that we have the talent, the energy and the ingenuity to evade the apparent limits of the external environment.

The sooner we can put the strike behind us, and get back to doing what we do best, the better.

Best wishes,

Martin

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### Staff Visits, Activities and News

Staff	Date	Activity
<b>Antonio Savoia</b>	March 2018	Antonio has attended the Perspectives on Global Development 2019 Experts Meeting at the OECD headquarters in Paris and has written a post on this for the OECD blog "Development Matters".
		Antonio will give a talk at the Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, taking place from March 15 to March 17, 2018 at the University of Münster, Germany.
<b>Joe Ravetz</b>	March 2018	Convenor of Greater Manchester Green Summit workshop 'Towards a Zero-Carbon City-Region': (for the Mini-Lab project).

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		Facilitator of the 'Envisioning' workshop, Helsinki, (for the 'Beyond Technical' project for the Finland Academy of Science)
		Leader of the Smart-Wise Cities research pilot in India (Kolkata and Bhubaneswar), with various seminars and workshops, (funded by EPSRC Smart Cities in the global south program).
<b>Miriam Firth</b>	February 2018	Miriam Firth (MIE) was invited to a Dinner for Leading Teachers hosted by the President and Vice-Chancellor at Broomcroft Hall in February. At the dinner there were discussions on how we can improve teaching and learning, where we excel in teaching and learning, and whether or not we are digital. Around 30 colleagues attended from across the University and it provided an excellent networking opportunity. One outcome from this dinner was knowledge of a new ILO checker created by staff in FSE. This tool is available <a href="#">here</a> . Staff in SEED are welcome to use this tool to check their programme Learning Outcomes in programme review and analysis. Colleagues who use this are asked to offer feedback on the tool to Miriam so that this may be shared with the developers.
<b>Miguel Antonio Lim</b>	February 2018	Miguel is a member of Marie Curie Alumni Association's Policy Working Group and leads a taskforce on Displaced Academics and Students in Higher Education. He was a speaker at the MCAA General Assembly at KU Leuven on 2-3 February 2018.
		<p>Researchers at The University of Manchester and the EU-funded Marie Curie Alumni Association* are soliciting responses to a survey on the issue of displaced academics. The link to the survey is <a href="#">here</a>. The aims of the survey include collecting data to understand and support academics and students who have experienced forced displacement. There is a humanitarian angle to this project which encourages respondents to contribute their knowledge about best practices. We expect that the survey will take 15-30 minutes to complete.</p> <p>The results of this study will be presented at the Euroscience Open Forum (2018) in Toulouse, France, and the Marie Curie Alumni Association Annual Conference (2019) at the University of Vienna.</p> <p>*The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are part of the flagship research programme of the European Union.</p>
<b>Ray Lucas</b>	March 2018	Ray has been invited to give a talk followed by a practical session in Singapore on Sensory Notation for "Multi-Sensory Approach to Ageing-friendly Design in High-Density Contexts" at National University of Singapore, School of Design & Environment.
<b>Bina Agarwal</b>	January, February and March 2018	Following her award of the Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize, her speech on the challenge of gender equality is now available to <a href="#">watch</a> or <a href="#">read</a> . She also Delivered a public lecture on: "Gender Inequality, Food Security and the SDGs", Oxford PPE Society and Oxford Society for International Development, University of Oxford and a lecture on "Gender and Forest Governance", Worldwide Fund for Nature, Woking.
		Bina has been elected member of <a href="#">The World Academy of Sciences</a> .
		<p><b>Publications or forthcoming/accepted articles</b></p> <p>"Environmental Sustainability and Gender Inequality; The Perils of</p>

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Ignoring the Synergies” *Environmental Scientist*, 2017.

[The Challenge of Gender Inequality](#), Editorial, *Economia Politica*, February 2018.

**Talks, lectures, conferences or high profile meetings**

Lecture on “Gender and Forest Governance”, Worldwide Fund for Nature, Woking, 9 February 2018.

Public lecture on “Gender Inequality, food security and sustainability goals”, Accademia Nazionale Dei Lincei, Rome, 9 March 2018.

<b>Kunal Sen</b>	February and March 2018	<p>Kunal Sen presented the keynote address in the Third Annual Conference of the South Asia Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM) on “Leaving No One Behind in South Asia: What Can States Do?” on February 17 in Dhaka. He also held presented a lecture in a capacity building workshop for early career researchers and economists from the Government of Bangladesh and a seminar in the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies on February 16 and 18.</p> <p>Kunal Sen was official visitor to the Department of Political Science in the University of Gothenburg in the week of February 26, where he conducted a PhD review and presented a seminar on “Political Settlements and Immiserizing Growth Episodes”.</p> <p>Kunal Sen will present a paper, “Who is the Stationary Bandit? Types of Autocracy and Economic Growth”, in the second international conference on the Political Economy of Dictatorship and Democracy in the University of Muenster on 15-17 March.</p>
<b>Joseph Ajal</b>	January 2018	<p>Alumnus Joseph Ajal won two awards at the ‘Africa Best Employer Brand Awards. Joseph credits the winning of ‘Organisation with Innovative HR Practices’ and the individual category for ‘Outstanding ‘Contribution in the Field of Training and Development’.</p>
<b>Edward Ademolu</b>	February 2018	<p>The PhD candidate’s <a href="#">article in The Conversation</a> on the representation of black culture in the new film Black Panther has more than 58,000 views – making it the 5<sup>th</sup> most popular article by The University of Manchester on The Conversation in the last 12 months.</p>
<b>Oliver Bakewell</b>	February 2018	<p>Delivered a keynote on constructing humanitarian responses to people on the move at the <a href="#">Department of Anthropology and African Studies (ifeas) conference</a> at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany.</p>
<b>Uma Kothari</b>	February 2018	<p>Is in the Maldives on the ESRC research project; she recently ran a photography workshop in a very small island for the women’s committee members.</p>
<b>Tanja Müller</b>	February 2018	<p>Last year’s immersive theatre production with The Migration Lab has been shortlisted for best PR Moment Awards for Best Use of Creativity. The winner will be announced in April. It has also been shortlisted for the University’s Make a Difference award.</p> <p>My PGR students (based at HCRI and co-supervised by Rubina Jasani) Caroline Delgado passed her viva without correction - her work was entitled: In/security in context: An inquiry into the relational and</p>

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An article entitled:  
'The imaginary of socialist citizenship in Mozambique: the School of Friendship as an affective community' is forthcoming in the journal: *Twentieth Century Communism*

<b>Gindo Tampubolon</b>	February 2018	Has had three papers accepted: Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, "Longitudinal relationships between hearing aid use and cognitive function in older Americans", BMC Cancer, "Determinants of cancer screening awareness and participation among Indonesian women", and Journal of Psychiatric Research, "Genome-wide scan of depressive symptomatology in representative cohorts in America and Britain". Find them all on <a href="#">Pure</a> .
<b>Pablo Yanguas</b>	February 2018	Published a new book called ' <a href="#">Why We Lie about Aid</a> '. It launched on Valentine's Day and sold out on Amazon in its first week!
<b>Andrea Zinzani</b>	February 2018	Honorary Research fellow, collaborating with Admos at the New National Planning network has published: <a href="#">International Development Policies and Coastalscape Metabolism</a> ; The Case of the Mekong Delta, Vietnam, <i>Social Sciences - Geography and Sustainability Studies</i> , 7 (2).
<b>Antonio Savoia</b>	March 2018	Will talk at the <a href="#">Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship</a> , March 15 – 17, University of Münster, Germany
<b>Ryo Seo-Zindy</b>	March 2018	PhD candidate Ryo is one of the organisers of a collaboration between PhD students from the Global Development Institute and the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures. Their first event features a screening of the documentary <i>Queens of Syria</i> followed by a Q and A with a cast member. Book a free ticket <a href="#">here</a> .

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## School Information and Notices

### New degree programmes in MIE

MIE are delighted to announce that our proposed BSc Educational Psychology passed successfully through Senate. As a result, MIE has a brand new undergraduate degree, accredited by the British Psychological Society, starting in September 2019!

There are many people who have helped to bring this programme proposal to fruition but particular thanks are due to Michael Wigelsworth, who has led the development process from the outset.

This new programme is part of a broader strategy to develop our teaching provision so that it better aligns with our areas of research strength.

The ESRC-approved MSc in Research Methods also received approval at Senate.

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## School Finance Office Team Information

The School finance team has grown and is now fully staffed after the finance restructure. The team now deal with finance for SEED and SoSS. We are still based in **room 1.71 Bridgeford Street**. The general email contact is: [seedandsossfinance@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:seedandsossfinance@manchester.ac.uk)

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## Dates for your diary

### SEED PGR Conference

The SEED PGR Conference will be held on **Tuesday 22nd May 2018** at Manchester Meeting Place, Barne Wallis Building (No. 9 University Map). The theme of the conference this year is: *Transcending Academic Boundaries: Creative Methods and Knowledge Sharing*.

### Summer Graduation Date Confirmed – 11<sup>th</sup> July

There will be two SEED graduation ceremonies on Wednesday 11 July 2018.

10am                      Geography

12.15pm                PEM, MIE and GDI

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## Gain a professional teaching qualification related to your role

Apply for the PG Cert in Higher Education for 2018/19

The deadline for applications this year is **Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May**.

The programme is aimed at academic staff and senior PSS colleagues and is free to University of Manchester staff.

Its aim is to help you think more critically about your contribution to the University, as well as to develop a better understanding of the sector-wide changes in the Higher Education landscape. The

programme is coordinated through Manchester Institute of Education and delivered by colleagues from around the University.

### **Further information**

Full details and an online application form are available at: [PG Cert in HE](#)

To arrange a face to face meeting or phone conversation with Michael O'Donoghue, the Programme Director please email [pgcert-he@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:pgcert-he@manchester.ac.uk)

We will advise of the outcome of applications by mid-June.

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## **New UoM Society**

The new UoM Blockchain Society, called Blockchainers, is non-profit aiming to promote blockchain awareness and its implementation in real life. Blockchainers is the first official student-led blockchain society in Manchester, and 4th in the nation.

Members have plenty of chances to meet weekly in our regular sessions. We divide our sessions into non-technical, which is more educative and discussion-based, and technical team, which has roadmap to follow, and is led by professional software engineer with more than 7 years of experience. We hold regular events and workshops, as well as give regular newsletter to members.

More information can be found at our website [www.blockchainers.uk](http://www.blockchainers.uk) or you can contact us at [team@blockchainers.uk](mailto:team@blockchainers.uk). Our social media pages can be found through our website as well.

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## **Manchester School of Architecture ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the world, according to a respected report**

Manchester School of Architecture was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the table put together by higher education [networking giant QS](#).

Universities are ranked by QS according to academic reputation, employer reputation and research impact, using surveys, analysis of citations and the impact of published work. Manchester School of Architecture made the top 10, being ranked seventh.

Professor Tom Jefferies, head of Manchester School of Architecture, said he was 'exceptionally pleased' with the result.

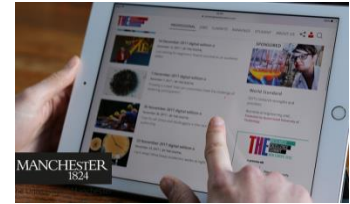
'It is recognition of what we are doing, a combination of amazing teaching and research, and our dynamic and progressive relationship with global practices,' he added.

Institutions in Holland, Switzerland, Italy and Singapore also made the top 10, along with Harvard University and the University of California. The University of Sheffield came 30<sup>th</sup>.

More than 40 countries have establishments in the top 200 places to study building design, according to [the report](#).

### Top 10 places to study architecture

- 1 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2 University College London [Bartlett]
- 3 Delft University of Technology
- 4 ETH Zurich – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology
- 5 University of California, Berkeley
- 6 Harvard University
- 7 Manchester School of Architecture
- 8 University of Cambridge
- 9 Politecnico di Milano
- 10 National University of Singapore



*Source: QS 2018 report*

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## Teaching and Learning

### Library Update

#### **If students need it, we'll Buy It!**

To support students, the Library has now launched the [Order a book](#) service which will run until further notice. If the Library doesn't hold a copy of books students need for their studies, they can fill in the *Order a book* form and the Library will get them. The service will provide the books in electronic format; in the event this cannot be obtained, a print version will be sought. Help us improve our collections by encouraging your students to use this new service.



- [Order a book](#)

#### **Access Times Higher Education for free with the Library**

All Manchester staff can now get quick, free access to Times Higher Education in just a few easy steps via the Library.

Set up your account using your university email address, and enjoy unlimited online access to the magazine with our new institutional subscription.

You'll also be able to read full digital editions, and download the app to get Times Higher Education wherever you are.

More information including how to set up your account: [Times Higher Education](#)

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## eLearning Update

### Teaching Online Workshops

Find out what your Humanities colleagues have been doing to enhance their teaching with technology at the workshops running this semester. [Book online](#)

#### **In class interaction with TurningPoint Mobile 25/04/18 10.30am-12pm**

This session will be a hands-on session focusing on the new version of Responseware (TurningPoint Mobile) and covering intermediate/advanced features of this tool (polling beyond the lecture, simulated polling, demographic questions, etc).

#### **Online Quizzes for Summative Assessment 23/05/18 2pm - 3.30pm**

This workshop will outline a case study on providing a series of summative Blackboard quizzes for undergrad year 1 students (a cohort of around 900).

#### **Blackboard: Student Focus Groups**

The eLearning team are keen to find out what students think should be on their Blackboard spaces. Please promote this [short survey](#) with your students if at all possible.

#### **Technology Skills Development for Academic Staff**

All of our CPD opportunities, from 1-1 sessions to pedagogical support for curriculum development are outlined in the new [CPD in Technology Enhanced Learning document](#).

Contact Jonny & Helen on [elearning-seed@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:elearning-seed@manchester.ac.uk) for further details on any of the above. Don't forget you can get news, updates and essential info from our [intranet](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

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## Manchester Urban Institute Update

### Triangulum: first papers published

[Triangulum](#) is a five year €25 million Horizon 2020 project funded by the European Union to demonstrate cutting-edge smart city technologies and roll them out across the globe.

Over a five year period, Triangulum will transform designated urban districts into smart quarters in three 'lighthouse cities': Manchester, Eindhoven (Netherlands) and Stavanger (Norway). Concepts learnt will be transferred to the 'follower cities' of Leipzig (Germany), Prague (Czech Republic) and Sabadell (Spain).

Over recent weeks, the first two papers from the project have been published. You can find out more about these at the following links:



- [Smart and sustainable? Five tensions in the visions and practices of the smart-sustainable city in Europe and the US](#)
- [Data Governance in Smart Sustainable Cities](#)

### **Sustainable Smart Cities policy brief**

Deljana Iossifova and colleagues collaborating at the United Nations University have published a policy brief titled 'Sustainable Smart Cities: Applying Complexity Science to Achieve Urban Sustainability'.

Abstract:

Smart city approaches promise technology-based opportunities to build sustainable urban futures. However, it is unclear how current market-led approaches can contribute to achieving relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Applying complexity science helps to develop smart city policies for urban sustainability.

For more information, please visit the [report details at Collections At UNU](#).

### **Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit: new reports**

Ruth Lupton and colleagues at the [Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit \(IGAU\)](#) have published two new reports so far in 2018.

The first looks at [changes in Greater Manchester's 'deprived' neighbourhoods 2004 to 2015 using a typology of residential mobility](#).

The second looks at [the construction challenge in Greater Manchester: employment, skills and training](#).

All of [IGAU's reports can be found here](#).

IGAU is funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the University of Manchester.

### **Publications round-up**

[Manchester Energy's](#) publication highlight for February 2018 is [Energy vulnerability in the Grain of the City: Towards Neighborhood Typologies of Material Deprivation](#). The Manchester Energy [feature can be found here](#).

Other notable highlights include two papers co-written by Richard Heeks: a working paper on [Big Data and Urban Transportation in India: A Bengaluru Bus Corporation Case Study](#), and an Information Systems Journal article on [Conceptualising the link between information systems and resilience: a developing country field study](#), and a paper in Cities by Jeremy Carter, titled [Urban climate change adaptation: Exploring the implications of future land cover scenarios](#).

### **Activism at home**

Isabelle Doucet and Janina Gosseye (Queensland University) organised the 2-day symposium "Activism at Home: Architects' own Houses as Sites of Resistance" which took place 15-16 January

2018, Manchester. The event welcomed 20 international speakers from Australia, Brazil, Chile, Europe, Taiwan, and the United States, and 2 keynote talks by Hilde Heynen (Leuven University) and Sarah Wigglesworth (Sarah Wigglesworth Architects).

The [programme can be found here](#).

### **New MUI Theme Video**

Take a moment to watch our latest promotional video, for our [Green and Resilient Urban Futures research theme](#). This video completes our [collection of promotional videos](#) promoting the MUI's work. Please share with colleagues, students and anyone else who may be interested!

### **MUI is one!**

February and March 2018 mark one year since our key external launch events with Michael Keith from the University of Oxford and Lord David Blunkett.

On 7 February, we combined the anniversary celebrations with a social gathering where staff, students and invited guests enjoyed a glass of wine whilst discussing eight urban books authored or edited by MUI colleagues and published in the last year. We produced a [promotional flyer providing details about those books](#). You can read more about this event on the [MUI website news section](#).

We have also produced a [printed newsletter](#), which picks out a few key stories from the last year and compliments this bi-monthly e-newsletter, and an accompanying [adobe spark presentation](#), for sharing across social media. If you haven't seen these, please do take a little time to read and share widely!

### **Summer Institute in Urban Studies 2018 update**

Applications have now closed for SIUS 2018. We received over 150 applications from researchers from all over the world and shortlisting is currently under way!

Following on from three Summer Institute In Urban Studies held in Manchester in 2014-16, SIUS 2018 will be held at the National University of Singapore between the evening of Sunday 15 July and late afternoon of Thursday 19 July 2018.

The Summer Institute in Urban Studies provides an opportunity to investigate leading-edge theoretical and methodological questions, along with a range of associated career development issues, in the field of urban studies.

For further information, please see the [SIUS webpage on the MUI website](#).

### **Inclusive Devolved Futures conference: last few places!**

MUI's [Devo Manc hub](#) are holding a conference on 'Inclusive Devolved Futures' on March 27. This will be a full day event bringing together academics and key stakeholders for panel sessions and workshops discussing inclusive cultures, economies, education, democracies, health and transport, with Sir Howard Bernstein providing the opening plenary.

We have recently released extra tickets and there are just a handful of those remaining. If you would

like to attend and have not yet registered, we suggest you do so asap to avoid disappointment!  
Please [see our eventbrite listing for details](#).

### **INTALInC workshop 'Transport and Mobilities: Pathways to transformation'**

MUI colleagues co-organised the fourth GCRF INTALInC workshop on informal mobility in Kampala on the 22-23 January. Mike Hodson and James Evans presented on the topic 'Conceptualising urban transformation'. The workshop was attended by researchers from more than six different countries and Ugandan officials from two of the ministries dealing with transport and housing.

You can find more information about this workshop at the [ITALInC website](#)

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## **Global Development Institute Update**

### **Internal news**

It's a bumper edition of news for the past month signalling that GDI's 60<sup>th</sup> year is going to be a big one. In this news: successes / dates / scholarly comms tips / jobs / publications / award nominations / PGR ops. It's the 15 minute read to everything we've heard round the water cooler at GDI ;)

### **Celebrate success!**

- **Bina Agarwal** was awarded the Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize and her speech on the challenge of gender equality is now available to [watch](#) or [read](#). Bina has also been elected member of [The World Academy of Sciences](#).
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- PGR student **Caroline Delgado** passed her viva without correction - her work was entitled: In/security in context: An inquiry into the relational and contextual dimensions of in/security within the Colombian peace process.
- **Amanda Telias Simunovic** passed her viva on the accurate identification of vulnerable groups as the main explanation for Chile's success in fighting poverty. She is now working as a Research Associate at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

### **Connect with us on LinkedIn:**

If you're on LinkedIn, please make sure you're connected to GDI here in Manchester (and not the GDI in Maryland!) You can find us [here](#) and you can connect your profile to say you work here. Connecting on LinkedIn will help you continue to make great contacts with development researchers and others around the world from our alumni, research activity and more.

## Dates for your diary

- **Lord Desai** will be giving a talk on 'Economic Growth: Geopolitical game or addressing global inequalities?' on the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are free but [register](#) to get a seat.
- PhD candidate Ryo Seo-Zindy is one of the organisers of a new initiative called Development Meets - a collaborative monthly forum between PhD students from the Global Development Institute and the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures exploring what happens when global development meets art, culture, and technology. Their first event 9 March features a screening of the documentary **Queens of Syria** followed by a Q and A with a cast member. Book a free ticket [here](#) or follow them on social [twitter](#) and [facebook](#).
- Department of Politics 2018 Peace Lecture 13 March 5.30pm followed by drinks. Irish civil rights leader and former politician Bernadette McAliskey, will talk on 'assessing **peaceful social change** 50 years on – can what is happening in the world today learn from the Northern Irish experience?' Tickets are free but [register](#) to get a seat.
- CDG are hosting an event on how development orgs can walk the walk on **women's equality** in the workplace. [Register for the webinar](#) on Tues 6 March.
- The dams project are hosting Michael Hanemann for a [lecture](#) on the **economics of water** on 9 March.
- Man City are talking about **social responsibility** at the [Business School](#) on 22 March.
- [Free London event](#) looking at the UK policy context for international development: Making Good on Global Britain: International Development and Hard and Soft Power in a Changing World: 9 March
- 17 May: **GDI Summer celebration**. Question time with an esteemed panel is 1620 to 1720 at Uni Place, with a drinks reception till 7pm at RNCM. Register for a [free ticket](#) and stick the date in your diary!

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## Where in the world have we been...?

- **David Hulme** is at the University of Melbourne teaching and doing collaborative research.
- **Uma Kothari** is in the Maldives on the ESRC research project; she recently ran a photography workshop in a very small island for the women's committee members.

- **Bina Agarwal** delivered a public lecture on: "Gender Inequality, Food Security and the SDGs", Oxford PPE Society and Oxford Society for International Development, University of Oxford and a lecture on "Gender and Forest Governance", Worldwide Fund for Nature, Woking.
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#### And where in the world are we going?

- **Seth Schindler** will deliver a plenary talk at the [Regional Studies Association conference](#) in June on 'National urban plans and the 21st century rediscovery of regional planning in the Global South
- **Antonio Savoia** will give a talk at the [Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship](#), March 15 – 17, University of Münster, Germany
- **Bina Agarwal** will give a public lecture on "[Gender Inequality, food security and sustainability goals](#)", Accademia Nazionale Dei Lincei, Rome, 9 March.
- **Oliver Bakewell** will present at the [International Assoc of Forced Migration Conference](#): July, Greece as well as the [Migrations, Development, Citizenship conference](#) in Denmark in May.

#### Get & give recognition:

Nominations are open till 16 March for the MDC Excellence Awards 2017/18 including:

- Best Outstanding Output
- Best Contribution to PGR Environment
- Best Contribution to Society
- Supervisor of the Year

If you want to nominate someone, then search for an email on the SEED-ACAD list for MDC Excellence or email [Debbie.Kubiena@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Debbie.Kubiena@manchester.ac.uk)

#### In the news

- PhD candidate **Edward Ademolu's** [article](#) in [The Conversation](#) on the representation of black culture in the new film Black Panther struck a chord, with more than 58,000 people viewing the article – making it the 5<sup>th</sup> most popular article by The University of Manchester on The Conversation in the last 12 months! Edward's PhD looks at representation of Africa through images and the success of his article shows the important gains that can be made bringing your research to contemporary topics.
- **Alumna Kevwe Pela's** work on improving literacy levels in Ekiti state (Nigeria) through the NGO Universal Learning Solutions continues to garner [media attention](#) for its merit.
- Esteemed alumnus **Robert Chambers** has co-authored an article published in the [Indian Express](#) on the challenges facing the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin in India in its efforts to achieve universal sanitation.
- Alumnus **Shamel Azmeh** looks at how to address the new 'digital divide': the way rich countries use tech to strengthen control of global value chains <https://buff.ly/2t5Js1l>

## Get your work heard:

- Do you consider yourself a **marginalised author**? Publisher Preeti Chhibber is offering to support the marketing of books published later this year. List yours [here](#).
- Manchester is hosting a number of panels at the June **DSA conference**. Check out [options](#) and join.
- Nominations are open till March 15 for the [Suraj Mal and Shyama Devi Agarwa book prize](#) for a work of original scholarship in the field of **feminist economics**.
- Have you got an **ORCID** iD? It's really easy to sign up for one and many journals are now requesting you have one. [Find out more](#) or [just get one!](#)
- Does your Pure profile [look as good as this](#)? If not, we can help you make it shine. Talk to me for more information or [email me with](#) areas you'd like to be better.

## Ops for PGRs

- Warwick University's International Development postgraduate conference on inequality and international development (15 June) seeks postgrad abstracts for oral and poster presentations till 15 April 2018. See their [website](#) for info. There are a couple of bursaries available for students travelling from other parts of UK and overseas: email [Nina](#).
- Can you sum up your thesis in 180 seconds? 3 minute thesis registration is open till April. [Get talking fast now!](#)
- Is your information up to date on our [website](#)? Have you submitted or intend to submit or defend your thesis soon? If so, please [drop a line to me](#) so I know any upcoming activity or changes.
- Prof Ira Gang is conducting a PhD masterclass on informal economic activity during development and transition at 10-12 on 9 March. For a place email [gdi@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:gdi@manchester.ac.uk)

## Career enhancing ops:

GDI has two lecturer vacancies closing 15 March:

- [Lecturer/Senior Lecturer](#) in Environment and Development
- [Lecturer/Senior Lecturer](#) in Technology, Labour and Production
- And a [Presidential Academic Fellowship](#) – applications close 3 April.

The new project looking at design and assessment of water-energy-food-environment mega-systems is seeking three research associates.

- [Research Associate \(DAMS - Economics\)](#)
- [Research Associate \(DAMS- Social Sciences/Impacts\)](#)
- [Research Associate \(DAMS-Politics\)](#)

If you know people who would be a great fit for the team here, then make sure they know about it.

And finally, do you sit near a plant that needs your TLC? Or is your office or view lacking a plant? Talk to us about the green and leafy attributes that can brighten your day. This newsletter was inspired by Zamioculas, an evergreen originally from Tanzania that is growing with spirit next to the Comms team.

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