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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 material resources. As a university research centre, we focus on fostering interdisciplinary research collaborations between Warwick colleagues, but also between our peers and partners across the globe in other universities and relevant 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.

This year we were pleased to establish an Executive Management Team with some familiar and new faces. Huge thanks to Shahnaz Akhter, Emily Henderson, Mouzayian Khalil-Babatunde and Rashmi Varma for their work. We also welcomed back Shirin Rai and Oyinlola Oyebo, now as members of our new Advisory Board, along with continuing member Noorzaman Rashid and new members Assheton Carter and Nidhi Sabharwal. 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.

Emerging from the turbulent Covid-19 period, with its continued impacts on all our work, we are delighted to announce that following a rigorous review, WICID was granted 3 more years of research centre status by the University of Warwick. Unfortunately, our core funding has ended but we are active in applying for internal and external funds to secure our activities and continue to grow.

This year we were thrilled to host Sadia Abbas for a joint Annual Lecture with the Critical South Asia Group. Sadia presented “Or It was Time Playing upon Time”: Translation and the Indian Nation, to a diverse and interdisciplinary audience. We also launched our new Policy Brief Series and continued our blogs, vlogs and lively social media presence, as well as supporting the important work of the Global South Initiative. We welcomed Visiting Fellow Aditi Kumar, who was awarded funding for her work from the Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning. We also continued our Premium Institutional Membership of the Development Studies Association.

Finally, huge thanks to the amazing WICID Administrative team of Daeun Jung and Mauricio Palma-Gutiérrez, and Research Assistant Annika Sirikulthada. WICID would not have been able to flourish in the way that it has this year without your hard work.

Sincerely,

Briony Jones (Director)

OUR PEOPLE

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Visiting/Honorary Fellows

Dr Aditi Kumar
Dr Jayanthi Lingham

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

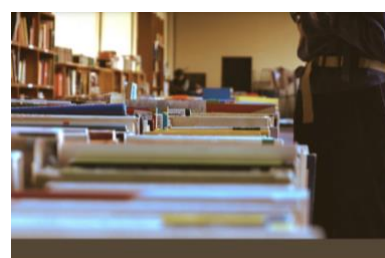
A Fair Chance for Education: Gendered Pathways to Educational Success in Haryana

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.



A Fair Chance for Education: Gendered Pathways to Educational Success in Haryana

Final Project Report

Ann Stewart, Emily F. Henderson, Julie Mansuy, Anjali Thomas, Nikita Samanta, Nidhi S. Sabharwal, Sharmila Rathee, and Renu Yadav

March 2023



Project Updates

- The project published its [final report](#) in March 2023. This final report provides a compilation of the project's 4 research Phases and their reports.

PEACE, CONFLICT, AND JUSTICE

L'homme n'est pas le maître de la terre, mais la terre est le maître de l'homme: Encounters, Dialogues and Solutions for Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development in Côte d'Ivoire

This project is a two-year collaboration between British and Ivorian academics and local communities in Côte d'Ivoire. It brings together different actors to reflect, discuss, and imagine creative outcomes and solutions for national resource management challenges. The project will also generate important knowledge about how local expertise can be

incorporated into policy decision-making and what happens in the encounter between local voices, international goals, and national regulations.

Investigators: Briony Jones (PAIS), Mouzayian Khalil-Babatunde (PAIS), Adou Djane Dit Fatogoma (Centre Suisse de Recherche Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire, CSRS)

Funder: Warwick International Partnership Fund (IPF)

Partners: NOFNA (Notre Forêt Notre Avenir)

Project Updates

- The investigators hosted a roundtable at the Development Studies Association (DSA) 2023 Conference based on the project.
- Briony Jones and Mouzayian Khalil-Babatunde visited our partners Centre Suisse de Recherche Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire in May 2023 to conduct interviews with local communities.

HEALTH

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 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.

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

Funder: Wellcome Trust

Project Updates

- As part of the broader aims of the project, Afya na Haki (Ahaki), partner in Uganda hosted a seminar on Digital Health Innovation and Technology for Youth Empowerment in Uganda. The report from this seminar can be found [here](#).
- Professor Sekalala and Professor James Shaw of the University of Toronto published a paper entitled 'Health data justice: building new norms for health data governance' in Nature: Digital Medicine. This paper can be found [here](#).
- A project newsletter was published in April 2023, with a profile of partner institutions and recent developments. This newsletter can be found [here](#).
- In September 2023, the University of Warwick will host a Summer School and Writing Retreat in the UK in which a number of people across the project will receive further training, development and collaboration opportunities.

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

Drawing on an interdisciplinary approach involving historians, sociologists, epidemiologists, psychologists, bioethicists, literary and legal scholars, philosophers and policymakers, [this project 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: Laura Salisbury (University of Exeter, United Kingdom), Haja Wurie (University of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone), Emily Chan (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Dora Vargha (University of Exeter, United Kingdom) Sharifah Sekalala (Law), Debora Diniz (Anis Instituto de Bioética, Brazil), Ruth Ogden (Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom)

Funder: Wellcome Trust

Project updates:

- A new research assistant will join Prof. Sharifah Sekalala to provide research and administrative for the day to day running of the projects, data collection, analysis in the framework of this interdisciplinary project.

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 (PI, PAIS), Briony Jones (PAIS) Funke Fayehun (University of Ibadan), João Porto de Albuquerque (University of Galsgow), Dallal Stevens (Law), Robert Trigwell (IOM)

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

- The [final project report](#) of the Data and Displacement project was released in September 2022. Drawing on the findings from 174 in-depth interviews, the report analyses ethical and operational challenges undermining data-driven humanitarian protection in North Eastern Nigeria while also presenting recommendations.
- The project team published a policy brief titled “[Datafication of the Humanitarian Sector: Efficacy and Ethics](#)” drawing on the project findings.
- The project team published an article “[Data gathering and utilization: humanitarian targeting and ethical issues in northeastern Nigeria](#)”.
- The principle investigator Vicki Squire co-authored an article “[Coloniality and frictions: Data-driven humanitarianism in North-Eastern Nigeria and South Sudan](#)”.

OTHER THEMES

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). This new project takes a key finding from the first project which has significant potential for impact. This is the vital but currently under-utilised potential of faculty members in rural and semi-urban Higher Education (HE) institutions to have a positive effect

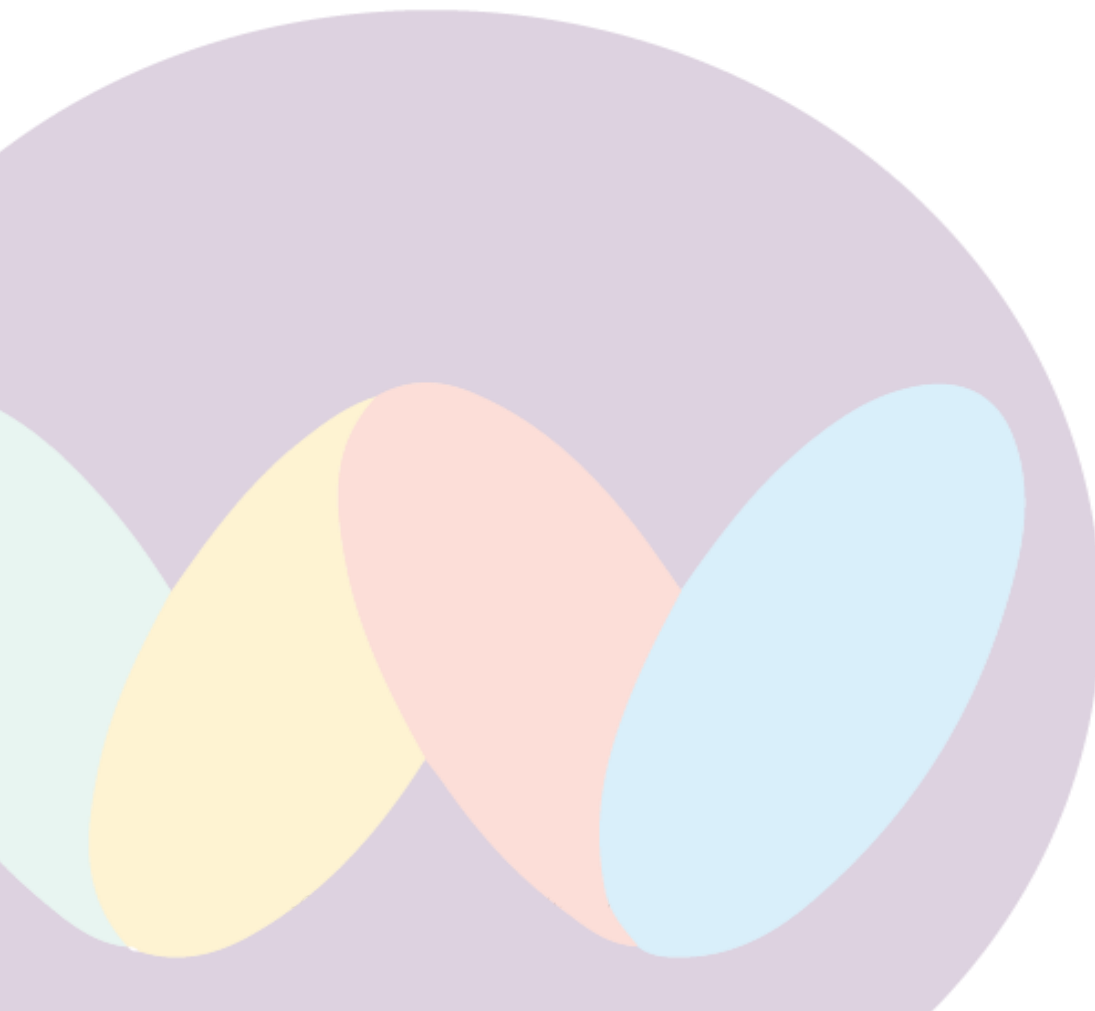
on young peoples' HE participation and their life chances. This project recognises the potential role of rural-serving state universities and government colleges based in rural and semi-urban areas as HE knowledge hubs and strengthening their efforts in delivering on the equity and social justice agenda for HE in India.

Investigators: Emily Henderson, Nidhi Sabharwal, Ann Stewart, Ragini Khurana, S. Arokia Mary, Denisse Lillo Sierra, Savita Gautam, Ganesh Khetwal, Matt Phillips

Funder: Fair Chance Foundation

Project Updates

- The project gained ethical approval this academic year, and the pilot study was completed at a higher education college in Delhi.
- Dr Nidhi Sabharwal (CPRHE and NIEPA), part visited the University of Warwick in March-April 2023 and took part in a number of project meetings and business engagements related to the project
- Prof Stewart and Dr Henderson co-hosted the seminar 'A study to advance gender equality in Higher Education in India' in May 2023. During the event, researchers from Brunel University (UK) and Savitribai Phule Pune University (India) discussed the findings of the investigation conducted in five states of India
- The project's team met with Dr Mikateko Mathebula from University of the Free State (South Africa) in June 2023. They discussed the phase 1 pilot study completed in Delhi.



PUBLICATIONS

Below is the list of selected publications by the WICID team members during the 2022-2023 academic year.

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Thomas, A. and **Henderson, E. F.** (2022). *Phase 2 Report: The Role of Families in the Gendered Educational Trajectories of Undergraduate Students in Haryana, India*. Coventry: University of Warwick.

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Institutions: Organising a College Visit 'Taster Day' for Potential Higher Education Applicants. Coventry, University of Warwick.

- Hutchison, Y.** (2022). "Challenges to Belgium's Colonial Amnesia: Mobilising Archives and Resonant Spaces", in *Unfinished Histories: Empire and Postcolonial resonance in Central Africa and Belgium*, Pierre-Philippe Fraiture (ed.) Leuven University Press, 121-141. OAPEN:
<https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/59183performative>
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- Jones, B.** (2023). *The Transitional Justice Citizen: From Justice Receiver to Justice Seeker.* Edward Elgar.
- Jones, B., Ott, L., Rauschenbach, M. and Sanchez, C.** (in print) 'Hiding in Plain Sight: Victim participation and encounters in the search for disappeared persons as a contribution to (procedural) justice', *The International Journal of Transitional Justice.*
- Khalil-Babatunde, M., & Panichelli-Batalla, S.** (2023). Challenges of cooperation for development: A case-study analysis of Cuban health solidarity programmes in Nigeria. *Journal of International Development*, 1– 19. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1002/jid.3752>
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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.

New Partnership with ANEKED

This year, WICID welcomed [African Network against Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances \(ANEKED\)](#) as our partner institution. Led by women African human rights activists, ANEKED is an independent, non-political and non-religious civil society organisation that campaigns against forced disappearances and summary executions, advocating for justice for victims and their families.

In June, WICID hosted Lesley Stahlecker and Anuja Jaiswal from ANEKED for a workshop with MA students in the Politics and International Studies Department. This workshop presented the work of ANEKED's [Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission Digest](#) as a foundation for working together to create new transitional justice teaching resources.

From our partners in ANEKED:

“We are currently undergoing the development of a transitional justice teaching tool in collaboration with WICID and other higher learning institutions in Europe and West Africa. The scope of the project is to deliver an interface mechanism that explores contextual questions in transitional justice within the broader themes of gender, reconciliation, law, justice, etc. Drawing on experiences from survivors, victims, practitioners, researchers, and other relevant actors in the discipline. Once finalised the tool will afford students (and users generally) on analyses on key debates in transitional justice for those who wish to integrate the knowledge into their work and/or research. Initial funding has been provided by WICID (via the University of Warwick Institute of Engagement's Module Development Fund). The project should launch into a second phase with further content development, pending budget provision with a Swiss learning institution.”

WICID-KFPE Workshop on Ethics of Research Partnerships

This year WICID was delighted to coordinate and co-host a workshop at the Annual Conference of the Swiss Commission for Partnerships with Developing Countries, ‘Decolonizing Research Partnerships’. The workshop, co-hosted with SolidarMed was an ‘An interdisciplinary dialogue on ethical considerations and the role of HIC research partnerships in strengthening capacity and stimulating South-South research’ and welcomed Janis Lazdins from Research Fairness Initiative, Lesley Stahlecker from ANEKED, and Pamela Favre from Pro Busqueda.

Other Engagements

- In November 2022, WICID hosted the Global South Politics Research Catalysing Workshop attended by Warwick researchers of Global South Politics to share ideas, consolidate established collaborations, envisage new research and funding opportunities.
- In April 2023, Briony Jones participated in a meeting of the Working Group on SDG16+ and Transitional Justice as part of preparations for a report to aid discussions around the UN September 2023 SDG Summit.
- In June 2023, WICID and Fundación AbbaCOL (Colombia/Switzerland) have recently set out a roadmap to engage in new collaborative activities including a student mobility scheme, student research exchange tools, and further involvement in teaching activities at PG level.
- The African Women Playwrights Network – AWPN (led by Prof. Yvette Hutchison) was active through the year. Among others, In September 2022 the Network ran a competition for 10-minute plays on the theme Tackling taboo topics and ran a festival of the top 10 plays at University of Ghana; Between October and December Getrude Vimbayi-Munhamo was Artist in Residence at the University of Warwick. During the period she wrote a new play 'Sizwe-Nation! that dealt with the Zimbabwean Gukurahundi genocide (1982-87)'. In July 2023 the AWPN Steering Committee presented various papers / performance presentations at the African Theatre Association 2023 conference, at Royal Holloway, Uni London.

FUNDING

Grant Applications

The WICID Executive Management Team has submitted various grant applications to different funding bodies this year. 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 2022-2023 academic year.

Name	Funder	Status
L'homme n'est pas le maître de la terre, mais la terre est le maître de l'homme: Encounters, Dialogues and Solutions for Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development in Côte d'Ivoire	Warwick International Partnership Fund (IPF)	Successful
Intergenerational Memories of (1947) Partition: A Collective Remembering	Warwick Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning (IATL)	Successful
Ensuring the Ethics, Equity and Efficacy of Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development	Enhancing Research Culture Fund	Under Review
Reducing global inequalities through democratising knowledge: Warwick Interdisciplinary Centre for International Development (WICID) widening impact strategy, 2023-2024	ESRC Impact Acceleration Account	Under Review
'Encountering disability through contemporary dance in Africa'	UKRI -AHRC Disability Inclusive Sustainable Global Development	Successful

WICID Seed Grants

This year, WICID has awarded five seed grants to support interdisciplinary projects/activities and network-building in the international development community. This year's recipients included PhD students, early career researchers, and Global South partners.

- **Daive Piaggio (Engineering):** A research project “National Ethics Committees facing public health emergencies: a comparative analysis of the cases of Benin, Italy and Great Britain in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic”
- **Jayanthi Lingham (WICID Visiting Fellow):** Research visit to Sri Lanka to support the preparation of an ESRC New Investigator Grant application based on a project on feminist political economy and conflict
- **Briony Jones (PAIS), Mouzayian Khalil-Babatunde (PAIS), Adou Djane Dit Fatogoma (CSRS):** A research project “L'homme n'est pas le maître de la terre, mais la terre est le maître de l'homme: Encounters, Dialogues and Solutions for Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development in Côte d'Ivoire”
- **Daeun Jung (PAIS):** Partnership meetings in Geneva, Switzerland with representatives from AbbaCol and ANEKED to discuss future opportunities for collaborative work
- **Mauricio Palma-Gutiérrez (PAIS) –** Visit to the HQ of partners AbbaCol in Bogotá (Colombia) to discuss future knowledge exchange and roadmap for further collaborative engagements

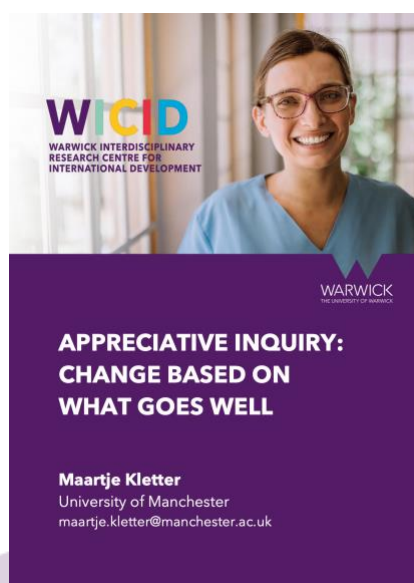
WICID METHODS LAB

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.

Methods Lab Toolkits

[Appreciative inquiry](#)

Author: Maartje Kletter (University of Manchester)



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.

Policy Brief Series

This year, WICID has launched its Policy Brief Series addressing contemporary issues of international development and inequality within the centre's research areas.

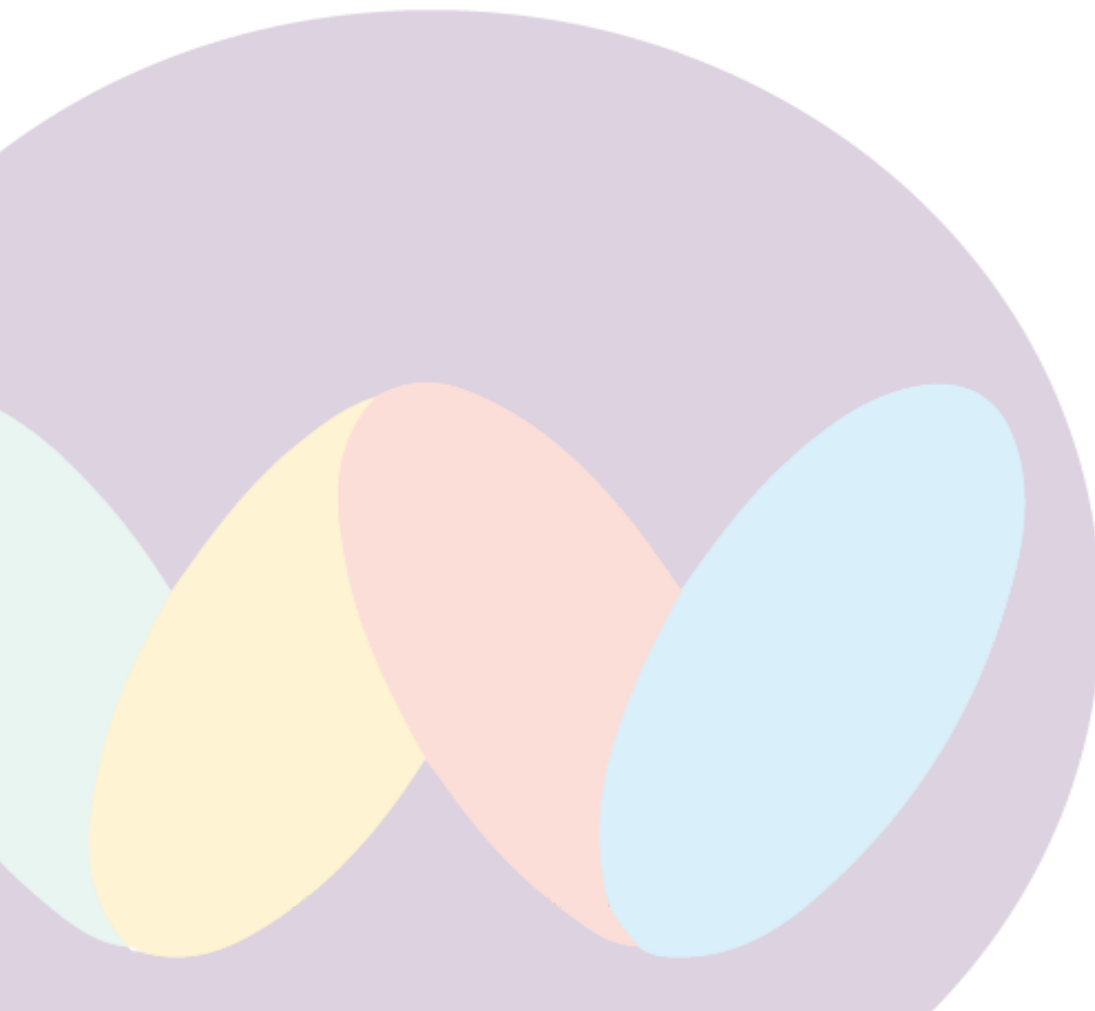
[Peru – Protests that have Left an Extremely Wealthy Country at a Loss: Is It Possible to Build a Bridge over the Divided?](#)

Author: Susana Susana Lozada (Fundación Abba Colombia)

* This policy brief was published in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) versions.



Peru is currently immersed in one of its worst political crises, with a divided society in need of immediate and long-term solutions to long-standing discontent and inequalities. After the protests of January 2023, the Peruvian population is demanding radical changes derived from the loss of trust in the government and the worsening of the social crisis within the country, as job opportunities and access to health, housing, and food become increasingly precarious. Communities are raising their voice to demand immediate change. People are claiming radical solutions to bring sustainability and relief to the crisis, after the dismissal of President Pedro Castillo. With new president Dina Boluarte in power, Castillo's former vice-President, the Peruvian population keeps demanding drastic changes. Related protests have led to major human rights violations, as the government is not open to a peace dialogue allowing to reach agreements offering radical solutions to the Peruvian population. At the same time, it has been difficult to reach an agreement at the National Congress to hold presidential democratic elections in 2023.

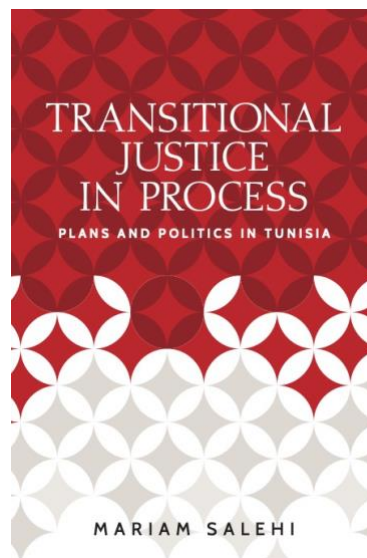


EVENTS

During the 2022-23 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](#).

Liminal Transitional Justice, Between the International and the Domestic

On 22 November 2022, WICID hosted an online panel discussion reflecting on the liminal state of transitional justice 'caught' between the international and domestic. The panel consisted of transitional justice scholars: Mariam Salehi (Freie Universität Berlin), Jelena Subotic (Georgia State University), Umar Ba (Cornell University). Using Mariam Salehi's recently published book *Transitional Justice in Process: Plans and Politics in Tunisia* (Manchester University Press) as an intellectual starting point, the discussion reflected on key themes for the field including domestic political agency, knowledge transfer between actors, and research as an ongoing process.



The recording of this panel discussion is available [here](#) on our YouTube channel.

WICID-CSAG Annual Lecture 2023: "Or It was Time Playing upon Time": Translation and the Indian Nation

WICID co-hosted its third Annual Lecture entitled "*Or It was Time Playing upon Time*": Translation and the Indian Nation with CSAG on 7 March 2023. This year's lecture was given by **Dr Sadia Abbas**, Director of the Center for European Studies at Rutgers-New Brunswick. The lecture focused on the writer Qurutulain Hyder's engagement with

Neoclassicism, colonial and nationalist archaeology, and the global history of the picturesque in her two Urdu novels *Akhir-i-Shab ke Humsafar* and *Aag ka Darya*, which she substantially rewrote in her own English translations *Fireflies in the Mist* and *River of Fire*. Framed through a discussion of translation and "transcreation", the lecture read Hyder's ekphrastic treatments of ruins, statues, and frescoes as a critique of teleology and

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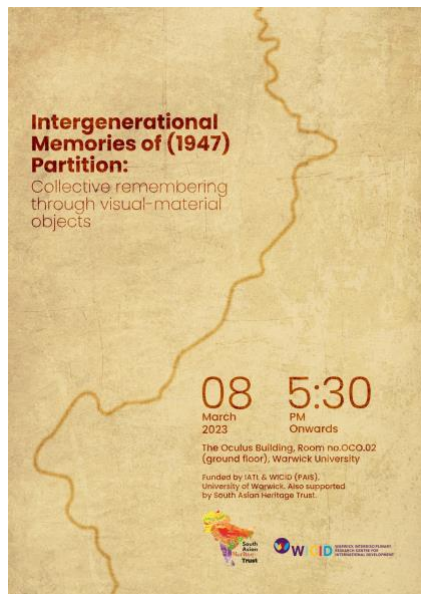
Dr Sadia Abbas

Tuesday 7 March 2023
17:00 - 18:30 GMT
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nationalist and Hindutva historiography, while also addressing the contradictions of ostensibly cosmopolitan Europe and the nationalist postcolonial state.

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

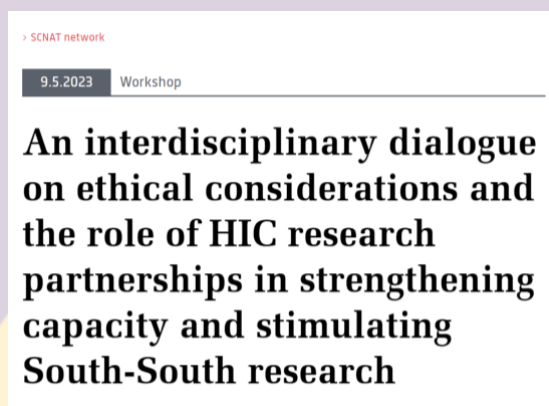
Intergenerational Memories of (1947) Partition: A Collective Remembering



This event brought together South Asians who had experienced the partition of British India in 1947, along with active participation from Warwick students, creating a unique co-creative project, on 8 March 2023. The aim was to explore intergenerational memories in a time when colonial history is being reckoned with in the UK. The event was followed by an exhibition. The exhibition focused on the connection between memorialized and silenced aspects of the partition, examining how memories are preserved and recreated through cultural vehicles such as photographs, objects, and memorabilia. Through visual and material culture, the event explored the negotiations of the past in the contemporary moment, considering processes of narration, forgetting, and re-remembering. The event was led by Aditi Kumar, WICID Visiting Fellow, and co-funded by WICID.

The video documentation and the event report are available [here](#) on our website.

An interdisciplinary dialogue on ethical considerations and the role of HIC research partnerships in strengthening capacity and stimulating South-South research



Co-convened with the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT), this online workshop reunited academics and practitioners around the topic of research partnerships between the Global North and the Global South. The two main aims were, first, to promote reflection and discussion on the ethical considerations of research partnerships and, second, to consider the role that high-income country stakeholders can plan to strengthen capacity and stimulate South-South research. The workshop was held on 9 May 2023.

The event report is available [here](#) on SCNAT website.

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 2022-23 academic year:

- “The KazAID Story” (Prachi Agarwal) – August 2022. [Read here](#)
- “Colonial legacies, race and the labour market in Trinidad and Tobago” (Jamelia Harris and Gianluc Robinson) – September 2022. [Read here](#)
- “Informal networks as sources of healthcare support” (Chinwe Onuegbu) – October 2022. [Read here](#)
- “Data-based humanitarianism in Nigeria and South Sudan” (Funke Fayehun, Briony Jones, Leben Moro and Vicki Squire) – December 2022. [Read here](#)
- “Lurching from crisis to crisis: A reflection of ‘neglect’ and Ebola in Uganda” (Sharifah Sekalala) – January 2023. [Read here](#)

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 one new episode:

- **Think Development Out Loud with Professor Sharifah Sekalala.** On this episode of TDOL, Professor Sekalala comments on the scope and extent of the project "There's no app for that! Regulating the migration of digital health data in Sub Saharan Africa. She explains the importance and urgency to re-think the governance of health-related data acquired and archived via digital apps in three countries of Sub-Saharan Africa. [Watch here](#)
- We will shortly publish a new episode of **Think Development Out Loud with Professor Rashmi Varma.** On this episode Prof. Varma will comment on the intersections between postcoloniality and development in her latest research.

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 continue to grow our presence on [Twitter](#) with 634 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 newsletter provides information about news, upcoming events, and funding and networking opportunities.
- Subscriber list of 422 newsletter recipients and growing.
- Interested individuals can subscribe [here](#).

CLOSING REMARKS

We were excited to deepen our key partnerships this year and to secure an additional three years as a research centre. In the coming year we will continue our focus on securing the funds necessary to continue our important interdisciplinary work.

WICID is always a team effort, and I am so pleased to have been able to work with such a dynamic and diverse group of colleagues, students and collaborators.

Now an established research centre, watch this space for new initiatives and do get in touch with your ideas!

Sincerely,

Briony Jones (Director)

