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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; and mobilities – structure our work but do not constrain it. These four areas do not stand alone, but they overlap and interact, reflecting the complexities of the contemporary world.

During our first year of activities we have had a progressively positive start. We have awarded seed funds to University of Warwick scholars, won research grants which will support WICID activities, hosted webinars and workshops, launched an international development research toolkit series hosted by the University of Warwick Press, and re-launched the Think Development blog. As we find different ways of working in the face of COVID-19 we have engaged in dialogue on the implications of the current pandemic for our work and that of our partners through dedicated webinars and blogs. We hope to build on this momentum over the coming months. In alignment with our key goals, we seek to build research and policy networks to foster collaborative work with partners across the globe. In the near future, we hope to expand our capacity in developing synergies for research, teaching, and impact work in the development sector.

This report provides a general outline of the highlights from our work over the past six months, from our foundation in August 2019 to our one-year anniversary in August 2020. We are thankful for your continued support of WICID and your input as to our strategy moving forward.

Sincerely

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RESEARCH PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS

WICID supports research through collaborative work, seed funding for grant proposal development, and a variety of events to exchange research on international development and to support networking and grant-writing. WICID members are working on a number of projects within and between our four core research areas: gender; peace, conflict, and justice; mobilities; and health.

GENDER

Monash-Warwick Alliance: Inclusive Economies and Enduring Peace

The project investigates how women's unpaid and paid labour is affected by conflict situations and situations of conflict-recovery, how women strategize to reverse this depletion and what needs to be done by the state and non-state actors involved in post-conflict negotiations and building institutional infrastructure.

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

Funder: MWA Accelerator Fund

Recent Updates: Shirin Rai and Jacqui True published "[Introduction to Special Section of Social Politics: Post-conflict Care Economies.](#)" Jayanthi Lingham and Mel Johnston carried out our extensive fieldwork using the novel methodology that Shirin Rai and Jacqui True have developed to study social reproduction in post/conflict areas. The fieldwork was carried out over 5 weeks, in both Sri Lanka and Myanmar. The fieldwork analysis will contribute to publications and towards applying for grant applications. Jayanthi Lingham and Melissa Johnston wrote a blog on "[The hidden work of post-conflict recovery](#)" commenting on social reproduction and enduring peace.

A Fair Chance for Education

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

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

Funder: Fair Chance Foundation

Recent Updates: The project is now in its fourth year. Anjali Thomas, the first project PhD student, is writing up her findings on the role of families in the gendered educational trajectories of young people accessing higher education in Haryana. Nikita Samanta, the PhD candidate who started a year later on the Project, is currently analysing her findings from this year's field work on an ethnographic account of the processes and challenges involved in organising outreach activities in government colleges in rural Haryana. The Project Team is currently completing the extensive Pilot Study Report. To find out more on the project, please see the project [website](#).

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 explores the foundations and practical implementation of the search for victims of enforced disappearance from a legal, psychosocial and political perspective in the two case study countries of Colombia and El Salvador.

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

Funder: Swiss Network for International Studies

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

Recent Updates: The team has completed data collection and held a workshop in Basel, Switzerland in February 2020 to discuss publications and new funding proposals to enable them to continue their work. Collaborations with the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance are going well and their representatives also attended the February workshop in Basel.

Knowledge for Peace. Understanding Research, Policy, Practice Synergies

[This project](#) aims to improve peacebuilding practice by looking at how research and knowledge about peace and its components are generated and how the politics of knowledge production impact policy making. The project focuses on transitional justice processes in Côte d'Ivoire, South Sudan and Mozambique.

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

Funder: Swiss National Science Foundation and Swiss Development Cooperation

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

Recent Updates: The team secured a one-year budget neutral project extension until July 2020. The manuscript on an edited book, to be published by Edward Elgar, is due to be finalised by the end of May 2020. Journal articles are also under final revisions in *Cooperation and Conflict* as well as *The International Feminist Journal of Politics*.

HEALTH

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

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

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

Funder: National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

Recent Updates: THE NIHR GHRU team recently contributed to [Key Considerations – COVID-19 in Informal Urban Settlements](#)” and also published [A protocol for a multi-site, spatially-referenced household survey in slum settings: methods for access, sampling frame construction, sampling, and field data collection.](#)

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

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

Investigators: Moses Mulumba, Oyinlola Oyebode, Sharifah Sekalala

Funder: Warwick GCRF Catalyst grant 2018-19

Recent Updates: The team are exploring with colleagues at Aga Khan University, Pakistan about whether a rights-based intervention similar to that delivered in Uganda could be adapted for use in Pakistan.

MOBILITIES

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

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

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

Funder: AHRC-DFID Collaborative Humanitarian Protection Research Programme

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

Recent Updates: The project will commence with a delayed start date of 1 October 2020.

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

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

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

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

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

Recent Updates: The [Final Project Report](#) and [interactive story map](#) documenting some of the journeys of participants are available online on the project's webpage [here](#). Though this project finished in February 2019, a co-authored monograph entitled *Reclaiming Migration: Voices from Europe's 'Migrant Crisis'* is in press with Manchester University Press (forthcoming 2021).

Journey > Arrival

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyday in Lockdown

The COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted the rhythms of everyday lives. In early-summer 2020, WICID launched [Everyday in Lockdown](#), a photography research project. The project gathers photos that capture the everyday across intersectional and national boundaries of class, gender, caste, ethnicity, age, religion to build a picture (metaphorically and actually) of the everyday life and labour during the COVID-19 pandemic. WICID hired a postgraduate research assistant, Ashley Mungai, to support the project.

Investigators: Shirin Rai, Briony Jones, Oyinlola Oyeboode, Maeve Moynihan, Ashley Mungai

Funders: WICID, University of Warwick IAA

Other Projects

The projects below whilst not funded by WICID, all contribute to our interdisciplinary work and are led by members of WICID and of its Steering Committee.

Journal of Law, Social Justice, and Global Development

WICID is pleased to support the [Journal of Law, Social Justice and Global Development](#), which is an interdisciplinary academic peer-review research journal. It currently publishes one special issue and one regular issue per year. It is Open Access and distributed internationally in both electronic and hard copy form. It represents a growing community of scholars and development practitioners who contribute critically to political and policy debates on global sustainable development.

African Women's Playwrights' Network

Our Steering Committee member Yvette Hutchison has been working on her [African Women Playwrights' Network](#), moving it towards being an organisation in its own right, training steering group in writing a business plan, creating a social media strategy, and now shifting to how we can engage artists during Coronavirus. She has created a digital educational toolkit, [Woza Africa: Theatre in the African Context](#) for secondary schools, launched in April 2020 that has been uploaded by some 91 primary, secondary schools, universities, 3rd sector organisations in 20 countries by beginning July 2020. The group has interviews and play extracts readings on Instagram by 7 artists since lockdown and are completing a film on the project that will be launched towards end July 2020.

Centre for Cultural and Media Policy Studies (CCMPS)

Along with Steering Committee member Jonathan Vickery, WICID is supporting a Centre for Cultural and Media Policy Studies (CCMPS) and an 'International Cultural Relations Futures Network'. This Network will initially scope out the new post-Brexit field of international research collaboration, and will define ways in which culture plays a role in international development. Its purpose is to shift the policy focus from national advancement to more sustainable cultural relations within the UN's SDGs. WICID and the CCMPS will participate in the University's public programme for the Coventry City of Culture 2021. Partnering with city cultural actors and the United Nations Association, we will host a series of events on the theme of peace and cooperation through cultural diplomacy and creativity. The CCMPS will also work with the WICID Methods Lab to devise new methodologies that use creativity and the arts for sustainable social change.

Selected Publications

The following publications provide an example of the breadth and depth of WICID's work. This list is not exhaustive, but rather a selection of the work of WICID's Executive Team, Steering Committee and Advisory Board, whose names are italicized.

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Brown, Celia, Richard Lilford, *Frances Griffiths*, Prince Oppong-Darko, Myness Ndambo, Marion Okoh-Owusu, Emily Wroe. (2019), Case study of a method of development of a selection process for Community Health Workers in sub-Saharan Africa. *Human Resources for Health*. 17:75

Fernando, Dulini Gerardo Patriotta (2020) "Us versus them": Sensemaking and identity processes in skilled migrants' experiences of occupational downgrading, *Journal of World Business*, Volume 55, Issue 4. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jwb.2020.101109>

Goldblatt, Beth and *Shirin M Rai*, (2020) Remediating depletion through social reproduction – a critical engagement with the UN's Business and Human Rights framework for Themed Section on Law Harm and Depletion through Social Reproduction, *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, Volume 3, Number 2, June 2020, pp. 185-202 (18).

Griffiths, Frances, Olukemi Babalola, Celia Brown, Julia de Kadt, Hlologelo Malatji, Margaret Thorogood, Yu-hwei Tseng, Jane Goudge. (2019) Development of a tool for assessing quality of comprehensive care provided by community health workers in a Community-Based Care programme in South Africa. *BMJ Open* 9:e030677. <http://orcid.org/0000-0002-4173-1438>

Griffiths, Frances, Jocelyn Anstey Watkins, Caroline Huxley, Bronwyn Harris, Jonathan Cave, Senga Pemba, Beatrice Chipwaza, Richard Lilford, Theo Arvanitis, Motunrayo Ajisola, Pauline Bakibinga, Muntasir Billah, Nazratun Choudhury, David Davies, Funke Fayehun, Caroline Kabaria, Romaina Iqbal, Akinyinka Omigbodun, Eme Owoaje, Jo Sartori, Saleem Sayani, Komal Tabani and Jackie Sturt. Mobile consulting (mConsulting) and its potential for providing access to quality healthcare for populations living in low-resource settings of low- and middle-income countries. *Digital Health*, 6:1-17, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2055207620919594>

Hutchison, Yvette & Steve Ranford (2019) 'Creating a network on and off-line, in and out of Africa: African Women Playwright Network', *Research in Drama Education: The Journal of Applied Theatre and Performance*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13569783.2019.1646122>

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Hutchison, Yvette (2018) 'Aesthetics of South African women's embodied activism: Staging complicity.' *CTR: Contemporary Feminist Theatre and Performance*, 28:3, 355-366, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10486801.2018.1476350>

Improving Health in Slums Collaborative (2019), A protocol for a multi-site, spatially-referenced household survey in slum settings: methods for access, sampling frame construction, sampling, and field data collection. *BMC Medical Research Methodology*. 19:109 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12874-019-0732-x>

Jones, Briony and Eleanor Gordon (Monash University), (2020) “Not a Care in the World” *Australian Institute of International Affairs*. (The blog is a summary of a forthcoming paper to be published in the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*).

Loots, Liliane, Yvette Hutchison & Ongezwa Mbele (2020) ‘Voicing the Imaginative in Africa: three creatives speak’, in *Agenda*, special issue on “Cultural Dialogues for Feminist Creatives: Southern Voices”, <https://doi.org/10.1080/10130950.2020.1773289>

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Mensah, Daniel O, Ana R Nunes, Tahir Bockarie, Rob Lillywhite, Oyinlola Oyebo (2020) Meat, fruit, and vegetable consumption in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-regression analysis. *Nutrition Reviews*, https://doi.org/10.4103/jncd.jncd_42_19.

Mukand, Sharun W, Dani Rodrik, The Political Economy of Liberal Democracy, *The Economic Journal*, Volume 130, Issue 627, April 2020, Pages 765–792, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ej/ueaa004>

Odendaal, William, Jocelyn Anstey Watkins, Natalie Leon, Jane Goudge, Griffiths, Frances, Mark Tomlinson, Karen Daniels, (2020) Health workers’ perceptions and experiences of using mHealth technologies to deliver primary healthcare services: a qualitative evidence synthesis. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, Issue 3 <https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD011942.pub2/full>

Plastow, Jane, Yvette Hutchison & Christine Matzke (2015) *African Theatre 14: Contemporary Women*. Woodbridge: James Currey/ New York: Boydell & Brewer Inc., 2015.

Rai, Shirin M, Jacqui True, Maria Tanyag, (2019) From Depletion to Regeneration: Addressing Structural and Physical Violence in Post-Conflict Economies, *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, Volume 26, Issue 4, Winter Pages 561–585, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxz034>

Sekalala, Sharifah, Haleema Masud & Rebekah Thomas Bosco (2020) Human rights mechanisms for anti-corruption, transparency and accountability: enabling the right to health, *Global Health Action*, 13:sup1, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/16549716.2019.1699343>

Squire, Vicki (2020) *Europe’s Contested Migration Crisis: Border Deaths and Human Dignity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press). From previous Leverhulme project *Human Dignity and Biophysical Violence*

Squire, Vicki (2019) "A milestone missed? The global compact on migration and the limits of solidarity", *Global Affairs*, 5(2): 155-162.

Squire, Vicki and Maurice Stierl (2020) "Precarious migrations and forced displacement" in P. Adey, K. Brickell, V. Desa, M. Dotlon, A. Pinkerton and A. Siddiqi (Eds.) *Handbook of Displacement* (Basingstoke: Palgrave).

Tseng, Yu-Hwei, Frances Griffiths, Julia de Kadt, Nonhlanhla Nxumalo, Teurai Rwafa, Hlologelo Malatji, Jane Goudge (2019), Integrating community health workers into the formal health system to improve performance: a qualitative study on the role of on-site supervision in the South African programme , *BMJ*

Open 9:e022186. <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/9/2/e022186>

Vusirikala, Amoolya, Frederick Wekesah, Catherine Kyobutungi, Oyinlola Oyebode (2020), Assessment of cardiovascular risk in a slum population of World Health Organisation/International Society of Hypertension (WHO/ISH) risk prediction charts - secondary analyses of a household survey. *MJ Journals*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2019-029304>

WICID METHODS LAB

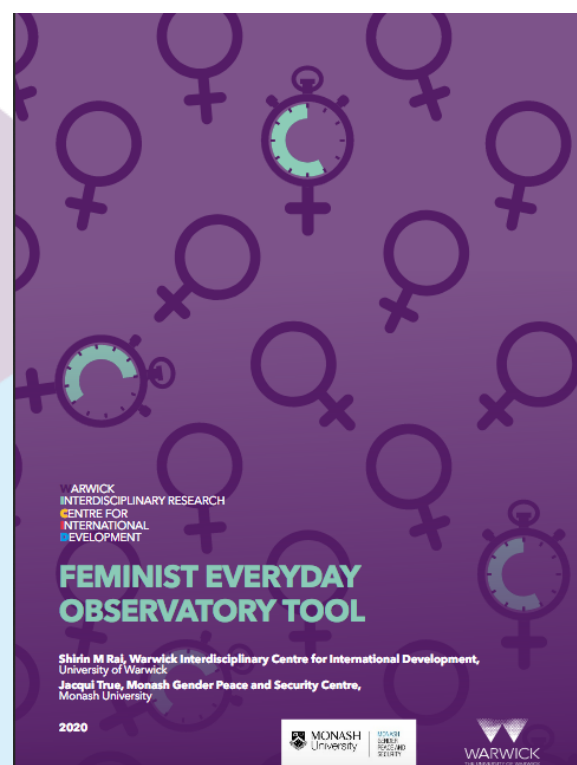
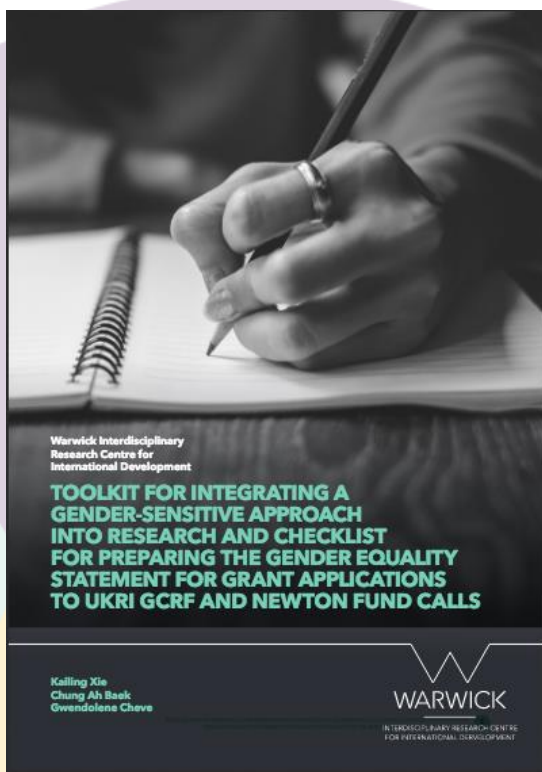
WICID Methods Lab (WML) aims to engage our global partners to foster critical knowledge exchange across epistemic divides. The WML works with both qualitative and quantitative methods to foster collaborative research across disciplines. Our hallmark methodological toolkits provide intellectual and logistical advice for the implementation of novel methodologies. We have negotiated an open access platform for distribution of the toolkits with the [University of Warwick Press' WML Toolkit Series](#).

Methodological Toolkits

During our first year, we successfully published two methodological toolkits, which are available on the Warwick University Press website, as indicated below. During 2020/21, we plan to invest in developing our innovative and interdisciplinary toolkit series. Our toolkit submission [guidelines for toolkit authors](#) can be found on our website and authors may contact us with any questions.

Toolkits published during the 2019/20 year:

- [Toolkit for Integrating a Gender Sensitive Approach into Research](#) provides a checklist for preparing the Gender Equality Statement for UKRI GCRF and Newton Fund calls. Compiled by Kailing Xie, Chung Ah Baek, and Gwendolene Cheve.
- [Feminist Everyday Observatory Tool](#): Shirin Rai and Jacqui True, (Director, Gender Peace and Security Centre, WICID partner at the University of Monash) published this toolkit outlining how to study everyday time-use in a qualitative way.



FUNDING

As both providers and recipients of funding, WICID has played a role in a number of projects with colleagues around the world. This section details a selection of grants that have been awarded to us and those that we have awarded through our Funding Support Scheme. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our ability to provide seed-funding for projects is temporarily on hold. However, we continue to act as a research hub to connect researchers within the university across disciplines, connect Warwick colleagues with user groups, wherever possible and support external funding bids for cutting-edge, interdisciplinary and global south facing research.

Fellowship Grants

- The Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) granted Residential Fellowships for work relevant to International Development:
 - [Dr. Adou Djané Dit Fatogoma](#) planned to visit Warwick in May 2020. This fellowship has been postponed to the 2020-21 academic year. During his visit, Adou and Briony Jones plan to focus on developing a policy brief on community and public engagement in transitional justice interventions.
 - [Dr. Motunrayo Ajisola](#) visited the University of Warwick in early 2020 as part of the Improving Health in Slums research project.
- WICID Visiting Fellow:
 - [Dr. Mouzaiyan Khalil Babtunde](#) is a Visiting Fellow with until September 2020. During her fellowship, she is working on research titled: Households as carceral spaces: Space, Time, and Violence (STV) analysis of women's economic dependence.

WICID Funding Support Scheme

WICID funds grants of up to £2,000 to connect researchers and support funding bids for cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research. Such research may be connected to our four research themes: gender, health, mobility, and peace, conflict, and justice, but we also support funding bids on alternative themes. In our first year, WICID has granted £4,100 to four projects in a variety of interest areas. Interested applicants in the future can view our funding criteria [here](#).

Unfortunately, due to the funding restrictions currently in place, we are unable to provide grants in the 2020/21 year. However, we continue to offer support in other ways, including via virtual events, webinars, and networking opportunities.

- **COVID-19 and Slumdweller International:** Keith Hyams and colleagues received WICID Funding to support a project examining ethics and social justice issues within the COVID-19 pandemic relating to both the effects of the virus and the effects of the response measures implemented on residents of slums in four countries.
- **“Exploring behavioural spill-overs in a nationwide agricultural insurance field experiment in Thailand”:** Marco Haenssger and colleagues received WICID funding

to support a field-visit, on-site networking, and a grant development workshop for their project on health-related behavioural change research. Unfortunately, the initial visit has been postponed due to COVID-19, but the team hopes to re-organize.

- **Basel Interdisciplinary Workshop:** On February 29, 2020, members of an international interdisciplinary project team working on enforced disappearance met in Basel to discuss their current work and to plan a future GCRF network grant. Members from Colombia, El Salvador, Switzerland and the UK were present. WICID funding supported the travel and logistical costs associated with the workshop.
- **Critical South Asia Group, University of Warwick:** WICID supported the on-campus events of the CSAG, including a discussion entitled “Kashmir Under Siege.”



Critical South Asia Group Image
(Courtesy of Venkat Raman Singh Shyam)

EVENTS

During our first year, WICID hosted and supported a variety of events both inside and outside of the University of Warwick. This section provides a general timeline of these events. We also list some of the events that have been postponed due to COVID-19, which we plan to reschedule and adapt to the new situation.

- June 2020:
 - WICID's Critical South Asia Group hosted a three-part webinar series exploring the many facets of COVID-19 in South Asia. Dr. Rashmi Varma chaired a selection of panellists to discuss critical issues during each webinar. The three-part series included the following topics, and all recordings will be available in August 2020 on our [WICID YouTube](#) channel.
 - COVID-19 and South Asia: Gendering the Crisis
 - COVID-19 and South Asia: Citizenship Matters
 - [COVID-19 and South Asia: Journeying with Migrant Labour](#)
 - Events postponed due to COVID-19, future date to be announced:
 - WICID Partners Meeting (funded by GCRF Warwick)
 - Monash Warwick Alliance Research Group Meeting (funded by Monash Warwick Alliance Fund)

- May 2020:
 - Shirin Rai and Briony Jones participated in "[Global Insights: COVID-19 and the Global South](#)" – a webinar with colleagues from the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Universität Konstanz, and the Institute for Strategic Affairs. WICID produced a blog series based on of the Global Insights webinars for the Think Development Blog. See below for the blog series.

- March 2020:
 - WICID hosted a workshop on humanitarian research with colleagues from Graduate Institute of Geneva, HAD Academy, University of Manchester Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, The Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action. Participants brainstormed for a future funding call.
 - WICID celebrated International Women's Day with Monash University.
 - Shirin Rai delivered seminar at Monash University Gender Peace and Security Centre "[Feminist Everyday Political Economy.](#)"

- February 2020:
 - Shirin Rai delivered a series of seminars as part of her Senior Visiting Fellowship at the International Centre for Advanced Studies, New Delhi:
 - Centre of the Study of Developing Society, "The Politics of Lament"
 - Institute of Social Sciences Trust: Shadowing: Ethnographic Time Use Survey
 - Centre of Women and Development Studies, "Everyday Politics of Care"

- University of Sydney, “The Politics of the Everyday and Social Reproduction”
 - WICID hired Maeve Moynihan as the new Centre Administrator.
 - Vicki Squire delivered a Centre Lecture entitled ‘Europe’s Contested Migration Crisis: Border Deaths and Human Dignity’ at the Centre for Postcolonial Studies, Goldsmiths.
- January 2020:
 - WICID hosted a pilot Executive Education program, entitled, “The Politics of International Development: A Case Study of Sustainable Development Goal 16 on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies” at the University of Warwick’s Brussels office.
 - Critical South Asia Group hosted a seminar [Kashmir Under Siege: Between Occupation and Resistance](#) with support from WICID
 - Shirin Rai delivers seminar “Depletion: The Cost of Care” at the International Centre of Advanced Studies, New Delhi.
- December 2019:
 - Briony Jones moderated webinar “[Current transitional justice challenges and future prospects](#)” at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy
 - WICID signed [University of Warwick Solidarity Statement for Indian Students Protesting the Citizenship \(Amendment\) Act 2019 of India](#)
- November 2019:
 - Vicki Squire leads a workshop “Crossing the Mediterranean Sea by Boat” based on her work from [Crossing the Mediterranean Sea by Boat: Mapping and Documenting Migratory Journeys and Experiences](#)
- October 2019:
 - Briony Jones chairs panel “Adapting Peacebuilding to local Knowledge” during [Geneva Peace Week](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

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 of our partners and followers informed about our work, news, and opportunities in the international development sector.

Think Development Blog

WICID re-launched the new and improved [Think Development blog](#) in February 2020. Since it's re-launch, we have hosted a variety of excellent posts from contributors both within the University of Warwick and from outside partners. We regularly welcome contributors to our blog. Interested parties can contact our team at: think.development@warwick.ac.uk.

- July 2020
 - [“COVID-19 and the Crisis of Social Reproduction in the Middle East and North Africa”](#) Nicola Pratt (University of Warwick)
- June 2020:
 - [“Security or Development: UK Government’s changing priorities”](#) Briony Jones, Maeve Moynihan, Oyinlola Oyebode, and Shirin Rai (WICID Executive Management Team, University of Warwick)
 - [“Healthcare workers ‘at the frontline’ of COVID-19”](#) Sharifah Sekalala (University of Warwick)
 - The [Global Insights](#) blog series documented reflections from Global Insights webinars, held in partnership with the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Institute for Strategic Affairs, Konstanz University, and American University. Briony Jones and Maeve Moynihan edited the series, and you can find a full list of authors within each post below.
 - [“COVID-19 and the Future of the International Order”](#)
 - [“COVID-19: Surveillance, Intelligence, and Security”](#)
 - [“COVID-19: War, Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution”](#)
 - [“COVID-19 and Gender Divides”](#)
 - [“COVID-19: Migration, Refugees, and Borders”](#)
 - [“COVID-19: Climate Change and Energy”](#)
 - [“COVID-19 and the Global South”](#)
 - [“COVID-19: A Stress Test for the Global Economy”](#)
- May 2020:
 - [“A Regenerative State or Business as Usual?”](#) Shirin Rai (WICID, University of Warwick), Jacqui True (University of Monash)
 - [“Responding to a crisis in the face of a rigid Government: Oxfam India’s work in Bihar”](#) Ranjana Das (Oxfam India)
- April 2020:
 - [“COVID-19 in Multiple Registers”](#) Briony Jones, Maeve Moynihan, Oyinlola Oyebode, Shirin Rai (WICID Executive Management Team, University of Warwick)

- [“Understanding social realities through gender transformative and participatory research methods”](#) Diya Dutta (Oxfam India)
- March 2020:
 - [“Excellence in Research leadership requires ethical commitment”](#) Milena Cuccurullo (University of Warwick)
- February 2020:
 - [“We All Have a Role to Play in Peace: From the International to the Local and Back Again”](#) Briony Jones (WICID, University of Warwick), inaugural post

WICID Website

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

Weekly Newsletter

- Our weekly newsletter provides information about news, upcoming events, and funding and networking opportunities.
- In April 2020, we moved to a smoother design and user interface with Mail Chimp. Those interested in receiving our newsletter can subscribe [here](#).
- The Newsletter has a subscriber list of 280 and it is growing.

Social Media Channels

- On our [Twitter](#) page (@wicidwarwick) we share the most up to date news, events, opportunities, and more.
- Our [Facebook](#) page focuses on our WICID events.
- On our [YouTube](#) channel, we share recordings of webinars as well as other multimedia content. Recently, we launched a series entitled “Think Development Out Loud” which will explore a variety of research work from our colleagues and partners. You can find the first interview in the series, [a conversation with Professor Gabrielle Lynch](#), curated by our Visiting Fellow, Dr. Mouzaiyan Khalil Babtunde.
- We are slowly but surely growing our presence on social media appreciate your support and “followership” on these platforms. From July – August 2020, we hosted a Communications Officer intern, Julia Beck. Julia is a recent graduate of Middlebury College, our administrator Maeve Moynihan’s alma mater, and she joined us through their alumni internship program. With material from recent meetings with social media support on campus and Julia’s work, we hope to create a strategy for our social media in order to engage with academics, practitioners, and those interested in international development.



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CONCLUSION

WICID has had some significant successes during our first and rather challenging year: we have built a strong infrastructure for our work, laid strong foundations for our future work, and contributed to critical and inclusive debate on inequality and development through our research and knowledge exchange. Our Advisory Board and Steering Committee have advised us on matters of importance to us, and have helped us in refining our ideas about our future work.

We hosted a half dozen events, both in-person and virtually. These have covered a breadth of concerns with inequality – gender, COVID-19 impacts, health, justice, conflict and peace building – and have extended our network internationally. This, in turn, has increased subscription to and engagement with our newsletter, Think Development blog and Twitter and Facebook accounts. Through our communications platforms, we reach over 700 individuals each week and the numbers are growing. These platforms are important for building our visibility, ensuring inclusive collaborations, sharing our work and influencing policy. We continue to improve our communication outlets and hope this will further disseminate our work.

We have supported over 12 research projects that interrogate issues of international development from a critical and interdisciplinary approach. While the financial condition of the university has meant that we are unable to continue this scheme next year, we hope to continue to serve our research community through our events, through disseminating research grant information, and, through connecting colleagues with each other across disciplinary boundaries.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has inevitably affected our work, we have found new and innovative ways to engage with our members and partners. WICID hopes to continue to support comprehensive and robust research, impact work, and methodological innovation.

During the 2020/21 year, WICID will:

- prioritize the development of the Methods Lab
- publish at least 4 toolkits in our hallmark WUP Toolkit Series
- re-focus our work in conflict to “Peace, Conflict, and Justice” to reflect the depth and breadth of work that WICID partners are doing within this area.
- focus on ‘inequalities’ as an overarching theme for our four research areas and through our research and methodological work will continue to work toward our mission of “collaborating to reduce global inequalities.”

WICID is grateful for the continued engagement and support from members of our Advisory Board, Steering Committee, and community members both near and far. We wish health and safety for everyone in our community at this time and hope that this report will inform them better about the work and ambitions of WICID.