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WARWICK INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTRE FOR 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 third year has continued to be a challenging one as we worked with our colleagues and partners in a context of uneven personal and professional recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. With limited funding and an understandably stretched administrative and academic team we are proud of what we have achieved. We would like to extend our thanks to all members of our Advisory Board, Steering Committee and Partnership Network for their support. We have maintained a lively social media presence, a dynamic schedule of events, and a consistent push for funding. While focused on research, we have also launched a new student Global South placement scheme funded by the Turing grant and we sponsor the work of the Warwick postgraduate network the Global South Initiative. Recognising WICID's profile and work, we have now joined the Development Studies Association (UK) as a Premium Institutional Member.

The coming year brings sad news but also new opportunity. Our inspiring founding Director Professor Shirin Rai and our dynamic Deputy Director Dr Oyinlola Oyebode are leaving the University of Warwick and WICID for pastures new – Shirin to take up a post of Distinguished Research Professor at SOAS and Lola as Professor of Public Health and Centre Lead Public Health and Policy at Queen Mary University of London. They take the opportunity to say goodbye below. A huge thanks to both of them for their vision and tireless efforts to ensure that WICID came to life and flourished in its first three years.

In the coming year you will therefore see a few changes as the team and our portfolios are reconfigured and streamlined. We will, however, continue to focus on our policy-facing work, prioritise greater integration into the wider strategy of the University, and work on securing core funding as we go through a university review process alongside other research centres at Warwick. Watch this space!

Finally, thanks go to the amazing Daeun Jung, who jumped in as a WICID Research Assistant to help with the preparation of this report.

Sincerely,

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

FAREWELL: PROF SHIRIN RAI AND DR OYINLOLA OYEBODE

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of WICID,

I am writing to bid farewell - I have accepted a position at the School of Oriental and African Studies and will be leaving Warwick and WICID in September. It seems like yesterday that WICID was established. Despite COVID-19 and its many challenges, WICID has thrived - developed an intellectually robust research and dissemination agenda, supported many early career researchers, is now an established member of the Development Studies Association and is recognised as an important space for interdisciplinary critical development studies. I have been proud to be part of its growth and feel happy that I leave it in good health and good hands, with Briony as its Director.

I wish to thank all those who have helped me since 2019 in developing WICID's work - Briony Jones and Oyinlola Oyebode, Maeve Moynihan and Sue Ingram, and all colleagues who served on our Advisory Board and Steering Committee. I would also like to thank the University for its funding and to PAIS for its administrative support for WICID. And of course, thanks to all who participated in our events - speaking, attending, critiquing. I will be keeping in touch with WICID through participating in its programmes and through membership of its Advisory Board and look forward to celebrating its progress.

Warmest wishes,
Shirin

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

I have accepted a job at Queen Mary University of London, due to start in September. It has been wonderful to be part of WICID since 2019- a forum for interdisciplinary networking and research to address global challenges. I very much hope to stay in touch!

With best wishes,
Lola

OUR PEOPLE

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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

A Fair Chance for Education

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.

Investigators: Emily Henderson (CES), Ann Stewart (Law)

Partners: Manish Jain, Nidhi Sabharwal, Nandini Manjrekar

Funders: Fair Chance Foundation; Warwick Collaborative Postgraduate Research Scholarships; Department of Education Studies; Warwick Law School.

Project Updates

- The project held its first impact event entitled 'A Fair Chance to Access Higher Education: Collaborative Workshop to develop a Policy Brief and Outreach Activity Resource' in September (hosted by the Central University Haryana). Following the workshop, the project has published the report in November.

- Project team members (Prof Ann Stewart and Dr Nidhi Sabharwal) presented the project findings at Queen's University Belfast Workshop in November.

- The project has published the full report on 'Problematising Access and Mapping Gendered Pathways to Higher Education in India' academic conference previously held in July 2021.

- The second FCF impact event, hosted by Bhagat Phool Singh Women's University, was successfully held in January 2022. A report on this workshop was also published.

- The project has published other resources including the Outreach Activity Resource for Higher Education Institutions and a policy brief entitled "Supporting Gender-sensitive Higher Education Access and Choice in Haryana, India".

PEACE, CONFLICT, AND JUSTICE

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

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. The project has successfully concluded in March 2021.

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 Busqueda in El Salvador; United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance; International Committee of the Red Cross.

Project Updates

- Briony Jones (WICID Co-Director) has co-authored a working paper for swisspeace on "The Search for Victims of Enforced Disappearance: A multidisciplinary exploration of current practices".
- Briony Jones and Mina Rauschenbach have conducted an interview about the project's findings and concrete outputs. The video of the interview is available here.
- Recent publications from the research team include:
    - "Who are they to say? Experiences and legal recognition of victimhood of enforced disappearance in Colombia and El Salvador" (Published Dec 2021)
    - "Search and Participation in Cases of Enforced Disappearance: Legal Framework in Colombia and El Salvador" (Published Dec 2021 in Spanish)

HEALTH

After the end: Lived experiences and aftermaths of Diseases, Disasters and Drugs in global health

Investigator: Sharifah Sekalala

Funder: Wellcome Trust

Partners: Patricia Kingori (Oxford), Dora Vargham (Berlin), Ruth Odgen (Liverpool), Laura Salisbury (Exeter), Hadijah Wurie (Sierra Leone), Deborah Dinz (Brazil), Emily Chan (HongKong)

This interdisciplinary project with colleagues from Oxford, Liverpool, Exeter, Sierra Leone, Brazil and Myanmar explores the way in which global health deals with the 'end' of global health crises. Focusing on pandemics; health crises due to climate change and anti-microbial resistance, the project has been awarded a Wellcome Discovery Award worth £6.4 million pounds. Wellcome Discovery Awards fund established researchers to deliver significant shifts in understanding that could improve human life health and wellbeing.

Project Updates

- In August 2022, the University of Warwick published a press release announcing the beginning of this 8 year, £6.5m programme.

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

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

Funder: Wellcome Trust

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 seeks 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.

Project Updates

- [Press release and news](#) were published in February 2022 announcing the award of funding.
- The project investigators hosted an international webinar in South Africa bringing together stakeholders to explore with government regulators, public health researchers, medical licensing boards and app innovators/users their perceptions of the regulatory problems of health apps, particularly within the Sub-Saharan African context. The webinar report can be found [here](#).

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

The aim of this project has been 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. 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.

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

Funder: National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

Project Updates

- This project has successfully concluded in September 2021 after four years of intensive research and exchange with policy and practice.
- The Unit colleagues at Aga Khan University have created a [documentary](#) with Azam Basti community members highlighting the challenges in accessing healthcare in the region.
- Aga Khan University has opened a clinic in Azam Basti Pakistan on the basis of data collected from this project.
- Drawing on the project's results, [APHRC has held a webinar](#) to discuss the challenges and opportunities in health service provision in slum settings in Kenya and identify key lessons and their implication for the reginal ang global urban health agenda.
- Recent papers arising from this project include:

- "Factors associated with accessing health care and provision of health services for residents of slum in low and middle income countries: a scoping review of recent literature" (Published May 2022)
- "A contextual exploration of healthcare service use in urban slums in Nigeria" (Published Feb 2022)
- "Global prevalence and trends in hypertension and Type 2 Diabetes mellitus among residents: a systematic review and meta-analysis" (Published Feb 2022)
- "Primary-care doctor and nurse consultations among people who live in slums: A retrospective, cross-sectional survey in four countries" (Published Jan 2022)
- "Inequity of healthcare access and use and catastrophic health spending in slum communities: A retrospective, cross-sectional survey in four countries" (Published Nov 2021)
- "Pharmacies in informal settlements: a retrospective, cross-sectional household and health facility survey in four countries" (Published Sep 2021)

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

* This project is led by Sarah Hodges who has joined King's College London in April 2022. WICID has supported the development of the project.

This project critically re-examines our collective common-sense about fake drugs and global health. The 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.

Project Updates

- Sarah Hodges delivered a keynote lecture about the project at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities in May 2022.
- The project members have published an article "When suspicion replaces evidence in public health".

MOBILITIES

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

Data and Displacement is a multidisciplinary and international project that aims to critically assess the data-based humanitarian targeting of assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Nigeria and South Sudan. It examines the production and use of large-scale data targeting processes in each case, focusing on the operational and ethical challenges that arise in the collection and use of such data.

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

Project Updates

- Over the last year, the project has successfully completed its Phase 1 & 2 data collection in Northern Nigeria and South Sudan. The team is now working on the final phase of the project based on the discussions with the advisory board.
- The project has published a blog for the Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Studies (GCHS) entitled "Data and Displacement – A Balance between Information, Knowledge and Action".
- The project team has presented the research at an event hosted by the GCHS and attended by participants from IOM, IFRC, and the Universities of Warwick, Juba and Ibadan.
- The team members have presented five papers based on the Phase 1 analysis at the 'Data Displacement: Data Justice in Humanitarian Targeting' panel of the 6th World Conference on Humanitarian Studies held in November 2021.
- The project held a three-day online NVivo training workshop with partners at the University of Ibadan, registered by over 800 people including researchers and students from local and regional universities.
- The project has run its Humanitarianism and Data lecture series comprising lectures on the ethics of displacement research, humanitarianism and big data, decolonising geospatial methods, the politics of knowledge and the case studies of Nigeria and South Sudan.

- The project team ran a dissemination event in Abuja, Nigeria in July 2022, where the policy brief entitled "Data, Displacement and Humanitarian Protection in North Eastern Nigeria" was launched. The policy brief highlights how ethical and operational challenges such as personnel and infrastructural gaps undermine ethical and effective data-driven humanitarian protection in North-East Nigeria.
- The team is preparing papers for publication, research briefs, and a project report. Updates will follow soon.

PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

Publications by the WICID Executive Management Team members during the 2021-2022 academic year.

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BISA Distinguished Contribution Prize 2022

WICID Co-Director **Professor Shirin Rai** has been awarded the **British International Studies Association (BISA) Distinguished Contribution Prize** for 2022, jointly with Professor Christopher Hill (University of Cambridge). The judges noted:

"Shirin has a distinguished record of research, with ground-breaking publications on gender and development, political economy and governance. She has done a wide range of inter-disciplinary work across IR, area studies, political economy, history and comparative politics, and has made signature contributions to each field. Shirin has given a long and varied service to the profession through countless journals, as Director of WCID at Warwick, as a member of REF sub-panel and more."

British Academy Fellow 2021

Professor Shirin Rai has been elected as a Fellow of the British Academy for outstanding achievement in the humanities and social sciences. Commenting on her Fellowship, Professor Rai said "I am delighted to have been elected as a Fellow of the British Academy and look forward to working with colleagues in the Academy - particularly in the Politics and International Relations Section - through my research and impact work to address issues of international development, social (in)equalities and innovative methodologies. I thank colleagues in PAIS and the wider gender and politics community for supporting my work".

ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIPS

During this academic year, WICID has strengthened its advocacy and partnerships through broader engagements with initiatives/activities on development both within and outside of the University of Warwick. Below are some of the highlights.
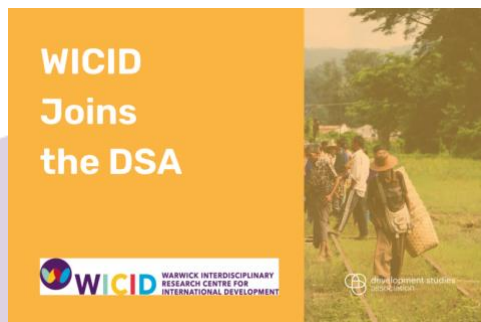
University of Warwick SDG Advisory Group

WICID Co-Directors Shirin Rai and Briony Jones served 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 group launched its second annual report in November 2021, reflecting on Warwick's contribution to SDGs and suggesting the next steps for a nexus-thinking approach.

Development Studies Association (DSA)

In March 2022, WICID has officially become a Premium Institutional Member of the DSA, the biggest national body for researching and teaching in international development in the UK.

WICID is delighted to be part of the DSA's vibrant community of Development Studies scholars, and we look forward to working with DSA to expand our networks and collaborations.

Global South Initiative (GSI)

This year, WICID has welcomed the Global South Initiative as its new partner. The GSI is the first and only interdisciplinary/interdepartmental initiative by and for PhD students and early career scholars from the Global South in the University of Warwick.

GSI has held its first Annual Conference entitled 'When the Marginalised Speak: Decolonising through (Re)connecting Knowledge(s), Experiences, and Approaches' in partnership with WICID. The aim of this conference has been to facilitate

a space for reflection, discussion and experiences from the Global South that will contribute to the decolonisation debate within and beyond academia. **WICID Co-Director Shirin Rai gave an opening speech at the conference on 'Why do the Marginalised Speak' and re-thinking solidarity**.

Other Engagements

- WICID members have participated in the [launch of the Africa Hub](#) **at University of Warwick**. Co-director Dr Briony Jones presented her views on working in partnership. Steering committee member Prof Sharifah Sekalala also presented on her work on digital health apps in Africa and their (mis)use of data, and steering committee member Prof Frances Griffiths presented on the work of CARTA- the Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa.

- Members of the WICID Executive Management Team and Steering Committee spoke at the **University of Warwick PAIS Annual Research Conference on Global South-North Partnership.** This roundtable discussion was attended by academics, students, and early career researchers.

- WICID Deputy Director Oyinlola Oyebode **ran a [Side Event](#) of ANH Research Conference 2022** titled 'Food environments of deprived urban neighbourhoods in low and middle income countries'.

- WICID Co-Director Briony Jones has been selected to join the **editorial team of the Development Studies Association's ['Critical Frontiers of Theory, Research and Practice in International Development Studies',](#)** DSA book series published by Oxford University Press. The series aims to promote critical scholarship in development studies as an interdisciplinary and applied field, which investigates local, national and global processes of accumulation and structural transformation, and associated political, social, and cultural change.

- WICID Co-Director Shirin Rai has **delivered a keynote speech** at [Conflicts over Women's and Gender Rights: Ambivalences and Contradictions](#) organised by the Global Contestations of Gender and Women Rights research group. At this final conference of the research project, the group took a closer look at the central patterns and common - unifying - elements in the global conflicts over gender rights and discuss the ambivalences, contradictions and tensions between the rights achieved and the contestations of the same.

- WICID Co-Director Shirin Rai gave a **keynote address at the SPARC sponsored International Webinar on ['Gender, Good Governance and Sustainable Development'](#)** The webinar was a part of an ongoing Research Project that seeks to analyse what kinds of goals, policies and strategies can address the challenge of gender disparity.

- Dr Sharifah Sekalala (WICID Steering Committee member) and Belinda Rawson have compiled a three-part podcast **'A shot in the dark; Covid vaccines and human rights'** exploring the human rights issues that have evolved, and have been exacerbated, during the pandemic.

- WICID Co-Director Shirin Rai was a Panellist at the **"Why we need feminist political economy now more than ever" round table** presented by the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) at the University of Ottawa and the International Political Economy Network (IPEN). Chaired by Professor Jacqueline Best, this was the second roundtable in the IPEN Roundtable Series, 2021-22, **Political economy in difficult times: revealing blind spots and reimagining theory and practice**. The recording of the event is available here.

- WICID Co-Director Briony Jones **presented at the Sectarianism, Proxies & De-sectarianisation (SEPAD) annual conference** as part of the 'Reflections on Constitutional Identities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)' panel.

- WICID Co-Director Shirin Rai and Steering Committee member Jayanthi Lingham are part of **Co-POWeR: Consortium on Practices for Wellbeing and Resilience in BAME Families and Communities**. Notably they lead the **Care, Caring and Carers work package**. Due to complete in summer 2022, Co-POWeR investigates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on practices for well-being and resilience across Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Families and Communities (BAMEFC) in the UK to create a holistic idea of vulnerabilities damaging BAMEFC, broadening/deepening existing work as well as conducting new research.

- WICID Director Shirin Rai was an Expert Panelist at the **International Launch of Migration and Food Security (MiFOOD) SSHRC Partnership Grant Project**. The new MiFOOD Project is led by researchers at Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) and the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA) and implemented by the Hungry Cities Partnership.

- The Department of Education Studies has welcomed Dr Nidhi S. Sabharwal as an Honorary Associate Professor. Dr Sabharwal is an Associate Professor in the **Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education (CPRHE), National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)**, New Delhi, India; she is working closely with Dr Emily Henderson (Education Studies) on the Fair Chance Foundation funded projects. In return, CPRHE NIEPA has welcomed Dr Henderson as a Visiting Professor.

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 successful in grant applications totalling over £9.4 million. Our members are currently participating as Principal Investigators or Co-Investigators on nine grant projects. The list below is a selection of applications from the 2021-2022 academic year.

Name	Funder	Status
After the end: Lived experiences and aftermaths of Diseases, Disasters and Drugs in global health	Wellcome Trust	Successful
There is no app for that! Regulating the migration of digital health data in Sub Saharan Africa	Wellcome Trust	Successful
PREclaim - Political Claims in Precarity: A Migrant-Centred Analysis of Precarious Migration	ERC Consolidator	Pending
Care and Peace Work: Building Sustainable Peace and Advancing Gender Equality through Support for Peacebuilders with Care Responsibilities (via Monash University)	ARC Discovery Grant	Pending
Project Grant (PAIS and York Interdisciplinary Global Development Centre)	Economic and Social Research Council	Unsuccessful
Working Women, COVID 19 and Vaccine Inequality: Perspective from South Asia (University of Gothenburg leading)	Swedish Research Council	Ongoing
Pandemic, Public Health and Crisis: Working Women in South Asia (University of Gothenburg leading)	Swedish Research Council	Ongoing
Transformations of Human-Environment Interactions to Sustainable Development	Leverhulme Trust	Successful
CoPOWeR - Consortium on Practices of Wellbeing and Resilience in BAME Families and Communities	UK Research and Innovation	Successful

Turing Global South Mobility Scheme

This year, WICID led The Turing Global South Mobility Scheme, which offers placements in the global south to undergraduate or postgraduate students at the University of Warwick whose work is focused on research, learning, and exchange in these countries. The selection process was rigorous and successful applicants were announced in March. Students have committed to a placement of one month with the host organisation and have undertaken a piece of contained research which is either related to their dissertation and/or of relevance for the host institution. The successful applicants and their placements are:

- **Renuka Bhat**: South Africa – University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg University
- **Mihaela Sirinatu**: India – Jawarhar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi
- **Ben Roberts**: Côte d'Ivoire – Swiss Centre for Scientific Research
- **Saskia Wagner**: Côte d'Ivoire – Swiss Centre for Scientific Research

More information about WICID's Turing Global South Mobility Scheme can be found here.

WICID 'Dragons' Den' 2022

The WICID 'Dragons' Den' style event is an opportunity for researchers at the University of Warwick to bid for funding to resource projects and activities which support the development of funding bids or research ideas in line with WICID's aims. The winners of the competition and their research projects are:

- **Jayanthi Lingham**: A research project examining development policy of financial inclusion and how this impacts women's social reproductive lives in militarised, conflict affected contexts
- **Jamelia Harris**: A research project investigating the effects of patronage on the labour market in the former British West Indies

Visiting Fellowships

This year WICID was joined by two new visiting fellows. You can learn more about all our visiting fellows – past and present – on our website.

Dr Aditi Kumar is an Art historian and Cultural practitioner. She completed her PhD in 2020, her research focuses on visual histories and identity politics of marginalised communities. She has a keen interest in postcolonial theory, various identity formations in the nation-states and their reflections through visual cultures of the Global South. Presently, she is working with the Jammu & Kashmir diaspora communities settled in the UK. As a visiting fellow she aspires to continue and expand her work on diaspora communities at Warwick. At WICID, she aims to

reconceptualise Partition as an ongoing and unfinished aspect of colonisation which underpins contemporary international conflicts. During her fellowship Aditi will be working with WICID Steering Committee Member Professor Vicki Squire.

Dr ADOU Djané Dit Fatogoma is a Senior Researcher at the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) of Abidjan, Head of the research group Governance, Society and Economic Development (GSDE) at Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire (CSRS). He has several publications in his areas of expertise such as: Governance; Transitional Justice; Humanitarian action; Environmental and health policies. He is also a consultant for national and international projects (USAID, GIZ, AHT, IDS, ICTJ, ONFI, etc.) Dr Adou was funded by an IAS Residential Fellowship, and worked with WICID Co-Director Briony Jones during his stay.

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.
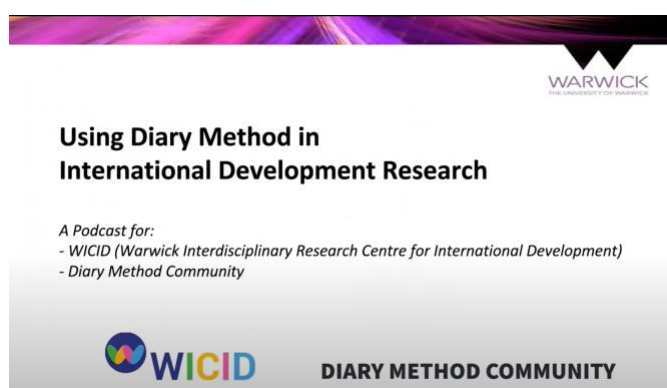
New Methods Lab Podcast

Emily F. Henderson, Ahmad Akkad, Penny Plowman, Nidhi S. Sabharwal

In July 2022, WICID Methods Lab and Diary Method Community have launched a podcast about 'Using Diary Method in International Development Research'.

The discussion includes three empirical projects using diary method - on displacement of Syrian academics, an NGO in South Africa, and marginalised groups in higher education in India.

The contributors discuss the design and choices of these studies and reflect on wider issues of using diary method in international development research. The discussion will be relevant for those considering using diary method for the first time as well as more experienced diary researchers wishing to think more deeply about their methodological practice.

Methods Lab Toolkits

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 currently in production and will be available on the WICID Methods Lab webpage shortly.

EVENTS

During the 2021-22 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.](#)

Preventing Violent Extremism, Development and Gender workshop

This in-person workshop held on 5 May 2022 supported the work that **Nicola Pratt, Juanita Elias, and Jennifer Eggert** are currently developing on **Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE).** It has provided an opportunity to hear from scholars whose work explores the impact of PVE frameworks on international development work, with a specific focus on women's groups and/or faith-based organisations in the Global South and how these initiatives are being reshaped by the new context for development workers in a (post)COVID world.

Speakers included: Sahla Aroussi (University of Leeds), Katherine Brown (University of Birmingham), Amal Abu-Bakare (University of Liverpool), Rizwan Mustafa (Staffordshire University), Alice, Finden (University of Durham), Sherine McCarthy (NatCen), Emeka Thaddeus Njoka (University of Birmingham), Ahmed Abozaid (St Andrews University), and Jacqui True (Monash University).

WICID Annual Lecture 2022: 'Useful Fictions in the Knowledge Practices of Global Health'

WICID has virtually held its second Annual Lecture entitled ['Useful Fictions in the Knowledge Practices of Global Health'](#) on 26 April 2022. This year's lecture was given by **Dr Seye Abimbola**, a Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney, whose teaching and research focus on knowledge practices in global health, health system governance, and the

adoption and scale up of health system innovations. WICID Deputy Director Oyinlola Oyebode has chaired the session.

Boxed: Exploring Containment and Resilience in Times of Crisis

On 23 March 2022, WICID and the Borders, Race, Ethnicity and Migration network (BREM) hosted **Laura Nyahuye** and **Heaven Crawley** in [conversation talking about their work together](#) with WICID's Professor Vicki Squire.

Laura Nyahuye (Maokwo Arts) and Heaven Crawley (Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University) are, respectively, an artist and a research professor based in Coventry, UK. Whilst they might appear to have little in common, the COVID-19 lockdown provided them with an opportunity to draw together their personal and professional experiences in order to reflect on issues of migration, resilience and hope in times of crisis. Individually and through conversations with each another by email, WhatsApp and Zoom, they took the opportunity provided by the lockdown to explore their shared experiences as women, wives, (grand)mothers and survivors of hardship and domestic violence, producing a series of creative outputs (prose, drawings, body adornment, photography, video) exploring the ways in which their own and societal expectations of gendered and racialized roles and responsibilities have shaped their lives.

Book Launch: *Women in Solidarity* by Shanthini Naidoo

WICID has hosted a book launch event of *Women in Solitary: Inside South Africa's Female Resistance to Apartheid* by **international journalist Shanthini Naidoo** on 7 March 2022. This book offers a new account based around the narratives of four women who experienced detention and torture in South Africa in the late 1960s when the regime tried to stage a trial to convict leading anti-apartheid activists. The event was held in a hybrid format and chaired by Professor Azrini Wahidin, University of Warwick.

Sustainable Peace and Social Inclusion in Colombia

WICID and our partner Fundacion Abbacol have hosted a talk on Sustainable Peace and Social Inclusion in Colombia, with relations to Peru and Honduras on 29 November 2021. Chaired by WICID's Co-Director Briony Jones, the event included talks from Susana Lozada (Representative of Fundacion AbbaCol to the United Nations) and Carolina Lozada (Manager of Fundacion AbbaCol in the United Arabs Emirates). During the event, the participants have

discussed: The lessons learned from the Colombian peace process; How these three countries are related when we talk about conflict resolution, social and economic inclusion; How different communities in Colombia are still living a silent peace process after the signing of the agreement, as well as the importance of social inclusion and forgiveness process within the conflict-affected population; and How post-conflict resolution can be achieved within the Colombian society for new beginnings.

Critical South Asia Group (CSAG) Series

- CSAG hosted a **book launch and panel discussion event on *Vernacular Rights Cultures* by Sumi Madhok** on 20 January 2022. This book argues that decolonising global human rights requires a serious epistemic accounting of the historically and politically specific encounters with human rights, and of the forms of world-making that underpin the stakes and struggles for rights and human rights around the globe. It demonstrates that subaltern struggles call into being different and radical ideas of justice, politics, and citizenship, and open up different possibilities and futures for human rights. The discussion was chaired by WICID Director Shirin Rai.

- WICID and CSAG held a **book launch and panel discussion on *Indian Debates on the International Left: Selected Writings of Lajpat Rai* edited by Shirin Rai (WICID Director) and Anand Prakash** on 22 November 2021. The book traces the Indian Left's engagement with the international communist debates of the 1960s and 1970s, shedding new light on the fault lines within the Left as well as on its international solidarities. The panel has reflected on the critical legacies of left internationalism and its futures, as well as discuss what it means to remember and write histories of the left in India and elsewhere in the current moment.

- On 22 October 2021, WICID and CSAG have hosted a lecture **"Conscience and Victorian Empire: How History Helped Make History in British India" by Prof Priya Satia**, historian, and author of Time's Monster. The Respondents included Prof. Anne Gerritsen (Department of History, Warwick), Prof. Pablo Mukherjee (Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies, Warwick), Dr. Aditya Sarkar (Department of History, Warwick).

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

Relaunched in 2020, 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.

The following is a comprehensive list of our blog posts from the 2021-22 academic year:

- "Reconfiguration of the natural gas production network in Europe" (Kerem Öge)

- "Nigeria's New Petroleum Industry Act Could Entrench Injustices in Oil host Communities" (Phillip Nelson and Modesta Tochi Alozie)

- "Is sustainable development possible in the current global political economy?" (Turhan Hizli, PAIS student, University of Warwick)

- "Language is a Tool for Youth Exclusion in the Niger Delta" (Modesta Alozie)

- "Using specific-purpose grants to achieve development goals" (Jamelia Harris)

- "Return migration: The making of 'brain circulation'" (Toli J. Amare)

- "The Global 'Syndemic': A Tri-economic Burden of Undernutrition, Obesity and Climate Change" (Sanya Srivastava, *Winner of the 2021 Think Development Blog Competition*)

- "Politics of Tourism: Identity and Commercialisation of Culture and Heritage" (Sanya Srivastava)

- "A Tale of Two Mediterraneans" (Irene Garcia)

- "Degrees of separation: examining space and place in international jurisdiction trials" (Alex Jeffrey and Briony Jones)

- "'Brand Modi' and India's Policy Concerns" (Manjeeth S P)

Think Development Out Loud

WICID's Think Development Out Loud explores development from interdisciplinary perspectives through interviews with development scholars, practitioners, and professionals. This academic year, we have launched two new episodes:

- **Think Development Out Loud with Professor Gordon Crawford**. On this new episode of TDOL, Professor Gordon Crawford shares his reflections on his research into the civil conflict in Anglophone Cameroon (funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council - AHRC). He shares the methodological approach used in this project as well as the challenges and opportunities of carrying out fieldwork in a live conflict context during the Covid-19 pandemic. Professor Gordon Crawford is a Research Professor in Global Development in WICID's partner institution, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR), Coventry University.

- **Think Development Out Loud with Dr Heloise Weber.** In this episode we hear from Dr Heloise Weber as she shares her work on the conceptual and theoretical concerns that form the basis of her interest in the politics of method and methodological choices, notably social science staples such as the (formal) comparative method, its consequences, and implications. Her theoretical and analytical approaches are informed by a critical interest in colonialism and its legacies, and post-colonial and decolonial thought and politics. She is also interested in how such insights can contribute to contemporary critical revisions of global public political histories.

Website

- 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.
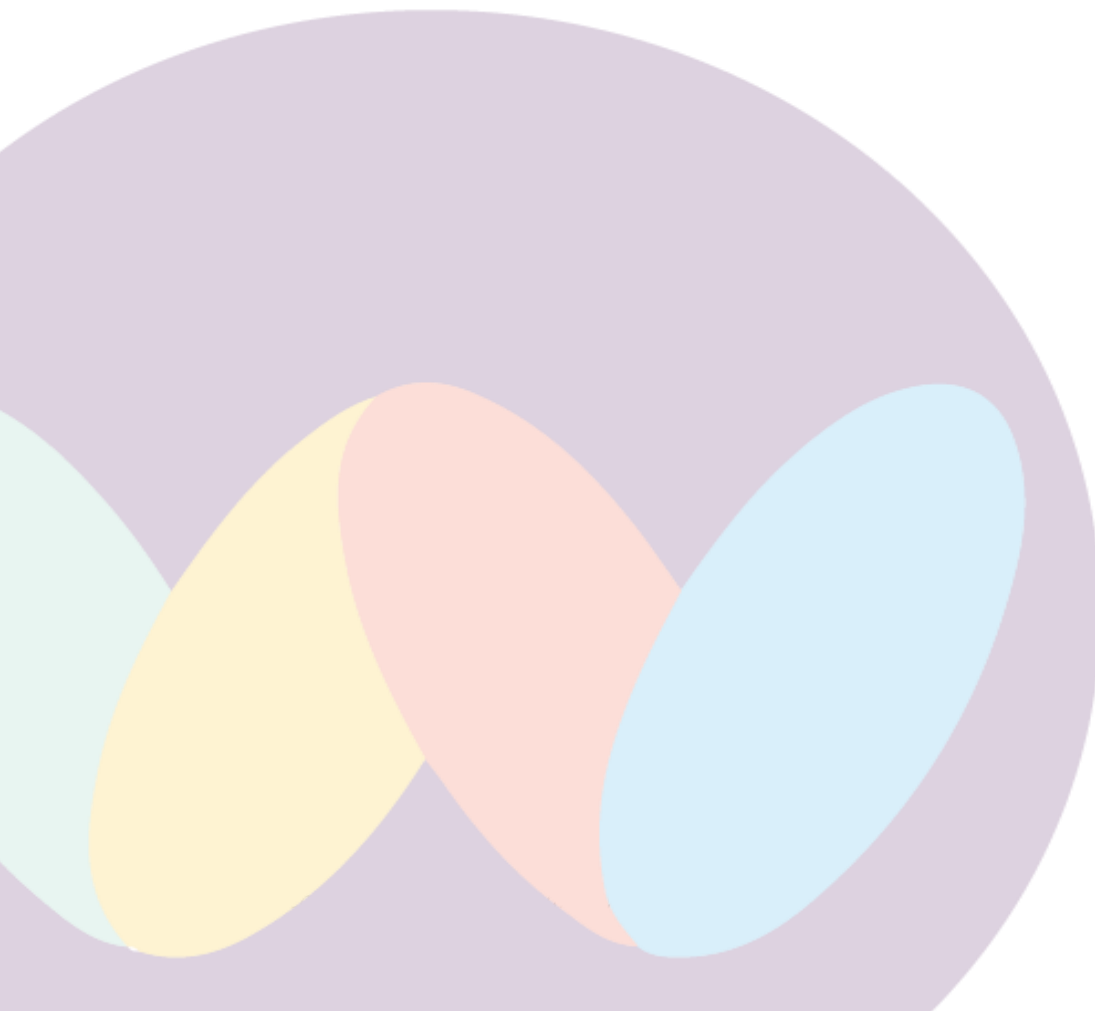

Social Media

- We are slowly but surely growing our presence on Twitter with 570 followers.

- Our YouTube channel features all our webinars and other material from colleagues and partners, including our Think Development Out Loud interview series.

Newsletter

- Our weekly newsletter provides information about news, upcoming events, and funding and networking opportunities.
- Subscriber list of 407 newsletter recipients and growing.
- Interested individuals can subscribe here.

CONCLUSION

At three years old WICID has established its reputation as a hub for critical interdisciplinary thinking and research on international development. Indicators of our success include grant awards, high profile speakers at our events, a growing social media following, and our integration into local, national, and global spaces and discussions. In this way we continue our work to tackle global inequalities. But we are also proud of our perhaps less visible successes. Our support for global south collaborations within our university, our engagement with the question of ethical partnerships between global south and north, and our promotion of work by students and early career researchers. This speaks to the ethics of our work – to live by the values and principles we seek to foster in the research that we do.

WICID is attracting new partners, new collaborations, and new ideas every day. We will continue to build on this, to foster an open partnership network, and to constantly renew our commitment to an interdisciplinary and global approach to international development. Looking forward to the next year our biggest challenge remains financial stability, and we move into the university review process confident of our added value and proud of our work to date. We thank all those who have played a role and look forward to the new friends and colleagues that 2022-23 will bring.

Looking forward we seek to build on this early success and extend our networks, support global south facing initiatives among younger scholars, increase our research funding and participate in the activities of our partners and of the Development Studies Association.