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FROM THE DIRECTOR

WHO WE ARE

The Centre for Innovation Management Research (CIMR) is a College-wide research centre. Launched in 2008, its members are drawn from management-related and non-social science disciplines such as Computer Science and Biology. Thematically it encompasses science, innovation and technology systems, intellectual property rights, markets, social capital, entrepreneurship, globalisation, and gender in both theory and practice. Analysis and communication of the implications of our research for policy-making (for governments and businesses) are central to the Centre’s activities.

CIMR’s members belong to four categories. The strength of the Centre comes from their interactions:

**Academic staff** are the core members of the Centre. They are responsible for the advancement of one or more of our specific research themes. They publish cutting edge articles in the world’s leading journals and work closely with stakeholders.

**PhD students** are an essential component in the Centre’s membership. Their affiliation is based on their being either first or second supervised by a core member of the CIMR academic staff. In practice, this means those in the Management Department, however all PhD students who are supervised by CIMR academic staff are invited to attend – e.g. those in Economics, Computer Science and the School of Science.

**Visiting Fellows** are special assets for the Centre. They are colleagues who work closely with the CIMR. They include entrepreneurs, policy-makers, business people, academics in other UK universities, and academics who work outside the UK, including France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Sweden and the US.

**Alumni** are former Masters and PhD students working in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship. They have varied career experiences. Their continued involvement brings current ideas and insights to our programme and several of them give guest lectures on our teaching programmes.

OUR ACTIVITIES

Among the very many and varied activities CIMR members have undertaken, a number of achievements need to be highlighted.

1. CIMR welcomed new Birkbeck colleagues, Ashok Kumar and Manto Gotsi. Pierre Nadeau took early retirement but is still a valued member of CIMR.

2. The past year has seen major new developments in the collaboration between the School of Business, Economics and Informatics (BEI) and the Kogod School of Business, American University Washington DC. From April 1-3 2019, Professor Helen Lawton Smith visited the Kogod School. She was the featured speaker at a networking luncheon, giving an update on Brexit while sharing her own views on the subject and eliciting a lively discussion on the topic. The next day a MOU agreement was signed
between Birkbeck and the Kogod School covering a variety of faculty, research and programme exchanges.

The first exchange under the new MOU involved Birkbeck doctoral student Filipe Martins Gomes, who travelled to the US under Kogod sponsorship in June 2019. Filiphe participated in two projects: he performed a literature review in the field of accelerating SME development with special emphasis on fintech, artificial intelligence and medtech. He also developed an analytical report on the medtech ecosystem in the Greater Washington DC area. He met several Kogod professors as well as the Kogod Dean, John Delaney and the Senior Associate Dean Ajay Adhikari. In November 2019, Andrea Williams, Internationalisation & Partnerships Manager, BEI, visited the Kogod School of Business to explore possible areas of collaboration. The visit was very productive. She met twelve Kogod School colleagues in a variety of subject areas with the purpose of creating and sustaining research and teaching synergies and thereby promoting internationalisation of both for each partner.

Muthu De Silva, in collaboration with Kogod School, organized the workshop titled “Accelerating SME Internationalization: Academic, Policy and Practitioner Perspective”. It was funded by Birkbeck; Brunel Business School; and the Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ISBE). Prof Tomasz Mroczkowski, Professor and Chair, Department of International Business (Kogod) presented “What can we learn from accelerators in Silicon Valley?” and Dr Muthu de Silva and Dr Ainurul Rosli presented “The effect of services provided by accelerators on SME performance”. Additionally, presentations from InnovateUK, the Connected Places Catapult, the Intellectual Property Office and from UK businesses added great value to this workshop.

Muthu also secured a competitive grant from Birkbeck to study the business models of fintech accelerators in London, the findings of which will be compared and contrasted with those in Silicon Valley in order to write joint papers with Kogod School of Business. She is also leading the writing of an ESRC grant application in collaboration with Kogod School of Business. Other collaborators of the ESRC grant are King’s Business School, King’s College London and Kent Business School, University of Kent.

The new BlockChain Module, which had its origins in the Kogod/CIMR collaboration was introduced in the summer term, convened by Professor Klaus Nielsen and taught by Saverio Romeo. The module has been very well received.

3. Dr Renos Savva, at the request of Birkbeck Futures, undertook a mini project funded by Santander, Birkbeck’s corporate partner for student entrepreneurship and
employability. The idea developed by Dr Savva, in consultation with Mohsin Aboobaker and Jenna Davies from Birkbeck Futures, was to conduct interviews with a variety of sources to gather data on what funders, entrepreneurs, and students thought the role of HEIs in student entrepreneurial activity ought to be.

4. CIMR has maintained its schedule of academic and policy research and dissemination events. Between January and December 2019 it held seven international research workshops, one strategy meeting, a PhD roundtable, and two Birkbeck-Essex PhD workshops. These are listed in the section ‘CIMR Events.

CIMR members have also organised special sessions at international conferences. In June, Dina Mansour and Helen Lawton Smith co-organised a special session at the Uddevalla Symposium 2019 in L’Aquila, Italy and in October 2019, Helen Lawton Smith, Shiri Breznitz and Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen organised a session at the Regional Innovation Policy Conference in Florence.

At the CIMR annual strategy meeting in May, Andrew Atter, led a discussion on the rapidly developing field of AI ethics. Since the alarm has been raised by tech titans such as Elon Musk, along with scientists like Stephen Hawking, there has been growing public recognition of the need for clearer ethical guidelines to shape this emerging technological field. Investors, founders and the media are all floundering to get to grips with the implications of what is loosely termed “AI”.

5. In December 2019, CIMR was invited to organise an Executive Training Workshop on Innovation with Chongqing Municipal Party Committee Delegation. The party included senior university managers including Vice-principals, Deans and Vice-Deans from a group of Chongqing universities. This is set to be the first in a series of such events.

6. Two examples of how CIMR member engagement is being advanced are the actions by Muthu de Silva and Colette Henry. Further examples are found in the Impact section of the report.

In December 2019, Muthu De Silva was invited by the UK Intellectual Property Office to join the UK-India Trade mission on managing intellectual property.

The Global Women's Entrepreneurship Policy Research Group (Global WEP) led by Colette Henry, was established in Stockholm, 2014, to map and critically compare women's entrepreneurship policy around the globe. The group has held workshops in Dundalk, Belfast, Birmingham and Newcastle, and now comprises research teams from 29 countries across Europe, North America and Africa. In addition to conference papers and journal articles, the group is compiling a report with the OECD on women's entrepreneurship policy which is expected to be published in 2020. The report provides critical reflections on policy as it pertains to women, and offers recommendations for policy makers.

**NEWS AND APPOINTMENTS**
Dr Muthu De Silva, Dr Federica Rossi and Dr Elvira Uyarra were invited to be members of the Innovation Caucus.

Dr Muthu De Silva was invited to be a member of the Expert Advisory Board of the Intellectual Property Office, UK.

Matthew Jayes (MSc Creative Industries Management, 2014-16) recently completed a secondment to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). He advised on labour market strategic projects such as the Good Work Plan, which set out a vision for the future of the UK labour market; lead work on how the government might measure and report on the quality of work available in the UK; and he advised on the government’s consultation on ethnicity pay reporting.

Dina Mansour, was awarded Best Paper ICSB Cairo Egypt, June 2019.

Federica Rossi, received the Best Paper award at the European International Business Academy (EIBA) Conference, December 2019.

RESEARCH IN THE CIMR

During the year, CIMR people published 4 books, some 35 journal articles, 8 book chapters and five working papers/conference proceedings. They were active in presenting at international conferences such as the British Academy of Management and the Association of American Geographers.

EDITORSHIPS, EDITORIAL BOARDS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEES

CIMR academic staff and fellows hold a number of editorships and membership of editorial boards of internationally important journals.

Daniele Archibugi is a member of the Editorial Board of Research Policy; Technovation; Technological Forecasting and Social Change; Technology Analysis and Strategic Management; Science and Public Policy; Cambridge Journal of Regions; and Economy and Society.

Svante Andersson is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of International Entrepreneurship, and Chair of the 22nd McGill IE Conference 2018, Halmstad University, Halmstad, 22-24 August. This conference includes scientific presentations as well as interaction with business, society and policy makers.

Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen is Editor, Papers in Regional Science (Wiley), 2019-present; Associate Editor, Applied Geography (Elsevier), 2018 (October)-present; Co-Editor (with Waldemar Cudny), Routledge Book Series Routledge Contemporary Perspectives on Urban Growth, Innovation and Change, 2019-present.

Marion Frenz is Associate Editor of the Journal of Innovation Economics and Management.

Colette Henry is Editor in Chief of the *International Journal of Gender & Entrepreneurship* and a member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research*.

Simona Iammarino is a member of the Regional Studies Association’s Research Committee and Publication Committee.

Grazia Ietto-Gillies is a member of the editorial board of *Critical Perspectives on International Business* and member of the Management Board of the World Economics Association (WEA).

Helen Lawton Smith is Associate Editor of *Strategic Change: Briefings in Entrepreneurial Finance*, and member of the Editorial Boards of *Entrepreneurship & Regional Development* and the *International Journal of Gender & Entrepreneurship*.

Carlo Milana is Editor in Chief of *Strategic Change: Briefings in Entrepreneurial Finance*.

Klaus Nielsen is Chair of the Board of Directors of Millennium Economics (owner of *Journal of Institutional Economics*).

Pierre Nadeau is a member of the Editorial Board of *Strategic Change: Briefings in Entrepreneurial Finance*.

Alex Poulovassilis is Associate Editor for *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering* and Area Vice-Chair for the ICDE 2019 conference, for the topic area of “Data Visualization and Interactive Data Exploration”.

Federica Rossi is a member of the Editorial Board of *Higher Education Quarterly*.

Elvira Uyarra is Editor of *Regional Studies Regional Science* and member of the Editorial boards of *Ekonomia* and *European Planning Studies*.

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

The EU-funded project Transforming Institutions by Gendering Contents and Gaining Equality in Research (TRIGGER) at Birkbeck was part of a five-country European consortium championing the role of female academics in scientific subjects (2014-2017).

The TRIGGER project’s legacy continues. In 2019, Taylor and Francis sponsored three workshops and three panel sessions on gender equality. These were led by Ms Jeanne Le Roux and Helen Lawton Smith. Helen Lawton Smith is a member of the Management Department’s Athena SWAN Committee. The department will be resubmitting its application for a Bronze award in 2020.
The book based on the TRIGGER project, *New Perspectives in Gender, Science & Innovation*, edited by three CIMR members: Helen Lawton Smith, Colette Henry, Alexandra Poulavassilis plus Henry Etzkowitz, (Edward Elgar) is being published early 2020. CIMR members have contributed to three of the nineteen chapters.
## CURRENT EXTERNAL GRANTS

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<td>Co-I</td>
<td>Developing impact measures of university-industry collaborations using text mining: evidence from Knowledge Transfer Partnerships in the UK</td>
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<td>How social enterprises generate both social and economic value simultaneously by intermediating across emerging and developed economies</td>
<td>Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty Research Fund, University of Kent</td>
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<td>Dr Marion Frenz and Ray Lambert</td>
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<td>Exploring the link between different types of training and innovation outcomes using the Longitudinal Small Business Survey</td>
<td>UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</td>
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<td>John Glasson</td>
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<td>Contract to monitor and audit the local environmental and socio-economic impacts of the early years of the construction of Hinkley Point C nuclear power station</td>
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<td>Colette Henry</td>
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<td>Technological change and conflict minerals in the shift from Industry 3.0 to 4.0</td>
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<td>Helen Lawton Smith</td>
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<td>Increasing Participation of People with Disabilities and People from BAME Communities in Business Innovation</td>
<td>Innovation Caucus project on behalf of an Economic &amp; Social Research Council (ESRC)/Innovate UK</td>
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<td>Addressing regional inequalities in innovation opportunities for BAME and disabled groups</td>
<td>Regional Studies Association Fellowship Research Grant Scheme (FeRSA)</td>
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<td>Alexandra Poulavassilis</td>
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<td>Mapping Museums</td>
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<td>Federica Rossi</td>
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<td>Innovation intermediaries and the Fourth Industrial Revolution</td>
<td>British Academy-Leverhulme</td>
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<td>Exploring the complexity of universities’ knowledge exchange activities: Looking beyond currently measured outcomes</td>
<td>Society for Research in Higher Education</td>
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<td>Elvira Uryarra</td>
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<td>Constructing markets for new path development. The role of the state</td>
<td>Regional Studies Association Fellowship Research Grant Scheme (FeRSA)</td>
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<td><strong>OECD TIP project on Co-creation</strong>: In collaboration with InnovateUK, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and Digital Catapult, Muthu is conducting the case study for which the Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) project, co-created by the Digital Catapult in collaboration with research institutions, startups and corporates was selected. This will be submitted OECD’s project on Science-Industry Co-creation</td>
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<td>Role of accelerator as a catalyst in fintech entrepreneurial ecosystem: A comparative study of UK, US and emerging economies. Part of the Department’s existing collaboration with the Kogod School of Business, American University. Other collaborators of the ESRC grant application (in preparation) are King’s Business School, King’s College London and Kent Business School, University of Kent (Principal Investigator, Muthu De Silva.)</td>
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<td>Research seed funding (research innovation fund supported by the generosity of Birkbeck alumni and friends)</td>
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KEYNOTES, INVITED PRESENTATIONS,  
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Daniele Archibugi

- Keynote on “Artificial Intelligence and human work: Old wine in new bottles?” at the EMAEE YSI Workshop 2019 Economics, Governance and Management of AI, Robots and Digital Transformations, Young Scholars Imitative Workshop, University of Sussex, Brighton, 6 June 2019
- Lecture on “Publish and evaluate research results, peer review skills” at the International PhD Academy on Global Challenges Initiatives: Mobility Challenges for Future Society, Venice International University, Venice, 15 May 2019
- Opening Speech at the Ada Lovelace Day to celebrate achievements of women in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), Italian National Research Council, Rome, 10 October 2019
- Presentation of the Report on Research and Innovation in Italy to the Italian Prime Minister and the Italian Minister of Education, Research and University, Italian National Research Council, Rome, 15 October 2019
- Keynote speaker on “A Cosmopolitan Perspective on the Refugee’s Crisis” at the School of Transnational Activism, Palermo, 7 November 2019

Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen

- Speaker: “The role of migrants in the US economy: demographic and economic patterns” (with Torsten Schunder, Rachel Franklin, Peter Rogerson, and Eric Seymour), UiS Business School Seminar, Elise Ottesen-Jensens hus, EOJ 276/277, October 24, 2019
- “Barriers and facilitators of fuel transition in developing countries” (with Torsten Schunder), North American Regional Science Council, November 13-16, 2019. Pittsburgh, PA.
- “The spatial relationship between rooftop PV suitability and adoption factors – A Case Study of Buffalo, NY” (with Torsten Schunder, Dameng Yin, and Krishna Rajan). Fall Meeting, American Geophysical Union (AGU), December 10-14, 2018. Washington, D.C.

Muthu De Silva

• Invited speaker for seminar series organized by the Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research Center (RIERC) Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Pécs (invitation by Prof. Attila Varga) January 31, 2019 Video - https://youtu.be/LLT8ZFFfLQU
• Invited panellist of a session at the European Academy of Management (EURAM) 2019. Other panellists were: Shann Turnbull, International Institute of Self-governance, Morten Huse, BI Norwegian Business School; Wafa Khliff, Toulouse Barcelona University; and Agnieszka Słomka-Gołębiowska, Warsaw School of Business and Economics
• Panel on “Entrepreneurial Universities as Drivers for Smart Specialisation”, Workshop “Innovative Place-Based Triple Helix Approaches for Regional Development through Smart Specialisation Strategies”, St Mary’s University, Twickenham, June 28-29, 2019
• Speaker of the Roundtable, “Commercialisation of university science: motivations and supports”, held on July 30, 2019 at Folkstone Room, The Royal Society of Arts

Fred Guy

• RSA Annual Conference, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, June 5-7, 2019 Rethinking the Political Economy of Place: Challenges of Productivity, Inclusion and Power Conference, 6th Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society Conference, July 11-12, 2019, St Catharine’s College, Cambridge

John Glasson:

• Annual conference of International Impact Assessment Association (IAIA) in Brisbane, Australia, April 2019 on Offshore Wind research
• Lulea University, Sweden, on Monitoring Impacts of Major Projects, October 2019
• NNLAG annual conference, Taunton, June 2019 on Hinkley Point C monitoring research

Colette Henry

• Meath County Enterprise National Women’s Day keynote speaker

Grazia Ietto-Gillies

• “Internationalisation, outsourcing and labour fragmentation. The case of FIAT.”
  Presented at Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo, Department of Economics,
  Society and Politics, Workshop on Technology, Work and Internationalization, 29-30
  May 2019
• “Development of indicators of absorptive capacity at micro and macro levels”,
  Research Seminar at The Business School, London South Bank University, Feb 18
  2019 (with Marion Frenz)

Simona Iammarino

• Invited speaker at the Fellows' plenary session on “Regional Inequality in a
  Globalized World”, European International Business Academy (EIBA) Annual
  Conference, 13-15 December 2019, Leeds, UK
• Keynote speaker at the 4th International Conference on Clusters & Industrial
  Districts, 23-24 May 2019, University of Valencia
• Invited panellist at the round table of the International Workshop Rethinking
  Clusters, 15-17 May 2019, University of Padova

Helen Lawton Smith

• “Applying the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem and Industrial Path development
  concepts to Regional Policy Analysis” Regional Innovation Policies Conference,
  Florence November 7-8, 2019 (with Jonathan Potter)
• “The contribution of HEIs to graduate labour markets and regional economic
  development” Regional Innovation Policies Conference, Florence November 7-8,
  2019 (with W. O’Gorman and O’Gorman and R. Haynes)
• Oxford and Grenoble: twin cities in divergent pathways SOAS CGF Seminar
  October 23 2019
• Oxford and Grenoble: twin cities in divergent pathways, Symposium, The Making of
  Innovation LSE 21-22 August 2019
• Uddevalla Symposium Entrepreneurs, institutional change and the development of
  regional innovation systems, L’Aquila Italy, June 25-30 2019, Co-organiser of Special
  session on Institutional Entrepreneurship and Institutional Change (with Dina
  Mansour)

Klaus Nielsen

• Keynote at workshop “Institutions and Culture in Economic Contexts”, Birkbeck, 20
  for capitalism in China? Is it a useful concept? Or has it become irrelevant?”
• Invited talk at the Nanjing Tech Week, China, 27 June 2019: “UK – the best
  entrepreneurial ecosystem in Europe”
• WINIR 2019 Symposium “Global Capitalism and its National Varieties in an Era of
  Imitation and Catching Up to Technological Leadership. A review of the Chinese
  innovation system”

Federica Rossi
• Capturing the impact of university-industry collaboration projects using text mining, Seminar given Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES), UCL IoE, 6 February 2019
• Panel on “Innovative Place-Based Triple Helix Approaches: Connecting Research and Innovation Players with Economic Growth”, Workshop “Innovative Place-Based Triple Helix Approaches for Regional Development through Smart Specialisation Strategies”, St Mary’s University, Twickenham, 28-29 June 2019
• Assessing the impact of university-industry knowledge transfer using text mining, Keynote talk given at International Workshop on Pressing Issues in Economics of Education, Madrid, 3-4 October 2019
• International knowledge flows between industrial inventors and universities: The role of multinational companies, EGOS conference, Edinburgh, 4-5 July 2019
• A multidimensional scaling approach to profiling the knowledge transfer activities of Public Research Organizations, 7th International Workshop on Efficiency in Education, Health and other Public Services, Barcelona, 6-7 September 2019
• Implementing change in universities’ knowledge exchange profiles: a management perspective, Poster presentation at Society for Research in Higher Education conference, Newport, Wales, 11-13 December 2019
• Diversification of Knowledge Exchange Activities, Poster presentation at Society for Research in Higher Education conference, Newport, Wales, 11-13 December 2019

Elvira Uyarra

• Plenary speaker at Second Workshop on Economic Complexity, Utrecht University, September 2019
• Plenary speaker at "Social Innovation and the Role of the State” workshop, Center of Social Studies of the University of Coimbra (Portugal) May 9, 2019
• Understanding the evolution of the entrepreneurial university. The case of English higher education institutions (with Fumi Kitagawa, Mabel Sanchez-Barrioluengo, Elvira Uyarra). “Strategies for knowledge exchange in a changing higher education landscape” workshop, Society for Research in Higher Education (SRHE), London, July 29, 2019
• Public procurement, innovation and industrial policy: rationales, roles, capabilities and implementation (with Kieron Flanagan, Edurne Magro and Jon Mikel Zabala-Iturriagagoitia), International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP4), Montreal, 26 June 2019
• ‘Institutional entrepreneurship and regional path creation’ Guest lecturer at RSA Europe Socio-Spatial Dynamics Summer College, Cagliari, Sardinia
• Fostering regional diversification and transformation through public procurement, presented at CRENoS seminar series- University of Cagliari (Italy). 5 April 2019 and Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) seminar series, October 25
• ‘The quest for public value. Regional innovation and the role of the state’, presented
at Centre for Innovation Management Research (CIMR) Annual Strategy Meeting at Birkbeck, 23 May 2019

- ‘Linking regional innovation systems with mission-oriented policy’ Centre of Excellence in Smart Specialisation and Regional Policy Seminar Series, RMIT University, Melbourne. Wednesday 11 December 2019

**Pam Yeow**

- The Future of Retail, Co-chair, Knowledge Exchange, University of the Arts London
- 2019 Birkbeck Santander Universities Roundtable discussion: Entrepreneurial learning, Chair.
- Advisory Board member of [CINRA](https://www.cinra.net), Tokyo, Japan

**CIMR EVENTS 2019**

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INTERACTION WITH BUSINESS, SOCIETY AND POLICY MAKERS (IMPACT)

Many CIMR activities involve working with policy makers. For example, the purpose of the December 7 interactive workshop was to take forward policy debates around innovation and entrepreneurship in UK and international contexts. The workshop builds on previous CIMR events on innovation-based economic growth by debating the challenges faced by policy makers with a view to their articulating their needs - hence where academic research can help frame future policy instruments. Speakers included BEIS, OECD and the Innovation Caucus.

Muthu De Silva was invited by the UK Intellectual Property Office to join the UK-India Trade mission on managing intellectual property. As part of this delegation, Muthu also spoke at the 5th International Conference on IPR held from 3-4 December 2019 in New Delhi. This conference was a joint initiative by many Indian government bodies such as the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Intellectual Property India, and Confederation of Indian Industry etc., International bodies such as UK Intellectual Property Office, and World Intellectual Property Organization, and multinational companies such as Unilever and NIIT Technologies etc.

Muthu De Silva has been invited to write a case study on co-creation by InnovateUK, and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). This case study is conducted for the project entitled, “Science Industry Co-creation and Digitalisation” led by OECD. This project involves fourteen countries, each conducting a country
representative case study. The outcome of this project will lead to shaping the policy framework of OECD countries.

Grazia Ietto-Gillies has been interviewed by *The Mint* online magazine.

Helen Lawton Smith took part in an OECD mission to Thailand in July 2019 led by Dr Jonathan Potter, OECD on Local Entrepreneurship Ecosystems and Emerging Industries – Case Study of an Emerging Advanced Agriculture and Biotechnology Cluster, Chiang Mai, Thailand. She is a member of The Innovation Caucus, funded by the ESRC and Innovate UK, which aims to provide research-based insights from the social sciences that support innovation-led growth. She was co-investigator of the Innovation Caucus project, Increasing Participation of People with Disabilities and People from BAME Communities in Business Innovation.


**Elvira Uyarra**

Elvira Uyarra was invited to present to the Greater Manchester Innovation Advisory Board, chaired by Mike Blackburn (chairman of the GM LEP). She presented on "Regional Innovation - are we still trying to recreate Silicon Valley". She was also an invited panellist at the EUREKA Global Innovation Summit, Victoria Warehouse, Manchester. 14th-16th May 2019. She gave a plenary talk on, ‘Implementation of Smart Specialisation in Europe: Lessons Learned’ at "Transition in action - working together for a bright future” policy workshop, at the Lardner Park Exhibition and Conference Centre, Gippsland (Australia), 12th December 2019.

**RESEARCH OUTPUT**

This section includes research output by CIMR academic staff and Visiting Fellows.

**BOOKS**


JOURNAL ARTICLES


Edmunds, L D; Gluderer, S; Ovseiko, PV; Kamerling, R; Ton, J; Vis, I.; Jenni, M; Tutton, G; Lawton Smith, H; Nadabán, M V; Rah, M; Rees, J; Anson, J; Rushforth, A D; Allen, M; Buchan, A M; Vendrell, M; Casta, A; Mehes, G; Hogendoorn, P C W; Hafen, E; Hassan, A B (2019) ’New indicators and indexes for benchmarking university-industry-government innovation in medical and life science clusters: Results from European FP7 Regions of Knowledge project HealthTIES’ (2019) *Health Research Policy and Systems* 17:10 https://doi.org/10.1186/s12961-019-0414-5.


**BOOK CHAPTERS**


WORKING PAPERS


Milana, C Refuting Samuelson's Capitulation on the Re-switching of Techniques in the Cambridge Capital Controversy, Cornell University pre-prints repository. 

REPORTS


CIMR WORKING PAPERS 2019
WP44 International knowledge flows between industry inventors and universities: the role of multinational companies, Claudio Fassio, Aldo Geuna and Federica Rossi.

We investigate the determinants of industry researchers’ interactions with universities in different localities, distinguishing between local and international universities. Our findings suggest that industry researchers’ personal networks play a greater role in promoting interactions with local universities while researcher employment in a multinational is especially important for establishing interactions with universities abroad.

WP43 Regional income disparities, monopoly & finance, Maryann Feldman, Fred Guy and Simona Iammarino.

Many of the most prosperous places in the U.S. are hotbeds of technology and also the home bases of companies which exercise monopoly power across much larger territories – nationally, or even globally. This paper makes four arguments about how monopoly power and financialization increase regional income disparities.

WP42 Fast growing and key enabling technologies and their impact on regional growth in Europe, Rinaldo Evangelista, Valentina Meliciani and Antonio Vezzani.

This paper studies the specialisation of EU regions in key enabling (KETs) and fast growing (FGTs) technologies and assesses whether being specialized in these technological areas has an effect on regional growth. The evidence presented shows that only specialisation in KETs affects regional economic growth, while no significant effects are found for FGTs.

WP41 Universities, graduates and local labour markets, Helen Lawton Smith and Rupert Waters.

This paper challenges the idea of a direct association between the presence of universities and the level of skills in the workforce by comparing two neighbouring counties in the South East of England, both prosperous areas in the UK. These are Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.


CIMR PHD STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Currently there are some twenty students within the Department of Management involved with CIMR. Their details are listed on a separate page on the CIMR website.

PhD students are invited to attend CIMR workshops, to submit working papers, to help organise events – sometimes as paid research assistants to CIMR, and to be speakers in CIMR events. These provide the main opportunities for networking and social activities.
New students for 2019

Adedoyin (Doyin) Olorunfemi – supervised by Muthu de Dilva and Helen Lawton Smith.

PhD student activity

Dina Masour

- Awarded Best Paper ICSB Cairo Egypt, June 2019

Thanos Fragkandreas


Maryam Ghorbankhani

Awards:

- RADMA: Research and Development Management Management Association
  The Doctoral Studies Programme Award (three years funding), October 2019.
- WCWT Small Research Grant Scheme (£650), Birkbeck, University of London, Federica Rossi and Maryam Ghorbankhani (Birkbeck, University of London, UK).

Presentations:

- 7th International Workshop on Efficiency in Education, Health and other Public Services 5-6 September 2019, Barcelona, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya: A multidimensional scaling approach to profiling the knowledge transfer activities of Public Research Organizations, Eva de la Torre, Maryam Ghorbankhani, Federica Rossi and Martí Sagarra
- PhD conference: Identity, Creativity and Innovation 17 June 2019, School of Business, Economics and Informatics. Organizational Psychology and
Ayse Kaptaner

Book chapter:


Conference presentations:

- £10k grant from Turkcell (Telecom Company) for SchoolX’s development in 2019. SchoolX is a social enterprise we develop with my colleagues from Imperial College London, it’s incubated by Imperial Enterprise Lab. I’ve recently presented SchoolX in a meeting with Amy Smith of MIT’s D-Lab. Only three projects from Imperial were invited to present at this meeting.

CIMR PHD STUDENT COMPLETIONS

- Peter Jelfs (December 2019), thesis title “Performance studies of University Spin Offs from the West Midlands”.
INNOVATION TEACHING IN CIMR

CIMR staff are engaged in research-led teaching to undergraduates, postgraduates and professionals. Teaching of entrepreneurship is a particular strength. CIMR faculty are experts in entrepreneurship and innovation. Drawing on our expertise, Birkbeck offers a range of entrepreneurship courses to undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students, both as curricular and extra-curricular.

Courses and programmes are:

Master of Business Administration (MBA) – with Central Saint Martins.

MSc BioBusiness – joint programme with School of Science.

Business Innovation including E-Business, Entrepreneurship and International Technology (MSc/MRes)

Modules:

- Entrepreneurial Venture Creation (PG)
- The Entrepreneurship Process (PG)
- Business Project (UG)

Circular Support: Understanding Entrepreneurship:

Modules help students understand how to become entrepreneurial in a wide array of settings, including venture formation and introducing innovation in corporates, universities, intermediaries, communities and policy formation.

Modules offered are:

- Entrepreneurship and Innovation (PG)
- Entrepreneurial Finance (PG)
- Entrepreneurship and Small Business (UG)

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Helen Lawton Smith, Marion Frenz and Federica Rossi

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