



# DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY NEWSLETTER

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## BEST PAPER NOMINATION



Andrea Ballatore's article [Towards a Usability Scale for Participatory GIS](#) was nominated as Best Full Paper at the Association of Geographic Information Laboratories in Europe (AGILE) 2019 Conference in Cyprus.

[Read more.](#)

## DON'T GET EATEN BY A CROC!



Simon Pooley's [new paper](#) on the historical contexts and patterns of crocodile attacks in South Africa and Swaziland featured as an illustrated [blog post in Oryx's](#) platform and an article on [The Conversation Africa](#).

## BBC NEWS: COASTAL PROTECTION



Sue Brooks was on the BBC News and BBC World to discuss a radical coastal protection scheme on the Norfolk coast.

[Read more.](#)

## FAIZA SHAHEEN: BREXIT AND CLASS STRUGGLE

On 5 June, Dr Faiza Shaheen gave the BSc Social Sciences Annual Lecture on 'What now for the class struggle: reflections on austerity racism and Brexit'.

[A recording of the event is available online.](#)



## CRAFTING RESISTANCE



The film 'Crafting Resistance', produced by Jasmine Gideon and directed by Carmen Luz Parot and Gloria Miqueles, was screened and debated at the V&A Museum on June 19. The film explores the use of craftwork as a means of resistance, focusing on the experience of political prisoners during the military dictatorship of General Pinochet in Chile (1973-1990).

[Watch it online.](#)

## CARE AND THE ACADEMY

## ANTHROPOLOGY MEETS COMEDY

## FEMINIST EXPLORATIONS

### Royal Geographical Society with IBG



Together with Jessica Hope (Bristol), **Rosie Cox** organised a workshop at the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) on 10th May on 'Care and the Academy'. The day was spent looking at the ways that caring responsibilities should be taken into account by research funders, particularly for early career researchers and for people carrying out fieldwork. At the workshop they develop a 'gold standard' of good practice that could be adopted. The RGS is taking the issue forward and organising a meeting with the main research funders to discuss the topic.

After meeting **Penny Vera-Sanso** in a gig, comedian **Omid Djalili** was thrilled to know that his comedy on the social construction of identity, *The Infidel*, featured on the Anthropology, Culture and Development module of the MSc International Development and Social Anthropology!

**Kalpana Wilson** was an invited participant in a workshop on 'Feminist Explorations of Populationisms' held in Remich, Luxembourg and organized by Clark University and Hampshire College, USA from June 28-July 1. Kalpana talked about her new work on the promotion of long-acting hormonal contraceptives and reproductive justice in India and the UK, and exchanged ideas on contemporary population policies with participants from the US, Kenya and Germany.

## HOME STRUGGLES

## INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION MEETING

## RELIGION AND RACE



**Paul Watt** was a plenary speaker at the Housing Studies Association Annual Conference, Sheffield, UK, 10-12 April. The conference theme was 'Home Struggles: Politics, Marginality and Resistance in the Contest for Housing'. Paul's presentation was entitled 'What is to be done about the England housing crisis now that the wobbly pillar has fallen down?'

From 3-5 July Dr **Simon Pooley** participated in the 4th meeting of the IUCN Human-Wildlife Conflict Task Force, hosted in the David Attenborough Building in Cambridge. As a Task Force member, Simon worked with experts from around the globe on producing a guidance document which will become the international standard on how to think about, plan for and respond to human-wildlife conflicts. This will be launched at an international conference to be held in Oxford in April 2020.

**William Ackah** was the Chair of the Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race held at Hekima, University College Nairobi from July 1st to July 5th. Academics, faith community leaders and students from across Africa, Europe, and North America met for the 9th gathering of the Roundtable, on the theme of 'Old Social Divisions, New Social Formations: Africa and the Diaspora'.



## RADIOGRAFÍAS URBANAS DEL SUR

Kate Maclean (left) and Joana Barros (right) were keynote speakers at the GCRF conference 'Urban X-rays: Urban data and city governance', held in La Paz, Bolivia. Participants came from Brazil, Argentina and Chile to discuss the role of

research and information in urban governance in the region. The conference was also attended by the Mayor of La Paz and his staff, and the British Ambassador to Bolivia. **The conference was recorded and is available online.**



## MIGRATION, GENDER AND AGENCY

Kalpna Wilson co-organised a strategy workshop with women construction workers who are also trade union activists in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 28 May, where the women shared experiences and strategies and discussed how to organise further around their demands. The workshop was part of the GCRF funded research project 'Precarity Migration and Agency: Women Construction Workers in Nepal' which Kalpna and Dr Feyzi Ismail (SOAS) are currently engaged in.

## MOBILITY AND EQUALITY IN CHINESE MEGA-CITY REGIONS

Dr Joana Barros has attended the kick-off meeting of the SIMETRI Project in Shenzhen, China in early July. The project is a partnership between 7 universities across the UK, the Netherlands and China to investigate 'Sustainable Mobility and Equality in Mega-city Regions: patterns, mechanisms and governance'. In the next three years the team will look at urban development, transport, and social inequality in the mega-city region of the Pearl River Delta Greater Bay Area in China.



[Read more.](#)

## SOCIAL HOUSING



Paul Watt gave a talk on 'Social Housing' on Saturday 13th July in conjunction with a performance of the play 'Whitewash' by Gabriel Bisset-Smith at the Soho Theatre, London.

## CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

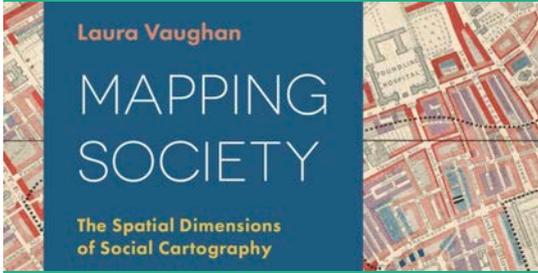


Karen Wells discussed the impact of polygamy on children's everyday lives in Benin and Togo from research with Plan International in a seminar organised by the LIDC on Innovative Research in Childhood Development on Thursday 6 June.

## FGM AND SOCIAL MEDIA



Dr Christina Julios discussed her new book on Female Genital Mutilation and Social Media at the British Sociological Association annual conference held in Glasgow Caledonian University from 26-27 of April.



## EILA CAMPBELL LECTURE

The Geography Department welcomed Bartlett Professor **Laura Vaughan** to speak on her recently published book, *Mapping Society: The spatial dimensions of social cartography* for the Eila Campbell biannual lecture. In her talk, Prof. Vaughan traced the evolution of social cartography over the past centuries. The book is open access and [available online](#).

**Ben Hughes**, one of our MA Social & Cultural Geography students, [shared his insights from the lecture](#).

## PHD EXTERNAL EXAMINER

## HARINGEY FAIRNESS COMMISSION

## MODERNIZACIÓN AYMARA



**Paul Watt** was an External Examiner for the PhD thesis of Raffael Beier: 'From the City to the Desert: Analysing Shantytown Resettlement in Casablanca, Morocco, from Residents' Perspectives' at The International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague (Erasmus University Rotterdam) on 5 April. Dr. Beier was awarded the prestigious doctorate Cum Laude.

**Paul Watt** is Co-Chair of the Haringey Fairness Commission until the end of 2019. The work of the Commission featured in an article in *Tottenham Community Press*, No. 24, July 2019.

[Read a summary report of residents' views.](#)

**Kate Maclean** was interviewed by the newspaper *La Razón* in La Paz, Bolivia, about her research on urban transformations in Latin America, the aymara elite and feminist geography. Kate was in the country as the keynote speaker of the conference *Radiografías Urbanas del Sur*.

## ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT LECTURE

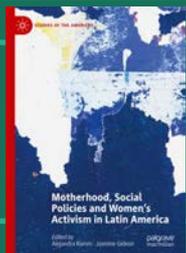
## URBAN GEOPOLITICS



This year's Development Lecture was delivered by Professor **Stephanie Barrientos**, who presented her recently published book *Gender and Work in global value chains: Capturing the gains?* The book examines comparative cases from agri-food and apparel in Africa and Asia, asking how are global retail value chains shaping gender patterns of work and what are the outcomes for workers.

On 9 May, the Geography Department welcomed **Dr Jonathan Rokem** (University of Kent, UK) to speak about his new co-edited book *Urban Geopolitics: Rethinking Planning in Contested Cities*. His lecture explored comparisons across different contested cities, pointing at the significance of learning from non-conventional cases that are normally excluded from academic debates.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS



**Jasmine Gideon** has a new co-edited book out this month, written with Chilean colleagues including Gabriela Alvarez, an ex-PhD student in the department. Motherhood, Social Policies and Women's Activism in Latin America is a critical resource for understanding the relationship between gender, social policy and women's activism in Latin America, with specific reference to Chile.

**Wells, K.** 'I'm here as a social worker': A qualitative study of immigration status issues and safeguarding children in Private Fostering arrangements in the UK. *Child Abuse Review*.

**Butcher, M.,** 2019. 'Sir, it was my right of way!' Examining cultural change and the contested entitlements of automobility. *Mobilities*.

**Shaw, A. & Wilson, K.** 2019. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the necro-populationism of 'climate-smart' agriculture. *Gender, Place & Culture*.

**Pooley, S.,** Botha, H., Combrink, X., & Powell, G. 2019. Synthesizing Nile crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus* attack data and historical context to inform mitigation efforts in South Africa and eSwatini (Swaziland). *Oryx*, 1-10 (first view).

**Pooley, S.** 2019. Bioinvasions and the idea of the Mediterranean. *Geography*, 104(2): 106-108.

**Pollard, J.A., Brooks, S.M. & Spencer, T.,** 2019. Harmonising topographic & remotely sensed datasets, a reference dataset for shoreline and beach change analysis. *Scientific data*, 6(1), p.42

**Brooks, S. & Spencer, T.,** 2019, May. Long-term trends, short-term shocks and cliff responses for areas of critical coastal infrastructure. In *Coastal Sediments 2019: Proceedings of the 9th International Conference* (pp. 1179-1187). World Scientific.

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**Amoudry, L.O., Payo, A., Plater, A., Solan, M., McCarroll, R., Moller, I.R., Spencer, T., Thompson, C., Brown, J.M., Brooks, S. & Barkwith, A.** 2019. Combined effects of physical and biological processes on coastal dynamics and recovery: The Bluecoast Project approach. In *Coastal Sediments 2019: Proceedings Of The 9th International Conference* (p. 3003-3015). World Scientific.

## APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS



**Rosie Cox** has been appointed as a new editor for the journal **Geo: Geography and Environment**, the Open Access journal of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS).

In this prestigious position, Rosie will be particularly concentrating on developing online resources, including audio, to enhance papers and developing the data/ methodologies area of the journal.

**Rosie Cox** and **Melissa Butcher** have been awarded £4983.50 for their project **Chez Nous? Making home in France in turbulent times**.

