Dear GRP ID Members,

We hope that you have had a very good, restful summer break. Our summer break whizzed right past us, but we have been busy preparing for the new year.

As the start of University approaches, we want to draw your attention to the events and activities we are currently planning for the forthcoming term.
As many of you will know each year the GRP highlights a particular issue relating to development – this year it is **The Politics of Hope: Reviving the Dream of Democracy and Development**. Our colleague Dr Renske Doorenspleet is taking the lead on this for us. Many of our events over the year will explore aspects of the theme. Some of these are mentioned below but please do contribute any ideas you may have for an activity or consider applying for some seed funds to develop one. As usual our photography competition will be based upon this theme as well.

**Also, we are happy to announce that we have re-launched our GRP ID Website. Please do have a look around, as we are very happy with it!**

Below are some of the highlights we are looking forward to this coming term, and of course we will be hosting some other events in collaboration with other schools in the University as we progress through the new academic year. We hope to see you at one of our events very soon!

Our Seed Funding Applications are now open, and as usual, we will be offering modest sums of funding to successful applicants. If you have any collaborative or interdisciplinary events or activities which explore our annual theme, or on international development more generally, please do send through an application. Further information and application processes about seed funding can be found [here](#).

We’d also like to draw your attention to the call for papers by the Journal of Law, Social Justice & Global Development, for their special issue. For further information, please click [here](#).

To keep up to date with our external funding opportunities and other calls, please refer to our funding page [here](#).

On Wednesday 17 October we have our annual [Networking Event planned](#). This is a great chance for academics and postgraduate students from across the university departments to learn more about our annual theme and to get together and share with us all their current or planned research.

Following the Networking Event on Wednesday 17 October, we will have a public lecture by Dr Sanjeev Jain of NIMHANS, India who will be talking about the psychological impact of the partition of India and the division of minds. This will be an event hosted by Another India, with further details to be shared soon.
projects. We will make a short presentation of the theme but there will be an opportunity for students/academics to introduce their ideas with a 3-5 minute presentation. Please register here and do circulate this amongst your networks.

Our Annual Photography Competition will also open at the start of October, inviting all members of the Warwick community to submit their photographs. As always, winners will be announced at our Annual Lecture in Term 3.

You might also be interested in a lunchtime seminar on 9th October organised by the Centre for Education Studies and Human Rights in Practice on gender and access to higher education in India involving 3 colleagues visiting Warwick as IAS residential research fellows. More details to follow shortly

On 24 October, we will be hosting a triple book launch for Shirin Rai, Renske Doreenspleet and Gabrielle Lynch. They will be joined by panellists where they will discuss their work.

Following on from our sell-out public event last year, featuring Ken Loach’s film “save the children”, we are excited to announce a lecture and exhibition by Marie Schipper. Marie, a journalist from the Netherlands who is well known for her work around the “Politics of hope: development aid and children in Biafra”, which represented the case of 10 Nigerian children who were bought to the Netherlands in the late 1960's to recover and get medical help during the Nigerian Civil War, and the “good intentions” surrounding foreign aid. Marie will discuss this and more in her upcoming lecture and photo exhibition on Wednesday 21 November.

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