

IAS Bulletin



IAS fellows, researchers and staff join Prof Tim Jones at the welcome lunch in Millburn House.



ECFs: James Christie, Ada Delle Pia, Marijn Nieuwenhuis, Jack Heal, Owen Weetch, Andrew Hammond, Sophie Cox, Lauren Bellaera, Aileen Das, Rebecca Johnson, Nesrin Degirmencioglu, Rebecca Williams and Awelani Moyo. They will be joined by Jiayi Wang.



PRFs: Christabelle Peters, Charlotte Heath-Kelly and Zakia Shiraz, to be joined by Roswitha Gostner and Elena Riva later this year.

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The IAS has reached another milestone, funding a record 50 fellows during the course of the last academic year through its three fellowship programmes. Support of early career researchers remains a high priority for the IAS and after a busy summer reviewing and short-listing applications, the new cohort of fellows were able to meet at the start of term at a welcome lunch which included an address from Professor Tim Jones, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer, Business Engagement and Research.

The Global Research Fellowship scheme has now grown to 14 award holders, with the arrival of Gemma-Louise Davies and James Sprittles, who have both moved to Warwick from the University of Oxford. They are joined by 5 new Postdoctoral Research Fellows each undertaking a 2-year programme of research. The new cohort of 14 Early Career Fellows started on 1st October and the call for a 2nd round of ECFs is open until 13th January 2014.

The IAS is delighted to be able to continue its collaboration with the Council for Assisting Refugee Academics. A joint bursary will enable Reem Doukmack, an academic previously based at Al-Baath University in the city of Homs in Syria, to join Warwick's Centre for Applied Linguistics for the next 3 years and to continue the IAS tradition of hosting CARA Fellows.

In addition, as part of the Impact agenda, the IAS is facilitating Warwick's involvement in a new global initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations. IAS Early Career Fellow Dr Andrew Hammond, will be coordinating a number of cross-faculty activities that support the UN's work in the area of human rights, literacy, sustainability and conflict resolution over the course of the coming year.

The IAS continues to welcome academics from around the world under the Visiting Fellowship programme, with 13 visitors already scheduled to arrive during the course of the year and a further call for applications scheduled for 17th February 2014.

IAS Vacation School and Conference Awards

This funding programme is one of the IAS's longest running schemes and continues to go from strength to strength due to the diversity and ambition of the applications put forward from across the university. A recent Vacation School, led jointly by the departments of Politics & International Studies and History, resulted in a 3-day programme of activity attracting over 120 delegates from around the world. A summary of the event is given below by the event organiser, Dr Osman Hassan – PAIS.



Beginning with an exclusive early career day where a number of high profile international guests exchanged feedback with MA, PhD and Post-Doctoral members about their work, the University of Warwick hosted the *Globalisation and American Grand Strategy in a Time of Austerity* Conference between 16-18th September, 2013.

This was followed by a master-class on US policymaking and the creation of the national economic council, delivered by Robert F. Wescott. Dr Wescott is the founder and President of Keybridge Research LLC in Washington D.C. From 1993-94 he was Chief Economist at the President's Council of Economic Advisors, and from 1999-2001 he served as Special Assistant to the U.S. President for Economic Policy at the White House. As senior economic advisor to President Clinton, he helped to develop the Administration's policies towards the G-7, other key emerging markets, and the international financial system.

The following day began with discussions about American Leadership, dealing with nuclear proliferation, the European relationship, issues of American exceptionalism, and the looming crisis in Syria. This was followed by discussions over whether America was in decline, and how this related to China's rise. The following roundtable picked up on these issues, discussing the nature of globalisation and American power. What became clear is that, unlike over the last five years, the prospects of America's decline on the international stage are fading. It was agreed that whilst America is less likely to want to act in the future, because of a wide range of issues, its economic and military power is far from fading.

Ambassador John D. Negroponte picked up these factors in his keynote speech, introduced by the Vice Chancellor Nigel Thrift. Ambassador Negroponte has been US ambassador to Honduras,

Mexico, the Philippines, the United Nations and Iraq. He has served twice on the National Security Council staff, first as director for Vietnam in the Nixon Administration and then as deputy national security advisor under President Reagan. He has also held a cabinet level position as the first director of national intelligence under President George W. Bush. His most recent position in government was as deputy secretary of state, where he served as the State Department's chief operating officer. In 2009, he began a part-time position at Yale University as a distinguished senior research fellow in grand strategy and lecturer in international affairs. The ambassador provided a highly stimulating discussion and an invigorating question and answer session. The evening was rounded off by an address from Liz Dibble the Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in London. Delivering her speech in the Great Hall at Warwick Castle, she focused on the special relationship between the US and the UK, and the global dangers the world faces.

With this event marking the launch of PAIS's US Foreign Policy MA programme, the event has not only shown the importance of IAS as an enabling institution throughout the University bringing departments together, but also the manner in which the University of Warwick is a leading international institution that can attract speakers of the highest calibre to engage with the our staff and students.

Strategies for realising social economic rights in practice: An ECF Fellow Workshop

Dr Sharifah Sekalala, IAS Early Career Fellow, Department of Law

IAS Fellows are encouraged to undertake a variety of engagement activities aimed at an inter-disciplinary audience. An example of this is Dr Sekalala's a one day workshop in conjunction with the School of Law and the Human Rights Centre in Practice.

The workshop focused on rights such as water, housing, health and food. Given that in recession these rights are increasingly under attack, this workshop presented a good opportunity for early career scholars to engage with a topical issue that will potentially affect millions of vulnerable people.

Bringing together a mix of academics and practitioners, the workshop kicked off with a keynote address by the Director of the Centre for Human Rights in Practice, James Harrison, who shared his vision of the links between academia and practice. He gave us concrete examples from the Centre's work on the effects of the Coalition government's spending cuts on women in Coventry, quoting the jurist Martti Koskonniemi:

“ For the politicians, every situation was a new, exceptional, crisis. The lawyer's task is to link it to what had happened previously, a case, a precedent, tell it as part of a history. ”

With this, he implored us to use the workshop as a forum for creating practical applications to advance this right. This is particularly important because although socio-economic rights are essential for life they remain largely marginalised. In order to enhance their status, we need to give them practical application. The critics will always ask for instance, 'What do these rights mean - is the right to food the right to eat cake?' They will pose measurement questions, 'If it is cake, how much cake?' Particularly in the midst of austerity, we have to contend with questions as to whether we should pay for other people's cake and finally whether those citizens who are going without can meaningfully seek redress from the legal system.

In the theoretical element of the workshop, Joanne Coysh, also an IAS Early Career Researcher told us about her field work in Tanzania as a way of illustrating the dangers of using human rights as a universal language. She narrated her experience of human rights training programmes in which journalists who were attending training workshops bullied victims into talking of their

abuse, sometimes going as far as offering them money, almost as if they were co-opting people into human rights. This raised wider questions on the universal nature of rights and how universal application can lead to more abuse not only by multi-national organisations but by those who despite their best intentions misunderstand the nature of human rights.

Paving the way for practical enforcement of these rights, two speakers - Nicola Browne the policy Director of the civil society organisation Participation and the Practice of Rights in Northern Ireland and Sondern Stephen, who worked with the Ghana Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice - talked about the experiences of poor people trying to access housing and a clean environment.

On that basis, we concluded that the current recession is no reason to give up the fight for rights and the workshop provided an ideal forum to identify new partnerships that will help take these matters forward.

IAS Current Award Schemes and Deadlines at a glance

For full details go to: www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/ias/funding_opportunities

VACATION SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES 4 November 2013

This programme is designed to fund or co-fund research-orientated residential workshops or conferences at Warwick or Warwick's conference location in Venice. The events are geared toward early career (PhD and/or recent postdoctoral) researchers. Funded projects should be focused on specific research questions, methodologies and themes and normally extend over 5 days. The event should range intellectually beyond a single discipline or Warwick department. Successful proposals will allow Warwick-based PhD students and postdoctoral fellows as well as early career researchers drawn from a wider national or international pool to gain new understanding of emerging fields of scholarly analysis in dialogue with more senior researchers and presenters. The average award value is £15,000. Events are expected to take place between May - September 2014 but may by prior arrangement also be held in the academic year 2014-15.

EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS 13 January 2014

This programme supports Warwick doctoral candidates in the transition phase as they move towards postdoctoral careers. Fellows are expected to write research publications, conference

papers, job applications, and postdoctoral fellowship/grant proposals - while engaging with the interdisciplinary activities of IAS. Fellowships will last a maximum of 10-months, during which time award holders are asked to run a symposium or workshop on campus. The Fellowships are available on a part-time basis and many are held in conjunction with part-time employment within or outside the University. Eligible applicants will need to submit their PhD thesis between 1st October 2013 and 30th April 2014. Fellowships are expected to start on 1st May 2014.

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS 17 February 2013

The Visiting Fellowship scheme offers excellent opportunities to collaborate with outstanding researchers from around the world. We are especially keen to attract Fellows who can assist with Impact-related projects that tie in to Warwick's Global Research Priorities and additional resource will be available for this on a discretionary basis. The primary aim of this scheme is to promote visits by highly distinguished researchers and intellectuals to Warwick. This includes policy makers, representatives of the arts, business, government and industry, and artists and writers, which will enrich the research landscape across the disciplines at Warwick and contribute to the University's international reputation as a centre of research excellence and innovation.

EUROPEAN FRONTIERS

This scheme will continue to operate on a rolling basis during the current financial year to ensure flexibility in responding to opportunities arising from the start of the Horizon 2020 programme launching in January 2014.

The European Frontiers Scheme is intended to support the development of bids to a wide range of European schemes, including but not limited to: Horizon 2020, European Science Foundation grants, bilateral schemes between European and UK Research Councils, and network grants. This scheme is designed

to facilitate meetings between Warwick researchers and potential European partners with a view to evolving new programmes of research and/or research networks, and developing funding applications. The ceiling for bids for under this category is £4,000.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Rolling deadline

The IAS Public engagement scheme promotes Warwick-based public engagement activities and is focused on the Research Excellence Framework (REF). The funding councils also highlight economic, social and cultural public engagement as a key research outcome for grant applications. Public engagement events may occur at Warwick, however we are especially keen to promote activities that engage with non-academic partners and which showcase Warwick research in London or other centres where there is ease of access for user-communities. Achieving public engagement is challenging and IAS is happy to advise on engagement with the Third Sector, with think tanks and the world of Whitehall, Westminster and beyond. The ceiling for bids for under this category is £3,000.

RESEARCH NETWORKS

Rolling deadline

The IAS and the Wolfson Research Exchange are working together to expand the range and variety of cross-campus research networks. IAS plays an important role in assisting with collaborative, interdisciplinary networks, not only financially through Incubation awards, but also with resources such as the IAS Seminar Room in Millburn House and the IAS website where cross-disciplinary networks can be housed on a neutral IAS website rather than on any one department's pages. Modest funding is available for one-day workshops and meetings for established networks.

SPECULATIVE LUNCHES

Rolling deadline

Speculative lunches are intended to offer a forum for informal discussion, enabling Warwick staff to discuss research ideas at an early stage of formulation, with a view to potentially establishing research collaborations around particular themes. The IAS will host up to two of these 'blue skies' events each term around the table of the IAS seminar room in Millburn House. They are open to all members of staff, as well as postdoctoral fellows and postgraduate students, across all faculties, departments and research centres. Coordinators are free to structure discussion as they wish and to set their own agenda. They are often used as a forum to respond to the specific thematic calls issued by UK Research Councils.

INCUBATION AWARDS

19 May 2014

Incubation Awards are intended to provide initial funds for identifying and pump-priming new, Warwick-based collaborative research networks that are interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary

in their methodology, agenda and personnel. Incubation Awards are designed to expedite scoping activities for collaborative research networks, not to sustain such networks beyond this start-up phase. Applications involve researchers from more than one department and are often deployed to bring researchers from other institutions, including international visitors, to the University to explore collaborative links with Warwick researchers. The ceiling for bids for under this category is £4,000

RESEARCH GRANT ACCELERATION AWARDS

19th May 2014

These awards are intended to promote ambitious bids to external funders of an interdisciplinary nature. Funding is available to cover proposal development expenses relating to large grants or prestigious awards, typically over £300k. Awards will usually be spent on teaching replacement, research assistance to prepare the bid, or proof of concept work. The maximum allocation per Research Grant Acceleration award is £5,000. Awards are to be taken up between August 2014 and July 2015.

Summary of IAS awards and deadlines

Vacation Schools and Conferences	4 November 2013
Early Career Fellowships	13 January 2014
Visiting Fellowships	17 February 2014
European Frontiers	Rolling deadline
Public Engagement Awards	Rolling deadline
Research Networks	Rolling deadline
Speculative Lunches	Rolling deadline
Incubation Awards	19 May 2014
Research Grant Acceleration Awards	19 May 2014

Notice for final year PhD students

If you will be submitting your PhD between October 2013 and April 2014 and are considering applying for an IAS' Early Career Fellowship, come along to an information workshop being held at the Wolfson Research Exchange, Warwick Library on Wednesday, 20th November. For more information contact the IAS via IAS@warwick.ac.uk