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- Research in the School of Environment, Education, and Development: Structure and Research Groups



# School Highlights

**MANCHESTER SCHOOL  
OF ARCHITECTURE**

**5th**

in world  
rankings

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1824

The University of Manchester



Manchester  
Metropolitan  
University

**Manchester Institute of  
Education** = Outstanding  
postgraduate teacher  
training courses

  
**Ofsted**  
Outstanding

- **Global Development Institute: African Cities Research Consortium** (£32M) FCDO-funded - led by Diana Mitlin
- **Manchester Institute for Education: #BeeWell** (£1.2M) multi-partner GM programme - led by Neil Humphrey
- **Geography: Greenhouse Gas Removal techniques** (£30m) UKRI-funded –UoM engagement led by Rob Bellamy
- **Planning and Environmental Management: Digital Solutions Hub** (£7M) NERC funded – led by Richard Kingston
- **Architecture: Urban Infrastructures in Transition** (£1.3m) multi partner funded – led by Deljana Iossifova

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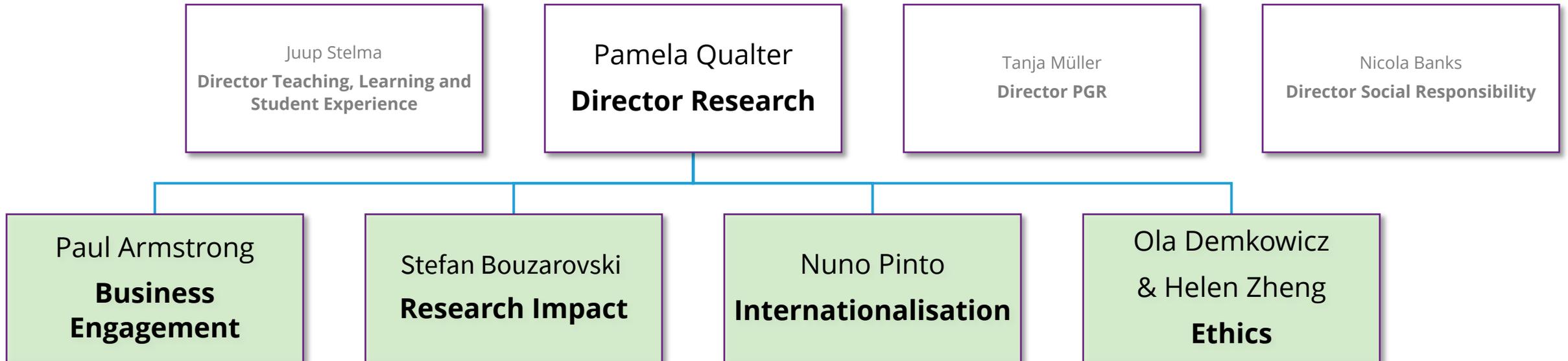
# REF 2022 Showcasing the breadth and excellence of SEED research

- **Submission of**
- over **300 pieces** of academic work
- **14 impact cases**
  
- ....**across our 4 units of assessment (UoA):**
- Architecture, Built Environment and Planning
- Geography and Environmental Studies
- Development Studies
- Education

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• REF 2022  
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and  
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research

- Major achievements to celebrate across all five of our Departments!
- The Global Development Institute retain their **number two ranking** in Development Studies.
- Architecture and Planning and Environmental Management were **ranked 5<sup>th</sup>** in their UoA .
- The Manchester Institute of Education was placed in the **top 10**.
- Both Geography and Architecture and PEM achieved **significant rises in their grade point average (GPA) ranking**.

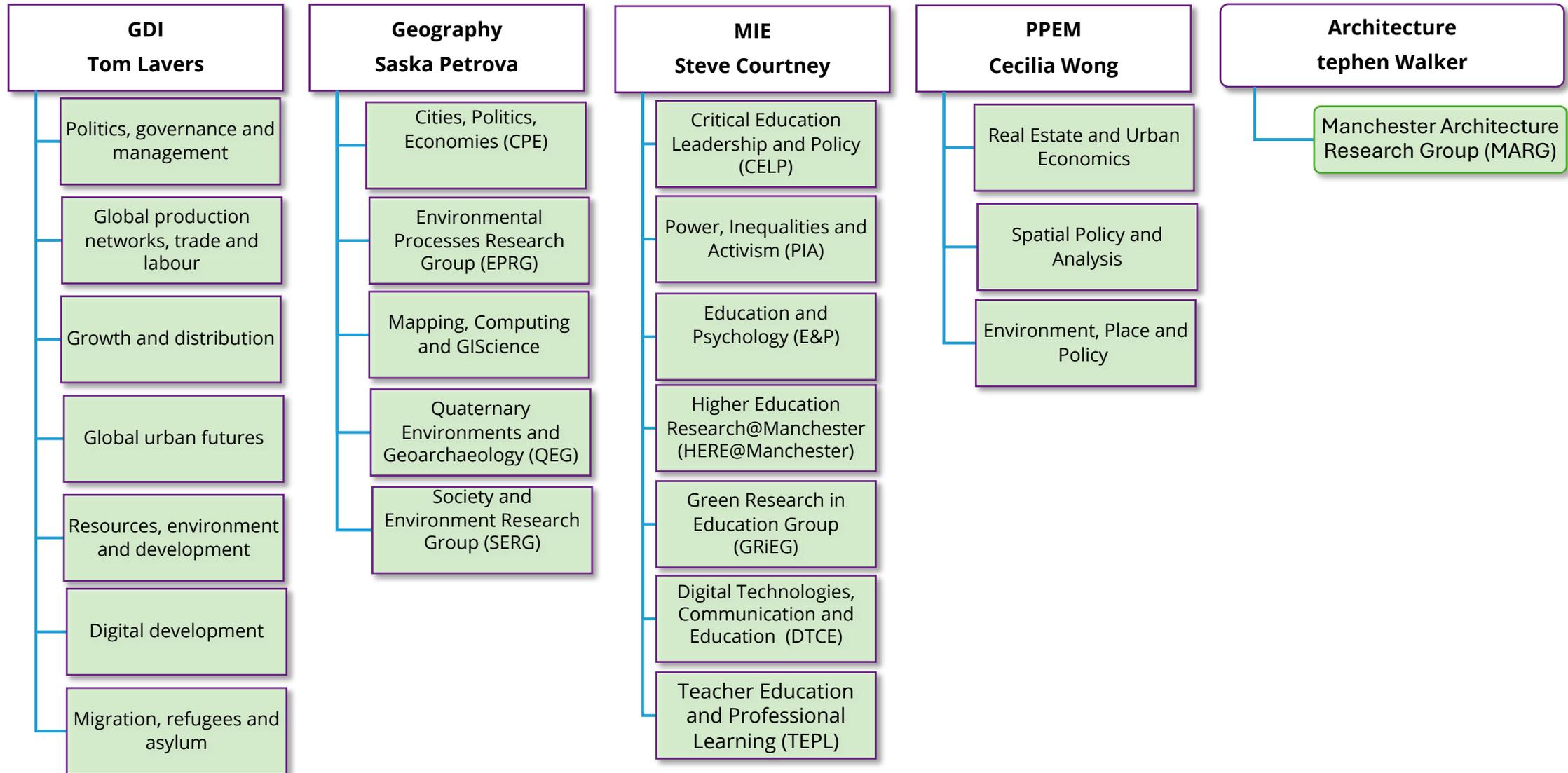
# Research



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# Departmental Research Directors and Research Groups



# MANCHESTER ARCHITECTURE RESEARCH GROUP [MARG]

**MARG** is an **interdisciplinary research** group driven by the understanding of **architecture as a social practice**, and as a **broad cultural, social, media and technical network** that exceeds the work of single architects or buildings as objects. We also tackle **processes of urbanisation** at a variety of scales and times, from local and immediate to the global and long term.

We study **architecture as contested practices** that encompass disciplinary and professional concerns, but we also reach far beyond them in order to address the **intersections between economy, society, politics, culture, media and environment**.

<https://www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/architecture/research/manchester-architecture-research-group/>

About 12-13 members all Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, or Professors in Architecture (SEED)  
+ PhD students in Architecture

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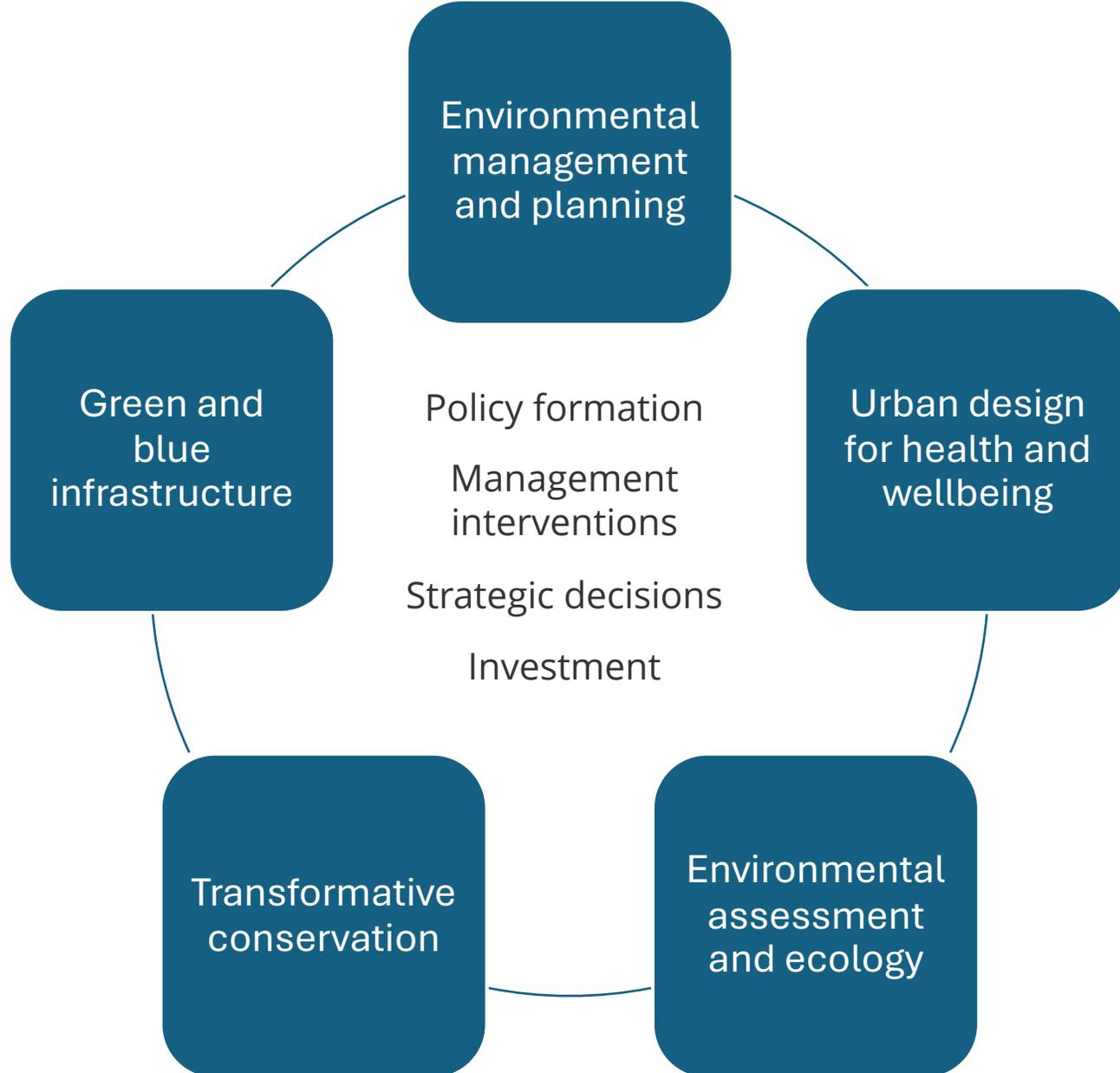
Facebook  
X/Twitter  
Soon Instagram

\*\* Stay tuned for a few guest lectures in the Fall 2024 and one major day event in Spring 2025



# Environment, Policy and Place RG (EPP-RG)

*As our cities change so to do our environments*



## Functions:

- Improved and increased number of funding proposals
- Increased number of collaborations within the RG
- Increased understanding and visibility of RG research
- Improved PGR experience
- Increased numbers of publications
- Informing research led teaching

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# The Manchester Real Estate & Urban Economics (MREUE)

research group within the *Manchester Urban Institute*



MREUE is conducting multidisciplinary research on issues related to both residential and non-residential real estate sectors. Our research addresses cross-cutting trends relevant to real estate and urban economics such as globalisation, financialisation and digitalisation.

Contact us for research interests and doctoral studies:

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Website: <https://www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/planning/research/groups/real-estate-and-urban-economics-research-group/>



# Quaternary Environments & Geoarchaeology

*Interested in past climates and environments? Over 100s, 1,000s, or 10,000s or even 100,000s years? Like working with all types of proxy data and chronologies? Fieldwork, labwork and GIS?*

Email [anna.hughes@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:anna.hughes@manchester.ac.uk) to join. To find out more, see our webpage: [www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/geography/research/groups/quaternary-environments-geoarchaeology/](http://www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/geography/research/groups/quaternary-environments-geoarchaeology/)



QEG Group Dinner at INQUA 2023 in Rome

# Society and Environment Research Group (SERG)

- Barriers are social, economic and political more so than technical
- World-leading research group with focus on environmental geography
- A community including professors and PhD students, working across world on wide range of issues: water, energy, waste, transport, conservation, climate...
- Critical, radical and focused on power, politics and structural change
- Seeks to achieve more just, equal and sustainable ways of living
- Teaching on MSc Environmental Governance programme
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/serg\\_geog\\_uom?lang=en](https://twitter.com/serg_geog_uom?lang=en)
- Geography seminars (partly nominated by SERG)



## Society and Environment (SERG)

Society and Environment (SERG) seeks to transform dominant analytical approaches to the study of the environment in order to develop just, inclusive, and sustainable transitions to future ways of living on earth.

Members of SERG conduct research into diverse environmental issues, providing key evidence



# Environmental Processes Research Group (EPRG)

- Main focus: understanding fundamental environmental processes and how they relate to **contemporary environmental challenges**
- Brings together expertise from a **wide range of geographical sub-disciplines**
- Tackles challenging research questions related to **environmental risk and response**
- Main areas of interest: **peatlands** and **ecological resilience**; **wildfires** and biomass burning; **urban green infrastructure** and **nature-based solutions**
- Close collaboration with **practitioners and policymakers**
- Work covers **field experiments, laboratory analyses** and a range of environmental **monitoring and modelling** techniques

## How does the group work?

- About 35 people
  - Academics, technicians, PGRs, PDRAs, honorary fellows
- Meet twice a semester
  - Discuss ongoing work, horizon scanning, critical friend, snacks
- Winter field skills training course
- Occasional field trip and away day

## Group leads



Emma Shuttleworth



Jonny Ritson

# Global Urban Futures

- Global urbanisation and urban development
- Urban inequalities and social justice
- Social movements and co-production
- Interdisciplinary membership
- Regular seminars and writing retreats

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# Resources, Environment and Development Research Group (Global Development Institute)

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## Topics we research

The political/human development/social justice dimensions of water, forests, climate change, biodiversity conservation, mining and extractives, infrastructure development, agriculture, and ecosystem restoration – mainly in countries of the Global South.

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## Things we do as a research group

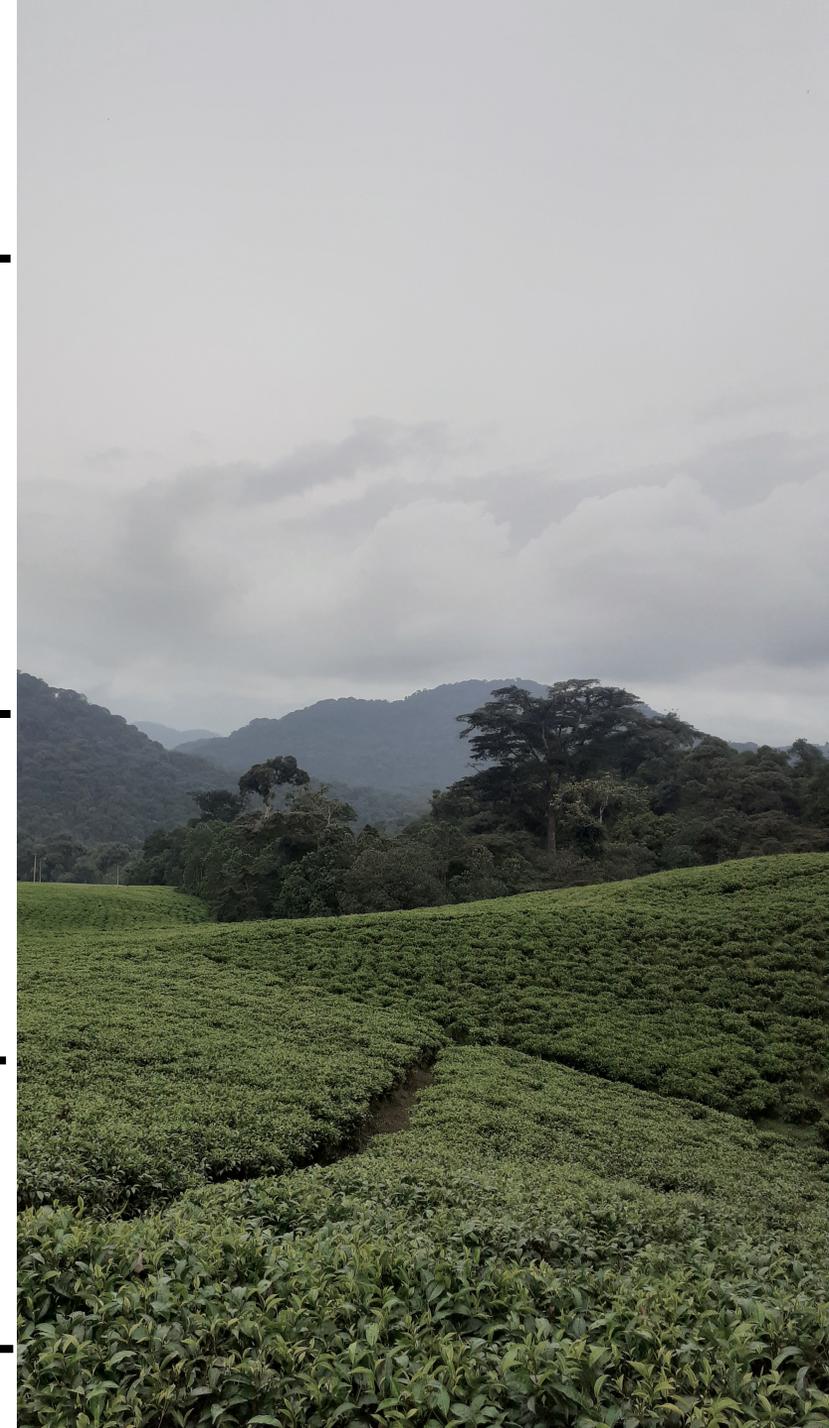
Weekly writing sessions; group away days; talks and paper discussions by group members and invited speakers; socials

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## For questions/to join the mailing list:

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# STATE-SOCIETY RELATIONS

Convenor: **PRITISH BEHURIA**  
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- The Role of the State in Late Development and Structural Transformation
- The Politics/Political Economy of Environment
- Commodities
- Social Movements and Political Transitions

WHAT OUR GROUP DOES

## **Book Launches and External Speakers**

Followed by Dinner/Drinks

## **Work-in-progress seminars**

Comment on drafts of ongoing work  
ahead of submission to journal

## **PhD Friday meetings**

Writing Days, Comment on preliminary  
drafts of ongoing work

## **Social Events**

Manchester Industrial Tour on 1 May

DECEMBER 2024:  
CONFERENCE IN  
HONOUR OF ARTHUR  
LEWIS (1954):  
**STRUCTURAL  
TRANSFORMATION  
AND LATE  
DEVELOPMENT**

- Large Funded Projects



## **Management and Development research theme, focus and activities**

- **Theme:** How Management of organization and its people contribute to the implementation and outcomes of development policies.
- **Members' research interests:** Members work on organisational development, the role of organisations in development and, human resource management.
- **Focus:** *This research theme seeks to pursue the following:*
  - The influence of formal and informal institutions on Management
  - Indigenous philosophy and its impact on management
  - The impact of foreign-inspired policies and instruments on management
  - The role of globalization on management practices in development context
- **Main activities:** **1.** One seminar each semester, **2.** Bi-annual international

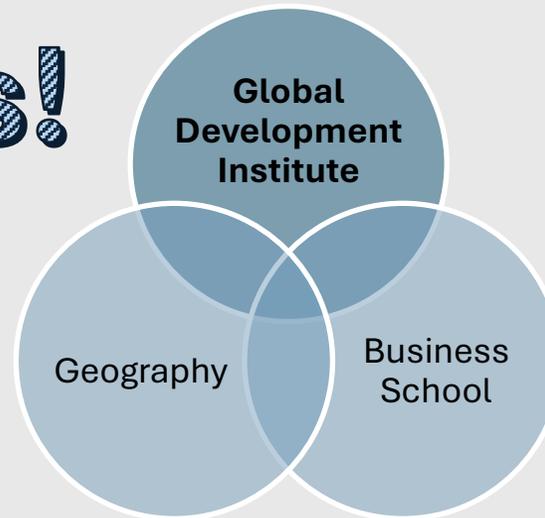
# Global Production Networks, Trade, and Labour (GPNTL) Group

**The challenge:** The organisation of global production is undergoing significant evolution under the growing influence of Southern actors, more polycentric trade patterns, new technologies, and the challenges of sustainable development.

## Our research focuses on:

- South – South trade
- State and Industrial Policy
- Sustainability and Environmental Upgrading
- Dynamics and regulation of Digital Trade
- Evolving geographies of production
- Public and Private Governance in global value chains
- Financialisation and global value chains

**Join us!**



## Our activities:

- Guest speakers and seminars
- Work-in-progress paper feedback
  - Reading groups
  - Joint research projects
- Awaydays and writing retreats
- Career development workshops
- PGR involvement (i.e. discussant, agenda-setting)

Convenor : Elisa Gambino ([elisa.gambino@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:elisa.gambino@manchester.ac.uk))

# Migration, refugees and asylum

**‘Migration is at the heart of who we are – it is the process of action, of learning. Migration is a natural celebration of human nature’ Lemn Sissay (former Chancellor UoM, installation speech 2015)**

## Key Themes:

- **Contesting the politics of borders and historical processes of postcolonial mobility to de-centre western notions of mobility**
- **Understanding mobile lives through the lens of transnational lived citizenship as a category of analysis and practice**
- **Examining the journey to explore the significance of trauma, transit and sojourn in shaping migration movements**
- **Challenging economic and bureaucratic approaches to migration through an exploration of everyday agency and solidarity that includes the corporate sector, civil society, diaspora and global networks**
- **Exploring the role of gender and intersectional concerns, including race, sexuality, disability and class, in shaping inequalities for migrants**



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# The Growth and Distribution Research Group

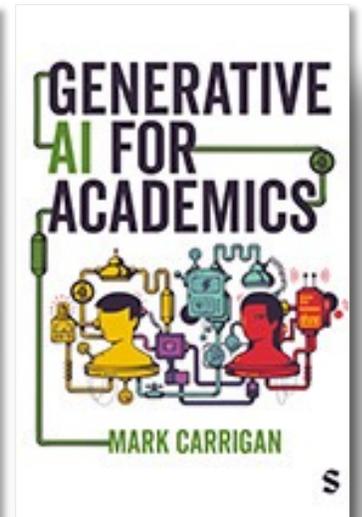
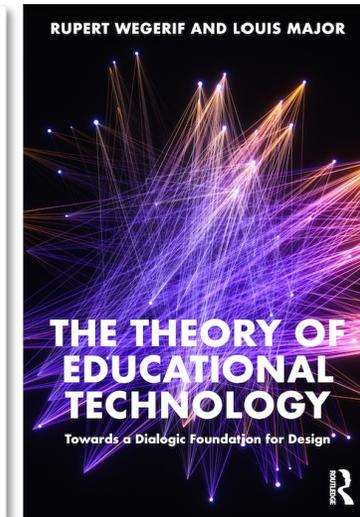
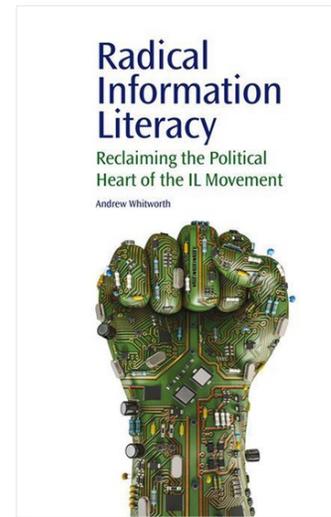
- This group contains most of the development economists in the GDI.
- Some of us research mainly **macroeconomic** topics: e.g. international commodity markets, the economics of climate change, and the connections between institutional quality and economic growth.
- Some of us research mainly **microeconomic** topics: e.g. social assistance programmes, household finances and decision making, the economics of education, labour markets, and income distribution.
- Along with RED, we are the group that makes extensive use of quantitative research methods. We are very happy to talk to any student considering using some quantitative methods in their research.
- Keep an eye out for information about our seminar series.
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# DTCE Research & Scholarship Group

## Digital Technologies, Communication & Education

- Based in *Manchester Institute of Education*, DTCE adopts an expansive conception of 'digital education'.
- Open to all researchers exploring digital issues in education, regardless of specialisation.
- Combining interdisciplinary & critical perspectives to inform the future design & use of technology in education.
- Priority areas include generative artificial intelligence, digital inequality, & sustainable digital practices.

- Regular opportunities for PGRs/ECRs to contribute, share their work, & receive collegial feedback in an inclusive environment.
- **(Upcoming) publications include:**



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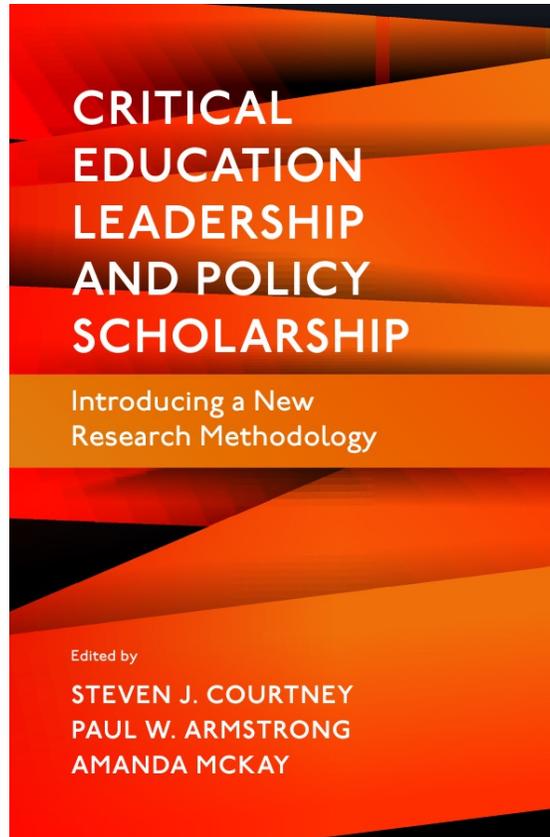
# Critical Education Leadership & Policy

The CELP group undertakes globally impactful research in the social sciences.

We are particularly interested in confronting challenges that may be understood as elements of a reform agenda that seeks to privatise, de-politicise and de-democratise education as a common good.

Our values for this work are therefore located in public education and social justice.

These values influence our concern with the discourses and power relationships in which students, professionals and communities are located, and the ways in which advantage and disadvantage structure agency in policy design through to leaders' practice and the student experience.



Our recent research has made contributions to the following areas:

Privatisation of education nationally and globally (e.g., [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#))

Education and its leadership as a public good (e.g., [1](#), [2](#))

Privatising education leadership (e.g., [1](#), [2](#), [3](#))

Roles, practices & identities of school leaders (e.g., [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)) and 'followers' (e.g., [1](#))

Theorising education leadership & policy (e.g., [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#))

Collaborations between schools (e.g., [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#))

System leadership (e.g., [1](#), [2](#), [3](#))

Gender and education leadership (e.g., [1](#))

Mapping the field of ed leadership research (e.g., [1](#), [2](#)), policy (e.g., [1](#)) and governance (e.g., [1](#))

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# Education and Psychology (E&P):

focuses on the application and critical interrogation of psychology to improve understanding of and inform provision relating to key processes, issues and inequities in educational contexts

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## **Mental health and wellbeing in education**

Led by Margarita Panayiotou and Ola Demkowicz

## **Social connection in education**

Led by Pamela Qualter and Lily Verity

## **CLEAR (Cognition and language in education: Application and research)**

Led by Kelly Burgoyne and Sarah MacQuarrie

## **Assessment experiences**

Led by Tee McCaldin and Kevin Woods

# Power, Inequality and Activism

A research group that investigates, critiques and illuminates how power and inequality create, shape and maintain the world of education and practically responds to and changes this through thinking, theory and activist resistance

*Knowledge emerges only through invention and re-invention, through the restless, impatient, continuing, hopeful inquiry human beings pursue in the world, with the world, and with each other –*  
Paulo Freire

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# What are MIE's Teacher Education and Professional Learning's RSG aims?

- To bring together a wide array of researchers, scholars and practitioners to explore questions related to teacher education and professional learning
- To foster a culture of engagement with research and scholarly activity in the field
- To contribute to the field of teacher education and professional learning,
- To be a space for educators and professionals to engage in critique and debate regarding teaching and learning pedagogy and practices.

**In a collegiate and supportive manner, we offer a range of research and scholarly activities:**

- ✓ **TEPL invites...** - online discussion-based sessions led by experts in teacher ed and professional learning from inside and outside the University
- ✓ **Reading group meetings**- drawing on a wealth of literature and designed to promote discussion and debate
- ✓ **TEPL workshops**- peer support for scholarly and research activity including abstract writing, how to write blogs, writing retreats
- ✓ **Annual TEPL conference**- showcasing TEPL members ongoing research and scholarly activity
- ✓ **Simon Visiting Professor**- funding to enable Professor Jean Murray to visit in 2024/25 academic year

**Outputs include:** publications, media outputs, as conference contributions

Everyone is welcome!! Contact [louisa.dawes@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:louisa.dawes@manchester.ac.uk) for more details





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# Higher Education Research and Scholarship Group (HERE@Manchester)

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