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Executive Summary

Key Highlights 2022–2023

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



We had a successful year for income generation, returning approximately £660,000 in research income for the year.



We were awarded funding from organisations including the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Policy Support Fund, Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), abrdn Financial Fairness Trust, Bath Beacons, and the Nuffield Foundation.



Our research is highly cited, with a quarter of our publications appearing in the top 10 cited worldwide.

Postgraduate Teaching



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



We successfully enrolled a fifth cohort of students in our MSc in Public Policy.



IPR PhD candidates Dr Alice Morrey, Dr Xinyan Cheng, and Dr Kalyan Kameshwara successfully completed their doctorates.

Programmes

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23 Policy Fellows took part in our Policy Fellowship Programmes involving 97 meetings with 66 Bath academics.

We launched a new Policy Fellowship Programme: net zero transport, buildings and infrastructure, funded by the Research England Policy Support Fund.



We presented ActNowFilm: intergenerational conversations on climate change at COP27.

Events and Communications



About 2,000 people attended our events.



We ran a total of 22 events including 14 lectures, seminars, and book launches, five panel discussions and three conferences.



We posted 40 blog posts and received 30,000 views.

The IPR has had a stretching year, as we navigate a turbulent political landscape, while seeking to ensure that our research, teaching and policy engagement contribute significantly to the public good.

Professor Nick Pearce,
Director of the IPR

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IPR Structure



IPR Team

- Professor Nick Pearce, IPR Director
- Dr Geoff Bates, Research Fellow
- Dr Joe Chrisp, Research Associate
- Dr Joanna Clifton-Sprigg, Understanding Society Research Fellow
- Professor James Copestake, Director of Studies for Professional Doctorate
- Dr Matt Dickson, Reader in Public Policy
- Dr Aida Garcia-Lazaro, Research Associate
- Dr Rita Griffiths, Research Fellow
- Julia Kreienkamp, Events and Communications Officer
- Dr Charles Larkin, Director of Research
- Dr Kath Lee, ESRC Post Doc Research Fellow
- Professor Jane Millar, Emeritus Professor of Social Policy
- Dr Alice Morrey, Research Assistant
- Dr Eric Qiao, Research Associate
- Dr Andrea Serna Castaño, Research Associate
- Laura Smyth, PhD Candidate and Research Assistant
- Amy Thompson, Head of Policy Programmes and Communications
- Claudia Torres Cervantes, IPR Coordinator
- Dr Marsha Wood, Research Assistant



IPR Advisory Board

We are very grateful to all Advisory Board members for their continued contributions throughout 2022–2023.

- 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, former Director of HR, Resources, Data within DGs HR and CONNECT, European Commission. Trustee, Executive Coach/Mentor
- Paul Maltby, Director of AI Transformation in Government, Faculty.ai
- Carey Oppenheim, independent consultant, and former Chief Executive of the Early Intervention Foundation
- Ryan Shorthouse, Director, Bright Blue
- Lord Christopher Tugendhat, former Chancellor of the University of Bath, and former EU Commissioner



IPR Visitors

IPR Honorary Professors

- Professor Ricardo García Mira, Full Professor of Social Psychology, University of A Coruña, Spain; former member of the Spanish Parliament
- Professor Sue Maguire, expert and independent consultant on education, employment and social policy
- Professor Allister McGregor, former Professor of Political Economy, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield; former Head of the Vulnerability and Poverty Team, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

Professor of Practice

- The Rt Hon Chris Skidmore OBE, MP for Kingswood; former Minister of State, including at the Department for Business,

Energy, and Industrial Strategy; Chair of the Independent Government Review on Net Zero

IPR Visiting Fellows

- Professor Peter Whiteford, Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University
- Steve Webb, Partner, Lane Clark & Peacock; former Pensions Minister and MP
- Fran Bennett, Associate Fellow, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford; independent consultant
- Malcolm Torry, General Manager, Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN); Senior Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- Jo Minkyung, Director of the Direct Payment Management Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA), Republic of South Korea
- Jihyun Kim, Research Associate, Institute for Welfare State Research, Yonsei University; PhD candidate, Department of Public Administration, Yonsei University
- Semi Lee, PhD Candidate, Institute for Welfare State Research, Yonsei University

IPR Visiting Policy Fellow

- Dr Jorge Sainz, Associate Professor, Applied Economics and Moral Philosophy Department, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

Affiliated academics and researchers

- Dr Hannah Durrant, Senior Research Fellow, Wales Centre for Public Policy; former Research Strategy Lead at the IPR
- Dr Luke Martinelli, former IPR Research Associate and lead researcher on Universal Basic Income

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IPR Research



IPR Research Overview

This year has seen a continued expansion of activities across all IPR research streams. We have maintained a consistent track record of publishing research and delivering policy impact, whilst being competitive for external funding.

Policy changes within the university have placed a greater emphasis on obtaining research income. As a result, the IPR is frequently invited to become part of funding applications. This has allowed us to deepen relationships with other research institutes, faculties, and departments at the University of Bath, such as the Faculty of Engineering.

We are increasingly recognised for our research and policy engagement work on the net zero transition, which is now a priority area for the principal funding agencies as well as policymakers. The IPR also continues to produce leading research in the areas of widening participation in higher education, and the future of welfare and work. Its research on Universal Credit has been particularly impactful.

On a regional basis, the IPR continues to interact with the GW4 consortium of research universities and submit research funding applications with that grouping. The advent of Western Gateway has also allowed us to engage with more Welsh universities, especially as part of research funding bids related to the hydrogen economy. The IPR now has strong relationships with other universities in the southwest, local and regional government, as well as civil society organisations, and it is well-positioned to be a thought leader in regional policy and devolution.

Our research streams 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 Universal Basic Income (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 in 2022–2023 include:

- The economics of basic income
- Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies, Microsimulation group

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



The economics of basic income

Dr Chrisp recently published a journal article co-authored with Dr Jurgen De Wispelaere in the *Journal of Sociology*, titled 'A Basic Income for Every Crisis? Towards a Political Economy Framework'. Dr Chrisp also successfully revised a book chapter in the Palgrave International Handbook of Basic Income on the ideological ambiguity of UBI, securing its acceptance for the second edition due to be published this autumn.

As part of an ongoing collaboration with Northumbria University, Dr Chrisp was co-author on the final report published with Compass and Autonomy think tanks titled 'Treating causes not symptoms: Basic income as a public health measure'. The empirical analysis, which involved using conjoint survey experiments to elicit preferences for different welfare schemes, will also form the basis of a journal article that is being drafted at the moment.

Additionally, Dr Chrisp has recently finished a draft research note that examines household debt, wages and income across OECD and Anglophone countries. This will be published as an IPR working paper in the coming months. Another paper by Dr Chrisp, titled 'The macroeconomic effects of a UBI: A review of existing evidence and approaches', has recently been published in *Basic Income Studies*.

Dr Chrisp is currently collaborating with Dr Saite Lu from the University of Cambridge, using a Keynesian demand-driven macro model to analyse the impact of a UBI. This will be presented at a conference on heterodox economics in Vienna in October. Other collaborations with Dr Jurgen De Wispelaere on the policy impact of UBI experiments and with Professor Nick Pearce on the comparative political economy of age, assets and housing are also ongoing. Dr Chrisp is also working on microsimulations of steps towards a minimum income guarantee in comparison to a UBI with a team from the Centre for Microsimulation and Policy Analysis (CeMPA) at the University of Essex, which manages UKMOD (a tax-benefit microsimulation model for the UK).



Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies, Microsimulation group

The IPR is taking forward microsimulation studies of UBI proposals for Germany and the UK, as part of our work with FRIBIS. Dr Eric Qiao has been working on the UBI financing microsimulation on indirect taxes project. He has successfully completed the literature review phase and data analysis, and he presented at the FRIBIS Junior Researcher group on 22 March 2023. Dr Chrisp most recently presented his work on UBI at the Social Policy Association conference in Nottingham, 5–7 July 2023.



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 in 2022–2023 include:



Education and work

- Revisiting the raising of the participation age to 18 in England
- Explaining unexplained grade inflation in the UK's universities
- Employment and earning returns to undergraduate and post-graduate degrees
- Addressing risks of graduate un/under-employment in the COVID-19 labour market
- Higher education and political preferences
- Further education colleges and the 'levelling up' agenda
- People-Led Digitalisation



Welfare

- Navigating monthly assessment in Universal Credit
- Understanding Society research data fellowship

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



Revisiting the raising of the participation age to 18 in England

This project, which is funded by the Nuffield Foundation, is led by Dr Matt Dickson as Principal Investigator, with IPR Honorary Professor Sue Maguire as Co-Investigator, along with Mr Olly Newton and Dr Andrea Laczik (both Edge Foundation) and Mr Dave Thomson (Education Datalab) as additional Co-Investigators. It will combine qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis to examine the design, implementation, and impact of the raising of the participation age (RPA) to 18 in England. The project, which will commence in September 2023 and run for 20 months, has been awarded £357,000.



Explaining unexplained grade inflation in the UK's universities

Dr Matt Dickson is Co-Investigator on this project, which is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), working alongside the Principal Investigator Dr Robertas Zubrickas, Department of Economics. The project aims to understand the drivers of grade inflation in UK Higher Education over recent decades and will empirically test competing hypotheses for the increase in the proportion of students gaining an upper second class or first-class degree. The findings of the research will have implications for the ongoing debate about higher education expansion and widening participation in higher education in the UK. The project commenced in July 2023 and will run for 18 months.

Our new ESRC project will help policymakers understand the drivers of grade inflation in UK universities, with implications for the regulation of the sector.

Dr Matt Dickson, Reader
in Public Policy, IPR



Employment and earning returns to undergraduate and post-graduate degrees

Dr Matt Dickson co-authored a new forthcoming paper which examines the returns to undergraduate higher education, using data from the Longitudinal Study of Young People (LSYPE) in England. This work, in collaboration with Dr Anna Adamecz-Volgyi (UCL) and Dr Nikki Shure (UCL), is complementary to the Government Department for Education (DfE) reports and academic paper that Dr Dickson co-authored with colleagues from the Institute for Fiscal Studies on this topic.

At the end of 2022, Dr Dickson gave two keynote talks on the implications for Widening Participation of the Government's plans for higher education, following the Review of Post-18 Education and Funding (the Augar Review). The first was at the Westminster Higher Education Forum event 'Funding and regulation of undergraduate course provision in England's universities' in November 2022, the second was at the IG Higher Education conference 'Widening participation and the Higher Education Bill: How can progress on access be delivered within the HE reform programme?' in December 2022.



Addressing risks of graduate un/under-employment in the COVID-19 labour market

Dr Dickson gave presentations based on this work, and a follow-up paper, at the IPR joint workshops at Yonsei University, Seoul, and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City, both in October 2022. Following on from this, Dr Matt Dickson was invited to present the work in the seminar series of the Centre for Education Policy and Equalising Opportunities at UCL. The academic paper based on this work, examining the 'scarring effect' of graduate underemployment on later labour market outcomes, was presented at a joint IPR/University of Bristol workshop 'Higher education in a cold climate' at the start of July 2023. The workshop brought together leading academics working on higher and further education in the UK, and featured keynote talks from Sir Julian Le Grand, Professor Nick Barr, and Baroness Alison Wolf. Dr Dickson's work

on the scarring effect of graduate underemployment has also been accepted for presentation at the annual conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) in September 2023.



Higher education and political preferences

In collaboration with his former PhD student Dr Kalyan Kameshwara, Dr Dickson has co-authored a new paper considering the relationship between higher education and preferences over political parties in the UK. The paper was presented at the International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education in Italy (June 2023) and has been accepted for presentation at the annual conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) in September 2023.



Further Education Colleges and the 'levelling up' agenda

This UKRI Policy Support Fund (PSF) project, which involves Dr Dickson and Dr Predrag Lažetić as co-investigators, is seeking to understand the value of Further Education qualifications and their role in 'levelling up' regions of the UK. Since starting in December 2022, Dr Dickson and Dr Lažetić have had several meetings with the Social Mobility Commission, who are collaborating in the project. In June 2023, they received the linked administrative data and have started to examine the earnings differentials associated with different qualifications and education routes, and how these vary around the country.



People-Led Digitalisation

Dr Aida Garcia-Lazaro's main project continues to be the Made Smarter Innovation: Centre for People-Led Digitalisation (MSI: PLD). Dr Garcia-Lazaro has been working on the effect of new technologies on the labour market and the UK economy. The focus of this work is on skills and labour market outcomes.

Currently, Dr Garcia-Lazaro is working on the analysis of online vacancies from the Lightcast dataset, which will become the data for several publishable papers.

Ms Laura Smyth is part of the group researching regional policy connected to the People-Led Digitalisation project, whilst maintaining work with IPR on UBI. Ms Smyth attended the UBI Roundtable in Brussels in December 2022, the Regional Development Conference: The Age of Levelling Up in Birmingham in May 2023, and the Regional Studies Association (RSA) Annual Conference in June 2023.



Navigating monthly assessment in Universal Credit

Dr Rita Griffiths and Dr Marsha Wood continue their work on Universal Credit (UC), which is funded by Aberdeen Financial Fairness Trust (aFFT, formerly Standard Life Foundation). The project explores how UC's systems for assessing entitlement, recovering debts, and calculating benefit payments, are affecting income security and financial well-being in working households. Drawing on in-depth, month-to-month interviews with over 60 working UC claimants over a thirteen-month period (February 2022 to February 2023), the project has generated a rich and complex data set which contains a unique record of changes in monthly earnings and income in the context of UC receipt, together with qualitative insights into claimants' responses.

An IPR Policy Brief presenting early findings, entitled 'Universal Credit, Working Claimants and the Government's Cost of Living Support', was published in November 2022.

Based on these findings, Dr Griffiths was invited to submit oral evidence at a Work and Pensions Select Committee Inquiry into the Household Support Fund and other Government cost of living support, held at the House of Commons on 26 April 2023.

Drs Griffiths and Wood also submitted a response to the Select Committee's call for evidence on the Government's cost of living support, submitted in May 2023.

With the original 18-month timescale extended by three months with additional IPR funding, the project will finish when the final report is published, towards the end of September 2023. Wider dissemination is expected to take place in the Autumn of 2023.

During July 2023, the project team engaged in presenting the research project's results, including at a DWP webinar on 12 July, and at the Social Policy Association conference in Nottingham, 5–7 July.

Happy with the progress to date, aFFT has extended the funding of Drs Griffiths and Wood to 31 May 2024, which will allow them to explore other areas of UC policy that affect household income and work incentives, including: UC and childcare costs; UC and passported benefits; and UC and self-employment.

Dr Wood is also working with Jihyun Kim of Yonsei University, as part of the IPR's ongoing research collaboration with Yonsei University, on an article about UC and second earners.



Understanding Society research data fellowship

Dr Joanna Clifton-Sprigg, Lecturer in the Department of Economics, has joined the IPR in August 2023 for 12 months to research the effects of the 2015 Shared Parental Leave rollout, using the Understanding Society dataset. This project is funded by Understanding Society.



Sustainable Futures and Healthy Living

About this research stream

Using the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 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 in 2022–2023 include:

- Tackling the root causes upstream of unhealthy urban development (TRUUD)
- Compliance of food safety regulations by the meat sector in England
- Climate change education in the UK

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



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

As part of the TRUUD project, a sub-team including Dr Geoff Bates and Professor Nick Pearce is seeking to support urban development actors to consider health outcomes in decision-making. They have been developing and implementing a new economic model that demonstrates the health and associated wider economic benefits of changing urban environments.

To build interest in this work and to get feedback on the model, the team is currently engaging with central government departments, including the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), His Majesty's Treasury (HMT), and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), as well as other stakeholders including local authorities, third sector organisations, consultancies,

and health professionals. They delivered a research seminar for DLUHC in May 2023 and are developing a series of policy briefings and academic articles around tackling the wider determinants of health, levelling up and economic valuation models.

The team's work is one of several interventions on the TRUUD project that together are seeking to change how decision-making is made across the urban development system, to ultimately create healthier urban environments. Dr Bates is working on the integration of these interventions across the project and a 'systems evaluation' of their cumulative effects.



Compliance of food safety regulations by the meat sector in England

Dr Andrea Serna-Castaño continues to work with the Food Standards Agency (FSA) on a project that seeks to apply behavioural science to food safety policy to maximise food business compliance. This is a joint project with the University of Bath Department of Economics and the Department of Psychology. The project seeks to explore the factors that affect business compliance of food safety and standards regulations, with the aim to design a behavioural intervention that encourages food business operators to comply with food safety regulation for the meat sector in England. This project runs until November 2023.

This work has allowed the IPR to develop expertise in the Hospital Episodes Statistics (HES) as part of an ongoing collaboration with Professor Eleonora Fichera in the Department of Economics at the University of Bath.



Climate change education in the UK

Dr Kath Lee has been working on a review of the provision of climate change education in the secondary curriculum in the four UK nations. Dr Lee is focusing on what is included about solutions to climate change, how the countries compare to one another and whether what is included corresponds with their respective net zero plans.

Results from Dr Lee's research will be submitted to a journal. She will also publish a policy brief based on her research. Dr Lee has been collaborating with ESRC postdoctoral fellows from other universities and they are planning to put together a further funding bid. Dr Lee also presented at the Royal Geographical Society conference in August 2023.



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 in 2022–2023 include:

- Regional policy capabilities in England
- 'World Island'
- Historical research at IPR
- Finance and public policy research at IPR

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



Regional policy capabilities in England

Research funded by Research England on regional policymaking in the Mayoral Combined Authorities was completed by Professor Nick Pearce, Dr Charles Larkin, Dr Geoff Bates and Laura Smyth, and an article has been accepted for publication in *Local Economy*. The findings of the research have also been used to inform discussions with regional business leaders and policy officials about the development of the West of England's research and development and policy capabilities.



'World Island'

Professor Nick Pearce has been commissioned by Polity Press to co-author a book with Professor Michael Kenny at the University of Cambridge on political visions of Britain's role in the world, from Empire to Global Britain. The provisional title is *World Island*. This work will be supported by the IPR's research assistant Dr Alice Morrey.



Historical research at IPR

Dr Alice Morrey was awarded her PhD from the University of Bristol and looks forward to advancing her research. She is currently working on several papers on the role of religion in policymaking, as well as organising outreach activities enabled by a recent University of Bath Knowledge Exchange Fellowship. This year, Dr Morrey has also been working with Professor Nick Pearce on his new book, *World Island*, as well as the recent academic partnership with Yonsei University, South Korea.



Finance and public policy research at IPR

Dr Charles Larkin continues to work on the economics of cryptocurrencies as well as public policy work related to the economics of transport with the IAAPS/Institute for Propulsion and Mobility. Dr Larkin, with his co-author Professor Shaen Corbet of Dublin City University, has two articles under review with the *Journal of Financial Economics* and the *Journal of Corporate Finance*, which explore the effects of emotions on equity performance using the case study of Kodak and Kodakcoin.

Dr Larkin continues to work with Professor Martin Curley of Maynooth University, Ireland (now a visiting professor at the University of Bath) on the economics of digital health, in collaboration with Dr Garcia-Lazaro. Dr Larkin presented a paper on higher education governance and oversight to the University of Bath Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) conference in June 2023.

Dr Larkin continues to be part of funding applications from the Department of Electrical Engineering on the future of the electricity grid and regulatory requirements of a net-zero electricity system. Dr Larkin is working with the Dean of Engineering and Visiting Professor of Engineering Education, Professor Rick Miller, former president of Olin College of Engineering, on a new programme of education linking engineering, climate change and socio-economic challenges. The outcome of that project should be a monograph sometime in late 2024.



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 Larkin has also maintained research and teaching collaborations with the Krieger School of Arts and Science at Johns Hopkins University, Dublin City University and the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

As part of his work with the Made Smarter Innovation: Centre for People-Led Digitalisation, Dr 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 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 Freiburg 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). In March 2023, Dr Jorge Mendez Astudillo from the Institute of Economic Research, UNAM, visited Bath to work with Dr Garcia-Lazaro on the performance of labour markets with respect to digital skills with special attention to the nuclear power industry. This is a project which developed from the work on People-Led Digitalisation and in collaboration with Professor Linda Newnes of the Faculty of Engineering.

The IPR also visited the Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas (IIEc) at UNAM, Mexico, for a joint conference on the labour market, education, and digital transformation from 17–19 October 2022. The visit took place as part of an ongoing research partnership with colleagues across the IIEc and UNAM, sponsored by the University of Bath International Funding Scheme, which analysed developed and developing economies and explored whether technological change is shrinking households' income share.

Arranged as part of an academic partnership with Yonsei University, and sponsored by the UKRI Fund for International Collaboration, experts from the Institute for Welfare State Research (IWSR) at Yonsei University, South Korea, joined the IPR for a two-day conference from 5–7 October 2022. The conference explored what lessons could be learnt for post-pandemic recovery and reform. Across panel sessions and presentations, open to staff and students across the University of Bath, several key core areas were covered, 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.






Publications

We use SciVal to evaluate the performance of our research publications. SciVal is a research performance assessment tool which analyses data from Scopus, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature.

Key highlights for 2022–2023 are as follows:

- Our 2020–2023 Field-Weighted Citation Impact Score was 2.90 (average is 1.0)
- 25% of our publications appear in the top 10% cited worldwide
- 37% of our publications appear in the top 10% journals worldwide
- 50% of our publications are published with international collaborators
- Our publications into cryptocurrencies, the internet of things, prices and exchange rates, the connection between health and the built environment, debt and personal finance, carbon markets, and China appear in the top 1% of publications globally

IPR published journal articles and books (August 2022 – July 2023)

Research Theme	Research Area	Publication Area
UBILab@IPR		Chrisp, J. and De Wispelaere, J. (2022). Parading Utopia on the road to nowhere? An introduction to the special issue on the policy impact of the European basic income experiments. <i>European Journal of Social Security</i> , 24(3), pp. 167–176.
		Chrisp, J. and De Wispelaere, J. (2023). A basic income for every crisis? Building blocks of a political economy framework. <i>Journal of Sociology</i> , 0(0).
Education, welfare and work		Garcia-Lazaro, A. and Pearce, N. (2023). Intangible capital, the labour share and national growth regimes. <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> , 51(2), pp. 674–695.
		Garcia-Lazaro, A. (2023). 'Digital adoption in times of crisis: A study for the European countries', in Sainz, J. and Sanz, I. (eds.) <i>New trends in educational assessment in Iberoamerican countries. Reviewing the effect of gender, pandemics, poverty and new technologies in education</i> . Springer (forthcoming).
		Lattanzio, S., Newnes, L., Goh, Y., Houghton, R. and Garcia-Lazaro, A. (2022). 'European Union Conceptualisation of Industry 5.0: Opportunities and Challenges for Transdisciplinary Engineering', in Moser, B. R., Koomsap, P. and Stjepandić, J. (eds.) <i>Transdisciplinary and Future Engineering Conference Proceedings. Advances in Transdisciplinary Engineering</i> , 28, pp. 717–726.
		Garcia-Lazaro, A., Martin, C. and Okolo, M. (2023). Education, Informality, and the Pandemic: Explaining the Unequal Impacts of Covid-19 in the Mexican Labour Market, pp. 1–18 and Online Appendix, pp. 1–10. (in submission to the <i>Regional ABS</i> 3).
		Garcia-Lazaro, A., Ballestar, M. T., Sainz, J. and Sanz, I. (2023). Automation and robots effect on employment for micro, small, medium, and large-sized companies. Working Paper, pp. 1–30. (Submitted to <i>British Journal of Management ABS</i> 4).
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		Corbet, S. and Larkin, C. (2022). The effects of German economic and political progress on the Sparkassen savings bank system. <i>Research in International Business and Finance</i> , 61, 101630.
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IPR Postgraduate Teaching and Internships



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 full-time 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 (ART-AI) and the Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems (IAAPS).



Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice (DPRP)

Over 70 mid-career policy professionals from more than 20 countries are registered on our Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice (DPRP). In September 2022, a ninth cohort of 11 students joined the annual residential workshop, and this was followed by a hybrid workshop in January 2023. Doctoral graduates from the programme in the last year were Sue Godt (“Private global corporations and the Sustainable Development Goals: primary health and education provision in Kenya and Uganda”), Njahira Karanja (“Values and technology in justice: blockchain’s transformative potential for case management in Kenya”) and Pensiri Ariyapruchya (“When self-organisation meets formalisation: an institutional analysis of savings groups in Thailand”), while Robert Maate graduated at Masters level. Professor Jo Chataway (UCL) completed four years as external examiner of the taught stage of the programme and was replaced by Professor Dennis Grube (Cambridge University).



MSc in Public Policy (MPP)

By the end of 2022, thirty-three students were enrolled on our MSc in Public Policy (MPP) across both years of the programme. In December 2022, we also celebrated the graduation of our 2020–2021 cohort of nineteen students.

Across all cohorts we currently have students employed in ministries and government departments – including the Ministry of Defence (MoD), the Department for Business and Trade (DBT), the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT). We also have students from several countries working for national regulators, as political party and parliamentary officers, or for organisations such as the World Food Programme, the British Red Cross, the United Nations, Oxfam, the UK Citizens Advice Bureau, and the Property Ombudsman.

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.



IPR PhD students

The IPR continues to develop capability in-house. We have two existing staff members embarking on new research phases of their careers. IPR Research Assistant Laura Smyth has just begun her work on a part-time doctorate as part of the People-Led Digitalisation project, looking at regional industrial policy and new working spaces. This is a joint supervisory doctorate between the School of Management and the IPR. In addition, IPR Research Assistant Alice Morrey was awarded her doctorate in June 2023 and will now embark on her own research as a historian at the IPR.

The IPR continues to develop and foster PhD candidates from many departments across the University. The IPR is heavily involved in the University's Research Culture Committee, which is funded by Research England to support the development of researchers and put in place support to facilitate impactful and ethical research practices.

Current PhD candidates that are (co-)supervised by IPR researchers include:

- Rachel Ambler: ‘The impact of Early Childhood Development on Social Mobility in the UK’
- 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?’
- Joe Goodier: ‘Interpretable Diagnostic Imaging Using Generative Priors’
- Nadim Hamdan: ‘The Impact of COVID-19 on Ethnic Disparities in the British Labour Market’
- Levana Magnus: ‘The Jobcentre, welfare-to-work agencies, and the household: The network of labour-market activation under Universal Credit’
- Tasha Marino: ‘Decarbonising the UK industrial sectors through Green Hydrogen, its storage and floating offshore wind: Lessons from the literature’
- Jac McCluskey: ‘A green bond for the finance of low-carbon bus operations’
- Deborah Morgan: ‘The role of anticipatory regulatory instruments within the regulation of AI systems. A comparative study of regulatory sandbox schemes’
- Jose Antonio Muñiz Martínez: ‘ESG, EDI and SRI reporting and equity market performance’
- Maxime Perrott: ‘Exploring the relationship between relative school starting age, emotional development and ADHD diagnosis in England’
- Patrick Prince: ‘The identification of a breakthrough entrepreneurial opportunity that is pursued in a cross-industry alliance entrepreneurship’
- Laura Smyth: ‘Place, Governance Structures and Narrative: A case study of digital skills policy in England’



IPR Internships

The IPR also runs an internship programme that allows students and junior researchers to enhance their research and professional skills.

IPR interns in 2022–2023 included:

- Ahmad Alkuchikmulla, BSc Politics and Economics
- Zach Burdon, BSc Economics, University of Bath
- Matthew Carr, BSc Mathematics, Statistics and Data Science, University of Bath
- Sophia Li, BSc Economics, University of Bath
- Valeria Ortega Berzunza, International Tax Consultant, Symbiotics
- Nadine Shannon, Research Assistant, Trinity College Dublin
- Kristian Williams, BSc Politics and International Relations, University of Bath

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**IPR Policy
Programmes**



IPR Policy Programmes

During 2022–2023, we have delivered our policy engagement work virtually and in person.

We continued to develop our activity and relationships between University of Bath academics and policymakers across Whitehall and the West of England and enabled international policy engagement through our virtual programme offer, and engagement at COP27. Our policy engagement activities align with core areas of the University’s research strengths and our own expertise, as well as the needs of local, national and, at times, international policymakers.

We engage regularly with key partners and networks, including the Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN), the Foundation for Science and Technology (FST), and the UK Universities Climate Change Network (UUCN).

This year we expanded our Policy Fellowship Programme by introducing a new stream on Net zero: transport, buildings and infrastructure. We have also received funding to set up a regionally focused Policy Fellowship Programme, from Autumn 2023.

In addition, we hosted five well-attended Masterclasses with the Policy Profession Unit as well as a workshop for policy professionals from the former Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), in association with the Chief Scientific Advisor’s office. We have also supported successful research grant applications, such as Dr Kath Lee’s ESRC Post Doc Research Fellowship and Dr Joanna Clifton-Sprigg’s Understanding Society research fellowship.

Finally, we co-produced ActNowFilm: intergenerational conversations on climate change, an innovative global youth voices film which was launched in the Blue Zone at COP27 in November 2022.

Drawing on the wealth of knowledge and expertise across our university has been incredibly important for policy decision-makers.

Amy Thompson, Head of Policy Programmes and Communications



The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme (PFP)

The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme (PFP) provides senior policymakers and decision-makers from government and the third sector with the opportunity to meet with world-class academics from across the University of Bath to explore the policy questions, or challenges, they are looking to address in their professional role.

We host policy fellows through the following streams:

- Policy Fellowship Programme (PFP)
- PFP: Artificial Intelligence
- PFP: Net Zero transport, buildings and infrastructure
- Affiliate agreement with the University of Cambridge Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP)

During the academic year 2022–2023, 23 policy fellows took part in our PFPs, involving 97 meetings with 66 Bath academics.

We have successfully engaged with policymakers from the Department for Transport (DfT), the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), the Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CCAV), the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), the Department for the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Department for Housing, Levelling Up and Communities (DHLUC).

In June 2023, we welcomed an in-person team visit from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which supported an existing research project with our Department for Education.



The Policy Fellowship Programme: Artificial Intelligence (AI)

We were delighted to welcome multiple fellows from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the Competition and Markets Authority, and the Jersey Electoral Authority.

In June 2023 we hosted an in-person roundtable with the Office for AI to help explore an area of interest for its AI Regulation White Paper.



The IPR Policy Fellowship Programme: Net Zero transport, buildings and infrastructure

We launched a new Policy Fellowship Programme on Net Zero transport, buildings and infrastructure in September 2022, which developed out of the former Policy Fellowship Programme: sustainable transport. This was funded by the Research England Policy Support Fund.

This programme has enabled thirty-four University of Bath academics to directly connect with ten policymakers in central and local government, from across the Department for Transport (DfT), the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). A total of 65 meetings took place with Bath academics.

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



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

During 2022–2023, we hosted one fellow through our CSaP affiliate programme, from the NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit.

Policy Fellows during 2022–2023

Date	Policy Fellow	Job Title	Organisation
Sept 2022	Rob Evans	Senior Policy Adviser, Road Freight Regulation	Department for Transport
Sept 2022	Niamh Godfrey	Policy Officer Apprentice	Department for Transport
Oct 2022	Alex Hodnett	Economist	The Competition and Markets Authority; Jersey Electoral Authority
Nov 2022	Nikita Bhangu	Head of Digital Standards	Department for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport
Dec 2022	Freya Hempleman	Executive Assistant, International Digital Policy Directorate	Department for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport
Dec 2022	George Economides	Head of AI and Autonomy	Department for Transport
Dec 2022	Nikita Bhangu	Head of Digital Standards	Department for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport
	Rebecca Anselmetti	AI Policy and Global Standards	
	Freya Hempleman	Executive Assistant, International Digital Policy Directorate	
Dec 2022	Sebastian Allan	Senior Policy Advisor	Department for Transport, OZEV
Jan 2023	Rebecca Anselmetti	AI Policy and Global Standards	Department for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport
Feb 2023	Rebecca Posner	Head of Social and Behavioural Research	Department for Transport, CCAV
Feb 2023	Jamie Hodson	Head of Future AV Regulation	Department for Transport
May and June 2023	Anonymous, team visit	Anonymous (Job share)	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
June 2023	Dr Oruba Al Mousa	Chief Field Education Program	The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East UNRWA
	Hanan Kanash	Chief Teaching and Learning Division	
	Fuad Jadallah	Division Head Monitoring Research and EMIS Unit	
	Kedir Yimam	Senior Protection Officer	
	Kamal Jabr	Inclusive Education Advisor	
	Seif Zuraiqi	Inclusive Education Advisor	
	Duaa Shaheen	Inclusive Education Advisor	
	Georges Boade	Senior Education Programme Specialist	
Sharon Laap	Consultant – Digital Learning Platform Project		
June 2023	Mike Reddaway	Senior Policy Adviser	Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
June 2023	Fraser Battey	Principal Consultant, The Strategy Unit	NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit



Policy Profession Masterclasses

During 2022–2023, five Masterclasses were held with the Policy Profession Unit, with approximately 250 senior policymakers attending.

- Good evidence for good policy. Professor Harry Rutter, Professor of Global Public Health, University of Bath and Dr Kit Yates, Senior Lecturer, University of Bath. Chair: Simon Parker, Director of Transformation, Department for Education. October 2022
- Putting behaviour change evidence into practice: lessons from environmental and transport policy. Professor Lorraine Whitmarsh MBE, University of Bath and Pete Dyson, Principal Behavioural Scientist, Department for Transport. Chair: Siobhan Campbell, Deputy Chief Scientific Advisor, Department for Transport. November 2022
- How do you draw on scientific advice in radical uncertainty? Professor Carole Mundell, Head of Astrophysics, University of Bath. Chair: Simon Whitfield, Deputy Director of Global Issues and Opportunities at Go-Science. December 2022
- Storytelling and story listening in policymaking. Dr Claire Craig, Provost of The Queen’s College, University of Oxford and Professor Lorraine Whitmarsh MBE, University of Bath. Chair: Caroline Cooke, Head of Policy Profession Unit. June 2023
- Policy design and Artificial Intelligence: Understanding the role of regulation, bias and governance. Professor Nello Cristianini, Professor of Artificial Intelligence, University of Bath; Professor Özgür Şimşek, Head of the Artificial Intelligence, University of Bath and Machine Learning and Professor Emma Carmel, Professor of Governance and Public Policy, University of Bath. Charlie Eastaugh: Head of International Ops in the Small Boats Operational Command (SBOC), Border Force. July 2023



Policy Engagement Networks and Partners



The Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN)

UPEN is a network of 120 UK universities who are working together to increase the public policy impact of 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 the lead UPEN policy lead 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

We have continued our membership with 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: The emerging shape of REF 2028; Equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM; The use of AI in the early detection of disease; and How can schools and colleges prepare young people for a technological life and help tackle the technical skills gap?



The UK Universities Climate Network (UUCN)

Founded in 2019 as the COP26 Universities Network, the UUCN is a growing group of over 100 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.



COP27 and ActNowFilm

In 2022, Amy Thompson co-directed the leadership team for ActNowFilm: intergenerational conversations on climate change, an innovative global youth voices film highlighting the lived experiences of climate change across generations.

The film was produced by the IPR and Cambridge Zero, with support from the UK Universities Climate Network (UUCN), and in partnership with ForAfrika, the Global Alliance of Universities on Climate (GAUC), and Plant-for-the-Planet. It was showcased in the Blue Zone at COP27 on 9 November 2022, with Amy Thompson part of the selected panel virtually presenting the film.

The film, which was drawn from submissions from every continent, except Antarctica, features intergenerational conversations in which both young and older people share their lived experiences of climate change, as well as their hopes and fears for the future. It shows the rapid escalation of climate impacts on people and places over the lifetimes of participants, in multiple locations across the world, and that now is the time for urgent action to stop climate change.

It follows on from the success of the first ActNowFilm, which premiered at COP26 and was subsequently screened at the GAUC Climate Youth Summit on Net-Zero Futures, the UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP15), and Climate Week NYC.

A third film – ActNowFilm: youth climate leaders in conversation with climate experts – is currently in production. It will feature youth climate leaders having 1-2-1 conversations with international climate experts from indigenous communities, business, policy, the third sector and academia. The film will be launched at COP28, which will take place from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai.



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 Fellowship Programme, engaged in multiple policy networks leveraging their benefits and run five highly successful Masterclasses. 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 COP27 work we are well connected to the UK university and policy sector, and we have established 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.



Events and Communications



IPR Events

Between August 2022 and July 2023, we have continued to deliver a varied and engaging programme of 22 public-facing events, including 14 lectures, seminars, and book discussions, five panel discussions, and three conferences.

Nine of these events were hosted in collaboration with other University of Bath institutions or external partners, such as the Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations (CAST), the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), and Bristol Ideas.

Our collaboration with the latter has included co-hosting the third all-day basic income conference in October 2022, themed 'Back to basics: Income for everyone?', which featured conversations and panel discussions with leading thinkers, politicians, and policymakers.

At the start of the academic year, we launched a new lecture series on the global polycrisis. As part of this series, we were delighted to host a range of high-profile speakers, including Andrew Haldane (Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts), Michael Woolcock (Lead Social Scientist in the World Bank's Development Research Group), Baroness Parminter (Chair of the Lords Select Committee on Environment and Climate Change), and Professor Lawrence O. Gostin (University Professor at Georgetown University), to name just a few.

In total, about 2,000 people attended our events during the reporting period. Additional engagement with our events series has been achieved through our Policy Podcast series, which has accumulated more than 116,000 listens, and our online lectures, which have received over 37,500 views in total, as well as accompanying social media activities.



Polycrisis!

Our 2022–2023 public event series, entitled 'Polycrisis!', has explored the multiple, overlapping crises of our time and how the global community can best navigate them. As part of this lecture series, we were delighted to welcome leading experts and changemakers, who offered insights on the lessons we have learnt from recent

disruptions and how we may find effective responses to the global polycrisis.

Among many other themes, speakers in this series have explored: the climate and nature emergency and the challenges involved in greening the economy; health security and inequality in the post-Covid world; the future of international development cooperation; the opportunities and dangers presented by new technologies; the crisis in democratic politics; economic challenges, from growing public debts to the rise of intangible assets; and the need to fundamentally rethink our social institutions and cultural norms to support new ways of living and working in the 21st century.



IPR Publications

We produced five 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 2022–2023:

- Charles, A. and Blondel, P. (2023). *Our oceans: A deep dive*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath
- Weyman, A., Glendinning, R., O'Hara, R., Coster, J., Roy, D. and Nolan, P. (2023). *Should I stay or should I go? NHS staff retention in the post Covid-19 world*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath
- Dickson, M. (2023). *The effect of education participation on youth custody: causal evidence from England*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath
- Griffith, R. (2022). *Universal Credit, working claimants and the government's cost of living support*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath

- Pearce, N., Chrisp, J. and Garcia-Lazaro, A. (2022). *Technological change and growth regimes: Assessing the case for universal basic income (UBI) in an era of declining labour shares*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath.
- Milligan, L. O. and Adamson, L. (2022). *Girls' education and language of instruction: An extended policy brief*. Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath.



Media

In collaboration with the University of Bath communications department, we have assisted in the development of press opportunities for several academics, where there have been strong links or relevance to our research. During a tumultuous political year, the IPR has helped to provide media comment across a range of issues, including challenges facing the NHS, basic income, climate change, UK education policy, and the strategic challenges faced by the Conservative Party. IPR academics received over 150 media mentions in the reporting period, including coverage in outlets such as the BBC, The Guardian, the Financial Times, or iNews, and have provided radio and TV interviews for a range of media, from local media in the South West to international broadcasters such as Canada's CBC Radio.



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

We utilise social media platforms to engage with interested individuals and organisations. We have continued incrementally to grow our social media reach and engagement. The IPR LinkedIn account has over 1,630 followers. Our X (formerly Twitter) account has over 3,440 followers and our YouTube channel has over 580 subscribers.



IPR Policy podcasts

Our Policy Podcast series is designed to enable people who miss our events, or those located internationally, to catch up on the best of our lectures and seminars. To-date, we have 121 podcasts with over 116,000 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 580 subscribers. We have over 156 videos with more than 37,500 total views.



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 520 posts and received more than 310,200 total views.



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 to over 5,400 contacts. This continues to be an effective method for engaging with external stakeholders who are not on social media.



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