

RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

TERM ONE 2026-27



Scan the QR code for further
information or contact us at
MIOIR@manchester.ac.uk

Illuminating the Dark Sides of Innovation: Controversial Innovation and Peripheral Opportunity

This seminar moves beyond the singular "dark side of innovation" to develop an economic geography of controversial innovation. It examines how debates over innovation's benefits and harms shape innovation trajectories and create opportunities for new ideas to gain legitimacy.

Monday 05 Oct, 15:30-16:30, 9.041 AMBS & Online



Prof. Johannes Glückler
LMU Munich, Germany

Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in Africa

Improving the conditions for productive entrepreneurship is a key challenge for economic growth and development in Africa. This presentation introduces a new dataset on entrepreneurial ecosystems and explores how evidence can be used to better understand and strengthen the environments that support entrepreneurship and innovation.

Monday 19 Oct, 15:30-16:30, 9.041 AMBS & Online



Prof. Erik Stam
Utrecht University, The Netherlands

Critical and Strategic Raw Materials under Open Strategic Autonomy: Are Mining Capabilities in the EU regions in line with the targets?

This seminar explores the geography of mining technologies across European regions and examines the capabilities needed to support the EU's ambitions for critical and strategic raw materials. It considers the implications of these patterns for innovation, sustainability and strategic autonomy.

Monday 09 Nov, 15:30-16:30, 9.041 AMBS & Online



Prof. Simona Iammarino
Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI), Italy

Market studies approaches to innovation: insights on concerned markets and Innovation Support Organisations

Market studies offer a distinctive perspective on how innovation emerges and evolves. Drawing on research on concerned markets and Innovation Support Organisations, this presentation explores the role of market-making and intermediaries in shaping innovation processes.

Monday 23 Nov, 15:30-16:30, 9.041 AMBS & Online



Prof. Katy Mason and Prof. Martin Spring
University of Salford | Lancaster University, UK

Are Female Inventors Geographically Constrained? Gender Differences in Team Collocation

This seminar explores whether female inventors face greater geographical constraints than their male counterparts when collaborating on innovation. Drawing on evidence from US patenting teams, it examines how location, age and family responsibilities may shape patterns of collaboration.

Monday 07 Dec, 15:30-16:30, 9.041 AMBS & Online



Prof. Mercedes Delgado
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark