



Oxford Department of  
International Development

# Annual Report 2025

# Welcome to the 2025 ODID report



Welcome to ODID's annual report for 2024/25. This was an exciting year on the research front, evident in a bumper crop of deeply researched monographs, alongside high-profile activity and events in our research centres, and new collaborative work with Global South partners. At the same time, the department underwent its seven-year review by the Social Sciences Division, a process that required a tremendous amount of preparatory work and discussion that helped us to explore who we are and who we want to be as teachers and researchers in the face of a daunting set of global and local challenges. In all this work, our professional staff were not only inspirational in their contributions to major initiatives, but also expertly maintained the sturdy foundations that allow us to carry out our day-to-day work.

Research monographs are always many years in the making and reflect a deep commitment to exploring new topics, advancing key debates, and telling rich, empirically robust stories. We have an exciting group to celebrate this year: Tom Scott-Smith's *Fragments of Home*, Amogh Dhar Sharma's *The Backstage of Democracy*, David Jackman's *Syndicates and Societies*, and Ashwiny Kistnareddy's *Refugee Afterlives*. We also cast a spotlight on the monographs of some of our alumni, including Rakib Akhtar's *Neoliberalism and Hindutva in the Making of an Indian Smart City* and Sarah Rosenberg-Jansen's *Voices in the Dark*. There are many other publications and topics of research noted herein, from poetry to microfinance. It is a mark of ODID's diverse interests and commitment to rigorous research that we range so widely and with such excellence.

Our research centres led the way in organising high profile events. TIDE organised a 'spring festival' in Trinity Term with five major events that brought together academic researchers and policy makers to explore industrial policy, technology and innovation. TIDE's director, Amir Lebdioui, chaired the department's Climate Change and the Challenges of Development series, producing lively debate. Among other events, the RSC attracted a large audience to its Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture, delivered by Kenan Malik, on the perennially topical subject of the politics of immigration and of identity. We continued with our ODID Research Roundtables, initiated last year, with two excellent, cross-departmental events on law and on citizenship, led respectively by Catherine Briddick and Tom Scott-Smith. Helidah Ogude-Chambert hosted the inaugural ODID film night, now a departmental fixture, with a screening of *Hostile* and a discussion with the director. Our ongoing

concern with Palestine was reflected in several high-profile events and the development of new research agendas.

As the report makes amply clear, ODID continued to have significant impact through its research centres, with OPHI and Young Lives engaged in high profile meetings, including at the UN, and advancing and diversifying their research agendas. There were new collaborations established by TIDE, notably the Oxford-Mexico Industrial Policy Co-lab, by the Refugee-Led Research Hub, which launched the East Oxford Hub with Asylum Welcome and Oxford Brookes University, and Young Lives, which established the climate research hub. Collaboration – and a commitment to the equitable co-production of knowledge – is a key part of ODID's practice, often in partnership with Global South partners, that extends to student work too. Highlighted in the report is DPhil student Theodor Borrman's use of ODID's student-initiated co-production of knowledge fund to support a workshop with his collaborators in the Peruvian Amazon.

There is a great deal of news to highlight in the report, from the recognition won by OPHI and Young Lives in the Social Sciences Impact Awards and the VC's Awards, to Alex Betts' induction as a British Academy Fellow and Corneliu Bjola's award of the title of Professor of Digital Diplomacy, to the Teaching Excellence Awards won by two of our Departmental Lecturers, Uttara Shahani and Helidah Ogude-Chambert, both of whom have made fantastic contributions to the department's teaching culture. We do not receive prizes for it, but we are all also the beneficiaries of the department's commitment to diversity, not least in the make-up of our student body. We have continued to invest in scholarships and to seek out new partnerships to extend our reach, alongside the work we do through the RSC's Online School in Forced Migration and the Refugee-Led Research Hub, both of which offer support and opportunities to people from displacement backgrounds. There are many other developments of note in the pages that follow.

Finally, I must offer my particular thanks to the team that put such great efforts into our departmental review – Peter Franklin Routh, Matthew Gibney, and John Gledhill, with untiring support from Dominique Attala and Emma Rundall, among others. As the review underlined, ODID has an unusual collegiality. I have benefited immensely from it and it is an aspect of the department's character we are determined to keep. ■

**Jocelyn Alexander**  
Head of Department

## Highlights



# Recognition for OPHI's impact addressing multidimensional poverty

**The Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) is the only research centre in the world dedicated to researching and implementing multidimensional measures of poverty and wellbeing. In May 2025, Sabina Alkire and the OPHI team won a Social Sciences Impact Award for 'Scaling and Sustaining Impact'. OPHI's work was also recognised in the University's Vice-Chancellor's Awards.**

OPHI's research stems from the Alkire-Foster method, which was co-developed in 2006–07 by OPHI's Director, Sabina Alkire, and Professor James Foster and forms the basis of the most well-known of OPHI's measures, the 'Multidimensional Poverty Index' or MPI. The MPI is a customizable tool that identifies whether people are deprived in a proportion of indicators grouped within dimensions that typically include health, education, work, and living standards. It complements monetary poverty statistics by showing not only the proportion of people who are multidimensionally poor, but also the intensity and composition of their poverty. Using the MPI, policymakers can develop more precise and efficient responses informed by how poverty differs across a country, how it manifests between demographic groups, and even within households.

This year's awards recognise OPHI's impact in its work partnering with countries to help national statistics teams and policy actors build, develop and use their own tailored national MPIs as official poverty measures. OPHI's work has informed policy in over 50 countries, benefiting over 3 billion people. Over 40 countries now use MPIs to monitor progress in the UN's Global Sustainable Development Goals Indicators Database.

OPHI's impact as the secretariat for South-South knowledge exchange through the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN) was also recognised. The MPPN is a growing global community of 66 countries and 22 organisations that provides peer to peer dialogue, capacity building and access to a repository of experiences and lessons learned. The value of MPIs has been championed at high-level events at the UN by Heads of States, Vice Presidents or Ministers, and several Statistician Generals have spoken at events at UN

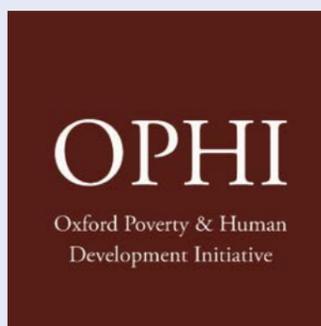
Statistical Commissions about their use of MPI in national poverty monitoring and reduction.

To build on links with high-level political leaders and share lessons, OPHI shares knowledge through publications and training. OPHI launched a prominent OUP book by the former President of Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, detailing successful MPI policy uses. Together with the former Minister of Social Development in Panama, Michelle Muschett, and the former Vice President of Costa Rica, Ana Helena Chacón, OPHI has developed an Executive Education programme for policy leaders. Chacón also co-convenes MPPN Ambassadors (former Presidents, Prime Ministers and Vice Presidents) and Champions who during their term of office advance the MPI from their positions of leadership.

OPHI has continued to develop the global MPI, an internationally comparable measure of acute multidimensional poverty in over 100 developing countries, which OPHI co-publishes annually with the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme. OPHI has introduced new research in each global MPI report examining inequalities; ethnicity, caste and gender disparities; exploring interlinked deprivations; analysing gendered and intra-household patterns; and studying the relationships between conflict and poverty. In 2025 the report focuses on poverty and the environment.

Looking ahead, OPHI aims to continue to advance national and global MPIs as official benchmarks, to advocate for multidimensional measures beyond GDP, and to deepen research on poverty's links with gender, environment, and any relevant topics that may emerge. ■

Find out more about OPHI's work here: [ophi.org.uk](http://ophi.org.uk)



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## Corneliu Bjola awarded first Professorship in Digital Diplomacy

Corneliu Bjola has been awarded the title of Professor in the University's annual Recognition of Distinction exercise. Professor Bjola is now Professor of Digital Diplomacy. The post is the first ever Professorship in Digital Diplomacy at any university in the world.



The award of the title "speaks volumes not only about the growing importance of this field, but also about Oxford University's commitment to cultivating and supporting cutting-edge areas of research and teaching," Professor Bjola said.

Professor Bjola's research interests relate to the impact of digital technology on the conduct of diplomacy with a focus on strategic communication and digital influence as well as on theories and methods for countering disinformation and propaganda.

SEPTEMBER 2024

## What's next? ODID research on global issues: refugee studies



The latest video in the ODID series exploring how the multiple crises facing the world are transforming the issues we work on features Alexander Betts discussing the impact on refugee studies. As he states, "refugees are often characterised as human rights abuses made visible, and the traditional

drivers of cross-border displacement are authoritarian regimes, and wars and conflict. But today we see new drivers of displacement: climate change, fragile states, food and water insecurity."

Watch the video at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/blog/whats-next-odid-research-global-issues-refugee-studies](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/blog/whats-next-odid-research-global-issues-refugee-studies)

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## Third Refugee-Led Research Festival takes place in Nairobi

The 3rd Refugee-Led Research Festival took place from 16–19 September in Nairobi, Kenya, showcasing a wide range of research conducted throughout East Africa.

Refugee-Led Research Hub (RLRH) colleagues and affiliates from Nairobi, Dadaab and Kakuma came together for dynamic conversations on the localisation of research in a week of vibrant sessions encompassing a

two-day conference, workshops, and networking events. The two-day Kenya Evidence Platform (KEP) Conference was held in collaboration with Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat (ReDSS) and Maseno University. This focused on 'Rethinking collaboration: Localizing knowledge production to inform sustainable solutions for displacement affected communities in Kenya'.

## Prizes

### Teaching Excellence Awards winners



We are delighted that Dr Helidah Ogude-Chambert and Dr Uttara Shahani won Teaching Excellence Awards in the Early Career Strand. These annual awards from the Social Sciences Division celebrate exceptional contributions to education and teaching practices by colleagues across the division at all career stages.



Dr Ogude-Chambert teaches on the MSc in Migration Studies. Her approach is characterised by the integration of multimodal learning resources, such as podcasts, films, and non-academic texts,

which support students with diverse learning needs and backgrounds. These varied materials help make complex theoretical ideas accessible to all, fostering a more inclusive learning environment.

Dr Shahani has made significant contributions to the MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies through her innovative and engaging teaching methods. Students reported that her teaching acted as a catalyst for connecting their understanding across a number of different disciplines.

Find out more at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/helidah-ogude-chambert-and-uttara-shahani-win-teaching-excellence-awards](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/helidah-ogude-chambert-and-uttara-shahani-win-teaching-excellence-awards)



### Young Lives win at 2025 Social Sciences Impact Awards

Congratulations to the team at Young Lives who won in the category 'Developing Impact' at the 2025 Social Sciences Impact Awards.

These awards celebrate social science colleagues across the University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes University who are making significant contributions to society or the economy through meaningful collaboration with non-academic partners.

The award for the Young Lives team recognises their work in Peru, helping to bring about a change in the law in November 2023 to prohibit child marriage.

Find out more at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/ophi-and-young-lives-win-2025-social-sciences-impact-awards](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/ophi-and-young-lives-win-2025-social-sciences-impact-awards)

### SDG Impact Lab wins at Vice-Chancellor's Awards

The Oxford SDG Impact Lab were delighted to win the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Local Community Engagement for the Lab's Oxford Young Sport Leaders Programme. The SDG Impact Lab encourages collaboration between students and industry thought leaders to advance progress towards the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Launched in 2023, the Oxford Young Sport Leaders Programme has rapidly grown into one of Oxford University's most impactful community initiatives – bridging sport, education, and mentorship to inspire local young people and strengthen ties with



the city. This programme stands as a powerful example of SDG17: Partnerships for the Goals in action.

Congratulations also go to the other ODID nominees who were all Highly Commended in their categories: Young Lives, OPHI, and OxValue.AI (a spinout from research led by Professor Xiaolan Fu at ODID).

Find out more at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/sdg-impact-lab-wins-vice-chancellors-awards](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/sdg-impact-lab-wins-vice-chancellors-awards)

### MPhil student David R Salmon wins prestigious journal prize

David R Salmon (MPhil 2023–2025) was awarded the prestigious Harry Hodson Prize by the journal *The Round Table* for his essay, 'Arthur Lewis Revisited: Economic Development with a Limited Supply of Labour', which was published in the journal in June 2025. David is Jamaica's 2023 Rhodes Scholar. At ODID, his research examines the evolution of export sectors in emerging economies.

### Corneliu Bjola receives ICOMM Distinguished Scholar Award

Congratulations to Professor Corneliu Bjola, recipient of this year's ICOMM Distinguished Scholar Award. This award is presented annually by the International Studies Association, International Communication section. A panel honouring the work of Professor Bjola was held at the ISA2025 conference in Chicago.



Vice-Chancellor's Awards photograph: John Cairns Photography

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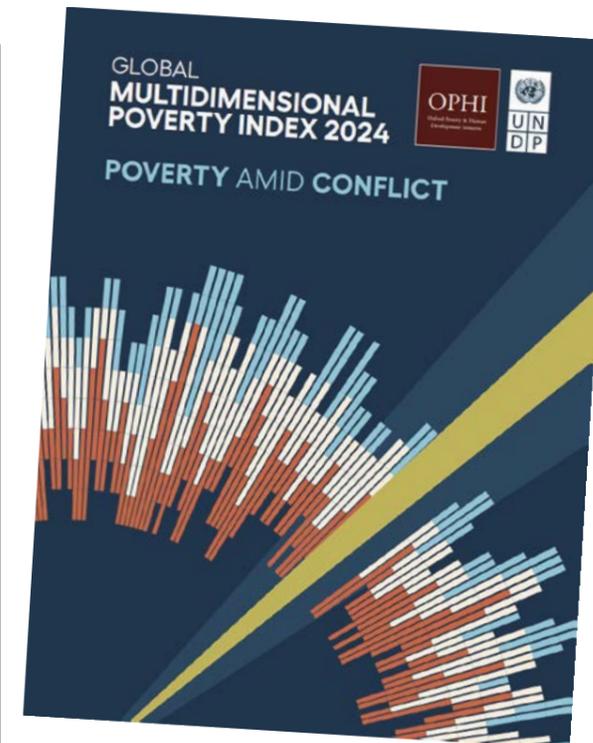
## Global MPI 2024 focuses on poverty amid conflict

On the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the 2024 update of the global Multidimensional Poverty Index was published jointly by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

The global MPI report covers 112 developing countries, home to 6.3 billion people. This year's update includes new data from 20 countries. According to the global MPI, 1.1 billion people (18.3 percent) live in acute multidimensional poverty. Understanding where and how people are poor, as well as the intensity of their poverty and which demographic groups are most affected, is critical to informing and accelerating efforts to end poverty in all its forms.

This year's report, 'Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2024: Poverty amid conflict', explores a timely theme to offer actionable insights to all actors committed to ending poverty. The analysis takes what we know about poverty around the world today and overlays violent conflict data to better understand how poor people are affected by conflicts and fragility. The report examines some of the ways in which poverty and conflict intersect and reflects on what this means for poverty reduction.

Read the report at [ophi.org.uk/Publications/GMPI15-2024](http://ophi.org.uk/Publications/GMPI15-2024)



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## Young Lives launches sixth wave of qualitative research in Ethiopia

Young Lives received new funding from FCDO and Irish Aid to conduct a sixth wave of qualitative longitudinal data collection in Ethiopia ('Qual 6') focusing on young people's health and wellbeing in times of crisis. This 15-month project (October 2024–December 2025) will provide vital insights into how conflict and intersecting crises are affecting young people's health and well-being, with a strong focus on maternal and child health and nutrition, sexual and reproductive health, mental health and disability. This will include 'getting under the skin' of trends and statistics identified in Young Lives Round 7 survey; unpicking young people's decision-making and experiences as they transition to adulthood; and



investigating how early life and adolescent experiences have helped to build resilience or exacerbated vulnerabilities. This timely research will also identify which policies, programmes and services are most beneficial and what additional support is required to improve the lives of young people.

Find out more at [www.younglives.org.uk/news/sixth-wave-qualitative-longitudinal-research-set-launch-ethiopia](http://www.younglives.org.uk/news/sixth-wave-qualitative-longitudinal-research-set-launch-ethiopia)

The Young Lives podcast is at [podcasts.ox.ac.uk/living-through-multiple-crises-young-lives-latest-qualitative-research-uncovering-lived-experience](http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/living-through-multiple-crises-young-lives-latest-qualitative-research-uncovering-lived-experience)

## RESEARCH

# Roundtable on Citizenship

An ODID Research Roundtable in November 2024 highlighted the array of research at ODID on the topic of citizenship, encompassing denationalisation, dual citizenship, migration and citizenship in Africa, labour politics and urban citizenship in Argentina, and colonialism.

## Citizenship stripping and the liberal state



**Matthew Gibney explores the various incarnations that expulsion power takes in modern liberal states, and the issues it raises for communities ostensibly committed to principles of freedom, equality and human rights.**

Since September 11, 2001, most Western countries have introduced or updated laws allowing citizenship stripping from suspected or convicted terrorists – usually dual nationals, often Muslim men of immigrant backgrounds.

The idea that citizenship status is a contingent one is as old as citizenship itself. Gibney traces denationalisation in Western states since the early 20th century, noting that denationalisation is typically a second order manifestation of anti-immigrant sentiment that intensifies during wartime when citizenship becomes securitised. Deactivation targets come from ethnic, national and religious groups perceived as foreign, despite their legal citizenship.

Liberal principles have facilitated citizenship removal. A contractual view of citizenship – especially for naturalised citizens – has justified revocation on grounds of disloyalty, as with spies or jihadists.

Liberal principles can also have a constraining role. After 1945, denationalisation fell prey to an explicitly anti-racist liberalism that promoted citizen equality. Denationalisation had been tarnished by its association with totalitarian regimes. International moves to prevent statelessness further curtailed the practice.

A shift in the 1960s, when states began to accept dual nationality among their citizens, changed this dynamic: they could now revoke citizenship without rendering individuals stateless.

Read more about Professor Gibney's work on denationalisation at the Refugee Studies Centre: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/research/liberal-state-expulsion](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/research/liberal-state-expulsion)

## Dual citizenship, upward mobility, and return migration



**For her doctoral research, Julia Schweers examined the return migration of dual citizens and the global inequalities associated with citizenship. Analysing the socio-economic worth of dual citizenship for naturalised immigrants,**

**she focused on immigrants returning from the Global North to their country of origin in the Global South.**

Citizenship studies have shown that naturalising in the Global North boosts socio-economic outcomes and global mobility for immigrants from the Global South. However, these studies have overlooked the fact that naturalised migrants might not wish to stay in the Global North permanently. Meanwhile, return migration scholars were puzzled that voluntary return, despite being linked to savings, educational qualifications, and networks abroad, often fails to produce upward mobility after return.

Schweers examined the value of dual citizenship in returnees' lives. Focusing on Ghana, she found it enhances socio-economic upward mobility after return, as Ghanaian dual citizens leverage their second passport both in the Global North and in everyday Ghanaian society. The advantages of dual citizenship in Ghana are closely tied to the concept of 'capital' (as defined by Pierre Bourdieu), encompassing social, economic, and cultural capital, i.e. in the form of better-paid jobs, better access to networking events, and better access to prestigious consumer goods.

Dual citizenship takes on the form of capital because of global inequalities between states and the different civic rights and opportunities they offer their citizens.

Dr Schweers' DPhil thesis is available online here: [ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:64325c6c-d66a-4859-8f23-9cae0235fe22/files/d0c483k212](http://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:64325c6c-d66a-4859-8f23-9cae0235fe22/files/d0c483k212)

## Mobility, uncertainty, and the rescaling of political community in sub-Saharan Africa



**The idea of citizenship and possible benefits of it for migrants in sub-Saharan African cities are examined by Loren Landau. Africa is the fastest growing continent population-wise and its cities the fastest growing. Landau asks what kind**

**of citizenship will emerge from these circumstances. Will it look anything like the kind of citizenship that we think people should have?**

The cities studied (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Accra) draw people in because the possibilities are better than elsewhere, but not because there's work waiting for them. Most people don't get anything from the state, not even security. What, then, are people's rights in African cities? How are they claimed – through work or participation?

What does this mean for scholars studying inequality, migration, and citizenship?

Initial findings suggest that formal citizenship and documentation hold little practical value for individuals, including refugees. Those able to move internationally tend to have more skills, social capital and money than rural domestic migrants. Mobilising to claim citizenship can be counterproductive, highlighting one's migrant status and vulnerability.

Few want state recognition or participation, since they don't plan long-term futures where they live; they seek citizenship recognition elsewhere later on. This can cause tensions with those people who *are* invested in the place, and will raise real questions in the future.

Find further information on Professor Landau's research at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/content/mobility-temporality-and-africa-s-future-politics](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/content/mobility-temporality-and-africa-s-future-politics) and [atlasofuncertainty.com](http://atlasofuncertainty.com)

## Collective labour politics and urban citizenship in Latin America



**Dolores Señorans examines precarious workers' trade union organising in Argentina through an ethnographic study of migrant garment workers in the Unión de Trabajadores de la Economía Popular (UTEP, Popular Economy Workers Union). She examines how the experience of making a living in cities became the basis for the emergence of a distinctive form of trade union politics that challenged traditional forms of union representation.**

UTEP was created in 2011 by Argentina's largest social movements to represent workers in the popular economy who are often labelled informal or precarious. The union has become a major political actor, with some members elected to congress. It challenges a common argument in precarious labour studies that workforce dispersion inevitably weakens collective organisation.

Señorans' focus is twofold. First, she situates popular and informal economies not as zero surplus, marginal or alternative, but as central to capitalist accumulation – and to possibilities for its transformation. Second, she shows how social ties and forms of paid and unpaid labour enable collective organisations that seek to extend citizenship and reshape supply chains.

UTEP's citizenship practices reflect a work-city nexus, advancing neighbourhood improvements and solidarity among diverse workers. UTEP's slogan – Land, Growth and Work – reflects its reimagining of the association between dignity, work and citizenship. Señorans draws on this tradition of union politics and access to social citizenship but redefines it to the new conditions of the working class.

Further details can be found on the ODID website: [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/research-project/plural-experimentations-migrant-labour-and-collective-politics-city-buenos-aires](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/research-project/plural-experimentations-migrant-labour-and-collective-politics-city-buenos-aires)

## Decolonisation and being lost in transnation



**Simukai Chigudu gave a taste of his forthcoming book *Chasing Freedom*, a work of literary nonfiction that combines memoir, political history, and cultural criticism to show how colonialism continues to shape politics, society and culture in Africa and in Britain, and to explore what it really means to decolonise.**

Chigudu recounted that in his home country of Zimbabwe, they call him a 'born free', because he belongs to the first generation in the modern history of his native land that never lived under direct colonial rule. But even though he was born free, colonialism has marked the landscapes of his life and placed him at the crossroads of multiple, sometimes conflicting identities.

For example, midway through his first year as Associate Professor of African Politics in ODID, he was invited to give a lecture at Cambridge University on decolonising African studies. On the train to Cambridge, he was called by a member of Zimbabwe's ruling party, Zanu PF, about a second invitation he had received, to be an expert witness before a Parliamentary Select Committee about an unfolding crisis in Zimbabwe. The call was to remind him to be a patriotic citizen, to "represent our people fairly". This moment encapsulated the complexities of his position as he was under pressure to critique colonialism one day and then resist the pressure to tow a nationalist line the next.

Throughout his life, Chigudu has been labelled in ways that underscore his fractured identity. He commented, "The irony of being called upon as a representative of 'my people', albeit under subtle duress, did not escape me when for most of my life I've been read by the world as quite the opposite." Black Zimbabweans have called him a 'salad', someone who grew up in the country's formerly white neighbourhoods, was privately educated and had adopted white cultural habits like eating salad. White Zimbabweans have called him a *soutpiel*, someone with one foot in Africa and one foot in Europe. For him, decolonisation is not just an intellectual exercise but a deeply personal journey – one of being lost, and perhaps never fully found, in transnation.

*Chasing Freedom* will be published by The Bodley Head and Crown in March 2026. Find out more about Associate Professor Chigudu's research on the ODID website: [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/people/simukai-chigudu](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/people/simukai-chigudu)

*This piece draws on an ODID Research Roundtable on Citizenship. A Research Roundtable on Law was also held in 2024–2025. ODID Research Roundtables are intended to create productive conversations around shared intellectual interests, methods, and practices in the department. Each roundtable seeks to cut across the department in terms of the seniority of speakers, disciplines, geographical regions, and the location of participants in degree programmes and research groups. ■*

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## Young Lives evidence on climate impacts at COP29

Young Lives Deputy Director Kath Ford attended COP29 in Azerbaijan, speaking at two events – a panel discussion organised by Indian public think tank the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), focused on climate resilience in healthcare for low- and middle-income countries, and a roundtable convened by Global Young Greens.

Kath discussed Young Lives' findings on the impact of extreme weather events on children's development,

including their nutritional health, physical growth, skills and learning, and advocated for better social protection for disadvantaged households in disaster prone regions, particularly for vulnerable girls and women.

Read Young Lives' evidence on the impact of climate shocks at [www.younglives.org.uk/publications/weathering-storm-climate-shocks-threaten-childrens-skills-and-learning-social](http://www.younglives.org.uk/publications/weathering-storm-climate-shocks-threaten-childrens-skills-and-learning-social)

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## TMCD becomes TIDE: Technology and Industrialisation for Development Centre

Sixteen years after its foundation, TMCD has now become the Technology and Industrialisation for Development Centre (TIDE).

In 2008, the Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD) was founded by Professor Xiaolan Fu as a multidisciplinary research hub on the role of technology in advancing development in the Global South. TMCD has now transformed into TIDE, heralding a change of direction in terms of focus areas and a change of director with Associate Professor Amir Lebdioui.

While the name has evolved, the centre's commitment to exploring the intricate relationships between technology, industrialisation, investment, innovation, and development remains unwavering. It brings together scholars and practitioners who view technology and industrialisation as essential drivers of sustainable development.



TIDE's three research and policy engagement programmes are:

- Technology Transfer, Innovation and Diffusion;
- Frontiers of Industrial Policy; and
- Biodiversity and Innovation

Explore the new TIDE website to learn more about the centre's work, programmes, and vision for the future:

[oxford-tide.org](http://oxford-tide.org)

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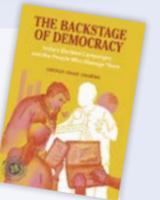
## New research monographs

### Fragments of Home Tom Scott-Smith



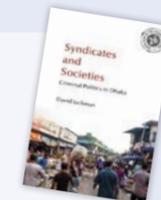
The story of international migration is often told through personal odysseys and dangerous journeys, but when people arrive at their destinations a more mundane task begins: refugees need a place to stay. This book focuses on examples of emergency shelter which emerged after the great 'summer of migration' in 2015. Drawing on detailed ethnographic research, the book reflects on their political implications and opens up much bigger questions about humanitarian action. By exploring how aid agencies and architects approached this basic human need, Tom Scott-Smith demonstrates how shelter has many elements that are hard to reconcile or combine; shelter is always partial and incomplete, producing mere fragments of home. Ultimately, he argues that current approaches to emergency shelter have led to destructive forms of paternalism and concludes that the principle of autonomy can offer a more fruitful approach to sensitive and inclusive housing. (Stanford University Press, 2024)

### The Backstage of Democracy Amogh Dhar Sharma



Over the last decade, election campaigns in India have undergone a dramatic shift. Political parties increasingly rely on political consulting firms, social media volunteers, pollsters, data-driven insights, and hashtag wars to mobilise voters. What is driving these changes in the landscape of electioneering? The Backstage of Democracy takes readers to the hidden arena of strategising and deliberations that takes place between politicians and a new cabal of political professionals as they organise election campaigns in India. The book argues that this change is not reducible to a story of technological innovations alone. Rather, it is indicative of a new political culture where ideas of political expertise, the distribution of power within parties, and citizens' attitudes towards political participation have undergone a profound change. The book breaks new ground on how we understand the workings of India's electoral and party politics. (Cambridge University Press, 2024)

### Syndicates and Societies: Criminal Politics in Dhaka David Jackman



When you work on the streets of Dhaka, crime is part of everyday life. Rackets are ubiquitous, political muscle widespread, and territory often fought over. Locals refer to the syndicates that lie behind the façade of the city, controlling who works where, how services are delivered and who profits. *Syndicates and Societies* reveals how syndicates shape life in Kawran Bazar, the largest marketplace in Bangladesh, and offers a new approach to understanding the nexus of crime and politics. The book traces the bazar's history from a heartland of gangsters to being dominated by ruling party leaders and state officials. It follows a group of labourers as they seek a place in this world, aligning themselves to leaders, orchestrating bombings and fighting off rivals. *Syndicates and Societies* explores the relationship between crime and order, revealing a world of extortionists and informers, political muscle and union leaders. (Cambridge University Press, 2024)

### Refugee Afterlives: Home, Hauntings and Hunger Ashwiny Kistnareddy



This book compares fiction and non-fiction written by two generations of the Vietnamese diaspora, the so-called 1.5 and second generation in France and Canada, namely, Kim Thúy, Doan Bui, Clément Baloup, Hoai Huong Nguyen and Viet Thanh Nguyen (USA), as they grapple with their positionality as refugee(s) children and the attendant problematics of loss. How they recuperate this loss by deploying notions such as home, hauntings and hunger is central to this analysis. *Refugee Afterlives* identifies the tools they deploy, tests their limits while understanding that these writers' creations are constantly changing and shifting paradigms. The book ultimately demonstrates that there is much to be gained in seeing how 1.5ers and the second generation Vietnamese refugee writers contribute to a wider discussion of Vietnamese refugee(s) children and their lives after resettlement. (Liverpool University Press, 2024)

JANUARY 2025

## IKEA Foundation pledges £2 million to initiative championing refugee leadership

The IKEA Foundation has renewed its support for the Refugee-Led Research Hub (RLRH), a pioneering initiative that helps people who have been affected by displacement to become leaders across the humanitarian sector. Launched in 2020, the Hub provides access to training, mentorship and funding. It aims to redistribute power and opportunity to researchers and students from displacement backgrounds so that they can challenge and change humanitarian policy for the benefit of future generations.

After providing crucial early funding for the RLRH, the IKEA Foundation has given an additional grant of £2 million to support the project's expansion. This will enable the RLRH team to increase the impact of two key streams of work: creating opportunities for researchers with a displacement background to lead primary and secondary



research studies in the field of forced migration, from start to finish; and facilitating advanced graduate-level training and career placements for scholars who have been affected by forced displacement.

With the foundation's support, the project is forecasting over 7,000 engagements with its activities by refugees and others affected by displacement over the next three years.

Find out more at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/ikea-foundation-pledges-ps2-million-oxford-initiative-championing-refugee-leadership](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/ikea-foundation-pledges-ps2-million-oxford-initiative-championing-refugee-leadership)

JANUARY 2025

## Tech diplomacy in practice

Over the past year, Corneliu Bjola has focused his research on the rapidly evolving intersection of emerging technologies and diplomacy, with a particular emphasis on how artificial intelligence (AI) and open-source intelligence (OSINT) are transforming the practice of negotiation, crisis response, and international governance.

In January, he co-convoked a high-level workshop at the University of Oxford with DPhil student Vladimiro Bocchino, whose research explores the application of AI and OSINT to international negotiations in conflict settings. The event brought together a cross-sectoral group of diplomats, technologists, and scholars to explore how digital tools are enhancing situational awareness, enabling real-time crisis forecasting, and grounding diplomatic engagement in verified open-source data. Far from a one-off initiative, the workshop marked the launch of a community-building effort that aims to connect researchers and policymakers through a series of follow-up events in collaboration with leading UK universities.

This work also informed a strategic session Corneliu led in Geneva in July 2025, ahead of the AI for Good Summit, in partnership with United Nations Institute

for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The session – attended by senior diplomats from across the Global South – focused on questions of equity, representation, and institutional agency in the global governance of AI.

With follow-up initiatives planned to support technology literacy among UN-affiliated diplomats, this work underscores the importance of empowering diplomatic actors to engage critically and proactively with emerging technologies.

These efforts form part of a broader research agenda on *tech diplomacy*, which has already led to a special issue Professor Bjola co-edited for *Global Policy* on the topic, and several new projects and invited talks are currently underway. At stake is not only how diplomacy adapts to technological change, but how it can help shape more inclusive, accountable, and forward-looking global digital orders.



## ODID at the UN

### OPHI at UNGA 79

The Federal Republic of Somalia and the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN) co-hosted a High-Level Side Meeting on multidimensional poverty at the UN Headquarters during the 79th UN General Assembly in September. The event, supported by UNDP Somalia, brought together 21 leaders, countries and institutions to share insights from using Multidimensional Poverty Indices (MPIs) as sustainable and targeted poverty solutions. Sabina Alkire also participated in the SDG Media Zone with Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan, on the topic of going Beyond GDP, to discuss how we capture the full scope of sustainable development. The Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) serves as the secretariat to the MPPN which fosters peer exchanges among political leaders and government officials who are committed to reducing multidimensional poverty.

In July, the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations, UNDP's Regional Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean (RBLAC), and the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN) co-hosted a Side Event at the 2025 High-Level Political Forum in the UN Headquarters. This event brought together high-level representatives from international agencies, governments, and OPHI's MPI Ambassadors and Champions to discuss how MPIs can



accelerate the achievement of the SDGs and shape the agenda beyond 2030.

Read more at [ophi.org.uk/news/our-future-not-predetermined-leaders-discuss-poverty-reduction-and-mpi-unga-79-mppn-event](http://ophi.org.uk/news/our-future-not-predetermined-leaders-discuss-poverty-reduction-and-mpi-unga-79-mppn-event)

### Dana +20 Manifesto reaches the UN

Emeritus Professor Dawn Chatty (Refugee Studies Centre), together with Dr Ariell Ahearn (School of Geography and the Environment, SoGE), held a special event, hosted by UNDP, at the UN in support of Mobile Peoples. The following day, the Special Rapporteur for Indigenous Peoples released his report on Mobile Indigenous Peoples to the UN General Assembly. This report is a response to the Dana Declaration +20 Manifesto of 2022, the outcome of the Dana +20 Workshop which was organised by the RSC and SoGE. The Manifesto called for the United Nations to take into account the special vulnerabilities and



needs of the millions of Mobile Peoples around the world.

Dawn Chatty chaired the Standing Committee of the Dana Declaration from 2002 until 2021 when Dr Ahearn joined her as co-Chair.

Find out more at [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/dana-20-manifesto-reaches-the-attention-of-the-united-nations-special-rapporteur-on-indigenous-rights](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/dana-20-manifesto-reaches-the-attention-of-the-united-nations-special-rapporteur-on-indigenous-rights)

### Xiaolan Fu joins the UN High-level Advisory Board

Professor Xiaolan Fu was invited to join the United Nations High-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs for its third term, which commenced in Spring 2025.



The High-level Advisory Board (HLAB) on Economic and Social Affairs was established in 2018 in the context of UN development system reform, as a key part of efforts to enhance support to UN Member States in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It consists of globally renowned experts in the economic and social policy fields, including former senior government officials and intellectual leaders.

The Board, convened by Li Junhua, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, has provided advice to the United Nations on broad economic and social issues, including near-term prospects and risks for the world economy, frontier technologies, inequality, migration, and issues associated with countries in special situations.

JANUARY 2025

## New TIDE Centre award for collaborative research on green industrial policy

Amir Lebdioui (Director of the TIDE Centre) was awarded a three-year grant of USD 2 million for a new collaborative research project. Frontiers of Industrial Policy is a programme that seeks to advance global understanding of how inclusive green industrial policies can be designed and implemented in ways that are both socially equitable and environmentally sustainable.

The project is being carried out by an interdisciplinary team at the TIDE Centre in collaboration with partners primarily in Brazil, Mexico, Malaysia, and South Africa, as well as in other regions of the Global South. Planned activities range from workshops with policymakers and civil society organisations to fieldwork and collaborative research, leading to academic publications, policy briefs, and new analytical tools. The programme will also employ innovative forms of dissemination, including visual materials and a short documentary, to widen its reach. This programme seeks to contribute to academic debates while generating practical resources for governments and organisations working on green economic transformation.



MARCH 2025

## IACHR decides against Ecuador over treatment of indigenous peoples

For the first time, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has ruled on the scope of the rights of Indigenous Peoples in voluntary isolation, finding against Ecuador in the case of the Tagaeri and Taromenane peoples vs. Ecuador. The Court declared Ecuador responsible for violations of collective property rights, self-determination, and other fundamental rights affecting these Indigenous groups.

In 2022, Professor Laura Rival gave expert testimony in this case, commenting on Waorani culture and social organisation, as well as on the relationship that the Waorani people have with the Tagaeri, Taromemane and other groups who live deep in the forest. Professor Rival argued that although Ecuador's Constitution determines that all extractive activities are prohibited in the territories of isolated peoples, successive governments had failed to take effective measures to control these activities. She pointed out that although the Yasuní National Park has existed since 1979 and was declared a Biosphere Reserve for Humanity in 1989, oil companies have expanded their industrial activities in the Yasuní for decades.



MARCH 2025



## Young Lives launches Round 7 headline findings

The latest results from this 20+ year study reveal the ongoing impacts of climate change, conflict and COVID-19 on young people in poor countries around the world. The findings highlight how persistent inequalities and global crises are impacting young peoples' lives in some of the poorest communities in the world.

Although the study found significant improvements in overall living standards in the first 20 years, concerning

trends emerged during the pandemic when household poverty and food shortages rose and education was widely disrupted. Mental health issues also significantly increased, particularly for young people navigating the profound economic and social impacts of the pandemic, alongside the climate crisis and conflict.

While the latest findings show some recovery post-pandemic in young people's lives, a complex and uneven picture is unfolding, with the compounding effects of COVID-19, climate change and conflict continuing to cast a long shadow.

Dr Marta Favara, Director of Young Lives, said: "Our seventh survey reveals young people's resilience, with many getting their lives back on track by returning to education or work. However, multiple crises are continuing to have an impact. A clear example of this is increasing food insecurity, with many more young people now living in food insecure households than we expected to see. This is almost certainly the result of the pandemic and other shocks, including conflict, drought and floods."

Find out more at [www.younglives.org.uk/news/news-release](http://www.younglives.org.uk/news/news-release)

Listen to the Young Lives podcast at [podcasts.ox.ac.uk/young-lives-7th-survey-round-seven-headline-findings-and-what-future-holds-20-year-study](http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/young-lives-7th-survey-round-seven-headline-findings-and-what-future-holds-20-year-study)

RESEARCH

## Palestinian Refugees, Displacement and International Law

New research by Associate Professor Catherine Briddick will examine the international legal framework that should protect the rights of those forcibly displaced within and from the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), considering both Gaza and the West Bank.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has found that Israel's conduct in Gaza following the attacks of 7 October 2023 has given rise to a 'real and imminent risk that irreparable prejudice' will be caused to the 'right of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip to be protected from acts of genocide and related prohibited acts'. When examining the legal consequences of the ongoing violation of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, the Court identified forcible transfers of protected populations, violence, and other violations of humanitarian law as contributing to Palestinian displacement. Experts from the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination have characterised the situation in the OPT in terms of 'colonization', itself 'a negation of human dignity', and as 'systemic discrimination' contributing to 'racial segregation'.

International law, including international humanitarian

and refugee law, offers vital, life-saving protections to those who are forced to flee. This project examines the application of legal frameworks relevant to Palestinian displacement, analysing jurisprudence across jurisdictions and identifying protection gaps.

In doing so, it situates responses to Palestinian refugees within the context of four *jus cogens*, or peremptory norms of international law: the prohibition of genocide, the prohibition of refoulement, the prohibition of race discrimination and the right to self-determination. ■

This research forms part of the project 'Without Protection or Assistance? Palestinian Refugees, Displacement and International Law', which analyses legal frameworks to identify protection gaps. Find out more at [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/research/without-protection-or-assistance](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/research/without-protection-or-assistance)



## IMPACT

## Co-Producing Knowledge in the Peruvian Amazon

**In 2022, a group of ODID's doctoral students initiated the creation of the Co-Production of Knowledge (CoPoK) Fund. Its goal was to offer financial support for innovative projects that contributed to the co-production of knowledge between doctoral students and people local to their research sites and countries. It was intended as a response to extractive research practices and sought to enable more equitable and lasting exchanges. DPhil student Theodor Borrmann used the grant to co-organise a workshop on how to fight the intrusion of commercial fishermen in the Orosa River, Peru.**

During his ethnographic fieldwork in the Peruvian rainforest, Theodor Borrmann repeatedly heard of problematically diminishing fish stocks on the Orosa River in Peru. "There used to be plenty of fish," observed Rocio, a research participant who lived with her husband and children in the Yaguan community of Comandancia. "My father used to hunt *lisa*, *palometa* and *sabalo* [coveted edible fish] with his spear. Nowadays, there is less. Sometimes there is no fish at all."

For the riverine residents, the decline of fish threatens livelihoods and can significantly impair nutritional intake and health. And yet, it is difficult for them to prevent further declines, since the fish are plundered by commercial fishermen. These fishermen, who come from outside the area, are locally also known as *congeladores*, or freezers, since they use ice-filled containers to keep their catch fresh while taking them to the urban markets. What is particularly worrying about the *congeladores* is that they frequently throw poison into the river, despite it being illegal. They thus kill all the fish, leaving the less profitable smaller fish to rot and drift down the river.

### Building resistance against illegal fishing

While in the field, Theodor once accompanied the well-respected Yaguan leader Manuel Ramirez Lopez to a reunion in the Yaguan community of Santa Ursula, about two hours upriver from his fieldsite. At the reunion, Manuel promoted the idea to organise a regional workshop and to collectively tackle the problem of commercial fishing. This idea was greeted with great enthusiasm. Since the communities on the Orosa River unfortunately lacked the financial means to hold the workshop straightaway, Theodor applied for a grant from ODID's then newly created Co-Production of Knowledge (CoPoK) Fund.

### Co-creating knowledge to drive change

Thanks to the grant from the CoPoK Fund, Theodor was able to follow up on the initiative from Manuel and co-

organise the workshop with Manuel Ramirez Santana, the president of the local Yaguan federation, as well as with the regional non-profit organisations *Centro para el Desarrollo del Indígena Amazónico (CEDIA)* and *Project Amazonas*.

The day-long workshop, which took place in Comandancia in September 2023, brought together about 50 representatives from eight different communities, yielded different suggestions for tackling overfishing, and inspired residents to stand up together and defend their rights. "We have to be united!" Manuel Ramirez Santana emphasised in a speech, "Without fight, without force, it cannot be done." The different representatives agreed that ecological destruction and the invasion of their territories needed to be stopped. Two experts from CEDIA joined the meeting via WhatsApp, with a microphone in front of the phone. They had initially planned to come in person, but low water levels had significantly increased the travel time, foiling their plans. Even remotely, however, they were able to suggest legal and practical options for protecting indigenous resources, and in an open and constructive discussion, participants shared experiences, asked questions and presented possible solutions, covering not only commercial fishing, but also threats from illegal hunting and forestry. The workshop ended with sharing food and manioc beer, an opportunity for people from different communities to socialise and bond.

### Foundations for future change

As the Yaguan federation's first large event for several years, the workshop provided an important step towards jointly defending and protecting the Orosa region's resources, and signalled that the regional indigenous struggle is gaining momentum. In late 2023, federation representatives met again to sign the Declaration of Yanashi, asking Peru's government to adopt "urgent measures to defend the territories of our communities, peoples, forests and natural resources against the threats of extractive companies and invaders, who undertake illegal activities that pose a serious risk to the life, health and safety of our families, and who loot our territories."

The co-organised workshop may thus have not only helped in co-producing knowledge, but also in mobilising and uniting leaders of the region in a collective effort to improve the protection of Indigenous territorial rights and to safeguard against the exploitation of the river and forest environment of the Orosa River.

At ODID, we encourage students to collaboratively create knowledge with their research participants, forming more equitable and long-lasting partnerships. ■

MARCH 2025

## Academic Partnerships with Palestine: A guide for UK universities launched at ODID

ODID hosted a launch event for *Partnerships with Palestine: An Introductory Guide to UK-Palestinian Higher Education Collaboration (friendsofpalunis.org/partnerships)*, published by Fobzu (Friends of Birzeit University). Fobzu is a UK-based charity which has played a leading role in advancing support for Palestinian higher education in the UK since 1978,

when it was established by, among others, Oxford scholars and colleagues in Palestine.

Attended by representatives of all four divisions of the university, the event brought together Oxford colleagues with members of the Emergency Committee of Universities in Gaza, and Fobzu. Discussion focused on the needs and priorities of universities in Gaza, with contributions from Dr Ahmed Abu Shaban of Al Azhar University, a representative of the Emergency Committee of Universities in Gaza, and Dr Nazmi Masri of the Islamic University of Gaza. Attendees also heard from colleagues with existing partnerships, including Dr Dina Kiwan (University of Birmingham, Department of Education) and Dr Nick Maynard (University of Oxford, Medical Sciences).

The event was organised and moderated by Sneha Krishnan (Associate Professor in Human Geography, University of Oxford), Omar Shweiki (Director, Fobzu), and Jocelyn Alexander (Head of Department, ODID).

APRIL 2025



## Pursuing greater alignment between trade and sustainability in Latin America

TIDE Centre co-organised with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and Remaking Trade for a Sustainable Future a two-day high-level dialogue in Santiago on 'Pursuing Greater Alignment Between Trade and Sustainability: A Latin American Perspective'. The event brought together regional policymakers, academics and international experts to explore how trade policy can support sustainable development and the green transformation. Opening remarks by José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, set out the region's productive development challenges, while contributions

from TIDE included research presented by TIDE Centre's Baptiste Albertone on biodiversity-driven innovation and policy reflections by Amir Lebdioui on the future of trade and sustainability governance in Latin America.

The meeting concluded with a joint roadmap presented by Amir Lebdioui and Jan Yves Remy (University of the West Indies), calling for greater regional cooperation and policy innovation to align trade and sustainability agendas. The event strengthened ODID's profile in shaping regional debates at the intersection of industrial policy, trade, and climate action.

## RESEARCH

# Rethinking microfinance: from rigid debt to greater risk-sharing

By Muhammad Meki

**Microfinance – the provision of financial services to low-income and traditionally excluded communities – encompasses insurance and savings as well as microcredit, but much of the global development conversation has focused on loans. Early enthusiasm, culminating in the Nobel Peace Prize for Muhammad Yunus and the Grameen Bank, often outpaced the evidence; subsequent impact evaluations found limited average income effects. The debate has now shifted from “does microfinance work?” to a more nuanced “for whom does it work, how does it work, and how can it work better?” In collaborative research across several countries, Muhammad Meki pursues this latter agenda, studying contract designs that are better suited to the uncertain incomes and risk preferences of many small business owners.**

Microfinance has long relied on rigid, debt-based contracts. Microcredit loan officers often argue that frequent, fixed-repayment schedules instil discipline in borrowers. Such schedules can work well when business cash flows are predictable, but for entrepreneurs with volatile, uninsured incomes, inflexible repayment structures can place a disproportionate share of risk on the borrower. A likely consequence is underinvestment: risk-averse owners may forgo high-potential projects for fear that an unexpected shock could cause missed payments and penalties. Repayment arrears can also bring social and psychological costs, including loan collection pressure, stigma, and cognitive load.

Development economists have long recognised the value of risk-sharing arrangements for low-income households. However, a prevailing view in economics held that costly monitoring made equity-like contracts difficult to implement, favouring non-performance-contingent debt. What is different now is the rapid spread of digital payments and “digital footprints” that significantly lower the costs of financial service provision. For small business owners without collateral or formal credit histories, these data can demonstrate creditworthiness and widen access to finance. Against that backdrop, Muhammad and his co-authors argue for business-owner-focused contract design that finances productive investment while building in risk-sharing – for example, performance-contingent repayment structures that align instalments with underlying business performance and provide greater insurance against shocks.

Their work focuses on contexts where small business owners have profitable investment opportunities that

finance can unlock. In Pakistan, an asset-based finance programme for established microenterprises delivered large gains in business performance and household welfare, including increases in profits and in education spending, especially for girls; the study was published in the *American Economic Review* in 2024. In Kenya, working with a multinational firm and partners at Saïd Business School, Muhammad and co-authors tested a performance-linked contract that enabled micro-distributors to acquire a productive transport asset (a bicycle), with repayments tied to measured profits using administrative data. Results indicate positive impacts and the feasibility of performance-contingent contracts. A related follow-up project in Kenya examines green technology adoption, specifically financing electric two-wheelers as a substitute for high-polluting internal-combustion vehicles, and studies the constraints that shape take-up among drivers. Other projects in Bangladesh, India, and Iraq explore related themes.

Muhammad also serves as a senior editor – with Jing Cai and Simon Quinn – of *VoxDevLit: Microfinance*, which keeps pace with the evolving evidence base by maintaining a dynamic literature review. Digitalisation will very likely shape the next phase of microfinance, offering many of the potential benefits mentioned but also introducing risks from uneven access to digital IDs and connectivity, limited financial education, data-protection concerns, and scope for harmful lender practices. Careful product design and regulatory oversight are critically important, and this is a timely moment for sustained researcher–policymaker engagement to help shape the future of financial services for millions of individuals. ■

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APRIL 2025

## Launch of the Oxford-Mexico Industrial Policy Co-Lab



The Oxford–Mexico Industrial Policy Co-Lab, hosted in partnership with FuturoLab, was launched in 2025 as one of the TIDE Centre’s experimental spaces for co-building capacity with different frameworks of collaboration. This initiative builds directly on the \$550,000 award secured in 2023/24 to kickstart a programme of research and policy engagement on green economic transformation in Latin America.

The Co-Lab is designed as a platform where applied research meets policy dialogue, combining Oxford’s academic expertise with the insights of Mexican institutions and practitioners. Its early work has focused

on strengthening institutional capacity to design sustainable industrial policies and creating participatory processes that align innovation, social equity, and environmental sustainability.

The first major activity of the Co-Lab was the High-Level Forum on Sustainable Industrial Policy, co-hosted in April 2025 with Mexico’s Ministry of Economy and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. The forum brought together government officials, academics, civil society, and private sector representatives to debate how Mexico might seize its current window of opportunity to reorient its productive model towards a sustainable and inclusive future.

MAY 2025

## Critical reflections on Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions

The department hosted a panel discussion on the role of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement in the global struggle for Palestinian liberation. The event opened with an introduction to BDS, including its origins, aims, and guiding principles. The discussion traced the evolution of BDS as a global movement inspired by the South African anti-apartheid campaign. Omar Barghouti, one of the movement’s co-founders, joined virtually to reflect on its history and ongoing significance, setting the stage for a broader discussion on the intersections between academic institutions and political responsibility.

Building on this, Professor John Chalcraft and local organisers from the Oxford BDS Coalition and Oxford Staff BDS explored the ways universities are entangled in structures of complicity through investments, partnerships, and research collaborations, particularly

those linked to military and surveillance technologies. The panel reflected on the specific context of the UK higher education sector, and Oxford’s position within it, drawing on recent findings from the Oxford BDS Coalition’s report on university funding sources and institutional ties. The discussion also highlighted recent successes at the municipal level, including the Oxford City Council’s adoption of a motion in support of BDS in early 2025.

The evening concluded with a lively audience discussion, with participants raising questions about academic freedom, ethical investment, and the potential for collective action within the university. The panel closed by introducing the newly launched staff pledge and encouraging continued dialogue on how universities can align their values and practices with broader movements for justice, equality, and liberation.

JUNE 2025



## MSc student Hadia Azizi performs poetry about the refugee experience on BBC

MSc student Hadia Azizi performed a series of poems exploring the refugee experience, including three of her own works, in collaboration with the Odyssey Ensemble on BBC radio and in a concert at King's Place in London.

Hadia, who is a scholar and human rights advocate from Afghanistan, appeared with the Odyssey Ensemble on BBC Radio 3's In Tune with Katie Derham, where they performed three specially composed pieces combining poetry and music. These included one piece, 'Things I Carried', featuring Hadia's own poem. Speaking about the work, Hadia described it as an "intimate reflection of the invisible weight refugees carry in exile, or live and experience in exile."

Hadia studied for the MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies in 2024–2025. She was the recipient of the Yalda Hakim Graduate Scholarship at Oriel College, which was established in 2021 to support one Afghan woman per year to complete a Master's degree.

Find out more at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/msc-student-hadia-azizi-performs-poetry-about-refugee-experience-bbc](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/msc-student-hadia-azizi-performs-poetry-about-refugee-experience-bbc)

JUNE 2025

## Alexander Betts named Pro-VC for External Engagement, Sport and Community

Professor Alexander Betts has taken on a new role as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for External Engagement, Sport and Community within the University. In the new role, Professor Betts will be responsible for strategic leadership of the University's local, national, and global engagement work, as well as its sports strategy.

The role builds on his work over the last two years as the University's Local and Global Engagement Officer within the Vice-Chancellor's Office, as well as his work as Chair of the University's sport strategy committee. Professor Betts

JUNE 2025

## New funding for research on Africans and war in Vietnam

Dan Hodgkinson has been awarded funding for a public history project that is creating a new research agenda about Africa's entanglements with the American war in Vietnam by convening hitherto siloed American, Africanist and Vietnamese scholars. Africans played a central role in the conflicts in Vietnam, from the over 180,000 African military combatants in French colonial armies to the continent's iconic post-colonial leaders who attempted to mediate peace in Southeast Asia. The war also shaped political and social change in African states.

Building off a 2024 international conference hosted at the Rothermere American Institute at Oxford with the generous support of ODID and the Africa-Oxford Initiative, *Africans and War in Vietnam* is advancing a Digital Humanities agenda to make studying marginalised African histories more collaborative, visual and accessible, particularly within Africa and Vietnam. To do this it is pioneering new visual historical methods and outputs, specifically the creation of an academic film that uses film archives in Senegal, France, and at the BFI in the UK to explore the social, ideological and political connections and infrastructures that connected these two regions of the world. In line with Dan Hodgkinson's Radical Visions agenda, this will provide a model for creating new forms of collaborative, historical research that can enable far broader audiences across the world to connect with their heritage.



is also Leopold Muller Professor of Forced Migration and International Affairs at the Refugee Studies Centre.

Professor Betts will be working on implementation of the 'Leading through Partnership' aspect of the University's new 2025–30 strategy.

Find out more at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/alexander-betts-named-pro-vice-chancellor-external-engagement-sport-and-community](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/news/alexander-betts-named-pro-vice-chancellor-external-engagement-sport-and-community)



## The Refugee-Led Research Hub

2024–2025 has been a year of expansion at the Refugee-Led Research Hub (RLRH). In late 2024, we launched a new local initiative in Oxford, the East Oxford Hub, in partnership with local charity Asylum Welcome and Oxford Brookes University, offering a space for refugee and displacement-affected learners in Oxfordshire to connect with RLRH's wider academic, research, and professional programmes. We also secured funding for a new Southeast Asia Hub, based in Kuala Lumpur, from the Robert Ho Foundation and Porticus, which launched in July 2025.

Continuing our graduate access support, through Graduate Horizons we helped 32 displacement-affected students gain admission to universities, including Oxford. Planning is underway for a new programme, Graduate Essentials, which aims to equip offer-holders with essential academic and writing skills. We also piloted a new programme, RSC Foundations, a self-paced version of our RSC Pathways online course in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies.

In our research pillar, we have two new studies, on the political lives of refugees in Kenya and Tanzania, and women in refugee leadership spaces, as well as six Independent Research Projects led by displacement-affected researchers. We also held two training sessions for refugee scholars and researchers, one online and one in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya.

Within our livelihoods and professional placements pillar, we continue expanding partnerships with



external organisations to create paid, professional pathways for RLRH affiliates after completion of their studies. We have strengthened our advocacy efforts to support employers to systematically include refugees and others affected by displacement in their workforce. We will soon be launching an advanced graduate traineeship in Nairobi that will prepare master's graduates with lived experience of forced displacement to pursue careers in research and leadership.

*The Refugee-led Research Hub supports individuals affected by forced displacement to become leaders in academic, research, and professional fields related to forced migration, human rights, humanitarian response, and other areas identified by RLRH affiliates.*

JUNE 2025

## Young Lives launches new climate research hub

Young Lives launched their new Research Hub on Climate Change and Environmental Shocks at the University of Oxford's three-day 'Right Here Right Now' Global Climate Summit, hosted in partnership with UN Human Rights and the International Universities Climate Alliance.

The Hub will link Young Lives' incredible longitudinal cohort data set with climate and environmental data to deliver ground-breaking new research on how life-course exposure to climate shocks impacts young people's development and well-being in the Global South – strengthening the evidence base for informed policy-making.

Find out more and watch the launch at [www.younglives.org.uk/news/global-climate-summit](http://www.younglives.org.uk/news/global-climate-summit)

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## Alexander Betts made Fellow of the British Academy

Professor Alexander Betts has been made a Fellow of the British Academy in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the humanities and social sciences. Founded in 1902, the British Academy is the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences.

It is a Fellowship consisting of over 1,800 world-leading scholars from the UK and overseas. In 2025, a total of 58 UK Fellows, 30 International Fellows and four Honorary Fellows have been elected to the British Academy Fellowship. Professor Betts was one of eight Oxford researchers to be elected in this round. ■



# Alumni



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## ALUMNI PROFILE

## Channe Oguzhan

**MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, 2001–02**  
**Current position: Social Affairs Officer, United Nations, Bangkok, focused on advancing gender equality in Asia and the Pacific**



**Career since leaving ODID:** I went on to join Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond at the American University in Cairo where we collaborated with the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, for six months as a volunteer. Then I joined the UN, first with UNHCR in Ghana when the civil war in Côte d'Ivoire broke out, and I stayed in the West African sub-region to support the response to crisis in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Togo, etc. I joined UN-OCHA's Central Emergency Response Fund in New York and later their liaison office to the EU and NATO and Brussels. Then I moved over to the human rights pillar of the UN, working with UN-Habitat in Nairobi on the right to adequate housing, particularly for

residents of informal settlements. In the past almost ten years I have been working on inclusive and sustainable social development with the UN in Bangkok, focused on advancing gender equality for the past 7 years or so.

**Tell us about your current job:** Currently, I advance Sustainable Development Goal 5 at UN ESCAP, leading initiatives on women's economic empowerment – catalysing women's entrepreneurship and investing in the care economy. I played a strategic role in shaping the ASEAN Declaration on the Care Economy, co-led the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Beijing+30,

and conceptualized the Asia-Pacific Care Champions initiative.

Since joining the UN in 2003, I have contributed to a rights-based approach to sustainable urban development at UN-Habitat Nairobi, supported the early operationalization of the CERF Secretariat in New York, helped establish OCHA's Liaison Office to the EU and NATO in Brussels, and coordinated refugee protection and donor relations in West Africa with UNHCR.

**How has your education at Oxford benefitted you in your career?**

Tremendously, opening doors and earning respect. ■

## ALUMNI PROFILE

## Anca Zugravu

**MPhil in Development Studies, 2022–24**  
**Current position: Research Officer at Consilient Research**



**Please tell us about your current job:** In my current role, I do something similar to the fieldwork component of the MPhil at ODID, the only difference being that I work on multiple projects and on a larger scale. My work primarily involves research and monitoring and evaluation projects for development organisations in East and Horn of Africa. While I am based in Hargeisa, Somaliland, I also contribute to broader regional projects, for instance in Sudan, among other countries. Daily work

varies depending on what stage of the project lifecycle we are at - from drafting inception reports and designing research frameworks to developing and scripting quantitative and qualitative tools, as well as overseeing fieldwork, analysing data, and writing final reports. Overall, it's a fun and interesting job!

**Why did you choose ODID/your course?** I had known for a few years that I wanted to work in International Development and the course at ODID seemed like the best path there.

Considering my current job and future prospects, it seems like I made the right choice.

**How has your education at Oxford benefitted you in your career?** At Oxford and particularly through the MPhil at ODID I learned a lot about research. The work I currently do was largely covered during our course, although at a smaller scale. Nevertheless, it prepared me for this.

**What did you particularly value about ODID?** The people! ■

## New books by ODID alumni

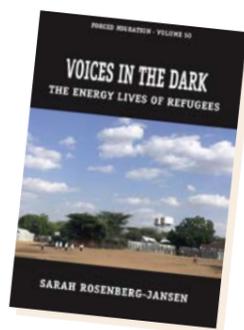
### Sarah Rosenberg-Jansen examines the energy lives of refugees

***Voices in the Dark* is based on Rosenberg-Jansen's DPhil research at the Refugee Studies Centre (2016–2020), but it is written for those with a general interest in anthropology, migration, energy, humanitarianism, or displacement.**

Humanitarianism is in crisis: refugee numbers increase every year and humanitarian agencies are struggling to meet the needs of displaced people. In refugee camps all over the world, refugees are forced to secure their own access to energy and are provided with limited cooking resources and minimal electricity. *Voices in the Dark* draws upon a decade of original research to provide evidence on the energy lives of refugees. Focusing on refugee camps in Rwanda and Kenya, the book identifies that urgent change is required within humanitarian responses to forced migration and the climate crisis

to ensure that future energy provision in displacement settings is sustainable, reliable and affordable for refugees.

Rosenberg-Jansen is a Research Associate at the Refugee Studies Centre. She is an independent consultant and a senior advisor on humanitarian energy and climate issues. She is a Co-Founder of the Global Platform for Action for Sustainable Energy in Displacement Situations (the GPA).



*Voices in the Dark* (Berghahn Books, 2025): [www.berghahnbooks.com/title/Rosenberg-JansenVoices](http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title/Rosenberg-JansenVoices)

### Rakib Akhtar explores neoliberalism and Hindutva in Indian smart cities

**Rakib Akhtar (DPhil 2016–2020) has a new book titled *Neoliberalism and Hindutva in the Making of an Indian Smart City*, published by Cambridge University Press.**

Now an Assistant Professor in Urban Planning at the University of Birmingham, Akhtar offers a compelling analysis of how neoliberal economic policies intersect with right-wing Hindu nationalism (Hindutva) in shaping India's smart city initiatives.

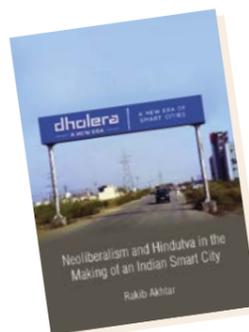
While smart cities are often presented as tools for achieving sustainability and tackling planetary challenges posed by climate change, Akhtar's book uncovers the political forces at play. It explores how the ideologies of neoliberalism and Hindutva work in practice and raises important questions: How can free-market policies coexist with populist right-wing ideologies?

And how do authoritarian leaders manipulate these policies for political gain?

Framed within the global rise of right-wing populism, the book examines how futuristic urban projects, infrastructure, and technological promises are co-opted to promote political agendas. These visions of progress are often wrapped in seductive narratives of development, but Akhtar argues they serve deeper political objectives.

A central insight of the book is the disjuncture between the ideologies and practices of both neoliberalism and Hindutva. As Akhtar puts it, "With the continuing rise of right-wing religious and cultural ideologies globally, this book illustrates how these leaders use mundane urbanisation and infrastructure projects to capture state machinery, often diverging from their foundational principles."

*Neoliberalism and Hindutva in the Making of an Indian Smart City* (Cambridge University Press, 2025): [www.cambridge.org/gb/universitypress/subjects/sociology/political-sociology/neoliberalism-and-hindutva-making-indian-smart-city](http://www.cambridge.org/gb/universitypress/subjects/sociology/political-sociology/neoliberalism-and-hindutva-making-indian-smart-city)



### *Commonwealth*: a new collection of poems by Theophilus Kwek

**This is the fifth book of poems by Theophilus Kwek (MSc Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, 2016–17 and Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2024).**

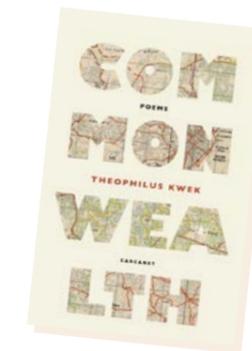
A neighbourhood containing Singapore's oldest public housing estates, a catchphrase for the dream of equitable distribution, the long tail of the British Empire: the word 'Commonwealth' uncovers rich seams of history, replete with conquests, tragedies and once-potent visions of the future. *Commonwealth* takes as its starting-point the massive Bukit Ho Swee fires of the 1960s – an event as deeply seared into the history of Kwek's family as the nation's own – and traces the dislocations and relocations that have come before it, and in its wake.

Kwek's earlier poetry collections dealt with questions of personal rootedness and larger-scale displacement; still formally adept, *Commonwealth* is a new departure,

drawing on a wide array of documentary and oral history sources to address upheavals of individual and collective lives within one of the world's most densely populated cities.

In 2023, Kwek became the first Singaporean, and the youngest person ever, to win the Cikada Prize, a Swedish literary prize for East Asian poets. Kwek's poetry has been performed at the Royal Opera House and published in *The Guardian*, *Times Literary Supplement* and *The Straits Times*.

*Commonwealth* (Carcanet Poetry, 2025): [www.carcanet.co.uk/9781800174832/commonwealth/](http://www.carcanet.co.uk/9781800174832/commonwealth/)



# Equality, diversity and inclusion



David Fisher

## New EDI Officer

ODID welcomed Matt Gooch, who joined as our new Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Officer in February 2025 in a joint appointment with the Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR). Formerly Head of EDI at the University of East Anglia, Matt led initiatives that secured 21 departmental Athena Swan awards and an institutional award. He also serves as a reviewer for Advance HE, bringing significant expertise in EDI to our department.



## Athena Swan



The department received an Athena Swan Bronze Award in May 2020, supported by a five-year SMART action plan outlining key priorities and measurable goals. ODID's current award is set to expire in January 2026. The focus for the new EDI Officer has been reviewing progress against the action plan and analysing five years of staff and student data, including results from the 2023 and 2025 Staff Experience Surveys. This has been a substantial undertaking as we prepare for our renewal submission.

## Enhancing student support and widening educational access and participation

We are committed to diversifying our student population through scholarships and to creating an inclusive environment in which all students, particularly from under-represented and marginalized backgrounds, are supported during their course of study. In 2024–25, we committed over £700k towards scholarships and other grants, including for fieldwork, dissertation support, publication development, conference attendance, and hardship. A sum of £824k is earmarked for student support in 2025–26.

This year we offered nine full departmentally-funded scholarships and two fees-only scholarships that prioritised students from African countries and the Global South. We have strategically forged new relationships and strengthened existing ones with colleges and funds from within and outside the University to extend the range of scholarships on offer. Our funding collaborations include Commonwealth Shared Scholarships, Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Scholarships, Corpus Christi College, Merton College and St Antony's College. We welcome students funded by the Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx) and Oxford University's Black Academic Futures and Refugee Academic Futures Scholarships.

Beyond Oxford University students, the RSC's International Online School in Forced Migration attracted 103 participants from 47 countries in 2024–5, including 15 participants with experience of displacement who



were supported by the David Turton Bursary Award. The Refugee-Led Research Hub (RLRH) at RSC deepened its commitment to advancing equality, diversity, and inclusion across all areas of its work. Its programmes and research seek to not only expand access to higher education and employment for displacement-affected communities, but also to ensure that those with lived experience are central to shaping the knowledge, policies, and opportunities that affect them. See the highlights section for further information. ■

## Events



## ODID Film Night: *Hostile* film screening plus Q&A with the director, Sonita Gale

Organised by Helidah Ogude-Chambert and Nadia Fernandes

In March, we were delighted to hold a screening of the film *Hostile*, followed by a Q&A with the film's Director, Sonita Gale.

*Hostile* examines racism within contemporary Britain, connecting the impacts of legislation like the 2012 'Hostile Environment' to the UK's colonial past. Highlighting personal stories, it reveals systemic injustices faced by migrant communities in the UK, including citizenship denial, financial exclusion, and the enduring effects of xenophobic policies.

Participants include victims of the Windrush scandal, international students, emergency food bank workers and migrants left with No Recourse to Public Funds — a visa condition which excludes people from a range of state benefits.

Throughout *Hostile*, personal stories are interspersed with expert commentary on history and policy from Zarah Sultana MP, Sir Stephen Timms MP, Patrick Vernon OBE and Dr Maya Goodfellow, and many more. The film is scored by British-Indian artist Nitin Sawhney CBE with spoken word from British-Ugandan writer George the Poet.



## ODID Research Roundtables

ODID Research Roundtables are intended to create productive conversations around shared intellectual interests, methods, and practices in the department. Each roundtable seeks to cut across the department in terms of the seniority of speakers, disciplines, geographical regions, and the location of participants in degree programmes and research groups.

This year ODID held two Research Roundtables, on Citizenship and on Law. For details on the citizenship

discussion, see the feature on page 6. The roundtable on law, titled 'Law: What is it good for?', focused on some of the different approaches to law that ODID research involves. It demonstrated how some of the most insightful engagement with law comes from disciplines other than law. Speakers were Catherine Briddick, Uttara Shahani, Maxim Bolt, Helidah Ogude-Chambert and Leila Strelitz. Read the related ODID blog at [www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/blog/law-what-it-good](http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/blog/law-what-it-good).

## TIDE Spring Festival

In Trinity Term, the TIDE Centre proudly launched its very first TIDE Spring Festival – a vibrant series of events designed to bring together researchers, policymakers, and innovation leaders to explore how industrial policy, technology, and innovation can drive prosperity for all. **Events included:**

### World of War: The Global Battle for Industrial Supremacy

This event on the new age of economic nationalism and competition focused on the evolving battle for industrial supremacy among the United States, China, and the European Union. It explored the recent evolution of industrial policy and the global economic implications, particularly for the Global South. Speakers were Dr Jostein Hauge (Cambridge), Professor Emily Jones (Blavatnik), and Dr Amir Lebdioui (ODID). Co-organised by the Blavatnik School of Government.

### Innovation and Development Detours with Keun Lee

Professor Keun Lee (Seoul National University) explored how latecomer economies can craft alternative innovation paths amidst global fragmentation. Drawing from his latest research, he presented a compelling case for strategic detours in development, beyond traditional globalisation models.

### Cut the Waste! Industrial Policy Beyond Materials

Experts Meriem Ait Ali Slimane (World Bank), Manuel Albaladejo (UNIDO), Diana Barrowclough (UNCTAD), Jonathan Blundy (Oxford, Earth Sciences), and José Bruno Feveireiro (Open University) engaged in a timely conversation on how to build truly circular and sustainable economies through smarter industrial policy. While climate change often dominates sustainability debates, this event focused on the hidden costs of material waste, pollution, and overconsumption.

Co-organised with Oxford Martin School's Rethinking Natural Resources Programme (ReSET). Moderated by Amir Lebdioui.

**Will AI Destroy or Save Nature?**

Speakers: Riad Meddeb (Director, UNDP), Andrés Valenciano (Director, ECLAC (DC)), Ángel Melguizo (Partner, ARGIA), Tin Hinane El Kadi (Post-Doc, TIDE)

**WEDNESDAY 21 MAY**

Place: Investcorp Auditorium, St. Antony's College  
Time: 16:30 - 18:00

Moderated by: Amir Lebdioui (Director, TIDE Centre)

**Technology and Industrialisation for Development**

### Will AI Destroy or Save Nature?

This high-level discussion on the environmental implications of artificial intelligence and its role in shaping sustainable development strategies featured speakers Riad Meddeb (UNDP), Andrés Valenciano Yamuni (ECLA), Ángel Melguizo (ARGIA), and Tin Hinane El Kadi (TIDE Centre). Together, they examined how AI intersects with sustainability and development, highlighting both the environmental costs of digital expansion and the potential of AI to support climate solutions, green industrialisation, and policy innovation.

Moderated by Amir Lebdioui.

### Energy Transitions: Just and Beyond

Marking the launch of the Alameda Institute's new dossier on energy transitions, this event explored how to move beyond narrow carbon targets toward just, democratic, and systemic approaches to the climate and ecological crisis.

Speakers: Juliano Fiori (Alameda), Sabrina Fernandes (Alameda), and Amir Lebdioui (TIDE Centre).

## International Online School in Forced Migration

Once again, the Refugee Studies Centre's International Online School in Forced Migration took place three times, in December 2024 and in March and June 2025, welcoming participants from across the world.

The International Online School provides an exciting forum for discussion and an opportunity for practitioners from around the world to reflect on their work and learn from each other.

It offers a theoretically rigorous, empirically informed, and participatory programme of study. Early access to pre-recorded lectures and readings is complemented by live online seminars and discussions. A range of social and networking opportunities supplement the academic content.

The diversity of participants is always crucial. This year, we welcomed 103 participants in total, from 47 countries, and awarded 15 bursary places to those with lived experience of displacement.

The course directors were Professor Matthew Gibney and Associate Professor Catherine Briddick, who, along with Professor Tom Scott-Smith, also acted as tutors. Guest lecturers included Dr Madeline Garlick (Chief, Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, UNHCR, Geneva), Dr Maher Abdel Aziz (Swedish-Palestinian artist and filmmaker), Dr Caroline Nalule (international law and human rights scholar and consultant), and Victor Nyamori (Researcher and Adviser on Refugee and Migrant Rights, Amnesty International, Nairobi).

Find out more at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/online-school](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/online-school)

## Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture: The Politics of Immigration and the Politics of Identity

Two of the most significant political developments in Western nations in recent years have been the growth of hostility to immigration, on the one hand, and the rise of the politics of identity, on the other. This lecture by Kenan Malik (writer, lecturer and broadcaster) examined the relationship between the two. It showed how and why the debate about immigration has increasingly become one about culture, history and identity. It showed, too, how the politics of identity, which for much of the postwar period was in the province of the left, has become appropriated (or rather, as the lecture shows, re-appropriated) by the right and by white nationalists, and become a key weapon in their battle against immigration.



# Climate Change and the Challenges of Development Series

20 NOVEMBER 2024

## Roundtable: Just transitions or just confusions? Global climate cooperation amid uncertain times



*Speakers:* Pilar Garrido (Director of Development Cooperation, OECD), Hamza Hamouchene (North Africa Programme Coordinator, Transnational Institute) and Dr Jessica Omukuti (Research Fellow, Oxford Net Zero). *Chair:* Amir Lebdioui

The roundtable discussed the challenges, and opportunities, involved in tackling the climate crisis. Financing was highlighted as a key challenge. The volume of financing available needs to be

substantially increased despite budgetary pressures and economic slowdowns, which have led to cuts in development budgets. The shift to renewable energy must prioritise justice for the majority rather than benefiting a few wealthy individuals and corporations. The discussion warned against 'green colonialism' and stressed that true climate justice cannot be achieved without addressing the root causes of exploitation and inequality.

11 FEBRUARY 2025

## Market Failure: Climate Crisis, Green Energy and the Limits of Capitalism

*Speaker:* Professor Brett Christophers (Uppsala University). *Chair:* Amir Lebdioui



This discussion explored the shortcomings of market-driven solutions to the climate crisis, the role of green energy, and the structural limits of capitalism in addressing environmental challenges. While prices of solar and wind power have tumbled, the golden era of renewables has yet to materialise. A key problem is that investment is driven by profit, not price, and operating solar and wind farms

remains a marginal business, dependent everywhere on the state's financial support.

11 MARCH 2025

## Social Equity and Care for the Earth: Tensions and Synergies

*Speakers:* Séverine Deneulin and Diego Sánchez-Ancochea, with contributors joining online from Latin America



Can policies achieve both greater social equity and better environmental care, or do they often pursue one to the detriment of the other? Could the pursuit of greater

environmental protection be achieved without undermining the livelihoods and wellbeing of some people? Under what conditions can these two objectives be found in a 'win-win' situation?

Based on research published in a special issue of *Oxford Development Studies* (see [www.tandfonline.com/toc/cods20/52/4](http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cods20/52/4)), this seminar explored the conditions under which concerns for social equity and care for the earth can be addressed jointly at a micro-territorial level, drawing on case studies from Latin America. Its main findings are that the objectives of social equity and care for the earth are in synergy when they are mobilised jointly by citizens, and when concern for outcomes and inclusive processes go hand-in-hand.

## In detail



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