

CGR&IS Newsletter (July 2024)

Dear Colleagues,

We hope all is well and you are all looking forward to some well-earned rest and recuperation over the Summer!

In this final CGR&IS newsletter of the academic year, we provide a brief update on what has been happening in CGR&IS over the last couple of months. We also take the opportunity to briefly review the CGR&IS year.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following **CGR&IS** members:

Staff Awards:

A huge congratulations to **Dr Chris Dimos** who won the **Dean's Annual Award** for **External Research Income!** Well Done, Chris!

Recent Publications:

Barzotto, M. (2024). 'Educational (mis)match in the context of new manufacturing: A qualitative comparative analysis study in five European countries'. *International Journal of Finance and Economics*, 29(2), 2116-2138. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijfe.2767>

Xiao, C., **Huang, W.**, & Newton, D. P. (2024). Predicting expected idiosyncratic volatility: Empirical evidence from ARFIMA, HAR, and EGARCH models. *Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11156-024-01279-z>

Bianchi, P, De Propris, L & **Labory, S** (2024) 'People-centred policies for a just transition (digital, green and skills)', *Contemporary Social Science*, 19:1-3, 262-282, <https://doi.org/10.1080/21582041.2024.2351479>

Luo, C., **Sun, H.**, Yang, G., & Zhang, B. (2024). Law and Borders: Entrepreneurs' Immigration Status and Trade Credit. *Journal of Corporate Finance*, 87, Article 102606. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcorpfin.2024.102606>

Almaghrabi, K. S., Slack, R., Tsalavoutas, I., & **Tsoligkas, F.** (2024). Capitalised development costs and future cash flows: The effect of CEO overconfidence and board gender diversity. *British Accounting Review*, Article 101426. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bar.2024.101426>

Policy Outlet Publications:

Barzotto, M., Fai, F., Tomlinson, P. R., Corbetta, M., & Vermeulen, W. (2024). More than just a desk: can coworking spaces make labour markets more inclusive? *OECD Cogito: Insights on SMEs, Entrepreneurship, Tourism, Regions & Cities*. <https://oecdcoigito.blog/2024/04/11/more-than-just-a-desk-coworking-spaces-making-labour-markets-more-inclusive/>

In the Media!

CGR&IS members have been in the media recently, and some of our work has been picking up a lot of global traction!

Special credit to **Dr Rob Branston** who gave lengthy and authoritative interviews to BBC News TV, Australia's ABC, and GBNews about the UK government's smoking legislation. This included Rob giving Nigel Farage short shrift on GB News https://www.youtube.com/live/ZQEH6PCEQD4?si=YRtdABGG6a_FjZDR (around 38 minutes).

Rob was subsequently invited to give evidence to a Parliamentary Committee scrutinising the Tobacco and Vapes Bill.

Tomlinson, P. R. (2024). Tory wipeout delivers Labour a landslide victory: what the experts say. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/tory-wipeout-delivers-labour-a-landslide-victory-what-the-experts-say-233912>

Tomlinson, P. R., & Bailey, D. (2024). Keir Starmer rejects 'tax and spend', so do Labour's plans for economic growth add up? *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/keir-starmer-rejects-tax-and-spend-so-do-labours-plans-for-economic-growth-add-up-232855>

Conference Activities

Regional Studies Association Conference, Florence (11-14th June 2024)

Several members of CGR&IS attended RSA annual conference in Florence in June, and two CGR&IS PhD students, **Samantha Archard** and **Zihan Wang**, also attended the RSA Young Scholars workshop (which took place a few days before the conference). Presentations included:

- **Samantha Archard** 'Scottish Space: from birth to a thriving system of innovation'
- **Laura Smyth** 'Navigating Industry 4.0: A study of Skill, Policy Design and Delivery in England's regions'
- **Zihan Wang** 'Skills Relatedness: A dynamic approach to industrial diversification in British left-behind old industrial regions'
- **Felicia Fai** 'Coworking Spaces and Regional Development in the UK: A role for Policy'

#RSA2024 was a very enjoyable conference to share/exchange ideas in the field and to meet new/old friends and colleagues. We are looking to the forthcoming RSA London Winter conference (7-8th November 2024) and next Summer's annual conference in Porto (6-9th May 2025).

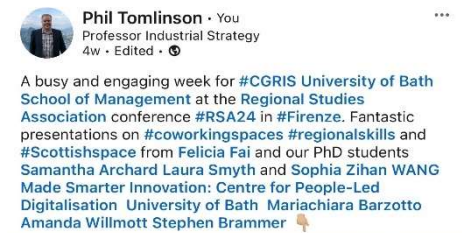
Conference season is now in full swing. **Dr Chris Dimos** will be attending the 41st Business and Economics Society International Conference, in Loutraki (15-18th July 2024), and several of us will be going to the Academy of Management conference in Chicago (9th -13 August 2024).

If you are attending a conference over the next couple months, we hope your presentations go well and you get useful feedback on your work. Also, don't forget to have fun (*and remember to tell us about it, so we can mention in the next newsletter!*).

CGR&IS Seminars (April – July, 2024)

In April and May, CGR&IS hosted three seminars. On 23rd April, **Prof Ilaria Mariotti** (Politecnico di Milano, online), talked about remote work/coworking spaces in Italy. On 13th May, our former Bath colleague, **Prof David Birks** (Winchester, Bath 1988-2004), came in to talk about art and business research – he even brought in some of his own artwork to show us. On the 14th May, **Dr Carlo Corradini** (Henley Business School), visited us to talk about Marshallian clusters and skills.

We are already preparing for the forthcoming academic year (24/25) and have so far invited **Prof Julie Ratcliffe** (Health Economics, Flinders University, Adelaide), **Prof Jennifer Clark** (Head of City & Regional Planning, Knowlton, Ohio State) and **Dr Stefania Florentino** (Planning, Growth and Urban Regeneration, University of Cambridge). Julie and Jennifer will be in the UK in the Autumn, and they have kindly agreed to take some time out of their schedules to visit us in Bath. Dates/Times to be confirmed in due course.



In addition, we will also be arranging a seminar by **Chris Crowther** who is an expert in cyber security in supply chains.

If you have **speakers, you would like us to invite to conduct a seminar/webinar in 2024/2025**, please contact Phil or Felicia. Popular speakers fill up their diaries quickly!

Review of the Year (2023/24)

This was our first academic year as Co-Directors of CGR&IS! It has been a very busy and productive year! We would like to thank each one of you for your support, advice, and assistance over the last year.

We are an inclusive and supportive Centre that goes from strength to strength. We now have 25 faculty, PhD students and visiting professors/fellows associated with the Centre. Over the year, CGR&IS members have published 17 academic papers, 10 Conversation articles (and engaged in numerous other media work) and hosted 8 seminars with visiting scholars. Two of our members won new grant income. CGR&IS also held a one-day workshop on 'levelling up' and established a new PhD seminar workshop series.

Well Done everyone!

Here are some of the highlights:

November: we welcomed a Bath IMML alumnus (2007), Dr Laura Norris (Cardiff) who spoke about net zero challenges in maritime shipping industry. Prof Lisa De Propriis (Birmingham) also joined us to give a seminar on people-centred policies for the Triple Transition.

December: CGR&IS launched a new PhD workshop series, led by PhD student, **Laura Symth**.

January: On 29th January, CGR&IS hosted a one-day workshop on 'Levelling Up' to formally launch and celebrate a Special Issue of *Contemporary Social Science*. With over 40 attendees from academia, industry and policy, the event concluded with a policy roundtable chaired by **Dr Felicia Fai**, with a panel that included our Visiting Industrial Fellow, **Paddy Bradley MBE**, Bath alumnus and ex-Tory MP Prof Chris White, Nicola Headlam (Chief economist, Red Flag Alert), Dan Turner (South Yorks Combined Authority) and Prof Phil McCann (Manchester).



March: CGR&IS were honoured to host Prof Ron Boschma (Utrecht) for a two-day visit as part of the School's Distinguished Speaker series. Ron gave a research seminar, and a workshop on responding to reviewers. He also spent time with faculty and PhD students in meetings, discussing and providing advice/feedback on their work.



In March, we also welcomed Prof Davide Parrilli (Bournemouth) who gave a very interesting seminar on SMES, social capital and the value of ethnic diversity in business.

April/May: Seminars by Prof Ilaria Mariotti (Politecnico di Milano, online), Prof David Birks (Winchester), and Prof Carlo Corradini (Henley).

That is all for now. Please remember to use the [spreadsheet link](#) to update us on your activities.

We wish you all a very nice and relaxing Summer with your friends and families, and we look forward to meeting you all again in September,

Best wishes,

Phil and Felicia

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