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INTRODUCTION

Six years since its establishment in August 2019, the Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development (WICID) has consistently pursued its vision of addressing urgent problems of poverty, inequality and social and economic change while challenging global hierarchies of knowledge and material resources. In the face of multiple unprecedented geopolitical events over the past year, the discipline and practice of International Development is once again thrown into flux while the world faces a polycrisis of intersecting challenges. Our vision to foster interdisciplinary research collaborations around development problems between our peers and partners across universities and policy spaces have never been more relevant and urgent. In reflection and in response to the complexities of crises in these times, our interdisciplinary research cuts across rather than is limited by a series of organising themes. These include gender, peace, conflict and justice, health, migration and mobilities, education, governance, law, and artificial intelligence.

This year we were pleased to welcome a new member to our Steering Committee- Dr Romain Chenet (Global Sustainable Development, Warwick). We are grateful for the incredible work of the Executive Management Briony Jones, Shahnaz Akhter, and Rashmi Varma supported by Daeun Jung (PhD Research Assistant) and Nadia Hashid (MA Research Assistant). We would like to extend our thanks to all members of our Advisory Board, Steering Committee and Partnership Network for their continued support this year. We are especially grateful for the funding support of the Politics and International Studies Department.

This year we hosted and co-organised a Policy Workshop focused on participatory research, with the Humanitarian Advisory Group, and Everyday Peace Indicators and in collaboration with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. For our Annual Lecture, we were thrilled to host Elaine France, the founder of Flow in Action, who delivered an interactive lecture on the topic “Foresight for Flourishing: Why we Need to Imagine the Futures that We Want to Create” to a diverse and interdisciplinary audience of researchers and students. We published new policy briefs, blogs, and boosted our social media presence by joining Bluesky, as well as co-hosted an exhibition by the Seeds of Hope and Action initiative here at Warwick. We welcomed a new Visiting Fellow Justina Pinkeviciute, whose work bridges academia and policy, offering critical insights into transitional justice, development, and peacebuilding practice. We also continued our Premium Institutional Membership of the Development Studies Association.

Finally, sincere thanks to Daeun Jung for all the excellent research support and administrative work behind WICID’s success this year, especially with hosting and organising the policy workshop. Also, to our Research Assistant Nadia Hashid for all her contributions.

*Sincerely,
Mouzayian Khalil (Director)*

OUR PEOPLE

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Professor Yvette Hutchison (Theatre and Performance Studies)
Dr Emily Henderson (Education)
Dr Clement Imbert (Economics)
Dr Camilla Maclean (Warwick Business School)
Dr Davide Piaggio (Engineering)
Professor Sharifah Sekalala (Law)
Professor Vicki Squire (Politics and International Studies)
Dr Jonathan Vickery (Cultural and Media Policy Studies)
Dr Romain Chenet (Global Sustainable Development)

Visiting Fellows

Dr Aditi Kumar (Honorary Visiting Fellow)
Dr Justina Pinkeviciute

RESEARCH

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

Empowering Data Literacies in Displacement

The [DLiD \(Data Literacies in Displacement\)](#) training tool develops insights from research conducted with humanitarians and displaced persons as part of the Data and Displacement project. The tool is designed for use by humanitarians working with or for affected communities and highlights the importance of engaging data literacy as a process of shared learning. It invites reflection on the barriers that impede equitable data practices, meaningful accountability and shared learning and is grounded in lived experiences of data processes and the testimonies of affected communities. Co-produced with humanitarians and representatives of displaced communities from Nigeria, the tool has three units covering: Inclusive data literacies; Shared learning with affected communities; Improved data contextualisation.

Investigators: Vicki Squire (PI), Briony Jones

Funder: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Impact Acceleration Account

Partners: University of Ibadan, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Project Updates

- The project team has held a workshop in Geneva in September 2024 and co-produced training materials with internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nigeria.
- The team has finalised the content for the training tool, which will be launched shortly.

The Externalisation of Migration through Biometric Technologies

Our aim in this project is to understand more specifically how states invest in developing, testing and using new technologies in and outside their territories through international 'capacity building' funds. The project's primary objective is to map investments in altering the perception, physical resources, and operational effectiveness of border control. Its secondary objective is to consider the political impact of these policies in other countries. For example, the Afghan government introduced biometric technologies, with the support from the international community, to suppress internal political dissent. We systematically research, analyse and review the state-of-the-art literature and written media sources on digital technologies and externalisation.

Investigators: Derya Ozkul (PI), Vicki Squire

Funder: Faculty of Social Sciences Research Development Fund

There is no app for that! Regulating the migration of digital health data in Sub Saharan Africa

With the dramatic increase in the collection of health data in recent years, health apps have been promoted as offering huge advances in the health of people in the Global South, but they also pose risks to privacy and ultimately to health outcomes. The project team will evaluate the data protection regimes and engage with key stakeholders in Kenya, South Africa and Uganda, to establish the extent to which they protect their citizens' health data, especially in cross-border Health activities.

[The interdisciplinary project](#) led by Professor Sharifah Sekalala, Professor Bitange Ndemo and Professor Pamela Andanda seek to analyse the regulation of health apps in Sub Saharan Africa in Uganda, Kenya and South Africa. Focusing on law, bioethics, entrepreneurship, epidemiology and policy makers, the project aims to bring together various stakeholders to empirically investigate how health apps are operating in practice, whether new forms of regulation are adequate in responding to potential problems, how different stakeholders perceive the regulatory framework and how we can create better regulatory frameworks.

Investigators: Sharifah Sekalala (PI, Law), Bitange Ndemo (University of Nairobi, Kenya), Pamela Andanda (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)

Funder: Wellcome Trust

Project Updates

- In partnership with Afya na Haki and the Ministry of Health, the project organised a stakeholder dialogue on the regulation of digital health on 5-6 August 2024. Delegates from Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia, Seychelles, and Zimbabwe shared strategies for effectively governing digital health in East Africa.
- The project team met with the Advisory Board members in Nairobi, Kenya on 9 August 2024. During the meeting, the team shared updates on their progress and sought valuable advice on overcoming challenges encountered in implementing certain initiatives.
- Dr Catherine Bowden from the University of Manchester was invited to the Centre for Global Health Law at the University of Warwick, UK to discuss her research on Data Trusts. The session explored critical questions surrounding health data, such as its ownership, ethical use, and protection from exploitative and commercial misuse.
- Partners in Uganda, Afya na Haki, alongside the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders, hosted the National Digital Health Conference 2024 on 20 November 2024. The conference emphasised existing regulatory gaps and highlighted the critical importance of Digital Health Justice, ensuring that digital health initiatives are equitable, fair, inclusive, and respectful of individual rights. Key themes included strengthening advocacy capacities and adopting Africentric approaches to develop locally relevant and context-specific solutions.
- Project team members have (co-)authored several peer-reviewed publications and blogs:

- Sekalala, Sharifah & Lake, Shajoe J (2025) '[Stakeholder perceptions on institutional design of digital health regulatory frameworks: insights from Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda](#)' *Oxford Open Digital Health* 3(10)
- Sekalala, Sharifah, Rawson, Belinda & Andanda, Pamela (2025) '[A socio-legal critique of the commercialization of digital health in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)' *Policy Studies* 1(21)
- [CSO Activism and its Complementary Role in Regulations Around Health Data Protection in Africa](#) (Socio-Legal Studies Association, 1 April 2025)
- [Dispensing Drugs and the Appification of Everyday 'Health' in Kenya](#) (Socio-Legal Studies Association, 1 April 2025)
- [Realising participation in health data infrastructures: What gets in the way?](#) (Socio-Legal Studies Association, 12 February 2025)
- [Digital health governance in East Africa: The actors and peddlers](#) (Socio-Legal Studies Association, 12 February 2025)
- [Navigating the ethical tightrope in healthcare: Balancing AI and the monetization of health data](#) (Socio-Legal Studies Association, 23 January 2025)
- [Data bias and the risk of algorithmic apartheid in South African healthcare](#) (Socio-Legal Studies Association, 23 January 2025)
- [AI in Healthcare \(Part 2/2\): Inclusive Strategies for Equitable Implementation in the UK](#) (Socio-Legal Studies Association, 15 January 2025)
- [AI in Healthcare \(Part 1/2\): Unveiling the Risks for Marginalised Populations](#) (Socio-Legal Studies Association, 15 January 2025)

After the End, Interdisciplinary Approaches to lived experiences in the aftermaths of crises in Global Health

[The After the End](#) project is an ambitious, multi-sited, long-term research project that involves a strong collaboration of interdisciplinary researchers from all over the world seeking to explore and understand different experiences of living through ends, living after the end, and equitable policies that take different ideas of ends and endings seriously. Through surveys, in-depth interviews, archival research and historical and literary examinations we seek to distinguish between 'ending' and 'closure' and counter dominant narratives of the end which make the pain, suffering and experiences of the least powerful invisible. Drawing on an interdisciplinary approach involving historians, sociologists, epidemiologists, psychologists, bioethicists, literary and legal scholars, philosophers and policymakers, this timely and important research has two synergistic empirical and normative aims: 1) To explore lived experiences of time and temporality of endings of crises, to capture counter-narratives and their implications for future practices, responses and policies, and 2) To provide an account of the moral and ethical obligations and responsibilities of global health institutions in the aftermaths of crises to health.

Investigators: Patricia Kingori (University of Oxford), Laura Salisbury (University of Exeter), Haja Wurie (University of Sierra Leone), Emily Chan (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Dora Vargha (University of Exeter), Sharifah Sekalala (University of Warwick), Debora Diniz (Anis Instituto de Bioética), Luciana Brito (Anis Instituto de Bioética), Ruth Ogden (Liverpool John Moores University), Osman Sankoh (University of Management and Technology)

Funder: Wellcome Trust

Project Updates

- The project team has co-produced multiple creative outputs and publications. Please check them out [here](#).

Encountering disability through contemporary dance in Africa

This is a network project whose key objectives are the development of sustainable working relationships between researchers, practitioners, communities engaged with disability across borders and sectors, and the creation of new mechanisms for knowledge exchange on the subject of dance and disability. The network members will meet (via Zoom) every two months to focus on: Sharing knowledge, experience and best practice (via readings or shared work with companies and organizations vested in disability dance work); Identifying issues and challenges faced by disabled people in various socio-cultural contexts and discussing ways to address them; Sharing opportunities such as calls for funding, applications for festivals, artistic residencies, etc., as well as exploring new possibilities for collaboration.

Investigators: Yvette Hutchison (Theatre), Liane Loots (University of KwaZulu Natal)

Funder: AHRC Disability Inclusive Sustainable Global Development

Partners: Unmute dance (South Africa), Dance into Space (Kenya), FLATFOOT Dance and associated companies (South Africa), Joseph Tebandeka (Uganda)

Project Updates

- Ongoing network discussions, seminars, films of work and events shared via purpose-built [website](#).
- 22-25 Aug 2024: ADDN-JOMBA Festival-colloquium at the Stable Theatre in Durban, SA with workshops (at theatre and in local community centre with young people), panel discussions and performances with companies, artists & academics from Kenya, SA, Finland, UK, USA.
- Residencies – brought Maulid Owino, an independent dancer who works with Dance into Space in Kenya on a 2-week residency with FLATFOOT Dance Company in Durban, SA in Feb-March 2025, during which time he worked with the FLATFOOT Downie Dance Company in community settings and created 'Happenstance' with FLATFOOT.
- In March-April 2025, team supported Yaseen Manual, who dances with Unmute Dance Company in Cape Town, SA to work with Amanuel Solomon and Katim Dance in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, again sharing expertise, experiences and making work for the public with the company.
- Yvette Hutchison shared work at 2 conferences:
 - Hutchison, Y. 2025. 'Integrated/Integrating dance: How intellectually differently-abled dancers disrupt social expectations by occupying a perceived super-able

- space? at the I'm Me Festival – Inclusive Creative Methods Symposium: Thinking through Art, University of York, St Johns, 19 June, York University
 - Hutchison, Y. 2025. 'Networking and collaboration on and off-line: analysing the African Dance Disability Network (ADDN) project via the African Women Playwright Network (AWPN)', AfTA Conference - African and Afrodiasporic Theatre in the Digital Age, University of Stuttgart, Germany, 8-12 July 2025.
- Manuscript prepared for Routledge: Yvette Hutchison with Liane Loots. Encountering disability and citizenship through contemporary dance in Africa, to Routledge for external readers, 22 April 2025, due out 2026.

Widening Access to Higher Education in India (WAHEI)

[Widening Access to Higher Education in India \(WAHEI\)](#) a 4-year research project (2022-26) that draws on and furthers the reach and impact of the first Fair Chance Foundation (FCF) project 'A Fair Chance for Education: Gendered Pathways to Educational Success in Haryana' (2017-21). WAHEI takes a key finding from the first project which is the under-utilised potential of faculty members in rural and semi-urban Higher Education (HE) institutions to have a positive effect on young peoples' HE participation and life chances. The study is based on case studies of HEIs which include state universities and affiliated undergraduate colleges across six states from different regions in India.

Investigators: Emily Henderson (Education), Nidhi Sabharwal (National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, India), Ann Stewart (Law)

Funder: Fair Chance Foundation

Project Updates

- The project team published a [report](#) on the visit of Mr Sumir Karayi, founder of the Fair Chance Foundation and Emily Henderson's presentation at the DSA 2024 conference.
- Emily Henderson, along with UK based colleagues travelled to New Delhi in September 2024 to attend the WAHEI project's 2nd Research Methodology Workshop with members of the 6 state research teams. You can read the visit report [here](#).
- The project team members presented at the Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE) conference in December 2024.
- The team members gave a talk 'Towards a Capability for Higher Education Outreach: Exploring the Role of Faculty Members in Tackling Educational Inequalities in India', drawing on the project's empirical findings in February 2025.
- In April 2025, the team facilitated an event 'Tracing new ground for diary method? Perspectives on using diary method in the multi-team, transnational WAHEI project'.
- Team members from four different states in India attended a weeklong visit to the University of Warwick in July 2025 to develop a professional learning module for faculty members in India about higher education outreach.

Advancing health data justice: A comparative study of health-related data governance in Canada, Germany and the UK

Marginalised communities have faced historical disadvantages and continue to experience many challenges in accessing safe, high-quality health and social care. These challenges have been further exacerbated by events such as COVID-19. For example, in the UK, the mandated digital-first approach across health services led to the exclusion of certain groups with disabilities from accessing healthcare. This project will develop and apply the idea of “health data justice”, which is an approach to controlling who gets to access and use health-related data that specifically focuses on the needs of marginalised communities.

Recent advances in technologies that need large amounts of health-related data to be built, such as health-focused artificial intelligence (AI), make it more urgent and important to ensure that uses of health-related data are in the best interests of marginalised communities. The project will explore policies, conduct interviews, and engage communities in three countries: Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany. Comparing across these countries will make it possible to build new insights on health data justice.

Investigators: Amelia Fiske (Technische Universität München), Sharifah Sekalala (University of Warwick), James Shaw (University of Toronto)

Funder: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

Project Updates

- The project is due to commence shortly. Please check [here](#) for future updates.

The International Development Education and Teaching Toolkit (IDETT)

The project aims to facilitate interdisciplinary conversations about development that is critically thought-provoking and relevant to inspire and equip students (and teachers) for championing real-life change. The project involves bringing together colleagues and students across the Arts, Science, and Social Sciences to interrogate and compare disciplinary lenses, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and mutual learning that will enhance Warwick’s teaching and learning excellence in the field of International Development, and co-produce The International Development Teaching Toolkit.

Investigators: Mouzayian Khalil (Politics and International Studies), David Connolly (Politics and International Studies), Modupe Jimoh (School of Engineering), Bobby Smith (Theatre and Performance Studies)

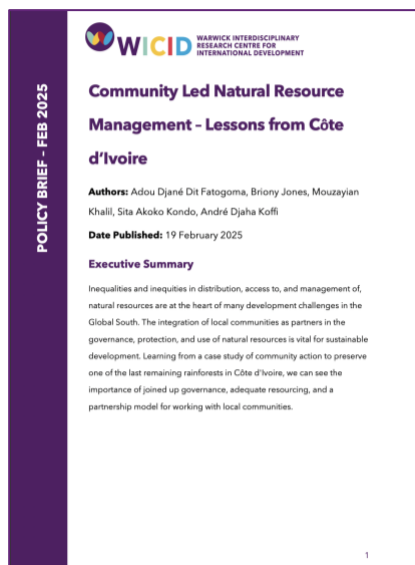
Funder: TBC (awaiting decision)

POLICY AND IMPACT

WICID Policy Brief Series

This academic year, WICID introduced our revamped Policy Brief Series. The following is the list of briefs we published this year.

Policy Brief #2 – February 2025



[Community Led Natural Resource Management – Lessons from Côte d'Ivoire](#)

Authors: Adou Djané Dit Fatogoma, Briony Jones, Mouzayian Khalil, Sita Akoko Kondo, André Djaha Koffi

Executive Summary:

Inequalities and inequities in distribution, access to, and management of, natural resources are at the heart of many development challenges in the Global South. The integration of local communities as partners in the governance, protection, and use of natural resources is vital for sustainable development. Learning from a case study of community action to preserve one of the last remaining rainforests in Côte d'Ivoire, we can see the importance of joined up governance, adequate resourcing, and a partnership model for working with local communities.

Policy Brief #3 – May 2025



[Peace as Social Development: Preparing for the Second World Summit on Social Development](#)

Author: Briony Jones

Executive Summary:

In a context of cuts to official development assistance as well as a global polycrisis it is more important than ever to think in a nuanced and joined-up way about the current challenges for human flourishing and wellbeing. The upcoming Second World Summit for Social Development offers a space in which this is possible. This policy brief makes the case for policies which acknowledge and leverage the intersections between peace and social development.

Partnership And Participation – Policy in Partnership with Conflict and Peace Affected Communities



On 14 July 2025, WICID successfully hosted an expert workshop, co-organised with the Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) and Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI), at the University of Warwick. The workshop was attended by academic experts, civil society, and policymakers from several institutions including the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).

The workshop provided an open forum to discuss ways toward participatory and locally led research and policy processes in conflict-affected settings. We will share collaborative outputs based on the workshop discussion soon.

Other Engagements

- Briony Jones (Executive Management Team) has been a Visiting Research Fellow at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), organising a panel at the 2024 Geneva Peace Week, co-authoring a working paper on peace and social development, and conducting a research project on care and peace. She has also written a news report [Beyond 2030: The Future of Social Development in a Changing World](#) reflecting on a flagship event co-hosted by the UNRISD with the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy of the Graduate Institute, Geneva.
- WICID's Briony Jones and Lesley Stahlecker from ANEKED (African Network Against Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances) co-produced an [online teaching tool](#) for transdisciplinary learning on transitional justice.
- Briony Jones spoke at the [Basel Peace Forum](#) on a panel exploring ignorance and global politics, along with Jonathan Luke Austin (University of Copenhagen) and Maria Birnaum (swisspeace and University of Basel).
- Briony Jones spoke at a webinar 'Rethinking the Future of the Peace, Development and Humanitarian Sector', exploring how the peace and development ecosystem can adapt to a world with reduced reliance on US and USAID funding, identifying opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and sustainability.
- WICID's Mouzayian Khalil, Briony Jones, Romain Chenet co-chaired a panel 'Academic Activism – Rethinking boundaries of knowledge, method, and discipline' at the Development Studies Association (DSA) 2025 conference.
- Emily Henderson (Steering Committee) gave an inaugural lecture for the Warwick Doctoral Education and Academia Research (DEAR) Centre 'Achingly Academic: Critiquing, Demystifying and Hopefully Transforming the Academic Profession'.

- Vicki Squire (Steering Committee) built a partnership between Soka Gakkai International (SGI-UK) and University of Warwick to host an outreach event in September 2024, which had BBC coverage and around 5000 youth and local people in attendance.
- Vicki Squire participated in several workshops including the OHCHR (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) workshop on Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights-Based Digital Border Governance (Geneva, June 2025) and the UK FCDO (Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office) Masterclass on Migration in Africa, ‘Routes to Europe’ (online, June 2025). She also held a co-production workshop for the Data and Displacement project in Nigeria on 29 April – 2 May 2025.
- Oyinlola Oyeboade (Advisory Board) has joined as an Academic Advisory Panel member for “SCHOUSE: Supporting Communities in social Housing and Optimising Urban food System interventions for Equity”, Advisory Group member for “Identifying and evaluating policy mechanisms to reduce ultra-processed food consumption in the UK: health equity and economic impacts” and Member of the World Health Organisation Technical Advisory Group on Risk-Benefit Assessment on optimal intake of animal-source foods.
- Justina Pinkeviciute (Visiting Fellow) has published a policy brief “[Reconstruction at a Crossroads: Aligning Ukraine’s Recovery with Human Rights and Meaningful Participation](#)” with the Warwick Ukraine-Belarus Hub. She also presented the brief at the WUB-HUB Conference: Ukraine, Belarus and the Complex Geopolitics of Europe (June 2025), contributing to discussions with academics, civil society and policy practitioners.
- Justina Pinkeviciute co-produced a research-based graphic novel “[Peace is More Than the Silence of Guns](#)” with Coventry University and PositiveNegatives in June 2025. She also participated in two episodes of Coventry University’s Generation Peace podcast series, sharing research insights and policy implications.

Highlights from our Partner: ANEKED

Below is a summary of our partner institution [ANEKED’s](#) (African Network against Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances) work over 2024-25 year.



Centering Victims in the Pursuit of Justice

- ANEKED held the Needs Assessment Workshop for Families of the Missing, conducted in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Gambia Red Cross Society. This workshop provided a safe and inclusive space for families to share the emotional, social, and economic challenges they continue to face as a result of enforced disappearances. Participants also contributed recommendations for state and institutional responses, ensuring their voices inform future reparative efforts.

- In December 2024, ANEKED created a new Victims Support Unit to strengthen its commitment to ensuring victims' needs are prioritised, their dignity upheld, and that they are not only heard but actively involved in shaping the path to justice and reconciliation.

Memory and Education

- ANEKED's traveling exhibitions played a vital role in promoting memorialisation and public education by bringing the stories of past human rights violations directly to communities across The Gambia. In 2024, exhibitions were held two regions, reaching over 2,000 students, teachers, and community members.
- ANEKED's annual essay and art competitions for senior secondary schools also continued, providing a powerful platform for students to express their perspectives on human rights, justice, and reconciliation. Two winning essays were selected for publication in national newspapers, with the students publicly recognised for their contributions.
- ANEKED signed an MoU with the University of Education, The Gambia (formerly Gambia College), to integrate human rights education into teacher training. This partnership aims to equip future educators with the knowledge and tools to inspire a new generation of informed, empathetic, and civically engaged citizens.
- A nine-month initiative to implement Amnesty International's Human Rights–Friendly Schools Programme in three pilot senior secondary schools. In collaboration with Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Amnesty International KM, and Beakayang Organisation, this project empowers school communities to embed human rights values into everyday learning and culture—promoting respect, inclusion, and active democratic participation.

Deepening Engagement, Expanding Impact

- ANEKED significantly strengthened its outreach and awareness-raising efforts to ensure that victims, communities, and the broader Gambian public remained informed and engaged in the country's transitional justice process. Through a combination of nationwide campaigns, community engagement, legal literacy training workshops, and media outreach, ANEKED worked to ensuring victims, stakeholders, and the diaspora stayed informed and actively engaged in the pursuit of justice.

PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

Below is the list of selected publications by the WICID members during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Executive Management Team

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- **Hyma, R; Jones, B; Kry, S; Sen, L et al** (2025) “The Power in Re-telling Research: A Cambodian community-based approach generating knowledge by subjects of study” *Development in Practice* 1-13. DOI: 10.1080/09614524.2025.2463913.
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Steering Committee

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Advisory Board

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Awards

- **Sharifah Sekalala** (Steering Committee) was awarded (co-winner) of the [Feminist Legal Studies Editors' Article Prize 2024](#) for her article 'Towards a Feminist Geo-legal Ethic of Caring Within Medical Supply Chains: Lessons from Careless Supply During the COVID-19 Pandemic' (2023. *Feminist Legal Studies* 31: 291–316)
- **Shirin Rai** (Advisory Board) has won the [Susan Strange Best Book Prize](#) at the BISA 2025 conference with her latest book *Depletion: The Human Costs of Caring*. She was also shortlisted for International Political Economy Group Best Book Prize.
- **Nidhi S. Sabharwal** (Advisory Board) received [SRHE 2024 Accolade for Contribution to the Field of Higher Education](#). Her most recent research projects include a national-level study on student diversity and social inclusion and an evaluation study of publicly supported coaching programmes in higher education.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

WICID members have submitted various grant applications to different funding bodies this year as investigators of multidisciplinary projects. The list below is a selection of applications from the 2024-2025 academic year.

Project title	Funder	Status
Advancing health data justice: A comparative study of health-related data governance in Canada, Germany and the UK	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)	Successful
THRIVING (Transdisciplinary Health Research to Identify Viable Interventions for Netzero Goals): food futures	UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)	Successful
Investing in Children's Future: A feasibility Study on the Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Universal Free School Meals in Tower Hamlets Secondary Schools	National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)	Successful
Sierra Leone Research and Action on Salt and Hypertension (SLASH)	Medical Research Council (MRC) Applied Global Health	Successful
A systematic review and meta-analysis exploring intravenous iron for maternal anaemia	Gates Foundation	Successful
From Memory to Action: Developing a Transitional Justice Teaching Tool	Provost's Global Faculty Awards (University of Chicago)	Successful
Securing a Democratic Future: Collaborative Engagement towards building Transformative and Sustainable Pathways to Security Sector Reform in The Gambia	International Partnership Fund (University of Warwick)	Successful
Whose Recovery? Power Dynamics and Discourses in Ukraine's Reconstruction Planning	Warwick Ukraine-Belarus Hub Seed Fund	Successful
Youth Claims-making in Situations of Precarious Migration	Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship	Under review
Data Literacies in Displacement	Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)/UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) Impact Initiative	Under review
The International Development Education and Teaching Toolkit (IDETT)	Education Seed Fund (University of Warwick)	Under review

EVENTS

During the 2024-25 academic year, WICID has hosted and supported a variety of virtual and in-person events with partners both inside and outside of the University of Warwick. Recordings for all our online events (except those with sensitive material) are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

WICID Annual Lecture 2025 – Foresight for Flourishing: Why we Need to Imagine the Futures that We Want to Create

On 28 May 2025, WICID held the Annual Lecture 2024/25 delivered by Elaine France ([Flow in Action](#)). In a world that is alive with vibrant possibilities for transformational change, using foresight and futures thinking enables us to navigate the complexity and uncertainty that we encounter. By actively imagining and exploring the flourishing futures that we want to create where inequalities are addressed, we can challenge old narratives and assumptions that are keeping us stuck as changemakers, so that we create new, dynamic ways forward today. In this lecture, Elaine invited us to step into our future changemaker self, to entangle ourselves in our relationships with place and to find hope through collective imagination and engagement with our communities.



The recording of the Lecture is available [here](#) on our YouTube channel.

Women, Peace and Security in Yemen: Observations from the Field'



WICID supported the talk by Dr Aitemad Matar held on 24 February 2025. The lecture drew on Dr Matar's experience in supporting the Yemeni government and civil society in implementing the country's first National Action Plan (NAP) for Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) during ongoing armed conflict. The WPS agenda was established by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) to promote women's participation in conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and post-conflict recovery. Recognizing the unique impact of war on women and the critical role they play in fostering peace, this agenda calls on governments worldwide to create National Action Plans (NAPs)—policy frameworks that translate these global commitments into concrete national strategies.

Seeds of Hope and Action Exhibition Launch

WICID co-sponsored and supported the Seeds of Hope and Action (SOHA) Exhibition launch event held on 28 November 2024. The Exhibition showed a vision for a sustainable society, working to achieve the objectives of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Co-created by [Soka Gakkai International](#) and the [Earth Charter International](#), it featured panels serving as a catalyst for positive change and a platform to move communities towards a more sustainable future. Colleagues and students enjoyed dialogue over the panels, which use the “Learn, Reflect, Empower, Lead” formula outlined in Daisaku Ikeda’s [proposal on education for sustainable development](#).



Other Events

- **Leaping forward: An Empirical Study of Youth Mobility in an Urban Resettled Community in Delhi.** WICID hosted a visiting researcher Dr Divya Gupta, who is an Associate Professor (Economics), Jindal Global Law School and Research Fellow, Grassroots Action Program (GAP), IDEAS. As part of her visit, she gave a talk on youth mobility in India on 2 July, supported by WICID.
- **Women in Academia 2.0: Feminist Decolonial Praxis: Ethics, Identity, and Methodologies in Global Research.** WICID supported a full-day workshop by the Women in Political Studies (WIPS) group at Warwick, held on 13 March. The workshop discussed the challenges and opportunities for women and marginalised groups in academia and included a keynote by Dr. Romina Istratii (SOAS) and Dr. Adrija Dey (SOAS).

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



WICID's *Think Development* blog is an interdisciplinary platform provided by WICID for academics, students, policymakers, and practitioners to share ideas on critical issues across various themes of international development. Our contributors are based in multiple countries across the world, and we publish posts in multiple languages, seeking to engage a more diverse and inclusive audience and to learn from the exchanges we can have between places, languages and cultures. At the same time as ensuring continued discussion of long-standing debates and issues, the Think Development blog responds to contemporary events.

This academic year, we have redirected and refreshed the [Think Development](#) blog, where you can also find all archived posts. The following is a comprehensive list of our blog posts from the 2024-25 academic year:

- **Gender-smart, Climate-smart: An Analysis of double mainstreaming benefits to housing Conflicting Narratives on Development and Environment in Argentina** (authored by Hannah Jayne Robinson and Juanita Elias; research assistance provided by Mehru Shahid) – September 2024. [Read here](#)
- **Protecting Universities as a Public Good: A Response to the Immigration White Paper** (authored by Briony Jones, Shahnaz Akhter and Mouzayian Khalil) – May 2025. [Read here](#)
- **Aid cuts by the West threaten a tragic spike in AIDS-related deaths, new infections and drug resistance worldwide** (authored Sharifah Sekalala, Shajoe J. Lake, Stephen Okoboi, Monica Kuteesa, and Elie Aaraj) – June 2025. [Read here](#)

- **Reflecting on academic activism- rethinking and reclaiming the University as a public good** (authored by Mouzayian Khalil, Briony Jones, and Romain Chenet) – July 2025.
[Read here](#)

Website

- This year, we launched our revamped [website](#). 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.



Social Media

- WICID has newly joined [Bluesky](#) this year. We are currently building our connection – please follow us for our news and outputs!
- We continue to grow our presence on [X](#) (formerly Twitter) and [LinkedIn](#).
- Our [YouTube channel](#) features all our webinars and other material from colleagues and partners, including our Think Development Out Loud interview series.

Newsletter

- Our bimonthly newsletter provides information about news, upcoming events, and funding and networking opportunities.
- Subscriber list of 454 newsletter recipients and growing.
- Interested individuals can subscribe [here](#).

CLOSING REMARKS

We were excited to co-organise and support events, host partners and extend our networks this year, demonstrating the significant reach of WICID's work and expertise during this exceptional year for International Development. While also in this year, we have taken significant steps in our ambition to make new strides in policy engagement and our policy workshop in July marked the start of further outputs in this stream.

In the coming year Professor Briony Jones and I will lead as Co-Directors of WICID. Briony and I have worked closely this year within the management team, and this coming year will be a continuation of the exceptional team effort and leadership she has brought to WICID since its inception. As Briony herself has shared with us:

"I am thrilled to be returning from my time at UNRISD to take up the role of Co-Director for WICID. I have enjoyed supporting the work of WICID from afar this year and seeing how it has flourished under Mouzayian's leadership. I see the next year as one of opportunity to share our progressive voice at a time of crisis and sector change. Watch this space!"

It has been a challenging year for development work, but we also recognise the opportunity for rethinking and rebuilding efforts to keep addressing urgent problems of inequality and social, political and economic change on a local and global level through our research and impact work. We look forward to engaging and working with all our colleagues and partners in the coming year. The new academic year begins in October, and our newsletters will resume, do keep sharing your news and ideas with us.

*Sincerely,
Mouzayian Khalil (Director)*