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# **Executive Summary**

# Key Highlights 2021–2022

The Institute for Policy Research (IPR) is a leading public policy research institute, based at the University of Bath. We aim to further the public good through research into issues of significant relevance to policy debate and decision-making, building links with the worlds of policy and practice, and increasing public understanding of policy research through our public events and publications.

We deliver activities for policymakers, researchers and practitioners to enable dual learning and original contributions to both research and practice, delivered through our Policy Fellowship Programmes, International Visiting Fellows scheme, and postgraduate programmes including an MSc in Public Policy and Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice.

## Research



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We had a successful year for income generation, returning £1.4m in research income for the year.



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We were awarded funding from organisations including the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), abrdn Financial Fairness Trust, Research England and the Food Standards Agency.



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We streamlined our research activities and launched four new research streams.

# Postgraduate Teaching



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Our Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice (DPRP) successfully enrolled an eighth international cohort.

18 students enrolled in the fourth cohort of the MSc in Public Policy.

IPR PhD candidate Dr Marsha Wood successfully completed her doctorate.

# Programmes

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21 Policy Fellows took part in our Policy Fellowship Programmes involving over 129 meetings with more than 125 Bath academics.

We launched a new Policy Fellowship Programme on sustainable and automated transport, funded by the Research England Policy Support Fund and Bath Beacons.

We presented ActNowFilm at COP26 and won the University of Bath Staff Recognition Team Award for Environment and Sustainability Ambassadors.

# Events and Communications



Over 2,000 people attended our events.

We ran a total of 26 events including 12 lectures, four publication launches, three webinars, five panel debates and two conferences.

We posted 50 blog posts and received over 36,800 views.

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## **IPR Structure**

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## IPR Team

- Professor Nick Pearce, IPR Director
- Dr Geoff Bates, Research Associate
- Dr Andrea Serna Castaño, Research Associate
- Dr Joe Chrisp, Research Associate
- Professor James Copestake, Director of Studies for Professional Doctorate
- Dr Matt Dickson, Reader in Public Policy
- Seren Essex, PhD Candidate
- Xinyan Cheng, PhD Candidate
- Dr Rita Griffiths, Research Fellow
- Dr Aida Garcia-Lazaro, Research Associate
- Dr Charles Larkin, Director of Research
- Jane Mackay, PhD Candidate
- Levana Magnus, PhD Candidate
- Professor Jane Millar, Emeritus Professor of Social Policy
- Alice Morrey, Research Assistant
- Sophie O'Brien, Events and Communications Officer
- Laura Smyth, Research Assistant
- Amy Thompson, Head of Policy Programmes and Communications
- Claudia Torres Cervantes, IPR Coordinator
- Dr Marsha Wood, Research Assistant

### IPR Interns

- Rachel Hochman, MSc International Development, University of Bath
- Scott Shepherd, MRes Health and Wellbeing, University of Bath
- Samiya Usmani, BSc Sociology and Social Policy, University of Bath
- Anastasia Di Leo, BA Economics and Politics, University of Bath
- Valeria Ortega Berzunza, International Tax Consultant, Symbiotics
- Arthur Jiang, BSc Pharmacology, University of Bath
- Zach Burdon, BA Economics, University of Bath
- Nadine Shannon, Research Assistant, Trinity College Dublin



# IPR Advisory Board

We are very grateful to all Advisory Board members for their continued contributions throughout 2021–2022.

- Lord John Eatwell (Chair), former President, Queen's College, University of Cambridge
- Dawn Austwick, former Chief Executive, The National Lottery Community Fund
- Marcial Boo, Chief Executive, Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Dr Claire Craig, Provost, The Queen's College, University of Oxford
- Van DuBose, former investment banker and consultant
- Mats Karlsson, former Vice President, World Bank; former Chief Economist and State Secretary, Swedish Foreign Ministry; and former Director, Swedish Institute of International Affairs
- Gail Kent, Director of HR for Specific Sites and Services, DG HR, European Commission
- Paul Maltby, Chief Digital Officer, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
- Carey Oppenheim, Cross Cutting Project Lead, Early Childhood, Nuffield Foundation
- Ryan Shorthouse, Director, Bright Blue
- Lord Christopher Tugendhat, former Chancellor of the University of Bath, and former EU Commissioner
- Penny Young, Librarian and Director General, Information Services, House of Commons Library



# IPR Visitors

## IPR Visiting professor

**Professor Dr Ricardo García Mira** is Professor of Social and Environmental Psychology in the Department of Psychology at the University of A Coruña. He has been leading the People Environment Research Group at the University, where he has conducted applied research in environmental issues during the last 20 years. Current clients include the Galician Government, the Ministry of Science and Technology of Spain, and the European Commission (EFRD and FP7 programmes).

## IPR Honorary professors

**Professor Sue Maguire** is an expert on the topics of education, employment and social policy. Her expertise in research which explores youth transitions, and specifically the challenges faced by disadvantaged and disengaged groups of young people, has made a significant impact on academic thinking and policy formation, both nationally and internationally.

**Professor Allister McGregor** is a former IPR Visiting Fellow and previously worked as Professor of Political Economy in the Department of Politics at the University of Sheffield. Before that he was Head of the Vulnerability and Poverty Team at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

## IPR Visiting fellows

**Steve Webb** is Partner at Lane Clark & Peacock and a public policy expert with considerable political experience, including roles as Pensions Minister (2010–2015) and MP (1997–2015). Prior to his political career, he was an academic at the University of Bath.

**Fran Bennett** is an Associate Fellow in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention at the University of Oxford. She is also an independent consultant, who has written extensively on social policy issues for the UK government, NGOs and others; a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences; former Director and Deputy Director of the Child Poverty Action Group; and former policy advisor on UK and EU poverty issues for Oxfam GB.

**Dr Jane Kennedy** is Corporate Manager of Policy, Performance, Risk, Insight and Improvement at Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils. She is also a Continuing Fellow at the University of Cambridge's Centre for Science and Policy. Jane has previously led Audit Commission national studies on police value for money and partnership working and led policy in local government.

**Malcom Torry** is General Manager of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN). He is the former Director of the Citizen's Basic Income Trust and Senior Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

**Valerija Korošec** is Undersecretary at the Institute of Macroeconomic Analyses and Development in the Government of Slovenia. She is also a researcher in the Microsimulation team, as part of the the Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies (FRIBIS).

**Wooyoung Lee** has worked for the Ministry of Employment and Labour (MOEL), Republic of Korea, for almost 20 years. She is currently the Director of Regulatory Reform and Legal Affairs.

## **IPR Visiting policy fellow**

**Dr Jorge Sainz** is an Associate Professor in the Applied Economics and Moral Philosophy Department at the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. He has more than 10 years of management experience in public educational policy design and has served as an advisor to the Minister of Education of the Madrid Region, Deputy Director for Research, Chief of Staff of the Minister of Education of Spain, General Director for University Policy, and Secretary General of Universities of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport.

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**IPR Research**

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# IPR Research Overview

This year we updated our research streams to better align with our research priorities and continued expansion of research activities. Our research streams now include:

- UBILab@IPR
- Education, welfare and work
- Sustainable futures and healthy living
- Political economy and politics



## UBILab@IPR

### About this research stream

Working with colleagues in the Department for Social and Policy Sciences, and with the Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies (FRIBIS), we research UBI from a range of disciplinary perspectives.

We undertake microsimulations and macroeconomic modelling of UBI proposals, study UBI pilots and experiments, research the political economy of UBI, and exchange knowledge with policymakers and civil society advocates for UBI.

Research projects (2021–2022):

- The economics of basic income
- Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies, Microsimulation group
- Basic income experiments in OECD countries: A rapid evidence review

Some of the key highlights from this research stream are outlined as follows:



## **The economics of basic income**

We continued our research on the economics of basic income, led by Dr Aida Garcia-Lazaro, Professor Nick Pearce, and Dr Joe Chrisp.

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**We have looked at whether automation is causing significant displacement of workers and contributing to falling labour shares and shrinkage of consumers' incomes**

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The study's main aim is to examine the scope and space for basic income as a required social policy in economies with high technological progress.

So far as part of this project, we have looked at whether automation is causing significant displacement of workers and contributing to falling labour shares and shrinkage in consumers' incomes.

Additional research under this strand will also undertake innovative macro-economic modelling of UBI schemes.



## **Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies, Microsimulation group**

We have continued our work with the University of Freiburg Research Institute of Basic Income Studies (FRIBIS). Through this partnership, we are leading a European group of scholars applying microsimulations to the study of UBI and continuing to undertake microsimulation studies of UBI proposals across the UK and the EU, linking microsimulations to macro-modelling.

This year we published microsimulations of UBI proposals for France and Wales, and worked with the International Public Policy Observatory (IPPO) to produced a rapid evidence review of basic income pilots in OECD countries.





# Education, Welfare and Work

## About this research stream

We research the reform of education, welfare and work with a particular focus on the political economy, and its tools, methods and explanatory frameworks.

We are concerned with the ways in which post-financial crisis government policies, labour market changes and socio-technological developments produce new social risks and vulnerabilities.

We explore the range of political, public policy and social responses to these challenges and the options for better securing social justice.

Our research on widening participation in higher education helps to better understand the factors that promote participation from a broader range of students, and the policies and practices that enhance wider successful participation in higher education.

Working with the Made smarter innovation: Centre for people-led digitalisation, we also explore people-led policy solutions to enable the manufacturing sector to have right-first-time digitalisation.

Research projects (2021–2022):



## Education and work

- A case study of girls' educational experiences in English medium Rwandan basic education
- Addressing risks of graduate un-/under-employment in the Covid-19 labour market
- Analysing employment and earnings returns to higher education degrees using administrative data
- Identifying pupils at risk of poor socio-economic outcomes: The role of educational institutions
- Degree apprenticeships as a route for widening participation based access to higher education (PhD project)

- The socio-economic foundations of education-to-work trajectories of higher education graduates in the UK
- Do subject requirements of degree courses impose unfair or inappropriate constraints on who can apply, and impair efforts to widen access to higher education? (PhD project)
- Made smarter innovation: Centre for people-led digitalisation
- Risky business: Understanding intergenerational persistence in entrepreneurship



## **Welfare**

- Monthly assessment in Universal Credit for working claimants
- Social security, the labour market and public health in the UK and South Korea
- The Jobcentre, welfare-to-work agencies and the household: The network of labour-market activation under Universal Credit (PhD project)

Some of the key highlights from this research stream are outlined as follows:



## **Addressing risks of graduate un/under-employment in the Covid-19 labour market**

Through this project, we continue to research the graduate labour market outcomes of previous generations to determine the individual level (gender, ethnicity, educational attainment, socio-economic background) and institutional (higher education institution, subject) factors which increase risks of poor graduate outcomes. The research team were awarded further funding from the 2021/22 round of the UKRI Policy Support Fund to continue this work.

Dr Matt Dickson presented the research findings examining the ‘scarring effect’ of early graduate underemployment on later labour market outcomes, at our event at the end of September 2021: ‘Graduate under-employment and the post-pandemic labour market’. Other speakers included Professor Sandra McNally (London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)),

Professor Lee Elliott Major (University of Exeter) and Andrew Ross (Head of Widening Participation, University of Bath) with Professor Nick Pearce chairing the discussion. The research was also presented in November 2021 to policymakers from the Department for Education Graduate Outcomes and Skills Analysis Division at a research seminar attended by 15 policymakers who provided feedback and reflections on the findings. An academic paper based on this work was presented by Dr Matt Dickson at the annual conference of the Social Policy Association, at the 12th International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education and will be presented in September 2022 at the European Association of Labour Economists' annual conference.



### **Identifying pupils at risk of poor socio-economic outcomes: The role of educational institutions**

Through this project, two reports and a policy briefing, authored by Dr Matt Dickson and IPR Honorary Professor Sue Maguire, were published by the Wales Centre for Public Policy (WCfPP) in January 2022. In May 2022 we co-hosted the launch event for the project findings which included talks by Dr Matt Dickson and Professor Sue Maguire, plus discussion from Huw Morris (Director for Skills, Higher Education and Lifelong Learning, Welsh Government) and Olly Newton (Executive Director, Edge Foundation, and former Head of Apprenticeships Strategy at the Department for Education).

Alongside this, Dr Matt Dickson is close to completing his work on the Nuffield Foundation project investigating 'The Causes and Consequences of Youth Custody'. The project uses linked administrative data from the National Pupil Database – including School Census, Key Stage 2 and 4 results, Looked After Children and Children in Need data – and custody records from the National Client Caseload Information System, to examine the relationships between education, youth custody and later outcomes. The research is now being revised for submission to an economics journal.

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Our research on graduate underemployment highlights the importance of the initial transition into the labour market, especially for students from widening participation backgrounds.

Dr Matt Dickson, Reader  
in Public Policy, IPR

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## **Analysing employment and earnings returns to higher education degrees using administrative data**

Following the publication of the Government's response to the Augar Review, Dr Matt Dickson developed a blog series under this research project, exploring the Review's findings and impact on widening participation in higher education. He analysed three core areas including fees and finance; minimum entry requirements and student number controls; and the Lifelong Loan Entitlement scheme.

Following the blog series, Dr Matt Dickson has been invited to be a keynote speaker at an event in November hosted by the Westminster Higher Education Forum, and a further event in December, hosted by Inside Government.



## **Made smarter innovation: Centre for people-led digitalisation**

Through the Made smarter innovation: Centre for people-led digitalisation, Dr Aida Garcia-Lazaro has continued her research on obsolescence and skill change in the context of digitalisation of the economy. In particular, she is critically exploring the relationship between skill change and economic variables such as national and regional labour productivity, wages, employment, and innovation.

She has examined the skills change in online vacancies posted in the UK labour market, providing an overview of the occupations with a more significant change in the skills required in the labour market. Additionally, Dr Aida Garcia Lazaro is continuing her examination of the macroeconomic impact of expanding outsourcing of online tasks abroad in the new digital age and post-Covid world.



## **Risky business: Understanding intergenerational persistence in entrepreneurship**

In August 2021 the ESRC approved funding for this project, on which Dr Matt Dickson is co-investigator alongside principal investigator Professor Orietta Marsili (School of Management, University of Bath).

The award is £685,000, and the three-year project officially began on 1 April 2022.

The project addresses the question of how entrepreneurial parents influence the entrepreneurial career choices of their children. Answering this question will allow better understanding of the role of family roots in nurturing the formation of entrepreneurial intent in young people, feeding into enterprise policy but also informing family and welfare policymakers. This is especially important in the context of a changing economic landscape post-Brexit which, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, is likely to impose even greater expectations on entrepreneurship as a driver of economic growth. Couples balancing work, money, and care: Exploring the shifting landscape under Universal Credit Dr Rita Griffiths,

Dr Marsha Wood, Professor Jane Millar, Fran Bennett (University of Oxford) and Levana Magnus continued their research for this project, funded by the ESRC. The project ended in January 2022. It remains the first independent in-depth study of the experience of couples receiving Universal Credit.

Following the publication of the first set of findings in June 2020, the final and

last set of findings were published in an IPR report in January 2022. This report further explored couples' work-care decisions over time and included additional discussions of the policy implications of the findings in relation to Universal Credit, working-age benefits, gender roles and relations and work-family reconciliation policies more widely.

Over the last year, we have engaged with MPs, House of Lords and House of Commons Committees, civil servants, third sector and other non-government organisations and academics working in this area to discuss the findings, submit evidence and raise awareness of the policy implications and issues highlighted.

Written evidence on Universal Credit and the cost of living was supplied by Rita Griffiths and published in a House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee report. We also supplied two sets of oral evidence to the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee – first on Universal Credit and childcare costs from

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Rita Griffiths, and second on Universal Credit and managed migration from Fran Bennett. Research findings have also been presented at various conferences and seminars and have been included in written blogs and articles.



### **Monthly assessment in Universal Credit for working claimants**

We were awarded funding from the abrdn Financial Fairness Trust for this project in December 2021. Project leads Dr Rita Griffiths and Dr Marsha Wood are currently engaged in fieldwork for the project until early 2023.

An interim report on how claimants are using the Government's cost of living payment, and the impact it's having on their lives, is expected to be published in Autumn 2023.



### **Social security, the labour market and public health in the UK and South Korea**

We were successful in obtaining funding from the UKRI Fund for International Collaboration to continue our research partnership with Yonsei University. Through this partnership we welcomed colleagues from the Institute for Welfare State Research (IWSR) to the University of Bath for a two-day conference exploring social security, the labour market and public health in the UK and South Korea.

Across panel sessions and presentations, several core research areas were explored including lessons from the Covid-19 pandemic for welfare state reform; automation, technology, employment and the labour share; universal basic income; and the social investment state in the UK and Korea pre-and-post-pandemic.

Several colleagues from the IPR will return to South Korea in Autumn 2022 for another conference, to further the research partnership.



# Sustainable Futures and Healthy Living

## About this research stream

Using the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) as a framework, we seek to bring together scientists, engineers and social scientists to research and develop solutions for the interconnected economic, social, environmental and health challenges we face in the UK and globally.

Research projects (2021–2022) include:

- The social and economic consequences of health:  
Causal analysis using intergenerational UK data
- IPED use in the United Kingdom
- Advice services and health outcomes
- Efficiency, effectiveness and public trust in policing  
in the era of austerity (PhD project)
- Tackling the root causes upstream of unhealthy urban  
development (TRUUD)
- The use of behavioural economics to encourage compliance  
of food safety and standards regulations

Some of the key highlights from this research stream are outlined as follows:



## IPED use in the United Kingdom

Dr Geoff Bates continues to undertake a series of funded research projects on image and performance enhancing drug use in the UK, in collaboration with Manchester Metropolitan University. The work applies complex systems approaches to understand this form of drug use and the development and implementation of harm reduction policies and interventions.





## **Advice services and health outcomes**

This project, which was awarded funding from the Quality Related Strategic Priority Fund (QR SPF) in 2021, is led by Dr Geoff Bates, Professor Nick Pearce, and Dr David Young. It is a systematic review of the role of advice services in health and well-being outcomes and seeks to assist local decision-makers in Bath, including the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), in making decisions about the role that advice services play in the local health and care system.

The results of their research were published in March 2022 in *Health and Social Care in the Community*.



## **Tackling the root causes upstream of unhealthy urban development (TRUUD)**

With colleagues from the University of Bath, University of Bristol, UWE Bristol, the University of Manchester and the University of Reading, Professor Nick Pearce, Dr Charles Larkin and Dr Geoff Bates are continuing their research as part of the five-year long project, 'Tackling the root causes upstream of unhealthy urban development (TRUUD)':

The team has completed work on interviews and are in the process of developing policy 'interventions' with partners in local and national government. This work will be based around the framing of evidence on the economic costs of health outcomes associated with the urban environment to incentivise urban development policy actors to consider the determinants of health. Dr Geoff Bates is in the process of taking the initial work from the interviews and drafting a series of academic papers on the role of health in urban development policies and to inform effective collaboration in large interdisciplinary research teams.



## **The use of behavioural economics to encourage compliance of food safety and standards regulations**

Dr Andrea Serna-Castaño continues to work closely with Dr Eleonora Fichera (Department of Economics), Professor Julie Barnett (Department of Psychology) and Dr Eirini Petratou (Food Standards Agency) on data collection and analysis for this research project.



# **Political Economy and Politics**

## **About this research stream**

We are interested in political economy and the evolution of politics, the changing role of the state and the political ideas and values that define contemporary political parties, political identities and public policies. Working with colleagues across the University, we study political parties, public policy and policymaking.

Research projects (2021–2022) include:

- Bath and North-East Somerset Compassionate Communities Hub: Evaluation
- Regional policy capabilities in England

Some of the key highlights from this research stream are outlined as follows:



## **Bath and North-East Somerset (BANES) Compassionate Communities Hub: Evaluation**

Led by Dr Charlie Larkin, Professor Nick Pearce and Professor Allister McGregor this project received QR SPF funding in 2021.

A research team evaluated the Community Well Being Hub in BANES which supported urgent social, economic and health needs amongst its residents during the coronavirus pandemic.

This collaborative project, which also involves other colleagues across the University, used qualitative and quantitative methods to evaluate the support system put in place during the pandemic. A final report to showcase findings was published in November 2021.



### **Regional policy capabilities in England**

We were awarded funding from the UKRI Research England Policy Support Fund to conduct a comparative study of regional research, policy development and policymaking capabilities in combined authorities in England

Led by Professor Nick Pearce, Dr Geoff Bates, Dr Charles Larkin and Laura Smyth, research for this project is underway and interviews took place throughout Summer 2022. A final research articles from the project will be published in 2022–2023.



### **'Global Britain' and the Indo-Pacific**

Professor Nick Pearce, working with IPR Research Assistant, Alice Morrey, is in the process of researching and drafting a new monograph on Britain's post-Brexit place in the world, building on his previous work with Professor Michael Kenny at the University of Cambridge on the 'Anglosphere' in British Politics. A paper was presented at an International Relations conference at the University of Ottawa in September 2022.



### **The age divide in British politics**

Professor Nick Pearce and Dr Joe Chrisp published an updated analysis of demographic divides in British politics, commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust.

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Our research at the IPR reflects a globally-impactful, locally-relevant research unit, producing world-class research that informs evidence-based policymaking and academic communities of practice.

Dr Charles Larkin, Director  
of Research, IPR

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## **Cryptocurrencies, central bank digital currencies and financial regulation**

Dr Charles Larkin continues to undertake research in cryptocurrencies and central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) with co-authors in Ireland and the United States.



## **International Connections**

Through our research, we continue to develop our international collaborations. Professor Nick Pearce, Dr Matt Dickson and Dr Charles Larkin remain visiting Research Associates at Trinity Business School, Trinity College Dublin. Dr Charles Larkin has also maintained research and teaching collaborations with the Krieger School of Arts and Science at Johns Hopkins University and Purdue University in the USA, Dublin City University, Ireland and the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

As part of his work with the Made smarter innovation: Centre for people-led digitalisation, Dr Charles Larkin has arranged for industrial partners of the Irish Health Service Executive and The Boeing Company to become active co-instigators. The Boeing Company is also working with Dr Charles Larkin as part of the IAAPS Transport Policy and Economics research stream and Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) research group.

In addition to our involvement in the University of Freiberg Microsimulation Group, we are also continuing our research with Professor Armando Sanchez-Vargas, Director of the Institute of Economics Research, from the Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM). The long-delayed visit to Mexico City by IPR staff will take place during 2022 with a reciprocal visit currently in planning.



# Publications

Using Scopus SciVal, the key highlights for our publications are as follows:

- Our 2019–2022 Field-Weighted Citation Impact Score was 2.65 (average is 1.0).
- 18% of our publications appear in the top 10% cited worldwide.
- 36% of our publications appear in the top 10% journals worldwide.
- 51% of our publications are published with international collaborators.
- Our publications into cryptocurrencies, sustainable development, circular economy, exchange rates, populism and the radical right appear in the top 1% of publications globally.

According to Google Scholar, we have also attracted 1,441 citations in the year up to July 2022. Our research team have, in total, an aggregated citation figure of 13,220 citations.


## IPR published journal articles and books (August 2021–July 2022)

Research Theme	Research Area	Publication Area
UBILab@IPR		<p>Chrisp, J. and Martinelli, L. (2022). 'The Case for a Basic Income in the Emergent Digitalized Economy', in Busemeyer, M., Kemmerling, A., Van Kersbergen, K., and Marx, P. (eds.) <i>Digitalization and the Welfare State</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 174–191.</p> <p>Chrisp, J., Smyth, L., Stansfield, C., Pearce, N., France, R., and Taylor, C. (2022). <i>Basic income experiments in OECD countries: A rapid evidence review</i>. International Public Policy Observatory.</p> <p>Richiardi, M. (2022). <i>A basic income for France: Ideas for a debate</i>. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath.</p> <p>Martinelli, L. and Vanderborght, Y. (2022). Basic income and the social investment state: Towards mutual reinforcement? <i>European Journal of Social Security</i>, 24(1), pp. 40–57.</p>
Education, Welfare and Work		<p>Griffiths, R., Wood, M., Bennett, F., and Millar, J. (2022). <i>Couples navigating work, care and Universal Credit</i>. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath.</p> <p>Griffiths, R., Wood, M., Bennett, F., and Millar, J. (2022). 'Families navigating Universal Credit in the Covid-19 pandemic', in Garthwaite, K., Patrick, R., Power, M., Tarrant, A., and Warnock, R. (eds.) <i>Covid-19 Collaborations: Researching Poverty and Low-Income Family Life during the Pandemic</i>. Bristol: Bristol University Press, pp. 44–55.</p>

Research Theme	Research Area	Publication Area
Education, Welfare and Work		Wood, M., and Bennett, F. (2022). Parenting in the pandemic: exploring the experiences of families with children on Universal Credit before and during the Covid-19 pandemic. <i>Families, Relationships and Societies</i> , pp.1–17.
		Dickson, M. and Maguire, S. (2022). <i>Raising the age of participation in education or training to 18 in Wales – Policy briefing</i> . Wales Centre for Public Policy.
		Ballestar, M.T., García-Lazaro, A., Sainz, J., and Sanz, I. (2022). Why is your company not robotic? The technology and human capital needed by firms to become robotic, <i>Journal of Business Research</i> , 142, pp. 328–343.
		Maguire, S. (2022). <i>A difficult nut to crack? How the UK has tackled the youth unemployment challenge</i> . Edge Foundation.
		Abbas, J. and Chrisp, J. (2021). Working Hard or Hardly Working? Examining the Politics of In-Work Conditionality in the UK, <i>Social Policy and Society</i> , pp. 1–22.
		Britton, J., van der Erve, L., Belfield, C., Vignoles, A., Dickson, M., Zhu, Y., Walker, I., Dearden, L., Sibieta, L., and Buscha, F. (2021). <i>How much does degree choice matter?</i> Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS).
		Dickson, M. (2021). <i>Modelling the impact of raising the age of participation to 18</i> . Wales Centre for Public Policy.
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# **IPR Postgraduate Teaching**



# Teaching

We offer postgraduate courses and doctoral supervision through our Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice (DPRP) and our joint MSc in Public Policy. We also supervise four doctoral students, as well as joint supervision with the Department of Chemistry, the DBA in Higher Education Management and through the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Centre for Doctoral Training in Accountable, Responsible and Transparent AI and the Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems (IAAPS).



## **Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice (DPRP)**

By the end of 2021, 60 mid-career policy professionals from 20 countries were registered on our Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice (DPRP).

We held two hybrid workshops (in September 2021 and January 2022), featuring a notable guest contributor Sir Michael Barber (Chief Adviser to the Secretary of State for Education on School Standards (1997–2001) and Head of the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit (2001–2005)).

Four students have now submitted their final thesis, and an eighth cohort of 12 students has been recruited to start the programme in September 2022.



## **MSc in Public Policy (MPP)**

By the end of 2021, more than 40 students were enrolled on our MSc in Public Policy (MPP) across both years of the programme. In December 2021 we also celebrated the graduation of our second cohort.

Across all cohorts we currently have students employed in governmental organisations such as the Ministry of Defence and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; national regulators; political party and parliamentary

officers from several countries; as well as international organisations such as the World Food Programme, Red Cross and UN.

In 2021–22 the residentials took place online and in person and garnered a very positive response from students. We are hoping to run the residentials

fully in person in 2022–23.

Many students have gained promotions in their professional roles since starting the programme, and they frequently reference the programme and their ability to apply their learning in their work-life as a key contribution to their professional and personal development.

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### IPR PhD students

We have several PhD students studying a range of topics including degree apprenticeships, policing and social security.

This year Dr Marsha Wood completed her doctorate and graduated in July 2022, alongside Dr Jo Abbas, Dr Joe Chrisp and Dr David Young, who completed 2020–2021.

PhD students in 2021–2022:

- Xinyan Cheng: Efficiency, effectiveness, and public trust in policing in the era of austerity
- Jane Mackay: Degree apprenticeships as a route for widening participation-based access to higher education
- Seren Essex: Do subject requirements of degree courses impose unfair or inappropriate constraints on who can apply, and impair efforts to widen access to higher education?
- Levana Magnus: The Jobcentre, welfare-to-work agencies, and the household: The network of labour-market activation under Universal Credit

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**IPR Policy  
Programmes**



# IPR Policy Programmes

During 2021–2022, we continued to deliver our policy engagement virtually, with some activity beginning to take place in person.

We continued to develop our activity and relationships between University of Bath academics and policymakers across Whitehall, the West of England, and enabled international policy engagement through our virtual programme offer. Our policy engagement activities align with core areas of university research strengths and our own expertise, as well as the needs of local, national and, at times, international policymakers.

This year we expanded our Policy Fellowship Programme introducing a new stream on sustainable and automated transport; we joined The Foundation for Science and Technology; and we enabled the participation of Bath colleagues in the UK Government inaugural Policy Festival which was chaired by UK Government Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA), Sir Patrick Vallance, and Permanent Secretary in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and Head of the Policy Profession, Tamara Finkelstein.

Our policy engagement activities have included:

1. The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme – virtual
2. The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme: Artificial Intelligence – virtual
3. The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme: Sustainable and Automated Transport – virtual
4. Our affiliate agreement with the University of Cambridge Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP) Fellowship Programme – virtual
5. Presentation in the Green Zone at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), Glasgow – live
6. Engagement with the Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN)
7. Membership of The Foundation for Science and Technology
8. Membership of the UK Universities Climate Network (UUCN) (formerly COP26 Universities Network)
9. Inclusion in the Policy Profession inaugural Policy Festival – May 2022



## The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme (PFP)

Between September 2021 to July 2022, 21 Policy Fellows took part in one of our three PFP's and affiliate programme, involving over 129 virtual meetings with Bath academics. 125 University of Bath academics from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering, the School of Management, the Institute for Mathematical Innovation (IMI), the Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems (IAAPS) and the IPR met with Fellows.

We have hosted Fellows from the Department for Transport; Department for Education; Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS); Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; Centre for Data, Ethics and Innovation (CDEI); The Science and Technology Centre; and the Scottish Government. Additionally, we have hosted Fellows from Western Gateway, The British Academy and Action for Children, among others.

Some of the impacts from the PFP this academic year have included:

- Funding from Research England and the Bath Beacons Fund to set up and launch a new Policy Fellowship Programme on sustainable and automated transport
- Academic advice to a Fellow that was instrumental in informing the AI and Machine Learning section of the Consultation on data reform document, produced by DCMS
- Academic advice helped inform advice to government on how to improve localised children's services
- 125 new connections and knowledge exchange meetings between Bath academics and policymakers enabling a much wider and embedded policy network across multiple government departments, third sector organisations and institutions
- 54 individual policy training meetings with Bath academics, who took part in the PFP's for the first time
- A much broader network of academics across the University of Bath engaging with the programmes
- Letters of support for individual research bids

## Policy Fellows during 2021–2022

Date	Policy Fellow	Job Title	Organisation	Total Meetings
12–29 Oct 2021	Cody Hounanian	Co-Founder and Executive Director	Student Debt	5
26 Oct–4 Nov 2021	Nick Linfoot	Health and Justice Lead	HMP New Hall	4
25 Nov–2 Dec 2021	Joe Lane	Head of Policy and Research	Action for Children	7
23 Nov 2021–8 Feb 2022	Alex Sunley	Lead for the National Data Strategy	DCMS Group	8
22 Nov–9 Dec 2021	Elizabeth Watson	Policy Advisor, National Data Strategy Team	DCMS Group	8
22 Nov–1 Dec 2021	Katie Holder	Policy Advisor, National Data Strategy Team	DCMS Group	7
24 Nov–10 Dec 2021	William Kayada	Policy Advisor, National Data Strategy	DCMS Group	6
11–8 Feb 2022	Jess Huang	Communications Manager for Pay Our Interns	Washington DC-based non-profit	4
11 Feb–16 Mar 2022	Hugo Clarke	Deputy Head of International (Engagement)	British Academy	6
2–25 Feb 2022	Alex Morris	Civil Servant	Department for Education	10
1–8 Mar 2022	Lara Bird	Policy Advisor	CDEI	7
18 Feb–16 Mar 2022	Giorgio Parolini*	Head of Advanced Fuels	Department for Transport	8
23–28 Mar 2022	Alex Long*	Program Associate	Science and Technology Innovation Program, The Wilson Center	2
2–25 Mar 2022	Karl Limbert*	Director of Strategy and External Relations	Equans (Engie UK)	8
31 Mar–7 Apr 2022	Esther Kwan*	Head of Covid-19 Inquiry Unit	Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	5
29 Apr–2 Aug 2022	Julian Blake	Social Enterprise and Business; Charity; and Public Services	Stone King LLP	4
25 Apr–2 Aug 2022	Jo Dally*	Director of Western Gateway	Western Gateway	9
9 May–2 Aug 2022	Liam Farrow	Team Leader, Global Affairs and Soft Power	Scottish Government	4
16 May–24 May 2022	Deepa Chadha	Advice and Training Officer	UK Council for International Student Affairs	4
17 May–27 May 2022	Amy Dwyer	Policy Advisor, Consumer Experience	Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, Department for Transport	6
20 May–4 Aug 2022	Andrew Larkham	Head of Local EV Infrastructure	Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, Department for Transport	7

\*University of Cambridge Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP) Fellow



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The fellowship was instrumental in building my understanding of technology governance, and ultimately, in helping me lay the foundation for the AI and Machine Learning section of the DCMS consultation Data: A new direction.

Isabelle De Pauw, Head of Data Rights, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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## **The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme: Artificial Intelligence**

We were delighted to welcome multiple Fellowships from the Centre for Data, Ethics and Innovation (CDEI) as well as The Wilson Centre, USA.



## **The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme: Sustainable and Automated Transport**

We launched a new Policy Fellowship Programme on sustainable and automated transport (PFP:S&AT) in March 2022. This was developed in collaboration with Professor Andrew Heath (Department of Architecture Civil and Engineering) and funded by the Research England Policy Support Fund and the Bath Beacon Fund.

The PFP:S&AT is a bespoke policy fellowship programme that is designed to directly connect University of Bath academics and researchers with policymakers working in departments responsible for delivering on solving key transport challenges, as set out by the Secretary of State, Grant Shapps MP, in the Department for Transport report, *Decarbonising Transport. A better, Greener Britain* (2021).

We anticipate this policy programme will be an area of growth as government, civil society and academia all work to deliver on net zero transport solutions.



## **The IPR affiliate agreement with the University of Cambridge Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP)**

During 2021–2022, we hosted five Fellows through our CSaP affiliate programme, including Dr Jo Dally, Director of Western Gateway; Giorgio Parolini, Head of Advanced Fuels at the Department for Transport; and Esther Kwan, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.



## **Policy Festival and Policy Profession**

Between 9–13 May 2022 the Policy Profession hosted its inaugural Policy Festival which brought together over 5,000 policy professionals from across the Civil Service.

Two University of Bath colleagues were invited to speak at the high-profile festival, following introductions by the IPR. Professor Carole Mundell was invited to partake in a fireside chat event, chaired by Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education, Susan Acland-Hood, where she discussed her role as Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and the role of science in policymaking.

Additionally, Professor Lorraine Whitmarsh (Department of Psychology) was invited to present on a panel, alongside Director of Behavioural Change at UCL, Professor Susan Michie; Director of the Behaviour and Health Research Unit at the University of Cambridge, Dame Professor Theresa Marteau; and Chief Executive of the Behavioural Insights Team, Professor David Halpern. They discussed 'Necessary to Nudge? How Behavioural Science helps policy design'.

For the autumn term a new three-part series of Masterclasses, on the topic of science-based policymaking, will be presented to senior Civil Servants, by University of Bath Professors Carole Mundell, Harry Rutter, Lorraine Whitmarsh, and Dr Kit Yates.



## **The Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN)**

UPEN is a network of 80 UK universities who are working together to increase the public policy impact from their research. It offers a dedicated contact point for policymakers, and a collective response to requests for evidence. UPEN also organises knowledge exchange events with government, parliament, devolved bodies, and identifies mechanisms to take forward specific projects.

Amy Thompson remains on the UPEN Futures Advisory Group and has cascaded – to relevant parties – opportunities of engagement such as calls for evidence, academic advice and academic experts on areas of climate change.



## **The Foundation for Science and Technology**

In 2021 we joined the Foundation for Science and Technology on behalf of the University of Bath. It is a registered UK charity providing an impartial platform for debate of policy issues that have a science, research, technology or innovation element.

Established in 1977, the Foundation brings together Parliamentarians, civil servants, industrialists, researchers, learned societies, charities and others. It convenes discussion events, publishes a journal three times per year, and hosts a weekly podcast and a blog. It also organises the Foundation Future Leaders Programme, supporting the next generation of professionals from universities, industry and the civil service. In addition, the Foundation provides guidance on governance issues to professional and learned Societies.

Through this, we have shared details of networking events with colleagues across the University on topics such as rebuilding UK electricity; the use of new AI technologies in industry and the public sector; new nuclear and the UK energy strategy; UK – China research collaborations; and increasing interdisciplinarity in UK research and development.



## **The UK Universities Climate Network (UUCN)**

Founded in 2019 as the COP26 Universities Network, the UUCN is a growing group of over 80 UK universities and research centres working together to promote a zero carbon, resilient future.

The network enables collaboration across the UK academic sector to advance climate action nationally and internationally. It does this by disseminating climate change research and analysis, conducting evidence-based public engagement, and sharing evidence for climate action with policymakers, such as UK Government officials, to support the integration of science and policy.

Opportunities for our academics to engage with this network are cascaded to relevant colleagues across the university.



## **COP26 and ActNowFilm**

In 2021 Amy Thompson co-led the leadership team for ActNowFilm – a youth voices film we produced in partnership with Cambridge Zero supported by the UUCN and Global Alliance of Universities on Climate (GAUC).

Working with global youth organisations and young people, we curated a compilation of youth voice films from around the world to genuinely show how climate change is affecting young people, what they are campaigning for and what message they would like to tell climate negotiators at COP26. The opportunity to take part was open to anyone aged 16–30, from anywhere in the world. In total, we received 138 film submissions from 33 countries.

Trailers of the film were shown at New York Climate Change Week, COP15 on Biodiversity, and the GAUC Youth Summit. The full film premiered in the Green Zone at COP26 on 11 November 2021 with a live panel presentation. Media coverage included BBC Somerset Live, BBC South West, Live Wire, BBC Look East, Bath Life magazine and Metro.

Following COP26, ActNowFilm was showcased at the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (PASS) and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). Three million people attended this three-day event.

The film and youth action events were also held at One Young World Caucus at the University of Bath in March 2022 and Munich International School in December 2021 and April 2022.

A second youth voices film project – ActNowFilm2 – is being planned for COP27 in Egypt for November 2022.



## **The impact of our policy engagement work**

Our policy engagement work has brought important benefits to the IPR and the University, particularly in policy areas that address climate change.

We have received funding, designed and rolled out a new policy engagement programme, and joined new policy networks leveraging their benefits. We have increased the number and range of policy fellows on our programmes, and we have also engaged with a much

wider portfolio of Bath academics, notably in the areas of science and engineering.

Significant numbers of policy–academic links and relationships have been established across multiple government departments, local organisations and institutions. These relationships have helped strengthen our policy networks, and our ability to get policy relevant research to policymakers and have enabled the potential for relevant policy support and engagement for future research bids.

Through the UPEN and COP26 work we are well connected to the UK university and policy sector as well as new international climate related links. Our work here has increased the reputation of the IPR and the University of Bath and has enabled opportunities for future collaboration.

In July 2022 we won the University of Bath Staff Recognition Team Award for Environment and Sustainability Ambassador/s for our work in this area.



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**Events and  
Communications**

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## Our Events

Between August 2020 and July 2021, we delivered a varied and highly engaging programme of 26 events which included 12 lectures, four publication launches, three webinars, five panel debates and two conferences. Three of these events were co-hosted with organisations including Bristol Ideas, Cambridge Zero and the International Public Policy Observatory (IPPO).

Over 2,000 people attended our events this year and we have gained an additional reach through our Policy Podcast series, which currently has more than 94,000 listens, and our online lectures, which have received over 11,178 views.

Our high-profile speakers have included: Shelby Cullom Davis Chair of History at Columbia University, Professor Adam Tooze; former British Diplomat and Ambassador to Moscow, Sir Rodric Braithwaite; and Professor of Politics and Director of the Global Institute for Women's Leadership at King's College London, Professor Rosie Campbell.



### **Our oceans: A deep dive**

This year we ran a new event series 'Our oceans: A deep dive' which explored the world's oceans and what climate change, maritime trade and strategic conflict mean for their future. Through this series we have also welcomed high-profile speakers including Head of Ocean Recovery at the Marine Conservation Society, Dr Peter Richardson; Professor of Ocean Physics at the University of Cambridge, Professor Peter Wadhams; Blue Carbon Lead at GRID-Arendal, Dr Steven Lutz; President of The Ocean Foundation, Mark J. Spalding; Head of the village of Selkie in North Karelia, Finland, and President of Snowchange Cooperative, Dr Tero Mustonen; Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Blue Governance at the University of Portsmouth, Professor Pierre Failler; Professor of Social and Economic History and Director of the Centre for Maritime Historical Studies at the University of Exeter, Professor Maria Fusaro; Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto, Scarborough,



Professor John Hannigan; and Professor in Political Theory at the University of Southampton, Professor Chris Armstrong.

Through this event series we also furthered our connections with colleagues across the University in Bath in the Faculty of Engineering and Design and Faculty of Science. Findings from this event series are currently being drafted for a policy brief, due to be published 2022–23.



## **Is it time for universal basic income?**

In October 2021, we co-hosted the second all-day conference online with Bristol Ideas on, 'Is it time for universal basic income?' The conference welcomed leading thinkers, politicians, and policymakers to debate and explore new approaches to macro-economic policymaking, the prospects for universal basic income, and the political economy of social and economic change.

Speakers included: Bennett Professor of Public Policy at the University of Cambridge, Professor Diane Coyle; futurist and *New York Times* bestselling author, Martin Ford; Chair of the Resolution Foundation, Gavin Kelly; Head of the Rights, International, Social and Economics department at the Trades Union Congress (TUC), Kate Bell; President of the Basic Income Earth Network, Sarath Davala; Mayor of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mayor Sumbal Siddiqui; former Director of Policy of the Labour Party, Andrew Fisher; and British commentator and broadcaster, Paul Mason.

The conference was a success with over 500 attendees, and a third has been scheduled for October 2022.



## Our Publications

We produced six publications during the reporting year. All were delivered to strategic and key contacts working in relevant fields to each report's findings and/or recommendations.

Our publications during 2021–22:

- Griffiths, R. (2021). *Complexities for claimants: The reality of the £20 weekly uplift to Universal Credit*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath
- Pearce, N., and Chrisp, J. (2021). *The Age Divide in UK Politics: A Working Paper Prepared for the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath
- Barnett, J., Larkin, C., McGregor, A., Pearce, N., and Vasilakis, C (2021). *The Bath & North East Somerset Community Wellbeing Hub: An evaluation*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath
- Griffiths, R., Wood, M., Bennett, F., and Millar, J. (2022). *Couples navigating work, care and Universal Credit*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath
- Richiardi, M. (2022). *A basic income for France: Ideas for a debate*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath



## Media

We have assisted in the development of press opportunities for several academics, where there have been strong links or relevance to our research. As a result, we have received coverage in over 50 media outlets, including Sky News, ITV, Metro, Bath Life, BBC Somerset,

Heart Radio, BBC Front Row, BBC Radio 5 Live, BBC News, BBC World and LBC. Topics have included young people and climate change; Universal Credit; and the Conservative Party leadership.



## **Social Media, IPR Policy Podcast, IPR Videos, IPR Blog**

We utilise social media platforms to engage with interested individuals and organisations. Over the last year we have developed our use and engagement on all platforms, and significantly increased our following.



### **IPR Policy podcasts**

Our Policy Podcast series was launched to enable people who miss our events to catch up on the best of our lectures and seminars. To-date, we have 110 podcasts with over 94,700 listens.



### **IPR Videos**

Our videos enable people who miss our events to catch up or re-visit the best of our lectures and seminars. Our videos also inform viewers about the variety of programmes we offer. Our YouTube channel continues to grow and to-date we have more than 450 subscribers. We have over 140 videos with more than 11,100 views and an average reach of 13,000 a month.



## **IPR Blog**

Our blog continues to offer expert analysis, debate, and comment on recent developments across UK government, policy, and academia. To date we have published over 480 posts and received more than 280,000 blog hits.



## **IPR Newsletter**

We are continuing to distribute a fortnightly newsletter to our mailing list, which summarises our latest news, events, research, and publications. Our mailing list has grown substantially this year to over 5,100 contacts. This continues to be an effective method for engaging with external stakeholders who are not on social media.



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