**Steering Group Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday 7 November, 2018
Law School, S2.12, 1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**In attendance:**

Carolin Debray (CD)
Emily Henderson (EH)
Leon Sealey-Huggins (LSH)
Franklyn Lisk (FL)
David Mond (DM)
Leandro Pecchia (LP)
Shirin Rai (SR)
Ann Stewart (AMS)
Jonathan Vickery (JV)
Sanaa Vohra (SV)

**Apologies:**Shaheen Ali (SA)
Nickie Charles (NC)Renske Doorenspleet (RD)
Bishnupriya Gupta (BG)
Silvijia Jestrovic (SJ)
Briony Jones (BJ)
Oyinlola Oyebode (OO)
Aditya Sarkar (AS)
Rashmi Varma (RV)

**Minutes**

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**
* AMS introduced all new steering group members before reviewing the minutes of the last minute which took place on 23 November 2017.
1. **Matters arising**
* Nothing to report from the last meeting.
1. **GRP Review Feedback**
* SR reported that all GRP’s are currently undergoing review, and the PVC Office have hired a consultant who has been leading the review
* SR and AMS also reported that there have been a series of meetings set up with the GRP leads and administration staff over the course of the months. Recently, they met with the Pro-Vice Chancellor of Research, Pam Thomas, who spoke more about the GRP’s relationship with the Global Sustainable Development/School of Cross-Faculty.
* LSH mentioned that a new director for the GSD has been appointed but not yet been announced. There is a relaunch strategy in place for the GSD that LSH will keep us in the loop with, so the GRP can build a better relationship with the centre.
* SR reported that the outcome for the GRP review should be announced by January – which will be communicated to the steering group and the Advisory Board as well. And the GRP ID will continue to operate as usual with events planned for Term 2 and Term 3, until the official outcome and relaunch will take place in summer 2019.
1. **Programme of work: Democracy and Development**
* SR introduced this year’s annual theme on Democracy and Development, and spoke about the events already taken place for Term 1, and a brief mention for the forthcoming ones.
* SR asked the steering group members to think about other ways we can structure the GRP ID events and programmed activities every year, to make it different and interesting. EH and FL mentioned looking at essay competitions as a way to promote the GRP.
* EH mentioned perhaps in 19/20 with a new theme, that the events can be a bit more creative yet keeping to the pedagogy of the GRP work.
* AMS highlighted that the Annual Lecture and the PG Conference are both big events that are a good way to end an academic year, but also to invite some big names in the annual theme topic area.
* LP proposed putting forward an Award/Prize for the LGD journal – to encourage students to submit their articles for review, with the best one winning an award for their work. SR to convey this to JV and Rajnaara
1. **GCRF Funding Strategies**
* AMS and SR reminded the steering group members about the Warwick GCRF funding calls that were recently opened. The deadline is 19 November.
1. **LGD Journal**
* JV introduced the LGD Journal the history of the rebranding and relaunch of the journal which has happened over the last 3 years along with Rajnaara Akthar, the co-editor with JV on the LGD.
* JV mentioned that there is usually one general issue and one special issue per year, which usually features around the Annual Theme. It was suggested that RD and JV can work on the next special issue.
* JV reported that the LGD journal brand would like to establish the journal more, and perhaps get more students to come in to edit and submit papers.
* LP mentioned he will have a look at the LGD journal and see if his group of engineering students will be interested in submitting something relevant.
* SR posed an open idea to the steering members about how the LGD journal can build better networks and have links with other journals – and to encourage younger scholars to publish their work. FL mentioned they have been working with a group with young students in Africa on the topic of political economy, and something like this could work together with the LGD journal initiative.
* JV also announced information on the Annual Photography Competition, and highlighted the first deadline in December, for the photography exhibition at the Coventry City Centre in January. JV and AMS asked the members to alert their students to the competition submission.
1. **2019/2020 Annual Theme**
* EH suggested “Education” as the theme for 2019/2020, and would be happy to take the lead for it. Further information and announcements of this will come shortly.
1. **AOB**
* Nothing to report