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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 place a new focus on our policy-facing work and to extend our networks even further than before. Collaborating with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on an SDG16 Roundtable on data and evidence was a particular highlight, and we will prioritise connecting the cutting-edge research of WICID members and partners with policy and practice in the years to come. This year we also reinforced WICID's position within the University of Warwick research community, with a team from WICID – comprising Briony Jones, Davide Piaggio and Rashmi Varma – successfully bidding to lead one of the university's new Interdisciplinary Research Spotlights on Society and Culture. Along with colleagues from Education and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, Briony, Davide and Rashmi will develop and deepen their work on global inequalities and the role of knowledge production in tackling them.

We were also thrilled to invite one of our key partners, the African Network Against Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearance (ANEKED), to deliver this year's annual lecture. Dr Lesley Stahlecker spoke to us about ANEKED's work in her talk entitled 'Grassroots Activism: Boundaries and Breakthroughs'. It was particularly important to highlight the work of our partners in this way, and to learn from them.

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 would also like to thank all those who attended our events, read our newsletter and blogs, listened to our Think Development Out Loud Series and shared their ideas, news, and enthusiasm. We, at WICID, are grateful! It is also important to extend special thanks to the Politics and International Studies Department at the University of Warwick for their ongoing and generous financial support.

Finally, huge thanks to the amazing WICID Administrative team of Daeun Jung and Neha Ramesh. 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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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.

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 (2022-2024) collaboration between British and Ivoirian 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 Djané 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 project team has published a Think Development Blog article [“Encounters, dialogues and solutions for natural resource management and sustainable development”](#) in December 2023.
- Adou Djané Dit Fatogoma visited the University of Warwick in March 2024 to deliver a workshop with students from the MA in International Development (Politics and International Studies Department) and to meet with the wider project team to discuss follow-on funding applications.
- CSRS held a stakeholder meeting in Abidjan in July 2024 to discuss the content of an upcoming policy brief to be a key output of the project.

MOBILITIES

Empowering Data Literacies in Displacement

How can internally displaced persons (IDPs) be empowered in contexts whereby humanitarian assistance is driven by data? The project undertakes timely and vital impact work by Data and Displacement, a recently completed AHRC-FCDO-funded project examining the ethical and operational impacts of data-driven humanitarianism in north-eastern Nigeria and South Sudan. The project will co-produce a free online training package that is designed for and by humanitarian practitioners, and that is validated by – and created with – IDPs. Critical to the success of this project is: (1) an in-person workshop with selected practitioners in Geneva to discuss the content and presentation of the training package; and (2) an in-person workshop with IDP representatives in Abuja to validate and co-produce digital training materials. Costs are required for travel/subsistence and for the digital production, translation and research assistant costs. This project represents a unique collaboration with the United Nations migration agency, IOM.

Investigators: Vicki Squire (PI)

Funder: ESRC Impact Acceleration Account

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

- PI Professor Sekalala co-authored two peer-reviewed publications based on the project: '[Colonialism in the new digital health agenda](#)'; '[Health data justice: building new norms for health data governance](#)'.
- A workshop took place in November 2023, tackling human rights concerns in digital health, data migration, healthcare access, and equity. The event attracted a diverse audience of lawyers, activists, policymakers, students, and academics eager to engage on these critical issues.
- The project team held the Digital Health Workshop in September 2023 – presentations can be viewed [here](#). PI Professor Sekalala also gave a lecture on [Law, Regulation and Health](#) as part of the Workshop.

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), Lliane 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

- The project team held bi-monthly online meetings throughout the 2023-24 year to discuss key issues and practices.
- The project investigators spoke with choreographers Nadine McKenzie (South Africa), Adriaan Luteijn (Netherlands) and Joseph Tebandeka (Uganda) at the BODY MOVES Festival in November 2023.
- The team organised Access Festival as part of JOMBA! In August 2024, a festival that included three days of performances, workshops, talk-backs, interviews with artists from South Africa, Uganda, and the Netherlands.

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). 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 members published an article [“Building an outreach culture for fairer access to higher education in Haryana, India: A ‘bottom up’ contribution to policy implementation”](#) highlighting the outcome of the predecessor project.
- Co-PI Nidhi Sabharwal authored the section titled [“The Promise of the Right to Higher Education for Students from the Disadvantaged Groups: The Role of Affirmative Action in Preparing them for Higher Education Access and Success”](#) in the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) flagship report.
- The project members co-authored and published a book [Gendering the Massification Generation - Higher Education Access and Choice in India](#) based on the predecessor project.
- In November 2023, the project team held the first Research Methodology Workshop in New Delhi. The visit report can be found [here](#).
- The project members published an article ["Gendered conditions of higher education access: advancing a gender prism analytic through the case of Haryana, India"](#).

PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

Below is the list of selected publications by the WICID members during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Briony Jones (Director)

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Jones, B. (2023). *The Transitional Justice Citizen: From Justice Receiver to Justice Seeker*. Edward Elgar.

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Emily Henderson (Steering Committee)

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Henderson, Emily F., Sabharwal, Nidhi S., Thomas, Anjali, Mansuy, Julie, Stewart, Ann, Rathee, Sharmila, Yadav, Renu and Samanta, Nikita (2023) *Gendering the massification generation: higher education access and choice in India*. London: Routledge. ISBN 9781032363004

Henderson, Emily F., Sabharwal, Nidhi S. and Thomas, Anjali (2023) "From gender parity to gender prism: looking beyond enrolment parity to explore gendered conditions of access to higher education in Haryana, India" in Varghese, N. V. and Sabharwal, Nidhi, (eds.) *India Higher Education Report 2022: Women in Higher Education*. New York: Routledge, pp. 100-118. ISBN 9781003415916

Yvette Hutchison (Steering Committee)

Hutchison, Y. (2024) "Africa's Invisible Women daring to challenge the 21st century", in Kene Igweonu (ed.) *Routledge Handbook on African Theatre and Performance*. London: Routledge, 442-453.

Yvette Hutchison, 'Tosin Kooshima Tume, Ekuia Ekumah (eds.) (2023) *Gendering Taboos: 10 Short Plays by African Women Playwrights*. Bloomsbury.

Sharifah Sekalala (Steering Committee)

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Shaw, J., Sekalala, S., & Fiske, A. (2024). The Urgent Need for Health Data Justice in Precision Medicine. *The American journal of bioethics*, 24(3), 101–103. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2024.2303141>

Shirin Heidari, Els Torreele, Ahmet Metin Gülmezoglu, Sharifah Sekalala, Naomi Burke-Shyne, Gabrielle Landry Chappuis (2023) A gender-responsive Pandemic Accord is needed for a healthier, equitable future, *The Lancet*, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(23\)02038-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02038-X).

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Judith Bueno de Mesquita, Claire Lougarre, and Lisa Montel Sharifah Sekalala (2023) 'Lodestar in the time of coronavirus? Interpreting international obligations to realise the right to health during the COVID-19 pandemic', *Human Rights Law Review*, 23(1), <https://doi.org/10.1093/hrlr/ngac036>

Vicky Squire (Steering Committee)

Squire, V. (2024) 'Global citizenship in the making? Generating an inventory of migratory claims', *Citizenship Studies*, 27(8), pp. 967–982. doi: 10.1080/13621025.2024.2324776.

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Squire, V. (2024) "Unruly migrations, abolitionist alternatives", in A. Closs Stephens and M. Tazzioli (eds.) *Collective Movements and Emerging Political Spaces*, pp. 52-62.

Oyinlola Oyebode (Advisory Board)

Fforde R, Parsons N, Oyebode O. 'Does socio-economic status modify how individuals perceive or describe their own health? An assessment of reporting heterogeneity in the Health Survey for England'. *BMJ Public Health*. Accepted.

Jones H, Orr J, Whelan M, Oyebode O. 'An exploration of pregnancy and postpartum content on Instagram: A content analysis of health and exercise focused accounts'. *Women and Birth*. Accepted.

Margozzini P, Tolonen H, Bernabe-Ortiz A, Cuschieri S, Donfrancesco C, Palmieri L, Sanchez-Romero L, Mindell J, Oyebode O. 'National Health Examination Surveys: An essential piece of the health planning puzzle'. *Bulletin of the World Health Organisation*. Accepted.

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Whelan M, Ghosh I, Bell L, Oyebode O (2023) How and to what extent did the Coventry City of Culture 'City Host' volunteer programme affect the volunteers' mental wellbeing? *BMC Public Health*.

Lange M, Coffey A, Coleman P, Barber T, Van Rens T, Oyebode O, Abbott S, Hanson P (2023) Metabolic changes following intermittent fasting: A rapid review of systematic reviews. *Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics*.

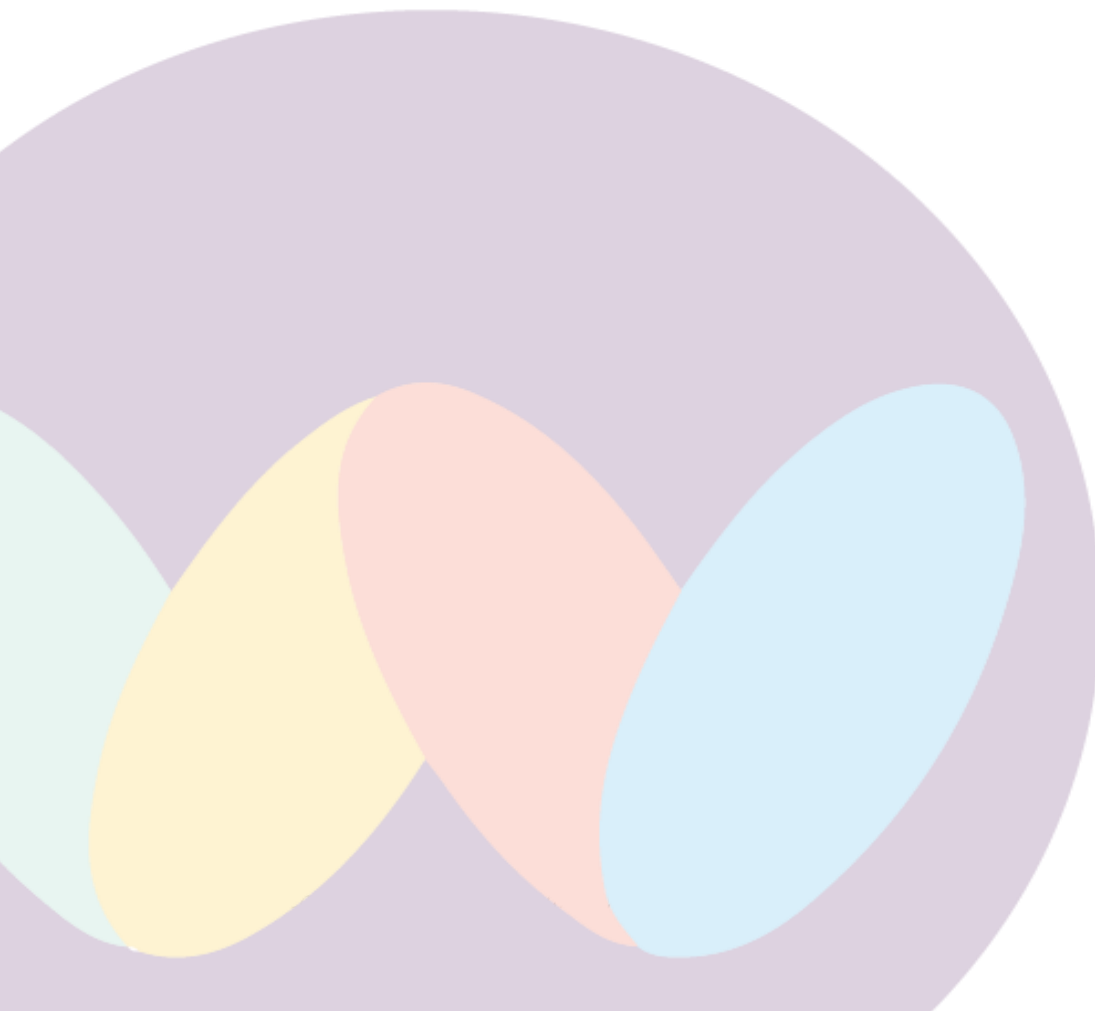
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Ogunlayi F, Coleman P, Ng Fat L, Mindell J, Oyebode O (2023) Trends in socioeconomic inequalities in behavioural cardiovascular disease risk factors. *BMC Public Health* 23, 1442 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-023-16275-6>

Awards

- **Vicki Squire** (Steering Committee) was a joint winner of the **British International Studies Association (BISA) Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Prize 2024** awarded for individuals who have made significant contributions to promoting a more inclusive discipline. The panel stated: *This is an impressive application that demonstrates a career commitment to fostering inclusion in theory and practice. Prof. Squire's work and approach has made tangible impact to advance diversity and inclusion within international studies thus setting an exemplary standard for others to follow.*

- **Sharifah Sekalala** (Steering Committee) has been awarded the **Feminist Legal Studies Prize for Best Article 2023** (joint winner). She was also elected as a **Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences** in recognition of her pioneering scholarship and exemplary leadership in the field of global health law.
- **Emily Henderson** (Steering Committee) was awarded the **Warwick Research Award for Excellent Supervision** (Social Sciences Faculty).



ADVOCACY, IMPACT AND PARTNERSHIP

During this academic year, WICID has strengthened its advocacy, impact 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.

WICID Joins United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)

As part of a larger University of Warwick bid, the WICID team were instrumental in securing membership of the [UNAI](#), which describes itself as “an initiative that engages institutions of higher education with the United Nations in supporting and contributing to the realization of the Organization's purposes and principles, including the promotion and protection of human rights, access to education, sustainability and conflict resolution”.

New Partnership with SIDS

This year, WICID welcomed [Somali Institute of Development Studies \(SIDS\)](#) as our partner institution. SIDS is a development and resilience-focused think tank which provides high-quality capacity development, research, policy briefs and publications, and graduate programs. The institute is committed to contributing to Somalia’s economic development and political stability through innovation, research and capacity development. Key study areas include development and poverty, resilience, markets, health and nutrition, environment and disaster risk reduction, peacebuilding, conflict resolution and mediation using indigenous methods, stabilization and durable solutions. SIDS believes that development is the sum of the contributions from different groups and institutions. Therefore, SIDS established partnerships with the Federal and State line ministries, academic institutions, CBOs and other I/NGOs.

Policy work

WICID co-organised and hosted a roundtable on *SDG 16: Evidence Gaps, Data Access and Monitoring* with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The roundtable was designed to enable a discussion between individuals from academia, FCDO and different institutions. The objective for this roundtable was to share experience, deepen understanding and identify areas of common challenge across SDG 16 with specific reference to data. The roundtable discussion focused on (1) the current challenges in data collection, access and evidence gaps, for example thematic challenges, data methodology in FCAS and effectiveness of existing data frameworks; and (2) wider SDG 16 challenges including the importance of national ownership of SDG 16, in addition to discussing government accountability and the role of donors.

WICID co-produced and co-signed, along with key academics and policymakers, the concept note, 'Who Cares in Peace building? Building Sustainable Peace and Advancing Gender Equality through Support for Peace builders with Caring Responsibilities'. This note has been circulated amongst the policy community, leading to new engagements with the UN

Research Institute for Social Development. It builds on work led by WICID collaborator, Dr Eleanor Gordon of Monash University.

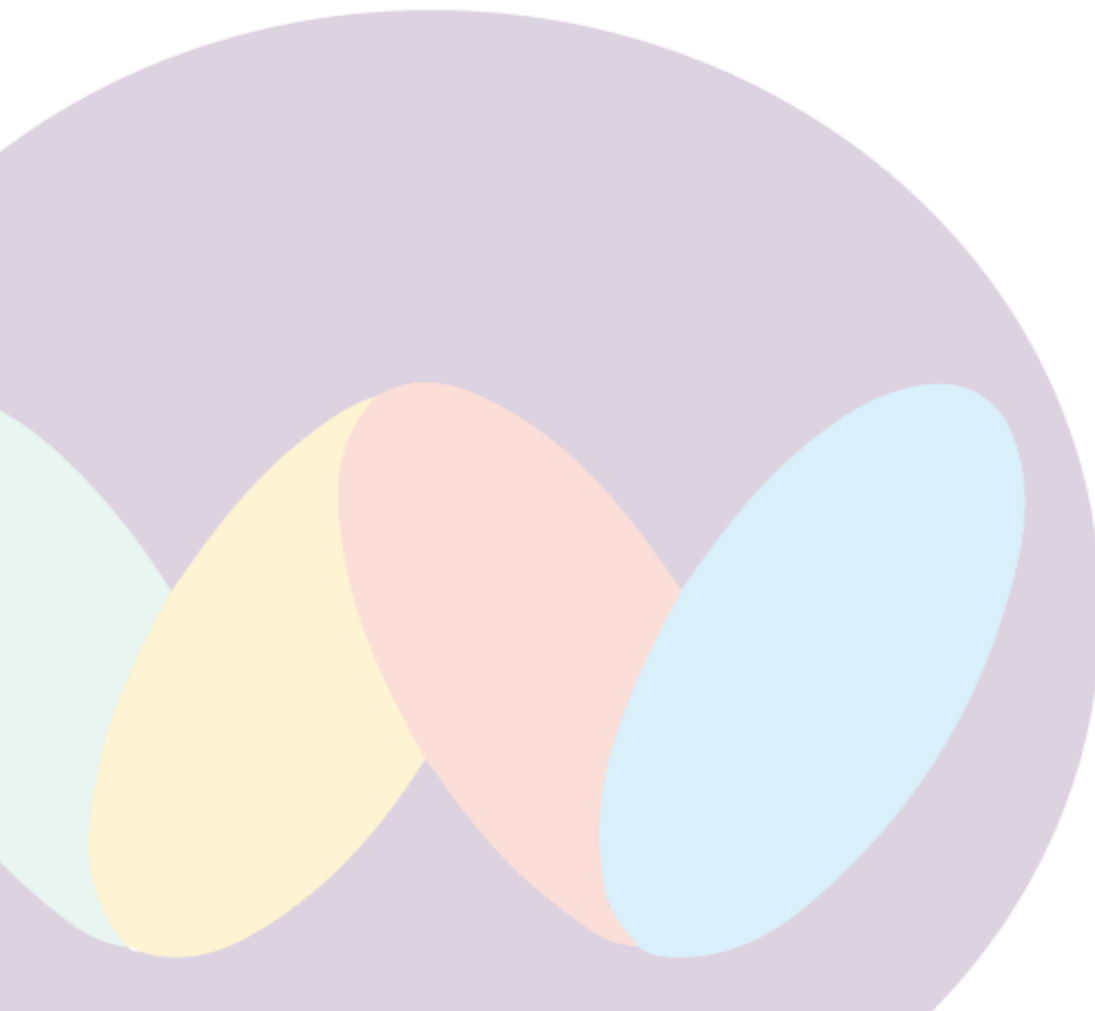
Other Engagements

- Briony Jones (Director) attended the Development Studies Association Heads of Centres meeting in November 2023.
- Shahnaz Akhtar (Executive Management) attended 'Celebration of the Coventry UNESCO Associated Schools Network'. This event hosted by Preet Gill MP celebrated the work done by schools on the Hidden Heroes project supporting UNESCO Associated Schools Network, connects more than 12,000 schools in 182 countries with a common goal of strengthening three distinct pillars education for sustainable development, global citizenship education and inter-cultural and heritage learning.
- Vicky Squire (Steering Committee) participated in the IOM Roundtable discussion on Charting the way forward for route-based migration research in June 2024.
- [African Women Playwrights Network \(AWPN\)](#), of which Yvette Hutchison (Steering Committee) was a PI, was set up in Nigeria, Kenya, Botswana, SA, Zimbabwe and Diasporas (UK).
- Oyinlola Oyebode (Advisory Board) joined the Advisory Group for the National University Centre for Women and Children at National University Hospital, Singapore and Advisory Board of Newham Centre for Health and Care Equity.
- Shirin Rai (Advisory Board) gave a [keynote speech](#) titled 'Social Reproduction, Depletion and/in Crisis' at the Development Studies Association (DSA) 2024 conference, building on her book *Depletion: the Human Costs of Caring*.
- Briony Jones (Director) has continued collaborations with ANEKED on an open access Transitional Justice Teaching Tool which was developed further at workshops at the University of Warwick and Geneva Academy.
- In 2023, Emily Henderson, along with James Burford, both in Education Studies, founded a new Category 2 Substantive University Research Centre called the Doctoral Education and Academia Research Centre (DEAR)

Highlights from our Partners

- [SIDS](#) has launched the Green Media Initiative (GMI). GMI is Somalia's first green media hub, committed to promoting environmental awareness and sustainability. The work includes producing documentaries, messages, podcasts, and radio programs focusing on the green sectors and the climate impact.

- ANEKED participated in the victims' reparations bill consultative process. Working together with the Ministry of Justice, representatives of the National Human Rights Commission, the American Bar Association, and stakeholders from other civil society organisations focused on transitional justice in The Gambia, ANEKED was able to provide its input to the bill and victim's rights. The Victims' Reparation Bill was passed into law on November 1, 2023 and demonstrates a significant step for victims to seek redress and demand accountability.
- With support from international experts, ANEKED continued its work on advancing good practices in forensic investigations of human rights violations in The Gambia to ensure the quality is aligned with international standards of accountability and justice. This was done in order to lay the ground for the long-awaited remains of the forcibly disappeared to be returned to their loved ones for a befitting burial.
- Recognising the interconnectedness of victims and CSOs fighting for truth, memory, and justice on the continent, ANEKED ventured out of the country to share our knowledge and experiences with colleagues engaged in TJ processes in countries such as Guinea Conakry, South Sudan, and Liberia.



FUNDING

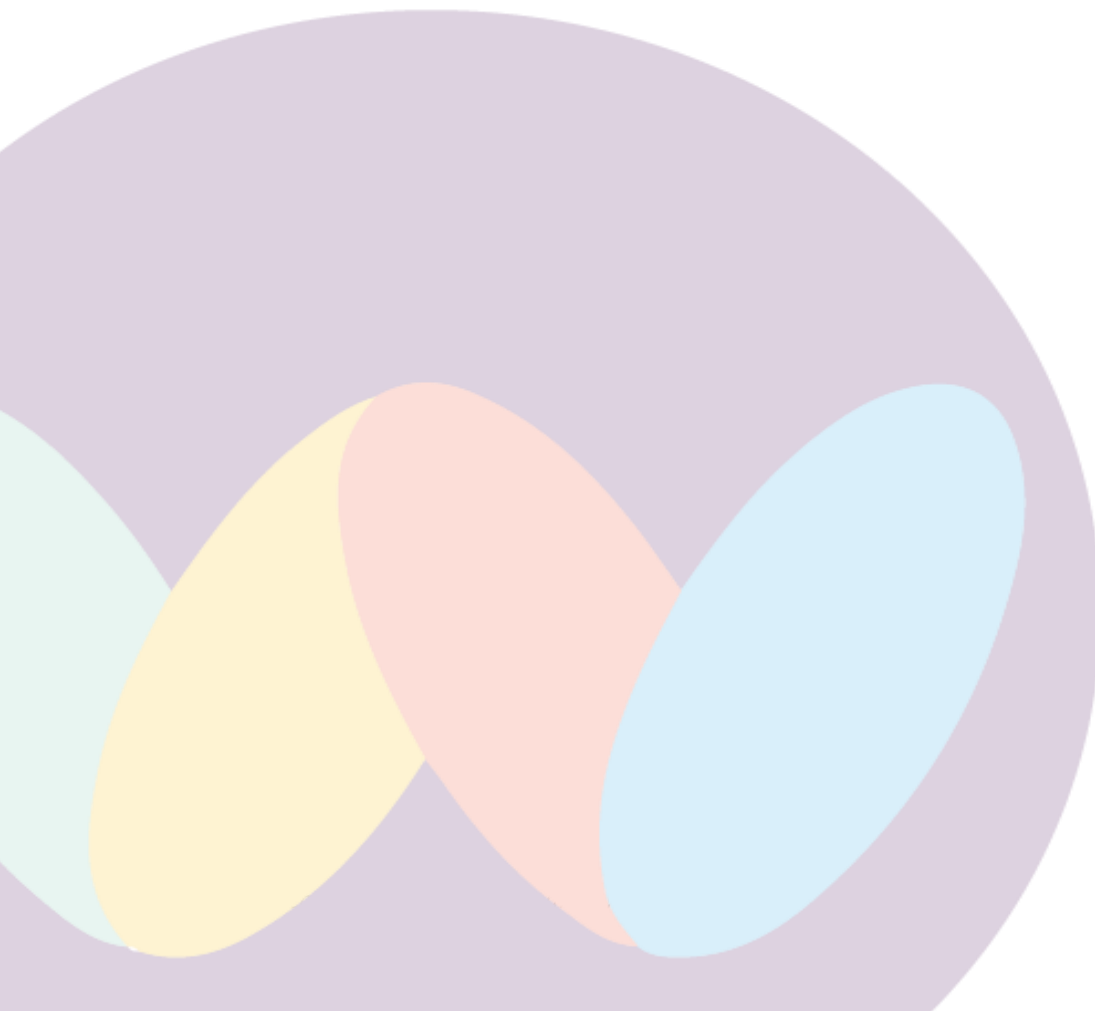
External Grant Applications

WICID members and partners have 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 2023-2024 academic year.

Project title	Funder	Status
Encountering disability through contemporary dance in Africa	AHRC Disability Inclusive Sustainable Global Development	Successful
Empowering Data Literacies in Displacement	ESRC Impact Acceleration Account	Successful
E-cigarettes in secure mental health facilities	West London NHS Trust	Successful
Research and action on hypertension and salt, Sierra Leone	International Science Partnerships Fund, Catalyst Grant	Successful
Food environment of very deprived urban neighbourhoods in Pakistan	International Science Partnerships Fund, Catalyst Grant	Successful
Transitional Justice Teaching Tool Symposium	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Successful
Building the Capacities and Coordination of National Stakeholders on Climate Change and Hydromet Services	UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)	Successful
From Memory to Action Developing a Transitional Justice Teaching Tool	US Embassy Banjul	Under review
Sierra Leone Research and Action on Salt and Hypertension (SLASH)	MRC Applied Global Health	Under review
The health co-benefits of net zero (THRIVING)	UKRI	Under review

Seed Grants

- Dr Jamelia Harris has been awarded a British Academy Knowledge Frontiers Programme grant, building on the scoping research she undertook with a WICID seed funding grant. You can find out more about the project 'Colonial legacies and the labour market in the English-speaking Caribbean' [here](#).



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.

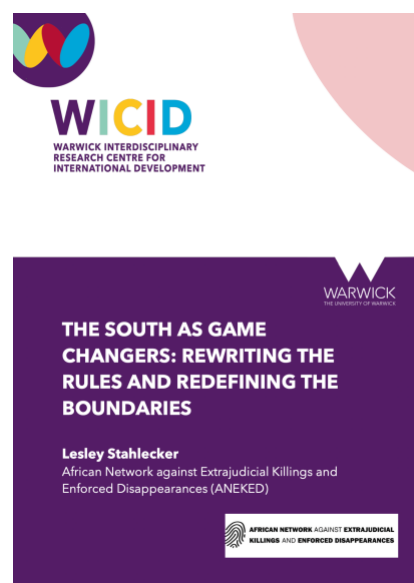
Methods Lab Toolkits

[The South as Game Changers: Rewriting the Rules and Redefining the Boundaries](#)

Author: Lesley Stahlecker (ANEKED)

Research and other collaborative partnerships between institutions in the Global North and the Global South have been key to furthering knowledge development and sharing knowledge on a global platform. However, partnerships have been plagued with ethical dilemmas related, but not limited to, division of labour, roles and relationships, accrued benefit and output, in addition to factors that have led to epistemic injustice. There have been significant efforts made by actors in this milieu to adopt best practices and guidelines that seek to overcome these challenges and push for more equitable partnerships.

The focus on equitable partnerships between Global North and Global South institutions has been welcome and indeed necessary. What is overlooked is the movement toward greater South/South partnerships. The toolkit explores the ways in which partnerships among actors in the South can provide a new plain for equitable partnerships. However, partnerships among actors in the South must also seek not to replicate or entrench inequalities. The toolkit aims to provide guidelines to avoid these pitfalls by introducing a self-audit that would assist institutions in the South to establish a framework that provides an equitable organisational culture that can then be reproduced in its partnerships in order to promote holistic engagement.



EVENTS

During the 2023-24 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 2024 – *Grassroots Activism: Boundaries and Breakthroughs*

On 13 March 2024, WICID held the Annual Lecture titled *Grassroots Activism: Boundaries and Breakthroughs* delivered by Lesley Stahlecker from ANEKED. The Lecture focused on ANEKED's journey showcasing growth across physical, geopolitical, and digital spheres, rooted in local activism emerging from repressive conflict zones. Championing women and marginalised voices, notably as a women-led entity, ANEKED occupies spaces in transitional justice. Venturing into unexpected arenas like universities, Lesley strives to drive discourse, from local to global, aligning with critical perspectives on global inequalities and development and its significant implications on the global South.

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



The flyer is a rectangular document with a white background and a thin black border. At the top, it features the WICID logo (a stylized globe) and the text 'WARWICK INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'. Below this, it reads 'Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development (WICID)'. The main title is 'Annual Lecture 2023-2024 "Grassroots Activism: Boundaries and Breakthroughs"'. The speaker is identified as 'By Dr. Lesley Stahlecker'. An abstract follows, describing the lecture's focus on ANEKED's journey. A small circular portrait of Dr. Lesley Stahlecker is on the right. Below the portrait, her bio is provided. At the bottom, the date and time are listed as 'Date: 13th March 2024' and 'Time: 17:00-18:30'. A registration link is provided: 'Register: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/wicid/news/registrationform2024/'. A note at the very bottom states 'Registration for this event is free. The event will be followed by a reception with refreshments.'

Research Talk: *Describing India: People's Movements and Knowledge*

On 13 October 2023 WICID co-hosted, along with the Critical South Asia Group, a talk by Professor Ganesh Devy, a noted cultural historian, critic, and activist.

Research Seminar: *Reforming Undergraduate Education in Pakistan: Why Necessary? Why Failed?*

On 1 November 2023 WICID co-hosted, along with the Critical South Asia Group, a seminar by Dr. S. Zulfiqar Gilani, Hallsworth Visiting Professor at the Institute of Education, University of Manchester.

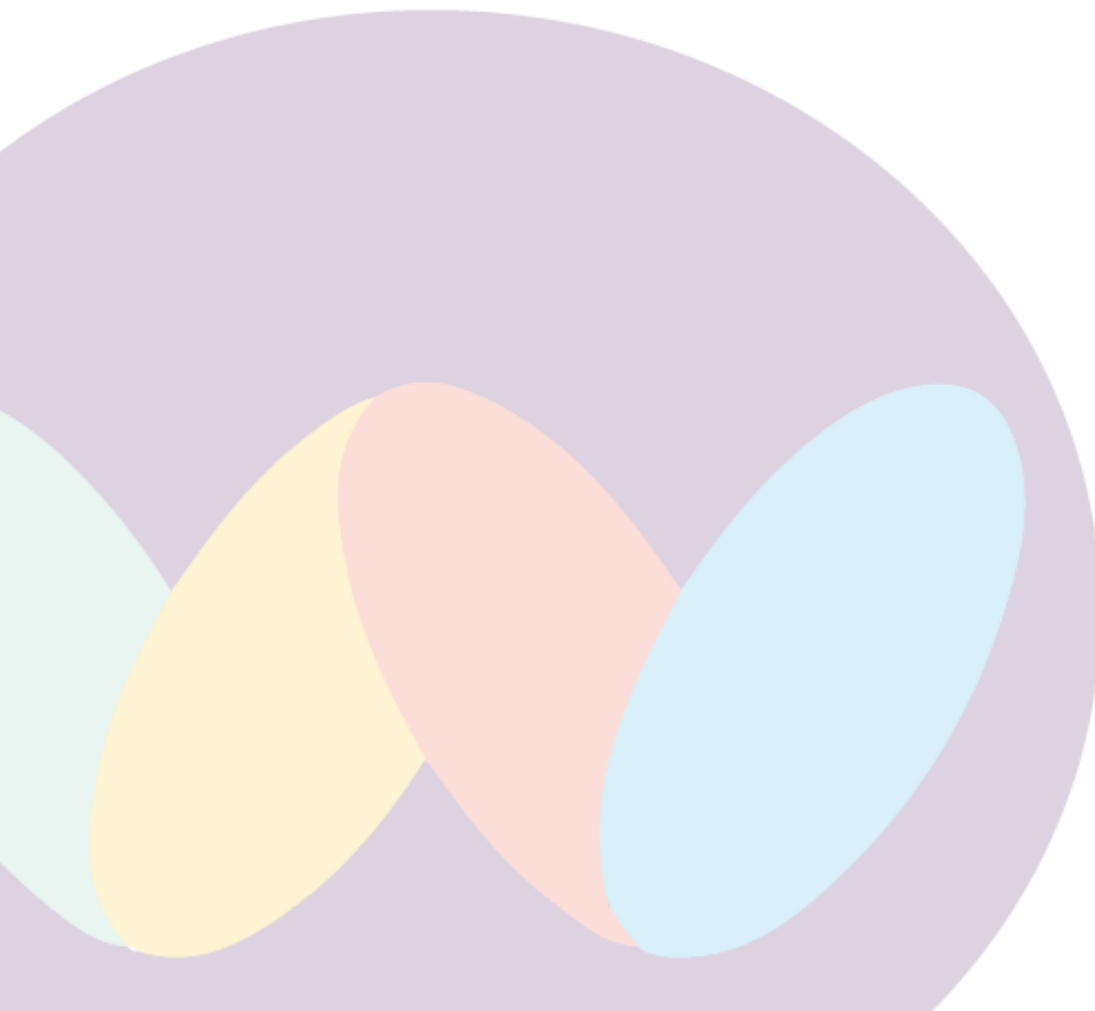
Workshop on Global South Research and Comparative Politics

On 31 January 2024, WICID co-hosted, along with the Comparative Politics Cluster, a workshop for staff and research students of the Politics and International Studies

Department of the University of Warwick. This workshop focused on discussing current and planned research and generating new research networks and collaborations.

Research Talk: To Delay or Not to Delay - Beyond the Marriage-Education Trade-offs in Secondary Schooling for Young Women in Eastern India

On 2 July 2024 WICID co-hosted this event with the Widening Access to Higher Education in India project, led by Emily Henderson. Guest speaker, Dr Manika Bora (O.P. Jindal Global University, India) spoke about her recent research on disparity in access and participation in secondary and higher education in the state of Bihar in India.



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 2023-24 academic year:

- **‘Responsibility To Protect’ in Libya: A Post–colonial and Feminist Analysis** (by Sol Rodriguez) – October 2023. [Read here](#)
- **Conflicting Narratives on Development and Environment in Argentina** (by Mariana Paterlini) – October 2023. [Read here](#)
- **Encounters, dialogues and solutions for natural resource management and sustainable development** (by Adou Djané, Briony Jones, Mouzayian Khalil-Babatunde, Sita Akoko Kondo, Dohouan Village Secretary, Dohouan Forest Guides, and Dohouan Women’s Association) – December 2023. [Read here](#)
- **Stakeholder Identification and Community Engagement for Data Collection in Marginalised Populations** (by Aboluwaji Daniel Ayinmoro) – March 2024. [Read here](#)
- **Colonization and the Farm Bills in India** (by Keerti Narayanan) – July 2024. [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 Rashmi Varma.** On this episode of TDOL, Professor Varma (WICID Executive Management Team) discusses her research at the intersections of Global Cities and Postcolonialism. You can watch the episode [here](#).
- We will shortly publish the TDOL episode with **Professor Daniel Boluwaji**, "Stakeholder Identification and Community Engagement for Data Collection in Marginalised Populations in Nigeria".

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 \(X\)](#) with 657 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 409 newsletter recipients and growing.
- Interested individuals can subscribe [here](#).

CLOSING REMARKS

We were excited to deepen our key partnerships and extend our networks this year, demonstrating the local, national and global reach of WICID's work and expertise.

In the coming year we will see some changes as I take on leadership of the Society and Culture Interdisciplinary Research Spotlight while Mouzayian Khalil moves into the WICID Director role. Mouzayian has been with WICID from the beginning and has been leading our Think Development Blog and Think Development Out Loud series with great success. She will lead WICID with the same dedication and creativity, I am sure. As Mouzayian herself shares with us:

"The vision of WICID is one I have supported from the start, and it is an exciting honour to continue doing this with the management team, steering committee, advisory board members, students and partners. We look forward to a year consolidating all we already do so well, building new partnerships, and making new strides in policy engagement across our thematic focus."

I will continue to work with WICID as part of the management team and supporting our work on policy and practice.

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. I am excited for the year to come! Watch this space we get up and running as the new academic year begins in October, and do keep sharing your news and ideas with us.

Sincerely,

Briony Jones (Director)