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**WARWICK INTERDISCIPLINARY
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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Collaborating to reduce global inequalities



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INTRODUCTION

Established in August 2019, the Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development addresses urgent problems of poverty, inequality and social and economic change while challenging global hierarchies of knowledge and resources. As a university research centre, we focus on fostering interdisciplinary research collaborations between Warwick colleagues, but also between our peers and partners in other universities, countries and sectors. Our four research areas – gender, peace, conflict and justice, health, mobilities – structure our work but do not constrain it. These four areas are not stand alone, but they overlap and interact, reflecting the complexities of the contemporary world.

Our second year has been a challenging one. As we wrote in [our blog](#), the pandemic has exposed new social inequalities, consolidated old ones, but has also generated new visions of post-pandemic life. Each area of our research has been affected by its virulence, reach and effects. More than that, we have collectively and individually experienced the sense of loss as thousands have died in the areas that we research in. At such a time of urgent need of aid, one particular shock to the international development research community was the [merger of the Department of International Development with the Foreign Office](#) and then the massive reduction of GCRF (global challenges research fund) funding. WICID, in the midst of these challenges, mobilised opinion through our work and through lobbying for restoration of this important fund that underpins UK development research.

The pandemic also had an adverse effect on our funding, as the university rebalanced its budget. This has meant working with few resources, stretching them as best as we could and finding creative ways of reaching out to our research communities. We are pleased to say that we have been successful in doing this. Although we have not been able to award seed funds to University of Warwick scholars, we have continued to apply for and won research grants which have supported WICID activities, hosted webinars and workshops, continued to build WICID's toolkit series, and consolidate the Think Development blog.

We hope to build on this momentum over the coming months. In alignment with our key goals, we seek to build research and policy networks to foster collaborative work with partners across the globe. In the near future, we hope to expand our capacity in developing synergies for research, teaching, and impact work in the development sector. This report provides a general outline of the highlights from our work during the 2020-2021 academic year. It is organized under five categories. We are thankful for your continued support of WICID and your input as to our strategy moving forward.

Most of this report was written by Maeve Moynihan, before she left WICID to pursue further studies in the US. We would like to thank Maeve not only for all the work she did for WICID but also for the grace she did it with. Despite institutional and personal challenges, Maeve helped the entire Executive Team to keep focus, on track and calm! Thank you, Maeve, and the very best of luck in your future endeavours.

We would also like to introduce our new Administrator – Sue Ingram. Sue joined us in August and has a background in developing strategies and services to prevent gender-based violence for both UK local government and the voluntary sector. Sue is looking forward to progressing our agenda and hopefully meeting some of you at in person events this year.

Sincerely,

Shirin Rai (Director), Briony Jones (Co-Director), Oyinlola Oyeboode (Deputy Director), Maeve Moynihan (Administrator) and Sue Ingram (Administrator)



OUR PEOPLE

Executive Management Team

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RESEARCH

WICID members are working on several projects within and between our four core research areas: gender; peace, conflict, and justice; mobilities; and health. WICID supports our colleagues by collaborating on events, sharing communications, and more. In the interest of brevity, we have listed some highlights below.

GENDER

Monash-Warwick Alliance: Inclusive Economies and Enduring Peace

The project was successfully brought to an end after two years of intensive research. The project investigated how women's unpaid and paid labour is affected by conflict situations and situations of conflict-recovery, how women strategize to reverse this depletion and what needs to be done by the state and non-state actors involved in post-conflict negotiations and building institutional infrastructure.

Investigators: Shirin M Rai, Jacqui True, Juanita Elias, Samantha Gunawardana, Melissa Johnston, Jayanthi Lingham, Nicola Pratt



Recent Updates: The team published an [Annotated bibliography](#), a [Research Field Report](#), and a shorter [research brief](#) sharing key research and methodological findings from the study. Part of the project was to pilot the Feminist Everyday Observatory Tool method, and we held a [methodology webinar](#) sharing our findings, on 4 November 2020, New Methodologies of Measuring Women's Unpaid Labour: using the Feminist Everyday Observatory Tool for research in conflict-affected Myanmar and Sri Lanka. We were fortunate to have as presenters two of the in-country experts with whom we worked, Anushani Alagarajah (Co-Director, Adayaalam Centre for Policy Research, Jaffna, Sri Lanka) and Hkawng Yang Madang (Researcher, Kachinland Research Centre, Kachin State, Myanmar). Our experience piloting this method then contributed to a joint Oxfam-WICID webinar. On 4th March, WICID and Oxfam co-

hosted a webinar, "[Measuring Unpaid Care and Domestic Work: Challenges and Innovations](#)". The webinar brought together researchers from policy and academia who have recently pioneered different methodologies for measuring time use and studying care work and social reproductive labour. Jayanthi Lingham presented, from the 'Inclusive Economies' research, on the Feminist Everyday Observatory Tool (Rai & True 2020) to study how conflict affects women's social reproductive work. 'Inclusive Economies' postdoctoral fellows Melissa

Johnston (now a lecturer at University of Melbourne) and Jayanthi Lingham are developing a joint paper from the research. They are presenting at two international conferences this summer: 1) The Australian International Political Economy Network Meeting (AIPEN), University of Queensland, 15-16 July 2021, as part of the panel, "The Return of Social Reproduction: Crisis, Contradiction and Dependency" and 2) The Royal Geographical Society (RGS-IBG) Annual International Conference, 31 August - 3 September 2021, as part of the panel, "Depletion Through Social Reproduction".



A Fair Chance for Education

[This project](#) focuses on gendered social relations and gender differences in choices, obstacles, and opportunities for young people as they progress through the education system, and ultimately intends to devise a programme of actions that can bring about positive social change.

Investigators: Emily Henderson, Ann Stewart, Manish Jain, Nidhi Sabharwal, Nandini Manjrekar



Recent Updates: The [Fair Chance for Education Project \(FCF\)](#) is five-year collaborative project (PI: Ann Stewart, Law School; Co-I: Emily Henderson, Education Studies) that explores the gendered factors that contribute to the educational pathways leading young people towards different higher educational institutions and choices in Haryana, India. The project is funded by Fair Chance Foundation. In the last year, the project has had a number of successes:

- The project included two WCPRS/FCF-funded PhD studentships. The project's first PhD student, [Anjali Thomas, completed her thesis and passed her viva](#). Anjali also secured an IAS Early Career fellowship, and additional funding from FCF to take up a part-time post-doctoral research fellowship in Education Studies to continue working on the project alongside her IAS commitments.
- The project [secured over £42,000 in funding](#) from the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account to undertake ambitious impact activities in its final phase, including a policy brief and outreach toolkit for colleges.

- The project has recently secured substantial funding from FCF to undertake a 4 year follow on project commencing in April 2022 (Co-PI: Emily Henderson, Education Studies, Co-PI: Nidhi Sabharwal, NIEPA India, Co-I: Ann Stewart, Law School).
- Forthcoming outputs include a findings report; submission of a book proposal; policy brief and a 'toolkit' to support HE outreach activities in India, a chapter in the India Higher Education Report edited volume.
- Members of the team have published a number of academic articles; contributed to a number of online events (such as: [internal Education Studies seminar](#); seminar [hosted by Durham University](#)) with more coming up in the next few months
- The project team are hosting an international conference on '[Problematising Access and Mapping Gendered Pathways to Higher Education in India](#)' which will take place mid-July.

PEACE, CONFLICT, and JUSTICE

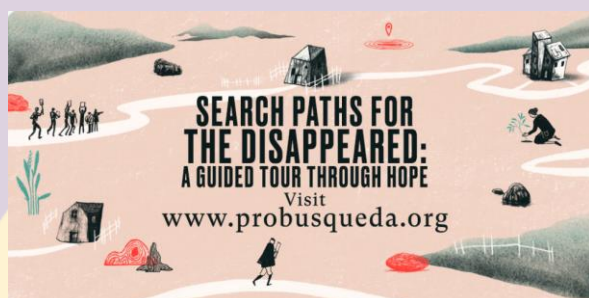
Connecting Legal and Psychosocial Aspects in the Search for Victims of Enforced Disappearance in Colombia and El Salvador

This project was successfully completed after two years of intensive research. This multidisciplinary research project explored the foundations and practical implementation of the search for victims of enforced disappearance from a legal, psychosocial, and political perspective in the two case study countries of Colombia and El Salvador.

Investigators: Lisa Ott, Briony Jones, Mina Rauschenbach, Camilo Sanchez, Heli Hernando, Ana Julia

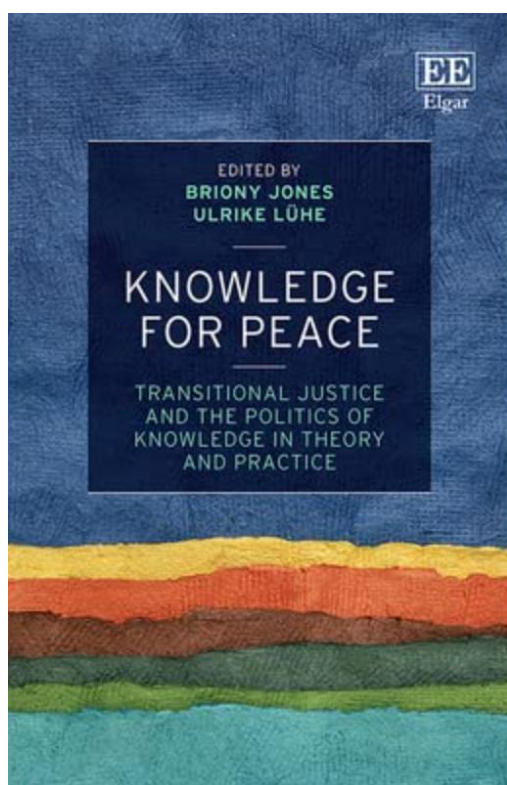
Funder: Swiss Network for International Studies

Partners: swisspeace; University of Lausanne; DeJusticia in Colombia; Pro Búsqueda in El Salvador; United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance; International Committee of the Red Cross.



Recent updates: This project finished in March 2021. 'The search for disappeared persons – local empowerment and international cooperation': Dejusticia, Pro-Búsqueda, University of Lausanne, University of Warwick, and swisspeace have released [this video](#) about enforced disappearance and the experiences of interdisciplinary research partnerships. The team also produced [a video](#) about the project for Geneva Peace Week 2020 and published a post on the Think Development Blog. There are a number of publications under review which will hopefully be accepted and come out later this year.

Knowledge for Peace. Understanding Research, Policy, Practice Synergies



This [project](#) came to a close after four and a half years of intensive research and exchange with policy and practice. The project aimed to improve peacebuilding practice by looking at how research and knowledge about peace and its components are generated and how the politics of knowledge production impact policy making. The project focused on transitional justice processes in Côte d'Ivoire, South Sudan and Mozambique.

Investigators: Laurent Goetschel, Briony Jones, Leben Moro, Gilbert Fokou, Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Cote d'Ivoire

Funder: Swiss National Science Foundation and Swiss Development Cooperation

Partners: University of Basel, University of Juba, Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Cote d'Ivoire

Recent Updates: The team launched and published [their book](#) and [policy brief](#) in March 2021.

HEALTH

NIHR Global Health Research Unit (NIHR GHRU) on Improving Health in Slums

The aim of this project is to work collaboratively to improve health service delivery in slums, benefitting the population of low- and middle-income countries by reducing morbidity and mortality at the population level, and doing this at the smallest possible cost to both individuals receiving health services and wider society.

Investigators: Frances Griffiths, Romaina Iqbal, Catherine Kyobutungi, Richard Lilford, Jason Madan, Akinyinka Omigbodun, Oyinlola Oyeboode, Joao Porto de Albuquerque, Omar Rahman, Rita Yusuf.

Funder: National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

Recent Updates: The NIHR Global Health Research Unit (NIHR GHRU) on Improving Health in Slums will conclude in September 2021. The Unit is made up primarily of researchers from University of Warwick, Aga Khan University, University of Ibadan, the African Population and Health Research Centre and Independent University Bangladesh. During its 4-year lifetime, the Unit has mapped 7 slum sites across 4 countries, completed 7692 household surveys,

7451 individual adults and 2633 individual child surveys, synthesised existing literature on slum health, among other activities. 24 papers have been published that are associated with the Unit, with many additional papers submitted awaiting decisions. Key papers arising include: [“Impact of the societal response on access to healthcare for non-COVID-19 health issues in slum communities of Bangladesh, Kenya, Nigeria and Pakistan: results of pre-COVID and COVID-19 lockdown stakeholder engagements”](#) and [“Analysis of OpenStreetMap data quality at different stages of a participatory mapping process”](#). Additionally, the Unit curate data relating to COVID-19 in slum settings on a [resources page](#). A number of follow-on projects are planned for when the work of the Unit concludes. The NIHR GHRU team recently contributed to [“Key Considerations – COVID-19 in Informal Urban Settlements”](#) and also published [A protocol for a multi-site, spatially-referenced household survey in slum settings: methods for access, sampling frame construction, sampling, and field data collection](#).

Integrating Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability for Sexual Reproductive health and HIV Services for Young People in Selected Slum Areas in Uganda

This project focuses on enabling young women in Ugandan slums to achieve sexual and reproductive services rights and health through exploring how human rights can give them agency to proactively seek health services and redress when their rights are violated.

Investigators: Moses Mulumba, Oyinlola Oyebode, Sharifah Sekalala

Recent Updates: Sexual and reproductive health rights are critical entitlements best supported through human rights-based approaches empowering duty-bearers and rights-holders. Implementing these requires information on the current needs and challenges faced by those seeking to claim their rights. In this project, funded by a Warwick Global Challenges Research Fund Catalyst Grant, researchers in Warwick Law School and Warwick Medical School worked with CEHURD, a non-profit research and advocacy organisation, to identify the underlying factors influencing the realisation of sexual and reproductive health rights for adolescent girls and young women living in Ugandan slums. This project involved collecting data through focus groups and interviews. Ten in-depth interviews were conducted with key informants; two focus groups were held with adolescent girls and young women living in two slums in Uganda (n=21); and three focus groups were held with community leaders, service providers, teachers and parents (n=30). Adolescent girls and young women lacked information regarding their sexual health, services available, and redress mechanisms for rights violations. Formal sources of information were frequently inaccessible. Family members were sometimes the source of rights violations, and informal methods of redressing rights were often sought. Stigma and fear were common features both in healthcare and in the pursuit of formal justice, with duty-bearers habitually breaking confidentiality. Education and training were the predominant suggestions offered for change. Two academic papers reporting our study have been published: [Realising Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights of Young Women Living In Slums in Uganda: a qualitative study](#) published in Reproductive Health, and [Rights based approaches to sexual and reproductive health in low and middle-income countries: A systematic review](#) published in Plos One.

What's at stake in the fake? Indian pharmaceuticals, African markets and global health

Today, the idea that fake drugs threaten global health has become almost common-sensical. Often, these concerns are voiced in relation to how, for example, Africans' already poor health is further imperilled by fake Indian drugs. Yet when our project team looked closely at the scientific literature backing up these claims, we found that they were based on unexpectedly weak evidence.

This project responds to this puzzle by critically re-examining our collective common-sense about fake drugs and global health. Initial research suggests that, in addition to the world of pharmacology, worries about fake drugs may be based in social worlds. When the world's supply of live-saving drugs is beset by worries about safety, governments and citizens face difficult decisions about how to allocate scarce resources. Our project's historical and ethnographic enquiries seek to understand the emergence and circulation of worries about fake drugs for global health, as well as to understand these worries' effects.

The team of nearly a dozen project researchers are investigating these issues and practices as they play out on the ground in India, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, as well as traces its policy dimensions through exploring the records of organizations such as the WHO and WTO, as well as the global access-to-medicines movement.

Investigator: Sarah Hodges

Partners: University of the Witwatersrand, University of Amsterdam & Amsterdam Institute of Global Health and Development

Funders: Wellcome Trust Collaborative Award in Humanities and Social Science.

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MOBILITIES

Data and Displacement: Assessing the Practical and Ethical Implications of Targeting Humanitarian Protection

The project explores challenges that arise in the collection and use of data and will undertake in-depth research with local stakeholders and internally displaced communities in Nigeria and South Sudan.

Investigators: Vicki Squire, Briony Jones, Funke Fayehun, João Porto de Albuquerque, Dallal Stevens, Robert Trigwell

Partners: Leben Moro and Kuyang Logo Mulukwat (University of Juba, South Sudan), University of Ibadan, International Organisation of Migration

Funder: AHRC-DFID Collaborative Humanitarian Protection Research Programme



Recent Updates: The project commenced with a delayed start date of 1 October 2020. Despite facing uncertainty regarding research funding, the Data and Displacement team have produced a series of training materials including a [podcast on participatory research](#). The first podcast brought together PI Professor Vicki Squire with Co-I Dr Briony Jones and Research Fellows Dr Prithvi Hirani and Grant Tregonning, who collectively

consider how the team aims to incorporate a participatory ethos into our upcoming phase 1 fieldwork, as well as the research process as a whole. The team carried out the first phase of the fieldwork research online and in northern Nigeria and South Sudan, while also producing a [collaborative blog](#) about the impact of potential ODA cuts.

Lost and Found? A Digital Archive of Migration, Displacement and Resettlement

This project explores the experiences of displaced Syrians in re/making home. A digital archive will be launched later in the year with research from this project, which runs until the end of 2020

Investigators: Vicki Squire (Co-I); Dr Yasmine Shamma (PI, University of Reading, UK); Professor Suzan Ilcan (Co-I, University of Waterloo, Canada)

Funders: British Academy Tackling the UK's International Challenges Fund

Recent Updates: The Lost and Found project research is now completed. A report will be launched by University of Warwick on 17 June based on interviews carried out with 11 Syrians living in the West Midlands. Details of the event can be found [here](#). Interview data is also uploaded on the [Making Home Away](#) website.



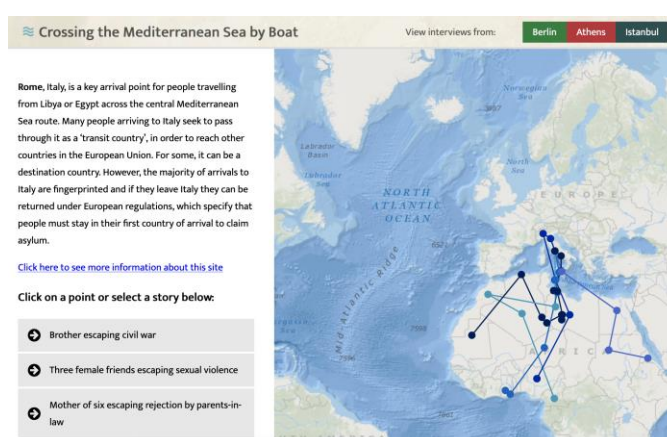
Crossing the Mediterranean Sea by Boat: Mapping and Documenting Migratory Journeys and Experiences

The project focused directly on the impact of policies upon people on the move, drawing together policy analysis and observational fieldwork with an in-depth analysis of qualitative interview data with people making – or contemplating making – the dangerous journey across the Mediterranean Sea. As such, the project provides previously unconsidered insights into the effects of policy on the journeys, experiences, understandings, expectations, concerns and demands of people on the move.

Investigators: Vicki Squire, Dallal Stevens, Nick Vaughan-Williams, Angeliki Dimitriadi, Maria Pisani

Funder: ESRC ([Mediterranean Migration Research Programme](#))

Partners: University of Malta, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy



Recent Updates: The [Final Project Report](#) and [interactive story map](#) documenting some of the journeys of participants are available online on the project's webpage [here](#). Though this project finished in February 2019, the project monograph, [Reclaiming Migration: Voices from Europe's 'Migrant Crisis'](#) was published in March 2021.

Journey > Arrival

This project will create an immersive audio experience of the migratory journey for use by the wider public.

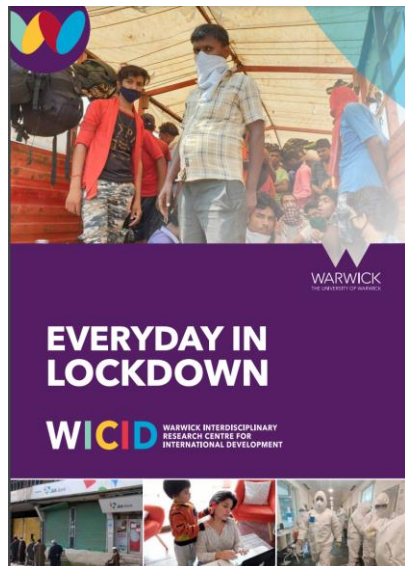
Investigators: Vicki Squire (Co-I), Danai Mikelli (PI University of Coventry) and Ludvic Rooms (Coventry)

Funders: University of Coventry and University of Warwick City of Culture Partnership Award

Recent updates: Nothing to report at this time.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

Everyday in Lockdown



The Everyday in Lockdown project ran from May 2020 to February 2021.

As the world went through the first lockdown there were myriad stories of how peoples' lives changed during this period. It is this shift that we wished to record through photographs taken by ordinary people going about their everyday life during lockdown. We hoped that if people from every walk of life were to record their everyday lives under lockdown, we would be able to share the constraints of this period and to analyse its differential effects across countries, genders and class boundaries. We received photographs from countries from different parts of the world, from people in different social situations and professions, and from different political contexts.

Project lead: Shirin Rai

Funder: This project benefitted from funding from the University of Warwick's Impact Acceleration Account

Recent updates: The project released a [video trailer](#), [full video](#), and [photographic exhibition booklet](#) with the support of Research Assistant Mouli Banerjee.

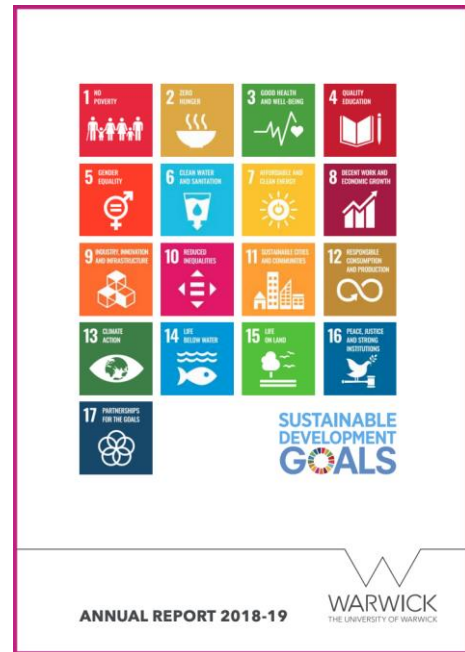
GCRF Funding Cuts Mobilisation

Prof Shirin Rai organised a meeting on 9 April, 2021, with the Shadow Minister for Science, Research & Digital, Chi Onwurah, to discuss the GCRF cuts and how to mobilise against these. Also present at this meeting were Matt Western (MP and Shadow Minister for Universities), Stuart Croft (Vice Chancellor, University of Warwick), Sam Hickey (President, Development Studies Association), Gordon Crawford (Global Development in the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University) and Joao Porto de Albuquerque (Institute of Global Sustainable Development, University of Warwick)

University of Warwick SDG Advisory Group

Prof Shirin Rai and Dr Briony Jones serve on the University's SDG Advisory Group. This interdisciplinary team of experts from across the University helps to prepare an annual report and advises on university strategy to ensure SDG commitments are met. The [first annual report](#) was [launched](#) on 25th September 2020 and highlighted the unique role which universities have in researching, innovating, sharing knowledge and leading on the transformation that we must see to reach the aims of the SDGs by their target of 2030.

WICID Co-Director, Briony Jones, participated in the launch.



PUBLICATIONS

The following is a comprehensive list of publications written and co-written by the WICID Executive Management Team members and published during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Shirin Rai

Beth Goldblatt and Shirin M Rai, (2020) Remediating depletion through social reproduction – a critical engagement with the UN’s Business and Human Rights framework for Themed Section on Law Harm and Depletion through Social Reproduction, *European Journal of Politics and Gender*. <https://doi.org/10.1332/251510820X15816888996412>

Depletion, intersectionality and the limits of social policy: child carers in Mexico City (with Grugel, Jean1; Macias, Susana) *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, 2020. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1332/251510820X15858427067832>

Shirin Rai Milija Gluhovic, Silvija Jestrovic and Mike Seward (2021). The Oxford Handbook of Politics and Performance. Oxford Handbooks Series. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. <https://0-search-ebcsohost-com.pugwash.lib.warwick.ac.uk/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=2750740&site=bsi-live>.

Briony Jones

Briony Jones and Ulrike Luhe (2021). Knowledge for Peace: Transitional Justice and the Politics of Knowledge in Theory and Practice. Edward Elgar.

Briony Jones and Eleanor Gordon (2021) Not a Care in the World: an exploration of the personal-professional-political nexus of international development practitioners working in justice and security sector reform, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. DOI: 10.1080/14616742.2021.1894207.

Briony Jones (2021) The Performance and Persistence of Transitional Justice and its Ways of Knowing Atrocity, Cooperation and Conflict. 56(2): 163-180 <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0010836720965994>.

Eleanor Gordon and Briony Jones (2021) Building Success in Development and Peacebuilding by Caring for the Carers: A Guide to Research, Policy and Practice to Ensure Effective, Inclusive and Responsive Interventions Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development Methods Lab Toolkit. Available at: <https://publishing.warwick.ac.uk/index.php/uwp/catalog/book/10>.

Ulrike Luhe and Briony Jones (2021) Levelling the Playing Field? Operating within the Politics of Knowledge in the Field of Transitional Justice swisspeace policy brief 01/2021. <https://www.swisspeace.ch/publications/policy-briefs/new-articlelevelling-the-playing-field-operating-within-the-politics-of-knowledge-in-the-field-of-transitional-justice>.

Oyinlola Oyeboade

Oyinlola Oyeboade et al. (2021) "Analysis of OpenStreetMap Data Quality at Different Stages of a Participatory Mapping Process: Evidence from Slums in Africa and Asia" has been published in IJGI as part of the Special Issue OpenStreetMap as A Multi-Disciplinary Nexus: Perspectives, Practices and Procedures. Accessible: <https://www.mdpi.com/2220-9964/10/4/265>

Haleema Masud, Paramjit Gill, Sharifah Sekalala, Oyinlola Oyeboade, (2020). Tracking progress of tobacco control in Pakistan against the MPOWER package of interventions: challenges and opportunities. *International Journal of Noncommunicable Diseases*, 5 (1), pp. 16-21

Oyinlola Oyeboade, Sheena E. Ramsay, Carol Brayne (2020). Public health research in the UK to understand and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and COVID-19 response measures. *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*

James Keasley, Oyinlola Oyeboade, Saran Shantikumar, William Proto, Majel McGranahan, Farah Kidy, (2020). A systematic review of the burden of hypertension, access to services and patient views of hypertension in humanitarian crisis settings. *BMJ Global Health*, 5 (11)

Daniel Mensah, Ana R Nunes, Tahir Bockarie, Robert Lillywhite, Oyinlola Oyeboade, (2020). Meat, fruit and vegetable consumption in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-regression analysis. *Nutrition Review*

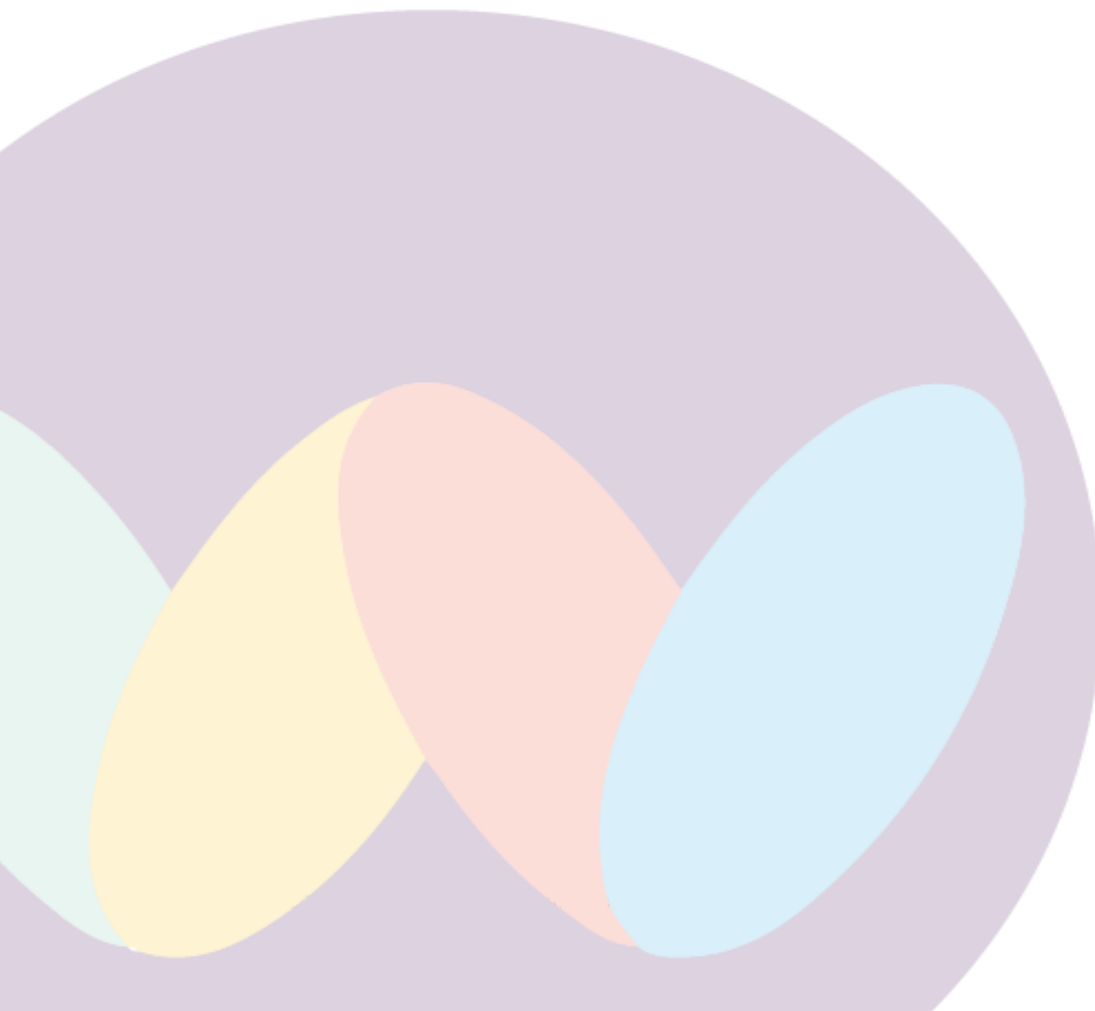
Majel McGranahan, Joselyn Nakyeyune, Christopher Baguma, Nakibuuka Noor Musisi, Derrick Nsibirwa, Sharifah Sekalala, Oyinlola Oyeboade (2021). "Rights based approaches to sexual and reproductive health in low and middle-income countries: A systematic review". PLoS ONE 16(4): e0250976. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.025097>

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Paul C Coleman, Luke Murphy, Marcus Nyman, Oyinlola Oyeboade, "Operationalising the EAT– Lancet Commissions' targets to achieve healthy and sustainable diets", *The Lancet Planetary Health*, 2021; 5 (7), E398-E399. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196\(21\)00144-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196(21)00144-3)

Seun S Anjorin, Abimbola A Ayorinde, Mustapha S Abba, Oyinlola O Oyeboade, Olalekan A Uthman, "Variation in financial protection and its association with health expenditure indicators: an analysis of low- and middle-income countries", *Journal of Public Health*, 2021; fdab021. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pubmed/fdab021>



FUNDING

External Grant Applications

The WICID Executive Management Team has submitted various grant applications to different funding bodies this year. Over the past year, WICID has been involved in grant applications totalling over £20.9 million. Our Executive team members are currently participating as Principal Investigators or Co-Investigators on six grant projects that total at over £10.5 million. We have three pending applications, totalling at over £2.5 million. The list below is a selection of applications from the 2020-2021 academic year.

Name	Funder	Status
Supporting Just Response and Recovery to COVID-19 in Informal Urban Settlements: Perspectives from Youth Groups in Sub-Saharan Africa	AHRC COVID-urgency grant	Ongoing
Data and Displacement	Arts and Humanities Research Council	Ongoing
CoPOWeR - Consortium on Practices of Wellbeing and Resilience in BAME Families and Communities	UKRI Agile Research and Innovation Response to COVID-19	Ongoing
The Food Environment in Slums	NIHR Global Health Research Unit	Pending
Exploring the impacts of COVID-19 on livelihoods and grassroots development adaptations among a marginalized minority group in Vietnam's highlands	Economic and Social Research Council	Pending
Social reproduction, precarities and reverse migration	Swedish Research Council	In Development
Citizens on the Move	Economic and Social Research Council	Unsuccessful
Partnership Grant Proposal on South-South Migration and Migrant Food Security (miFood Project)	SSHRC	Successful; will start in autumn 2021

Fellowship Grants

WICID Visiting Fellows - [you can learn more about all of our Visiting Fellows, past and present, on our website.](#)

Dr Jennifer Eggert joined WICID in Spring 2021. She is a researcher and practitioner specialising in violent conflict and development, with a focus on gender, faith, and local approaches. She is currently Senior Research Associate at the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI) and Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Sociology at the University of Warwick. Jennifer has worked for universities, NGOs and international organisations in Europe, the Middle East, South Asia, and the US. During her visiting research fellowship at WICID, she will continue her work on Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), development, gender, race and faith with Nicola Pratt and Juanita Elias.



Dr Kerem Öge also joined us in 2021. He is a Teaching Associate at Aston University. Previously, he has worked as a lecturer at the University of Nottingham and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. He studied at the Middle East Technical University for a BSc in International Relations and a Minor degree in International Economics. He has an MA in International Political Economy from the University of Warwick, and he received his PhD in Political Science from Boston College in 2013. He has held postdoctoral positions at

Université Laval and McGill University. His research interests include political economy of natural resources, transparency, energy geopolitics, global production networks, environmental politics, surveillance, and Eurasian politics. During his time at WICID he will share his work via a virtual or in-person event and contribute to the Think Development blog



Dr Mouzayian Khalil Babatunde continues to enrich the WICID community as a Visiting Fellow and key member of our Think Development blog editorial team. During her fellowship, she is working on research titled: Households as carceral spaces: Space, Time, and Violence (STV) analysis of women's economic dependence. Dr Khalil Babatunde also manages the WICID blog, Think Development, and the WICID interview series, Think Development Out Loud.

Dr Sonia Garzon Ramirez was a Visiting Fellow with WICID in November 2020. She hosted an internal workshop on her work and wrote a corresponding blog post. Dr Garzon Ramirez is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth University.



The Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) granted Residential Fellowships for work relevant to international development:



Dr Adou Djané Dit Fatogoma planned to visit Warwick in May 2020. This fellowship has been postponed due to COVID-19 and will hopefully be carried out in 2022. During his visit, Adou and Briony Jones plan to focus on developing a policy brief on community and public engagement in transitional justice interventions.

University of Warwick Funding

Thanks to funding from the Politics and International Studies (PAIS) Department, WICID welcomed two new Research Assistants: Mouli Banerjee and Shreyanshi Upadhyaya. Shreyanshi is funded through the PAIS internship scheme.

Mouli Banerjee is currently pursuing her PhD at PAIS. Before joining the University of Warwick, she has been a DAAD Helmut Schmidt Scholar at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, and a Legislative Assistant to a Member of Parliament (LAMP) Fellow in New Delhi, India. With an interdisciplinary background in literature and politics, her current research focuses on performative politics and political parties in India.



Shreyanshi Upadhyaya joined PAIS Warwick to pursue an MA in International Relations after receiving the PAIS MA Scholarship for 2020-21. Before joining PAIS, she completed a BSc in Economics with a minor in International Relations from Shiv Nadar University in India, which allowed her to hone qualitative and quantitative research skills. She draws inspiration from Feminist and Postcolonial International Relations and her current research interests centre on optics and Indian Foreign Policy.

WICID Funding Support Scheme

Unfortunately, due to budget limitations related to COVID-19, the WICID Funding Support Scheme was suspended in 2020-21. We have decided to resume providing small funding grants in 2021-2022. Our funding criteria is available [on our website](#).

WICID METHODS LAB

The WICID Methods Lab (WML) aims to engage our global partners to foster critical knowledge exchange across epistemic divides. The WML works with both qualitative and quantitative methods to foster collaborative research across disciplines. Our hallmark methodological toolkits, published by the Warwick University Press, provide intellectual and logistical advice for the implementation of novel methodologies.

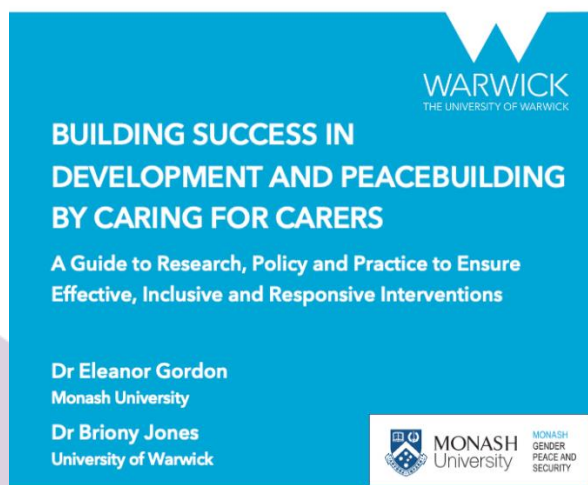
New Methodological Toolkits

[Building Success in Development and Peacebuilding by Caring for Carers: A Guide to Research, Policy and Practice to Ensure Effective, Inclusive and Responsive Interventions](#)

Eleanor Gordon (University of Monash Gender Peace and Security Centre and Briony Jones (WICID). The authors of this toolkit have come together from gender studies, political science, and development studies to develop a theory of change informed by interdisciplinary insights. This Toolkit highlights the marginalisation of international organisation employees with caring responsibilities and the resultant individual, organisational and sectoral harms. Drawing from a global survey of peacebuilding and development practitioners, as well as other primary and secondary data, the Toolkit describes the extent of this marginalisation and subsequent harms, the exacerbating factors, and challenges to addressing them. In response, the Toolkit offers a theory of change demonstrating how caring for carers can both improve the working conditions of employees of international organisations as well as the effectiveness, inclusivity, and responsiveness of peace, security and justice interventions. It also offers a guide for employers on how to take the caring responsibilities of their employees into account when developing human resource policies and practices, designing working conditions, and planning interventions. We hope, therefore, that this toolkit will be useful to an inclusive and interdisciplinary set of knowledge communities. Our core argument - that caring for carers benefits the individual, the sectors, and the intended beneficiaries of interventions - is relevant for students, researchers, policy makers and practitioners alike. Published May 2021, launch event hosted June 2021:



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[Appreciative inquiry:](#) Maartje Kletter (Warwick Medical School)

Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a strengths-based approach aimed at enabling organisational change by heightening an organisation's positive potential. The idea is that often only the negatives of the organisation are identified. However, successes, strengths, resources and positive choices are not always looked at. By shifting the dialogue from the negative aspects of an organisation to the positive aspects, these can flourish, thus, for example, improving a work environment.

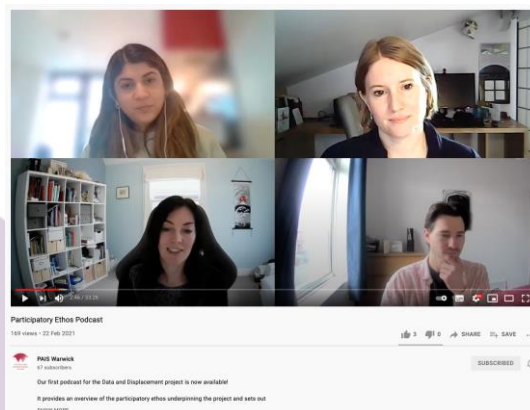
The toolkit is aimed at those who are interested in performing AI. It will consist of examples of AI in low-resources settings, further detail about the underlying principles and the 5-D cycle. Finally, an example of AI will be provided.

The toolkit is due to be published later this year and will be available on the WICID [Methods Lab webpage](#).

New Methods Lab Podcasts

Participatory Ethos Podcast - Data & Displacement

How can we build mutual learning with IDPs, rather than engaging the research process in extractive terms? This is a question that researchers from the *Data and Displacement* team discussed in a project podcast, recorded in February 2021, which is available [here](#). The podcast brings together Principal Investigator Professor Vicki Squire with Co-Investigator Dr Briony Jones and Research Fellows Dr Prithvi Hirani and Grant Tregonning, who collectively considered the importance and challenges of engaging a participatory ethos within our fieldwork, as well as the research process as a whole.



Methods Lab Podcast Series: Policy Analysis

A Methods Labs Podcast Series on Policy Analysis by colleagues in the Global Sustainable Development (GSD) department based in the School of Cross Faculty Studies, University of Warwick: Romain Chenet, Teaching Fellow, GSD Warwick Dr Maria Gavris, Senior Teaching Fellow, GSD Warwick Dr Marco J Haenssgen, Assistant Professor, GSD Warwick. The series can be [found here](#).

Methods Seminar Series:

- Gender Equality Statement Workshop: In collaboration with Warwick's Research and Impact Services, WICID hosted a workshop on developing the Gender Equality Statement for GCRF applications. The workshop explored the Gender Toolkit, published by WICID, and other strategies to help those applying to GCRF grants. The toolkit is available (free of charge) to [download here](#).
- Building Success in Development and Peacebuilding by Caring for the Carers: A Guide to Research, Policy and Practice to Ensure Effective, Inclusive and Responsive Interventions: WICID and Monash GPS co-hosted a launch of the recently published toolkit, on June 17, 2021. This Toolkit highlights the marginalisation of international organisation employees with caring responsibilities and the resultant individual, organisational and sectoral harms. Drawing from a global survey of peacebuilding and development practitioners, as well as other primary and secondary data, the Toolkit describes the extent of this marginalisation and subsequent harms, the exacerbating factors, and challenges to addressing them. In response, the Toolkit offers a theory of change demonstrating how caring for carers can both improve the working conditions of employees of international organisations as well as the effectiveness, inclusivity, and responsiveness of peace, security and justice interventions. It also offers a guide for employers on how to take the caring responsibilities of their employees into account when developing human resource policies and practices, designing working conditions, and planning interventions.



- New Methodologies of Measuring Women's Unpaid Labour: The Feminist Everyday Observation Tool. Co-hosted with Monash GPS. The event discussed findings from the piloting of a new method (the Feminist Everyday Observatory Tool) to capture the impacts of conflict on women's social reproduction (unpaid domestic work). The webinar can be [viewed here](#).
- Measuring Unpaid Care and Domestic Work: Challenges and Innovations with Oxfam. The webinar brought together researchers from policy and academia who have recently pioneered different methodologies for researching care work. These include Oxfam's Household Care Survey (Amber Parkes & Diya Dutta, Oxfam), and 'accelerometry' as a tool to measure gendered time use and energy expenditure (Fiorella Picchioni, University of Greenwich). Nancy Folbre, Professor Emerita of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, provided reflections on the different methodologies. The webinar was chaired by WICID director Shirin Rai and can be [viewed here](#).

EVENTS

Despite facing the challenges of Covid-19 lockdowns, restrictions on funding and managing different and several online platforms, during the 2020-21 academic year, WICID has hosted and supported a variety of virtual events with partners both inside and outside of the University of Warwick. Recordings for all our events (except those with sensitive material) are available on our [YouTube channel](#). We look forward to hosting in person events in the future when it is safe to do so.

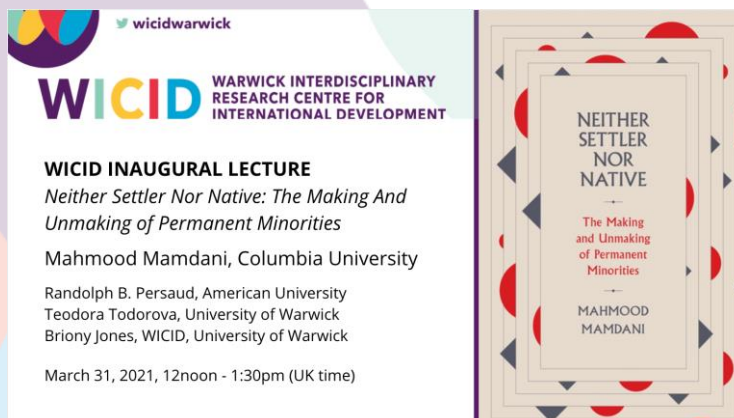
WICID Partners Meeting:

- WICID hosted its first Partners Meeting on October 14, 2020 and enjoyed a fruitful and energizing conversation. WICID partners organisations from around the world joined us for a discussion on interdisciplinary development research in the age of COVID-19. Together we developed an ambitious research agenda with focal points in gender and unpaid care; peace, conflict, and justice; public health; and development partnerships. Some of this is being taken forward by colleagues from Warwick and York by developing a joint research application. Our partners included: York Interdisciplinary Global Development Centre, Swiss Centre for Scientific Research in Cote d'Ivoire, UN Habitat, Oxfam India, Centre for Women's Development Studies, Graduate Institute Geneva, Institute of Development Studies, Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, University of Manchester, Gothenburg Centre for Globalization and Development, Global Research Network on Parliaments and People, University of Warwick Schools of: Law, Engineering, Business, and Medicine, and University of Warwick Departments of: English and Comparative Literature, Economics, Cultural and Media Policy, Theatre and Performance Studies, Education Studies, and Politics and International Studies.

Inequalities Seminar Series:

- Mahmood Mamdani (University of Columbia) gave the WICID Inaugural Annual Lecture on his new book, *Neither Settler nor Native - The Making and Unmaking of Permanent Minorities*.

Mamdani discussed his book in conversation with Randolph B. Persaud (American University), Teodora Todorova (University of Warwick) and WICID Deputy Director Briony Jones (University of Warwick).



The image shows a promotional poster for the WICID Inaugural Lecture. On the left, the WICID logo is displayed with the text 'WARWICK INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'. Below this, the event details are listed: 'WICID INAUGURAL LECTURE', the title of the book 'Neither Settler Nor Native: The Making And Unmaking of Permanent Minorities', the speaker 'Mahmood Mamdani, Columbia University', and the moderators 'Randolph B. Persaud, American University', 'Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick', and 'Briony Jones, WICID, University of Warwick'. The date and time are 'March 31, 2021, 12noon - 1:30pm (UK time)'. On the right, the book cover for 'NEITHER SETTLER NOR NATIVE' by Mahmood Mamdani is shown, featuring a decorative border with red and black geometric patterns.

The lecture and discussion can be watched on [our YouTube channel here](#).

- "Inclusive Economies, Enduring Peace in Myanmar and Sri Lanka: Report Launch". This event launched a field report and research brief sharing qualitative findings on the impacts of conflict on women's social reproduction (unpaid household labour). The speakers included WICID director Shirin Rai and WICID research fellow Jayanthi Lingham. The event was co-hosted by WICID and Monash GPS Centre and can be [viewed here](#).
- 'Tackling Perinatal Depression in Resource-Poor Settings: Lessons from Nigeria' with Dr Bibilola Oladeji, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, and a Consultant. Nigeria, like most other low and middle-income countries, has inadequate human resources for mental health care. Bridging the treatment gap for mental disorders therefore require the integration of mental health care with existing health care delivery platforms. This presentation highlights the successes and challenges of delivering interventions for perinatal depression in primary maternal and child healthcare clinics in resource-poor settings based on experience from Nigeria. The presentation can be [viewed here](#).
- Book Launch: Ex-Combatants' Claims to Moral Legitimacy, Professor John Brewer - This lecture uses data from research on male and female ex-combatants in Northern Ireland, Republican and Loyalist, to address the moral claims to legitimacy they make to render their decision to engage in violence as rational and inevitable. These claims do not denude them of moral responsibility for their actions but frame their actions as morally legitimate as a way of managing the problem of moral responsibility. Six claims to moral legitimacy are made: they were reluctant combatants; the decision to take up arms and to continue was emotionally problematic and not lightly taken; they were protecting their own community; they have been heavily involved in subsequent conflict transformation; the legacy of that decision leaves heavy suffering and costs to this day; and people should be judged on what they do now for conflict transformation, not on the past. The lecture can be [viewed here](#).

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EX-COMBATANTS' CLAIMS TO MORAL LEGITIMACY

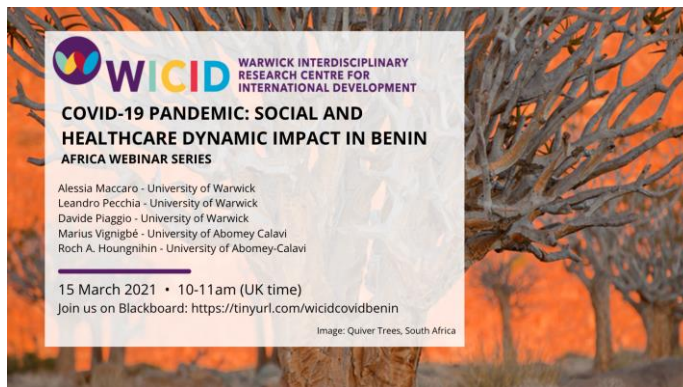
John Brewer, Queens University Belfast
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EX-COMBATANTS' VOICES
Transitioning from War to Peace in Northern Ireland, South Africa and Sri Lanka
Edited by John D. Brewer & Azrini Wahidin
PALGRAVE Macmillan

- COVID-19 Pandemic: Social and Healthcare Dynamic Impact in Benin in collaboration



with University of Warwick School of Engineering; Alessia Maccaro, Leandro Pecchia, and Davide Piaggio, Marius Vignigbé and Roch A. Hounghinin of the University of Abomey Calavi. The webinar can be [viewed here](#).

- Unpaid Care Work and COVID-19: A Missed Opportunity to Recognise, Value and Take Action? The COVID-19 pandemic has foregrounded the fundamental importance of unpaid care work for society and the economy; at the same time, pandemic policy responses have exposed and exacerbated the persistence of gender inequality in care work and revealed the inadequacy of existing support structures. How are feminist and women’s movements challenging this continuing non-recognition? This webinar was hosted in collaboration with IGDC York. Speakers included: Dr Diya Dutta was recently Research Manager and Theme Lead, India and the World at Oxfam India. Professor Juliana Martínez Franzoni is Humboldt Chair and full professor at the University of Costa Rica. Dr Rosemary Morgan is an Assistant Scientist at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in the Department of International Health, with a joint position in the School of Nursing. Dr Ruth Pearson is an Emeritus Professor of Development Studies at the University of Leeds and an international development consultant. Chairs Tallulah Lines, Research Associate, IGDC, University of York Jayanthi Lingham, Postgraduate Research Fellow, WICID, University of Warwick.

- Is Development a Racist Discipline? WICID co-hosted this webinar in collaboration with the SOAS Department of Politics on June 24, 2021. Speakers: Olivia Rutazibwa, University of Portsmouth, Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui, Cornell University, Meera Sabaratnam, SOAS University of London, Jenna Marshall, University of Kassel, Shirin Rai, WICID (Chair). The webinar is [available here](#) on our YouTube channel.



Critical South Asia Seminar Series:

The Critical South Asia Group at Warwick, Convened by Dr Rashmi Varma, brings together staff and research students whose scholarly work focuses on South Asia. The group draws upon the wide-ranging inter-disciplinary backgrounds and academic expertise that we bring together as a collective. 2020-21 saw a vibrant series of seminars and events focusing on the latest research on South Asia.

- "Rethinking Child Marriage in Contemporary India: Education, Work and the Reproduction of Compulsory Marriage" with Mary E. John of the Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi. Mary E John is Senior Fellow and Professor at the Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi, where she was Director from 2006-2012. She has been teaching, writing and speaking extensively on women, gender and feminist issues for three decades. Her new book is entitled, *Child Marriage in an International Frame: A Feminist Review from India* (in press). She was the co-Chair of the UGC Task Force to look into sexual harassment in higher education and brought out the report *Saksham: Measures for Ensuring Safety of Women and Programmes for Gender Sensitization on Campuses* (2013). Her related interests are in comparative feminisms, marriage and family, and higher education. The seminar can be viewed [here on our YouTube channel](#).
- "Meritocracy and Democracy: The Social Life of Caste in India" Prof. Ajantha Subramanian, Dept of Anthropology, Harvard University. Ajantha Subramanian is a Professor of Anthropology and South Asian Studies at Harvard University. Her research interests include political economy, political ecology, colonialism and post-coloniality, space, citizenship, South Asia, and the South Asian diaspora. Her second book, *The Caste of Merit: Engineering Education in India* (Harvard University Press, 2019), tracks the relationship between meritocracy and democracy in India in order to understand the production of merit as a form of caste property and its implications for democratic transformation. The webinar can be [viewed here](#).
- "The archipelago of fragments and Creole Indias: 'South Asia' on le thinnai kreyol" with Prof. Ananya Jahanara Kabir and Ari Gautier. Ari Gautier is a French novelist from Pondicherry of Indo-Malagasy origin, based in Oslo. He writes historical fiction about Pondicherry's place in the world, and works at Melahuset, Norway, an institution promoting art and culture from the Global South. Ananya Jahanara Kabir is Professor of English Literature, the Department of English, King's College London, and winner of the Infosys Prize for the Humanities in 2018, and the Humboldt Research Prize from the Alexander van Humboldt Foundation, Germany, in 2019. She currently works on creolisation as a historical process and cultural theory and its applicability to India. Ari and Ananya are co-founders of *le thinnai kreyol*, the online cultural platform that promotes their shared vision for a plural, multicultural, and creolised India. Their project has been written about in print and online media, and they have been invited to present *le thinnai kreyol* to academic and popular audiences across India, the Middle East, and Europe. The webinar can be [viewed here](#).

- Farmers' Protests in India: Class, Culture and Politics with Shreya Sinha. Shreya Sinha's commentaries on the ongoing farmers movement in India have featured on the BBC, NDTV, the India Forum and several other media outlets. She studies the political economy of development and agrarian change in India, with a focus on Punjab. Shreya has a PhD in Development Studies from SOAS University of London, and she is the Reviews Editor of the Journal of Agrarian Change. She is currently a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge.
- Doing the Right Thing? COVID-19 in the Sri Lankan Garment Sector: Health and Safety under duress? Kanchana N Ruwanpura is a Professor Human Geography, University of Gothenburg (Sweden) and Fellow, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh (U.K.). Kanchana N. Ruwanpura is a Professor of Human Geography at the University of Gothenburg. Previously she was a Reader at the Institute of Geography, University of Edinburgh, where she continues to be a Fellow at the Centre for South Asian Studies. Her focus areas are uneven development, labour geographies and feminist politics. Ruwanpura held a Humboldt Fellowship at the University of Gottingen, Germany (2019-20) and was the France-ILO (International Labour Organisation) Chair Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Nantes, France. She has a book manuscript entitled Garments without Guilt? Global Labour Justice and Ethical Codes in Sri Lankan Apparels, imminent with Cambridge University Press.
- The Coronavirus Crisis in India public meeting, on 18th May 2021, in collaboration with Department of Development Studies SOAS, CSAG co-hosted a public meeting on the coronavirus crisis in India. The meeting brought together a wide range of experts and activists from India, to ask: how do we understand the current crisis brought about by the second wave of COVID-19 in India? What are the political, social and human costs of this catastrophe? And what can be done to deal with this state of emergency. The event organizing team helped raise over £5,800 to contribute to Covid-related emergency relief work in India through Non-Government Organisations who work in marginalised areas and with vulnerable communities.

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This Public Meeting will address these questions and more. Join us and add your voice!

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- SURAJIT NUNDY (physician and public healthcare advocate)
- RAJENDRA BHARUD (District Collector, Nandurbar)
- VISHNU NARAYAN (journalist, The Bihar Mail)
- SURAJ TELANGE (doctoral student in Development Studies, SOAS)
- ABHAY MOHAN JHA (freelance journalist based in Bettiah, Bihar)
- MATHEW A VARGHESE (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala)
- NIKITA SONAWANE (lawyer, Criminal Justice and Police Accountability Project, Bhopal)
- MEENA KANDASAMY (writer and activist)
- BILAL ZAIDI (Founder, OurDemocracy.in)
- RAVINDER KAUR (academic and author of Brand New Nation)
- REKHA SURYA (Hindustani classical vocalist)

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Africa Seminar Series:

WICID is developing its research on/in Africa with our collaborators and colleagues. 2020-21 saw the launch of our interdisciplinary seminar series focused on African development.

- "The Politics of Democracy from West Africa – A View from Research, Policy and Practice." The four panellists each tackled a topic of particular importance to contemporary West African democracy. Adou Djané from the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques in Côte d'Ivoire presented the key actors shaping democracy in West Africa. Babacar Ndiaye from West Africa Think Tank WATHI reflected on the systems of governance and power which lead to human rights abuses. Mathias Hounkpe from the Open Society Initiative for West Africa drew on these political environment challenges in his analysis of the debates around Presidential Third Terms. In a final contribution, François Patuel from FP Research Consultants evaluated the openings and restrictions for popular movements related to democracy and human rights. In a discussion moderated by the chair Eloïse Bertrand from the University of Warwick, an audience from across West Africa and from research, policy and practice, posed questions. These covered a series of pressing topics including foreign policy, neo-colonialism, tensions between security and democracy, constitution (re)making, and the dynamic between the legal and the legitimate.

DISSEMINATING OUR WORK

WICID is contributing to conversation in the field of international development through our website, blog, newsletter, and social media channels. Our communications aim to keep all our partners and followers informed about our work, news, and opportunities in the international development sector.

Think Development Blog



We launched an improved version of the blog in December 2020 to enhance user experience. All blog posts can be found on [the blog website](#).

The following is a comprehensive list of our blog posts from the 2020-21 academic year

- “Mexican mid-term elections in the context of institutional weaknesses and economic short-sightedness” (Fabian Tigges)
- “A Climate Reality Check, on Social Collapse and Public Knowledge” (Alastair Smith)
- “Labour in the time of Covid-19: the intersecting struggles of India’s return migrants” (Avinash Kumar)
- “By the West, for the West: Deconstructing the Development Discourse” (Shreyanshi Upadhyaya)
- “Studying international development during the Covid-19 pandemic” (Dana Unzicker and Fabian Tigges)
- “Navigating an interdisciplinary, multilingual project during the pandemic: teamwork is key” (Bronwen Webster)
- “Vaccine Nationalism’s Impact on Developing Countries” (Dana Justus of PAIS Warwick)
- “Data and Displacement: Collaborative Research at a Time of Uncertainty,” (Data and Displacement team)

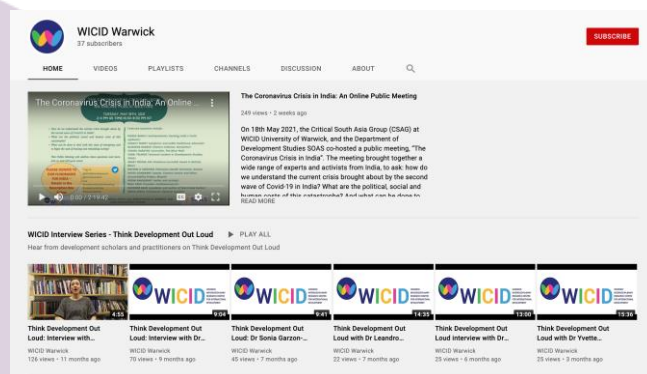
- "Mis-/disinformation, social media censorship, and divided societies" (Dr Phil Nelson of PAIS Warwick)
- "Let us Talk about Young Men and their Participation in the Niger Delta Violence" (Dr Modesta Alozie)
- "On Victims' Recognition: Gendered Politics of the FARC's Forced Recruitment." (Dr Sonia Garzon-Ramirez, a former WICID Visiting Fellow)
- "Out of Sight, Out of Mind?" Thoughts on the Moria Reception and Identification Centre on the Greek island of Lesbos' (Henrik Kjellmo Larsen & Eleanor Gordon of Monash University)
- "Harnessing Networks for Good" (Perna Aswani, Project Lead at inhive)
- "COVID-19, Women and Water in Urban India," (Mansha Marwah)
- "How COVID-19 is affecting the socio-economic conditions of women in Nigeria" (Ruth Duniya, Senior Public Affairs Officer at the National Population Commission in Lagos)
- "Wither Reconciliation? The Factors at Play in the Upcoming Ivorian Elections" (Adu Djané Dit Fatogoma, and Briony Jones, WICID Deputy Director) published in French and English

Think Development Out Loud

WICID explores development from an interdisciplinary perspective through our blog and interviews with development scholars, practitioners, and professionals.

During the 2020-21 year, Visiting Fellow Dr Mouzayian Khalil-Babatunde conducted interviews with the following scholars (all interviews are available on our [YouTube channel](#)):

- Sonia Garzon Ramirez, Aberystwyth University.
- Leandro Pecchia, University of Warwick School of Engineering
- Alessia Maccaro, University of Warwick School of Engineering
- Yvette Hutchison, University of Warwick and Tosin Tume, Federal University Oye-Ekete Nigeria



Prof Shirin Rai recorded Conversations of International Development with leading international scholars about their work on different aspects of development, providing an opportunity to share insights on a wide range of critically important global issues including race, modernity, food, gender, globalisation, human rights, global value chains and microfinance. Recordings of these conversations are available on our [YouTube page here](#).

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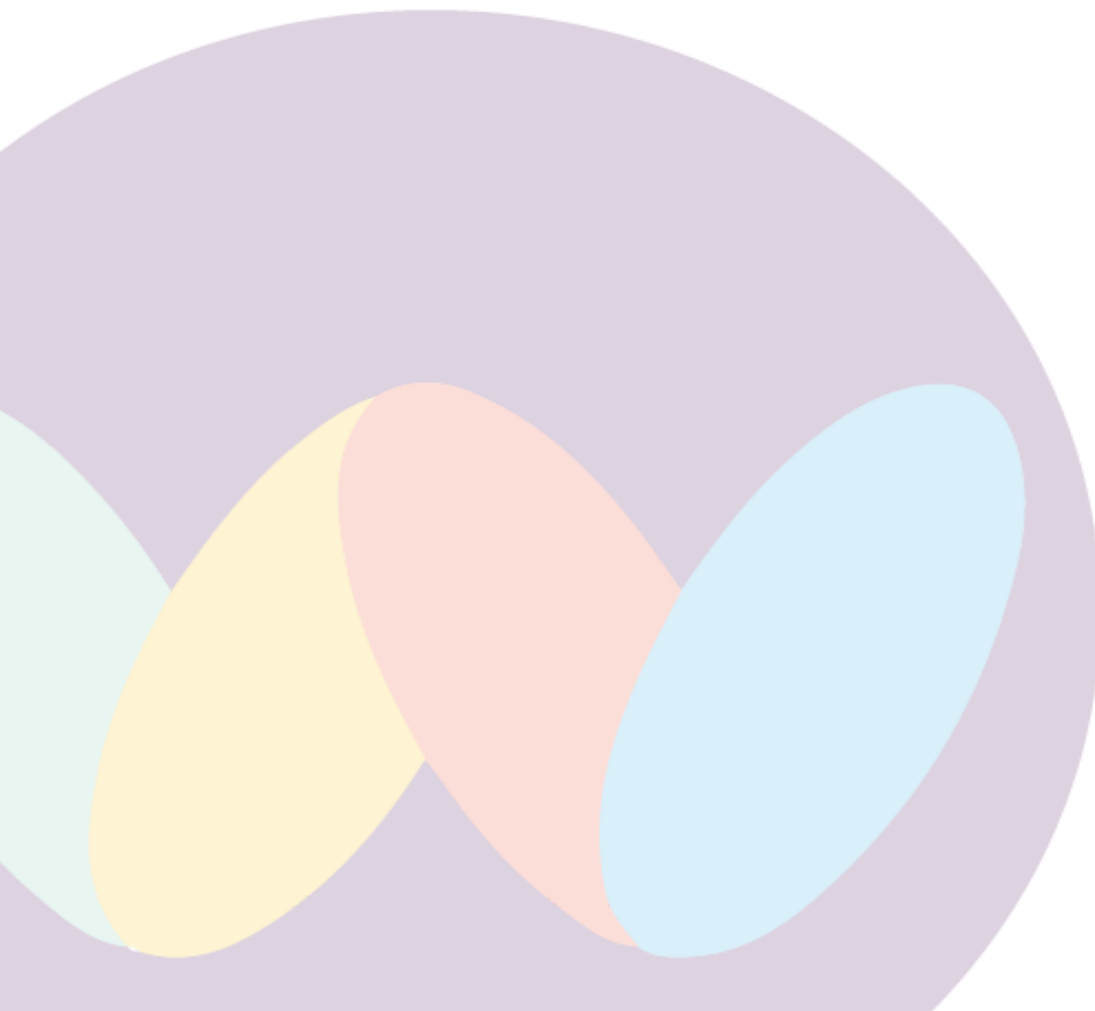
- [Our website](#) strives to encompass each facet of our work. Here, you can learn more about our centre, find information on our research projects, meet our people and partners, apply for our funding support scheme, and read current news.
- In the coming months, we hope to make our website accessible for readers of varying needs and to further streamline its appearance.

Newsletter

- Our weekly newsletter provides information about news, upcoming events, and funding and networking opportunities.
- Subscriber list of 379 newsletter recipients and growing.
- Interested individuals can [subscribe](#).

Social Media

- We are slowly but surely growing our presence on [Twitter](#) with 447 followers.
- Our [YouTube channel](#) features all our webinars and other material from colleagues and partners, including our Think Development Out Loud interview series.



CONCLUSION

Although only two years old, WICID is growing in strength, recognition and reputation. This is evidenced by the fact that many important voices in the field of international development are speaking from our platform (Diane Elson; Mahmood Mamdani; Arjun Appadurai; Nancy Folbre; and co-hosting events with us including SOAS, Development Studies Association; the Interdisciplinary Global Development Centre at the University of York; Oxfam GB; the Center for Advanced Study of India, the Centre for Women's Development Studies in New Delhi; and the Monash Gender Peace and Security Centre in Melbourne, among others. We have attracted research partners from across the world (Oxfam, India; The Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, Canada; The Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Studies, Geneva, Switzerland; Carers Worldwide, UK and CAMFED, the Campaign for Female Education).

WICID is also attracting external research funding, with several awards and several applications in the pipeline. We will continue to apply for major research grants and develop our international and interdisciplinary research networks. Building on Emily Henderson's work, we will also work with the Giving to Warwick team to generate further research donations.

We are committed to an interdisciplinary and global approach to international development. This is evidenced by our speakers who have been Engineers, English scholars, Theatre and Performance Studies scholars, political scientists, historians, anthropologists, public health scholars and economists. We firmly believe that interdisciplinary approaches to development issues are necessary if we are to produce innovative strategies for problem solving as well as for critical thinking.

Looking forward, our biggest challenge is financial stability – the continued support of the University of Warwick is crucial in continuing our work, even as we explore external avenues for further funding. We hope that this outline of our work in 2020-21 shows that WICID is contributing to and consolidating the reputation of the University of Warwick as a hub for excellent research on international development.



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