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Presentation

Key Highlights

The University of Bath Institute for Policy Research (IPR) is a leading institute of public policy research in the UK. We undertake and coordinate policy-relevant research, enabling it make an impact by building links with the worlds of policymaking and practice, and by increasing public understanding of policy research through our public lecture and policy brief series. We deliver activities for policymakers, researchers and practitioners that enable two-way learning and foster original research contributions to policy, delivered through our Policy Fellowship Programme, Professional Doctorate and Visiting Fellow schemes.

In 2015–2016, Professor Nick Pearce, former Head of No10 Policy Unit and Director at the Institute for Public Policy Research, was appointed Director of the IPR. A new Advisory Board was constituted and the staffing, research portfolio, programme activity and events and communications of the IPR were expanded.

Research



We have successfully bid for and been involved in research projects to the value of £431,685.



We have initiated, supported and delivered interdisciplinary research projects involving Bath colleagues in mathematics, engineering, international development, social policy, chemistry, economics, management and psychology.



We have initiated new IPR-led research projects on universal basic income, devolution to London, data worlds and the politics of public information, and the changing nature of work, family and the welfare state.

Events and Communications



Over 2,000 people have attended our Public Lectures, Policy Research Seminars, symposia and conferences.



We have hosted 16 IPR Public Lectures and Policy Seminars with speakers including Lord Willetts, Executive Chair of the Resolution Foundation; Dr Jo Farrar, CEO, Banes Council; Professor David Nutt, Imperial College London and Marcial Boo, Chief Executive, IPSA.



We launched an IPR Facebook page in June and have boosted our Twitter followers to over 1,100.



We established the IPR Blog at the beginning of the year which has published 67 posts by 33 authors, gaining an average monthly readership of 3,000.



We launched the IPR Policy Podcast Series in June.



We have issued eleven media releases and nine media features, and authored numerous press and comment articles.



We have commissioned and rolled out a rebrand for the IPR.

IPR Programmes

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Sixteen Policy Fellows have taken part in our Policy Fellowship Programme and undertaken 144 meetings with our academics.



Twelve students joined our Professional Doctorate Programme, taking our total number of students to 23 who work in 12 different countries.



We signed MOUs with the Institute for Public Affairs at Yonsei University in Korea and with the Institute of Government Sciences and Strategic Development in Mexico.

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Fifty-two individual meetings between policymakers and Professor Pearce have taken place.



Six new staff members and three PhD students have joined our team.



We developed an executive education programme for senior Malaysian civil servants with public policy and public sector HR academics at University of Science, Malaysia.



Contacts have been made with seven government departments, one select committee, two charities and three think-tanks.



Professor Janine Wedel of George Mason University was appointed as IPR Global Chair.

Our Structure

Our three strategic work programmes are:



Research

We undertake research into major public policy challenges and study how governments work and what they do. We have partnerships with university institutes around the world.



Events and Communications

We promote public debate through events, policy briefs and blogs, and facilitate exchange between researchers and practitioners.



Programmes

We offer professional doctorates and fellowship programmes to people working in policymaking as well as visiting opportunities to world-leading academics and policy practitioners.

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**Research
Highlights**

Research

The Institute for Policy Research undertakes research into major public policy challenges. Our work is organised into four global policy challenges:

- Changing Behaviour;
- Developing the Public Good;
- Innovation, Growth and Inclusive Prosperity;
- Resourcing the Future.

We foster interdisciplinary collaboration between researchers at the University of Bath in these areas, and undertake specific research projects.

We currently have active research projects on:

- The use of big, open and connected data in policymaking and citizen-led activism;
- Welfare states in transition, including analysis of proposals for a universal basic income;
- Access to renewable energy in development contexts;
- Interdisciplinary approaches to public policy theory;
- Devolution in the UK, including analysis of options for greater devolution to London.

We support policy-relevant Research Networks in different world regions, involving researchers, policymakers and practitioners. Through these we aim to engage more effectively with policy challenges emerging in different national and global contexts and to make the IPR a vehicle for cross-national policy learning.

We have active partnerships with a number of university research institutes around the world, including Yonsei University, South Korea; Institute of Government Sciences and Strategic Development, Mexico; Sciences Po, Paris and University of Science, Malaysia.



Examining the Case for a Basic Income

Principal Investigator

Dr Luke Martinelli, IPR Research Associate. Alumni funding until May 2017.

A key aspect of the project is to ask whether and in what circumstances the UK public would support a UBI

The IPR is leading on a research project on universal basic income (UBI). A UBI would guarantee every citizen a flat-rate, unconditional payment regardless of their employment status, which would not be withdrawn as earnings or income rose. Unusually for such a radical policy proposal, interest in and support for a UBI straddles the political spectrum, from socialists and greens through to social democrats and free market libertarians. Reflecting this ideological spread, there is no single proposal for what a UBI is or should be for, what it would look like, or how it could be made to work in practice.

The IPR research project 'Examining the Case for a Basic Income' seeks to move forward the debate on the need for a UBI in a real-world, evidence based way, subjecting the idea of a basic income to proper academic scrutiny. With donor funding a research project started in May 2016 is examining what a UBI might look like in a UK context, its key design features and distributional effects on different family and household types, and the practical and political obstacles that would need to be overcome if a UBI were to be adopted as a mainstream policy proposal.

Using desk research and mainly quantitative methods, the research is systematically analysing the trade-offs involved in the design of different UBI schemes with respect to cost, poverty alleviation and administrative feasibility. Using advanced microsimulation techniques, analysis is underway to examine the work incentive effects and distributional costs and benefits of different UBI schemes, exploring impacts disaggregated by family type, labour market status and disability status. Comparative analysis is also being conducted into the political and institutional factors affecting the feasibility of implementing UBI in different national contexts. Fieldwork, comprising interviews with politicians, policymakers and practitioners is taking place in Finland and the Netherlands, where different experimental versions of UBI-type schemes are currently being trialled.

A key aspect of the project is to ask whether and in what circumstances the UK public would support a UBI. The first of several open seminars to explore the wider issues and public concerns that implementing a UBI here might raise took place at the IPR in October 2016. It was led by Dr Malcolm Torry, founding member of the Citizen's Income Trust and author of three recent books: *Money for Everyone: Why we need a Citizen's Income* (2013); *101 Reasons for a Citizen's Income* (2015); and *The Feasibility of Citizen's Income* (2016).

A number of written outputs will be produced from the project including academic papers, an IPR Policy Brief and a full project report. A chapter entitled 'Making it Simple? Universal Basic Income', is also being prepared for publication in the forthcoming edited volume *Understanding social security and welfare reform* (eds. Millar and Sainsbury). Publications for wide public dissemination will be promoted at a launch event planned to take place in the spring of 2017 at the IPR's London office.



Deployable Sustainable Energy Sources for Use in Development Contexts

Principal Investigator

Professor Chick Wilson, Faculty of Science Associate Dean of Research. Global Challenge Research Fund funding until March 2017.

Two thirds of Africa's population – some 600 million people – have no access to a safe, reliable and affordable energy supply in their home

Affordable energy is essential to improving employment levels, incomes, educational achievement and living standards among Africa's poor. However, the African energy market is notoriously inefficient, expensive and under-invested. Two thirds of Africa's population – some 600 million people – have no access to a safe, reliable and affordable energy supply in their home. Scientific and technological advances offer vital solutions to some of the complex challenges of developing sustainable energy sources in Africa. However, too often the promised benefits fail to be realised in local development contexts. Frequently this is due to the complex interplay of politics, economics, public policy, education and poverty which, together with socio-cultural norms and preferences, defines the extent to which any new science or technology is fit for purpose and can or will be adopted in any particular local context.

With pump prime funding from the government's Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF), this interdisciplinary IPR feasibility study brings together technical and non-technical researchers from chemistry, engineering and development studies to develop a methodology for situating innovative technologies within a social-scientific framework that takes account of these factors, as well as national and local governance structures and global conventions such as UN Sustainable Development Goals. Through understanding these complex, contextual issues, this project will contribute to the successful implementation of affordable and societally-acceptable sustainable energy sources in developing countries in Africa.



Collaborating to Deliver Social Prescribing in Bath and North East Somerset

Principal Investigators

Professor Julie Barnett, Department of Psychology and Dr Hannah Durrant, IPR. Innovate UK funding until September 2017.

A collaboration between the IPR and Digital Algorithms Ltd; Developing Health & Independence; Wellbeing College; Second Step and Bath and North East Somerset Council, this project is developing new digital tools to expand social prescribing (SP) within the region. SP links primary healthcare services to third sector voluntary organisations through the provision of wellbeing and fitness courses which improve individual health. The aim is to consider health in a more holistic way by addressing broader social determinants of wellbeing like isolation and low income that can reduce the uptake and effectiveness of health and fitness programmes. SP programmes also aim to reduce pressures on overburdened health systems. Funded by Innovate UK, this project is helping GPs and patients to access local opportunities for improving health using tools like mobile phone apps. Emily Rempel, the doctoral student working on this project under the supervision of Professor Barnett, is developing an algorithm to systematically match individuals with SP opportunities based on their stated preferences and demographic profile.



London in a Post-Brexit World: What Role for Devolution?

Principal Investigators

Professor Nick Pearce, IPR and Dr Rita Griffiths, IPR. Donor funding until March 2017.

London is much more closely integrated with the rest of the EU than any other UK region. Consequently, the EU referendum's impact is expected to be more profound there than in other parts of the country. However, compared with cities like New York, Paris and Tokyo, London has very little power over tax and revenue collection or service delivery. Being undertaken jointly with the Centre for London and the University of Bath Institute for Mathematical Innovation (IMI), this project is assessing the potential impacts of Brexit on London's international position, exploring how increased devolution of revenue streams and decision-making powers to the mayor and London boroughs can help address the challenges and exploit the opportunities that Brexit presents. Key research themes being addressed include immigration, employment and

skills, housing and planning, land value tax and other options for fiscal devolution. The IPR and the IMI are leading on employment and skills and tax and revenue data modelling research strands. The research will feed into the work of the London Finance Commission and help take the argument forward by showing tangible possibilities and outcomes of fiscal devolution for London.



The Evidence Information Service

Principal Investigators

Professor Julie Barnett, Department of Psychology and Marsha Wood, IPR. GW4 Accelerator funding until May 2017.

Working with the House of Commons Library and in collaboration with academic colleagues from the Universities of Exeter, Cardiff and Bristol, this project is piloting an Evidence Information Service (EIS) to enhance parliamentary capacity for research-derived and evidence-informed policymaking. The project follows on from a successful feasibility study that established a community of academics and policy researchers investigating the wider issues related to evidence-based policymaking across different disciplines.



Data Worlds and the Politics of Public Information

Principal Investigator

Dr Jonathan Gray, IPR Prize Fellow, IPR.

How does data change the way that we think and act in response to issues? What role are new and emerging forms of “born digital” data coming to play in policymaking processes? What are the politics and consequences of recent initiatives to open up official information? How are citizens and civil society groups not only using official data – but attempting to change what is officially recognised by generating their own data using everything from drones to sensors, crowdsourcing apps to online data collection tools?

Incoming IPR Prize Fellow Jonathan Gray is examining these and other questions as part of his research agenda on “data worlds”. On the one hand he is charting the rise of different forms of “data speak” and “data work” in public life – particularly focusing on the ideals and practices associated with open data initiatives around the world. On the other hand he is looking at emerging forms

of public space around data – and how civil society groups and other actors are not only developing capacities to use data as an informational resource, but also to participate in the making of data infrastructures which shape public deliberation and decision-making.

As part of his fellowship Jonathan will be establishing a new Public Data Lab at the IPR to stimulate collaboration between researchers, civil society groups, journalists, developers, designers and public institutions around data infrastructures and data practices. This will include research, teaching and public engagement activities around the use of digital data in public policy research and practice.



Change, Choice and Constraint in Family and Work

Principal Investigators

Professor Jane Millar,
IPR and Department
of Social and Policy
Sciences and
Professor Tess Ridge,
Department of Social
and Policy Sciences.
Joseph Rowntree
Foundation funding
until February 2017.

This research examines the nature and role of relationships, especially family relationships, in sustaining work and quality of life, as well as the experience, meaning and impact of security/insecurity and uncertainty in family life over time. In 2004 we interviewed a sample of lone mothers and their children when the mothers had recently started work. That was a time of significant change in the shape and direction of social security and employment policy for families. There was a commitment to increasing employment rates and making work pay. There was a promise to end child poverty. Our in-depth interviews explored the transition to work and the impact of work on quality of life and well-being. The financial crisis of 2008, the economic recession, and the political and policy changes that followed have all highlighted the challenges facing such families. The 2016 follow-up interviews examine how the participants have managed work and family over time. The research explores how the participants themselves identify what they believe were key points of choice and decision-making.

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Events and Communications

IPR events and communications activities have included:

- Producing and disseminating research through a refocused Policy Brief format;
- Communicating our research activities and strengths internally to our community and externally to targeted policymakers, members of the public and the media;
- Communicating and developing our policy research reputation both within the UK and internationally;
- Delivering a range of public and policy engagement events, linking our researchers with policymakers;
- Marketing our Professional Doctorate;
- Marketing and successfully running the Policy Fellowship Programme;
- Marketing our international Visiting Policymaker and scholar schemes;
- Establishing best practice use of social media platforms;
- Introduction and management of the IPR Blog and creation of the IPR Policy Podcast series;
- Maintaining the IPR website;
- Carrying out a rebranding exercise for the IPR.



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IPR Public Lectures

Six high-profile Public Lectures have been held. Through the selection of high-calibre international speakers the IPR has continued to maintain its reputation for engaging with current public policy and policy debates. Public Lectures have ranged from Lord Willetts, Executive Chair of the Resolution Foundation talking on fairness between the generations, to Dr Jo Farrar, CEO, Banes Council outlining how to transform public services in a time of austerity, to Professor David Nutt, Imperial College London outlining the case for putting science at the heart of UK drug and alcohol policy to Professor David Stasavage, New York University discussing how we can tax the rich and promote fiscal fairness in the United States and Europe.

2,000 people have attended our Public Lectures and our event reach has been extended further by the launch of our new IPR Policy Podcast Series.

Listen to our Policy Podcast series: bit.ly/2jQi9i8



IPR Public Policy Research Seminars and Policy Debates

The overall aim is to discuss policy issues, concerns and ideas on specific themes and to foster a shared language across the research/policy divide and research/policy links

Ten IPR Public Policy Research Seminars have been held. IPR Public Policy Research Seminars are academic- and practitioner-led events which aim to engage University of Bath research with current debate and issues in the policy world. The overall aim is to discuss policy issues, concerns and ideas on specific themes and to foster a shared language across the research/policy divide and research/policy links.

Titles of seminars in this series have included: 'Child Poverty and Social Mobility: Lessons for Research and Policy', 'Regulating Risk or Hindering Innovation?', 'What is the Future of the EU Precautionary Principle?', 'How Can We Achieve Effective Management and Leadership Skills in the Public Sector?', 'Rewiring Britain's Civil Service: Lessons Learnt as COO of Her Majesty's Government', and 'Brexit or Bremain – What's Best for Business in the South West?'.

The IPR Policy Research Seminars are open to all members of the University, policymakers and practitioners.



IPR Conferences, Symposia and Workshops

Approximately 700 people have attended these events.

We have run six international conferences, symposia and workshops which have taken place in Bath, Sun Yat-sen University, China and Mexico. Approximately 700 people have attended these events with keynote highlights including Lord Kerslake, Former Head of the Civil Service; the Rt Hon Douglas Alexander, former Shadow Foreign Secretary and Secretary for International Development; Professor Nancy Cartwright of Durham University; Carey Oppenheim, CEO of the Early Intervention Foundation; Elliot Stern, Editor, *Evaluation*; Siobhan Campbell, Head of Policy Evaluation at the Department of Energy and Climate Change; Jonathan Breckon, Head of the Alliance for Useful Evidence and Professor Ricardo Garcia Mira, Coruna University.

Event Highlight: Evidence and the Politics of Policymaking: Where Next?

On 14th and 15th September 2016, the IPR ran an international symposium entitled 'Evidence and the Politics of Policymaking: Where Next?'. Thirty-one speakers participated in the event, which included presentations from leading academics, NGO leaders and politicians; keynote addresses were delivered by the Rt Hon Douglas Alexander, Lord Kerslake, Professor Nancy Cartwright of the University of Durham and Carey Oppenheim, CEO of the Early Intervention Foundation. 169 guests were registered for the event, representing the maximum capacity for the venue, and all of the sessions and presentations were digitally captured for later broadcast on the IPR's homepage and Soundcloud playlist.



Social Media, IPR Policy Podcast Series, IPR Blog

The last year has seen us engaging with a broader mix of policymakers, practitioners, academics and members of the public

The IPR utilises social media platforms to engage with interested individuals and organisations. Over the last year we have introduced an IPR Blog, Facebook page and Policy Podcast series. We have also significantly increased our Twitter following. Our social media strategy has been very successful and the last year has seen us engaging with a broader mix of policymakers, practitioners, academics and members of the public interested in our research, events and publications.



Twitter

Our Twitter account, launched in May 2016, is used as a channel to interact with interested parties for bite-sized, fresh and up-to-date policy commentary as it happens including our latest news, events, publications and policy engagement opportunities. Our followers have increased since launch to over 1,100.

- **Follow us on Twitter: @UniofBathIPR**



Facebook

Our page was established in June 2016 to engage with like-minded policy individuals in a more in-depth and interactive way than Twitter, or on our website. To date we have garnered 51 likes. We have plans to increase the number of followers and user engagement over the next few months.

- **Like us on Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/instituteforpolicyresearch



IPR Policy Podcasts

Our Policy Podcast series was launched in June 2016 to enable people who miss our events, or those located internationally, to catch up on the best of our lectures and seminars. Nine Policy Podcasts have been released so far, which collectively have been played nearly 6,500 times.

- **Listen to our Policy Podcasts:**
bit.ly/2jQigi8



IPR Blog

Established at the beginning of this year the blog offers expert analysis, debate and comment on recent developments across UK government, policy and academia. The IPR Blog is for researchers, academics and policy experts to blog on a range of topical policy-relevant issues, with the potential to reach a wide audience. We publish posts that reflect the expertise in research at the University of Bath and mirror the current priorities of external policy stakeholders and research funders.

- **Read our blog:**
blogs.bath.ac.uk/iprblog/



Media Engagement

We have issued eleven media releases and nine media features and run an exclusive interview in the Financial Times with Lord Kerslake, former Head of the Civil Service.

Additionally Professor Nick Pearce has edited four editions of the journal *Juncture*.



IPR Publications

The IPR has refocused its approach to a commission-based Policy Brief series. In the lead up to the Brexit vote, 13 University of Bath academics contributed to the Policy Brief: *'What country friends, is this?' A guide to the EU Referendum debate*. The reformatted Policy Brief was really well received.

Forthcoming Policy briefs include *Racism: The New Normal?* and *Public Policy in Brexit Britain*.

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IPR Programmes

Through our programme streams we deliver activities for policymakers, researchers and practitioners to enable learning from and the opportunity to make original contributions to both research and practice in a broad range of settings.



Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice

We have successfully recruited a second cohort of 12 students onto the DPRP this academic year

The Professional Doctorate programme (DPRP) is designed to enable experienced professionals working in a range of policy arenas – locally, nationally, and globally – to develop their policy analysis expertise without having to take a full career break. Combining advanced training in policy research and analysis with a thesis based on original research, it is based on a cohort model and can be spread out over up to six years.

We have successfully recruited a second cohort of 12 students onto the DPRP this academic year. Recruitment was easier in the second year, suggesting that the DPRP is establishing a profile and reputation. Experience from the DPRP is informing planning for a new Masters in Public Policy, which the Department of Social and Policy Sciences is undertaking in partnership with the IPR.

The two-week residential component of the IPR's DPRP took place between 5th and 16th September 2016. 23 students from five continents attended the course, with each of the two cohorts following a separate programme of lectures, seminars and drop-in sessions provided by 14 members of University staff. The DPRP students also attended 'Evidence and the Politics of Policymaking: Where Next?' and participated in plenary sessions in the days that followed the symposium.

See pages 24–25 for a map displaying the international breadth of our students.



Policy Fellowship Programme

The IPR is very grateful to all the academics for their significant contribution to the success of the programme

The IPR offers a Policy Fellowship Programme to civil servants and senior figures in the NGO world, loosely modelled on the University of Cambridge CSAP fellowship. It typically involves fellows visiting the University for two days for a series of meetings with academics. These meetings, coordinated by the IPR, address the policy or managerial issues which are most important for the fellows. They help to build networks in Whitehall for our academics and enable policymakers to benefit from the leading-edge research knowledge of the University's staff. We have started to open up the programme to public officials from the West of England, whether based in government agencies or local authorities. Devolution offers us greater opportunities for engaging with policymakers in the region. The IPR is very grateful to all the academics for their significant contribution to the success of the programme.

In this reporting year 16 Fellows have taken part in our Policy Fellowship Programme involving 144 meetings with University of Bath academics from 15 departments and the School of Management.



International Partnerships

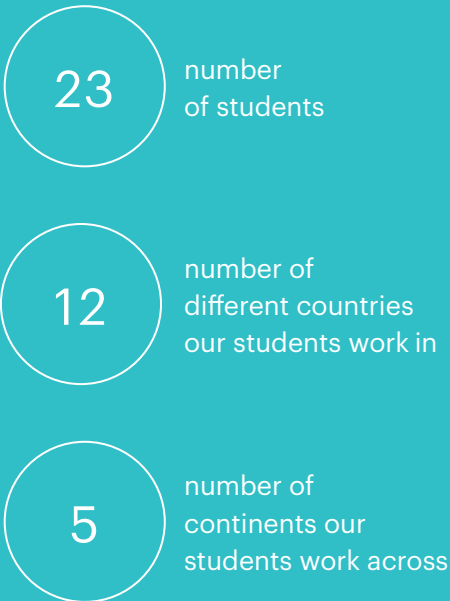
Subject to successful enrolment, the programme will be delivered in Bath and the new London offices

We have signed MOUs with the Institute for Public Affairs at Yonsei University in Korea and the Institute of Government Sciences and Strategic Development in Mexico. These build on our social policy and public policy research interests, respectively. We are also in discussions with the Hertie School in Berlin, and will seek to secure EU academic partners for a 2017 Horizon 2020 bid on data and politics.

In support of the University's international strategy, we have developed an executive education programme for senior Malaysian civil servants with public policy and public sector HR academics at University of Science, Malaysia. Subject to successful enrolment, the programme will be delivered in Bath and the new London offices.

The Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice attracts high-profile international students from a wide range of roles and backgrounds.

Cohort profile



Jeff Farrar
Wales | Chief Constable of Gwent Police

Andrew Fyfe
New York | Head of Evaluation at the UN Capital Development Fund

Déborah Itriago
Washington | Political analyst for Oxfam Intermón

Douglas Akaligaung
Ghana | Programme Coordinator for international aid management in the Office of the President Ghana

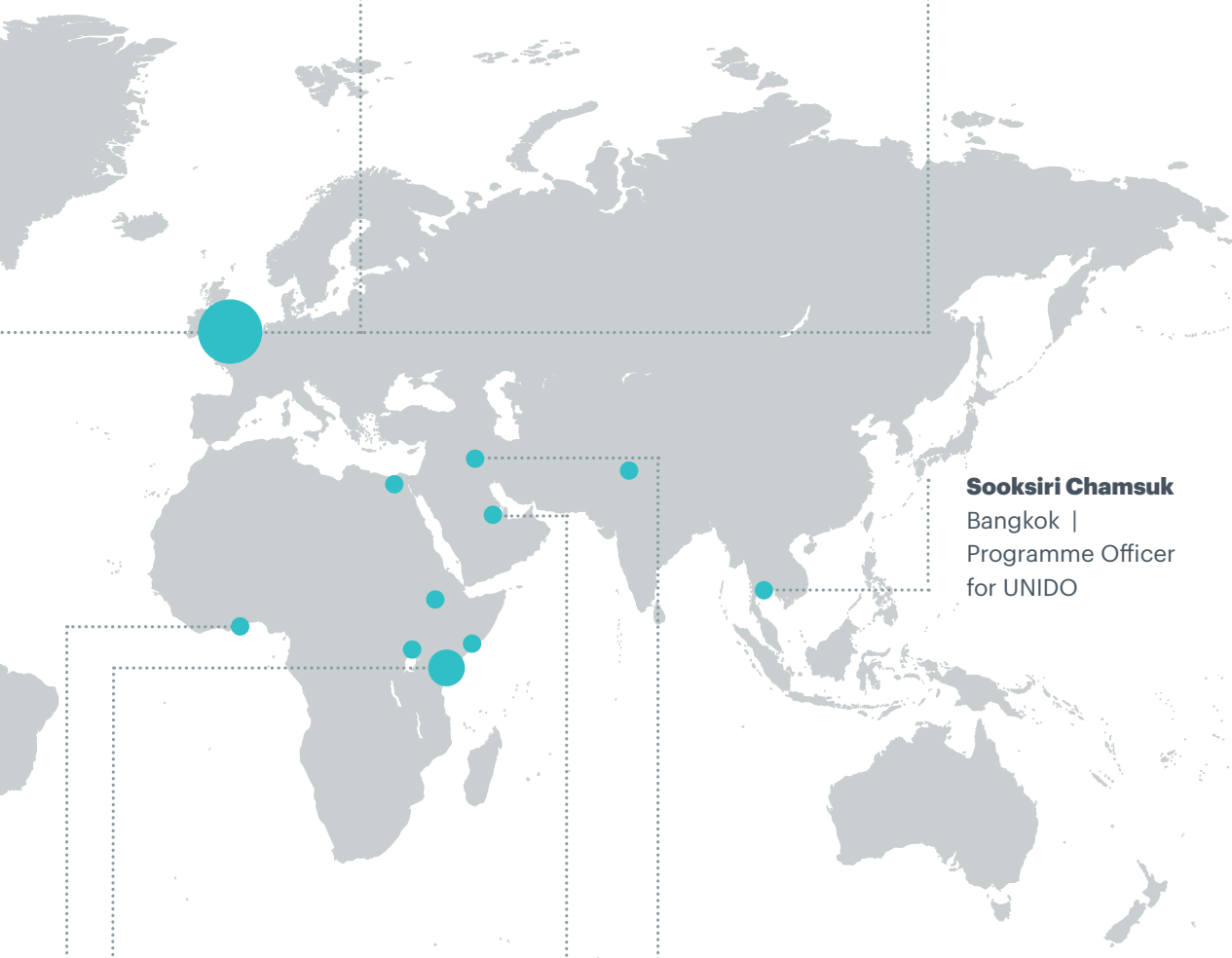


Giorgia Iacopini

London | Senior researcher and consultant at the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations

Rob Fuller

Oxford | Impact Evaluation Consultant for Oxfam GB



Sooksiri Chamsuk

Bangkok | Programme Officer for UNIDO

Njahira Mary Karanja

Kenya | Judiciary in Kenya and formerly at United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Atif Khurshid

Iraq | UNICEF Iraq as Chief of Social Policy

Majid Bin Ayed Al-Ayed

Saudi Arabia | Director of Business Development



Staffing, Visiting Fellows and Chairs

Visiting Fellows and Chairs

Yunsheng Zhou of China University of Mining and Technology joined the IPR for one year from 1st February 2015 to 31st January 2016 as an IPR Visiting Scholar. While at the IPR, Yunsheng's research focused on changing workplace health and safety culture with a specific focus on the mining sector.

Dr Young Jun Cho of Yonsei University in Korea was a Visiting Fellow from August 2015 to June 2016. His research while at Bath was concerned with international free trade agreements (including the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Agreement) and their implications for national social policies.

Professor Janine Wedel of George Mason University was appointed an IPR Global Chair earlier this year and gave her inaugural lecture to a packed audience at the University in April 2016. She is an anthropologist who works on networks of influence in policymaking. Professor Wedel is also based at the Hertie School in Berlin.

Professor Ricardo Garcia Mira of Coruna University has been appointed an IPR Visiting Professor. Professor Garcia Mira is a professor in social and environmental psychology and a member of the Spanish parliament. He gave a keynote lecture at our risk conference earlier this year. He will be helping IPR develop its research networks in Europe.

Professor Sue Maguire, formerly of Warwick University, has been appointed an Honorary Professor at the IPR. She is an expert on post-16 education and training, and is currently working on a multi-year EU project on young people not in education, training or employment. She has considerable expertise in evaluating government policies.

IPR Staff

Professor Chick Wilson, Faculty of Science, Associate Dean of Research, has joined the IPR's leadership team to strengthen our links with natural/physical scientists in the University. This has already paid dividends with our successful bid to the EPSRC GCRF fund for research on access to renewable technologies in developing countries.

Dr Jonathan Gray has been appointed IPR Prize Fellow. He will develop research on data infrastructures, data politics and digital policymaking. Early priorities will be applications to the ESRC for a New Investigator Grant and, with Professors Barnett and Pearce, to Horizon 2020.

Dr Luke Martinelli joined the IPR as a post-doctoral research associate working on our basic income project in May 2016. The project is progressing very well and will produce a journal article and IPR research paper by the spring of 2017. We will seek research funds to continue Dr Martinelli's employment at the IPR.

The IPR has restructured its staffing, as per our strategy paper.

Dr Rita Griffiths has joined the IPR as maternity cover for Dr Hannah Durrant; Dr Griffiths is developing welfare state research with Professor Millar, as well as acting as the IPR's Research Lead. **Marsha Wood** has joined the IPR as a Research Assistant and **James Harle** has joined as Marketing and Communications Assistant.

The IPR will host three new doctoral students from 2016–2017, supervised by Professor Millar and/or Professor Pearce. We are currently advertising a doctorate jointly supervised with the IMI and Professor Barnett on big data and policing, co-funded by the Police Foundation.

Sabbaticals

The IPR has a small budget for internal sabbaticals. In February 2017, we will be joined by Dr Kate Woodthorpe, Senior Lecturer from the Department of Social and Policy Sciences, who will work on a project entitled: *Death, Dying and Devolution: An Opportunity not to be missed*.

Forthcoming Visitors for 2016–2017

We have appointed two Visiting Fellows for the forthcoming academic year: **Professor Michael Kenny** of our sister policy institute at Queen Mary University of London, who is working with Professor Pearce on a book on the history and contemporary uses of the concept of the Anglosphere; and **Dr Jurgen De Wispelaere** of Tampere University, who is a member of the Finnish government's working group on basic income. Both will bring great value and expertise to the IPR.



Office Move and London Office

In the summer of 2016 the IPR moved to its new office located on the third floor of the recently built 10 West Building. Now housed in open plan and private office space the IPR is able to foster teamwork and interdisciplinary working. The new office has been greatly appreciated by all the team who have now moved in.

Many of the key audiences the University and the IPR need to reach, including businesses, policymakers and funders, are based in the capital

In addition, the University has opened a new facility in Pall Mall. As well as being the face of the University in the capital, the facility will provide a new platform for the IPR to engage with Whitehall and Westminster on major public policy challenges. It will also act as the London venue for Bath's Executive Education and Executive MBA.

Many of the key audiences the University and the IPR need to reach, including businesses, policymakers and funders, are based in the capital. This new centre will enable the University to better engage with people and organisations in London and enhance the Institution's place as one of the UK's leading universities in terms of research, teaching and learning.



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**The Year
Ahead: Our Key
Priorities for
2016–2017**



Research Development

In the year ahead, we will focus our efforts on building our in-house research capability and policy expertise across four thematic areas:

- Interdisciplinary research on global challenges in development contexts;
- Public policy, politics and democracy in a digital world;
- Welfare in transition;
- Devolution and localisation.

To complement our Policy Briefs, we are also planning to introduce an IPR Working Papers series

Specific research projects that will be developed in these areas include:

- Policy development in the age of big data: exploration of data-driven policymaking, policy-modelling and policy implementation.
- Universal Credit and couples: exploration of the effects and impacts on couples of 'joint and several' treatment, conditionality and decision-making under Universal Credit.
- Localisation and devolution of welfare benefits and support: exploration of localisation and discretion in the payment and administration of means-tested financial help.
- Data-driven politics: investigation of experiments in democratic participation such as citizen-led data activism.

To complement our Policy Briefs, we are also planning to introduce an IPR Working Papers series – short summaries of research and policy-relevant scholarship written by IPR researchers, professional and research doctorate students, IPR Policy Fellows, Bath academics on internal sabbaticals and IPR Visiting Scholars.



Events and Communications

We will continue to develop our events and communications activities to strengthen our research reputation with policy communities, the academic world, the public and the media by:

- Acting in association with the Bristol Festival of Ideas we will take part in a panel debate entitled: 'Basic Income: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?'

- Establishing a successful and engaging events series in our London Pall Mall office.
- Running more Policy Book Launches and introducing an 'In Conversation' event series, to take part in London and Bath.
- Increasing the number of roundtable meetings with civil servants and MPs.
- Increasing the interaction and reach of our social media platforms.
- Increasing the number of people who blog for the IPR Blog, as well as the number of followers we have.
- Supporting the communication of the IPR Research online, in the media, through social media, Policy Briefs and events.
- Building the IPR's reputation as an institute of policy excellence.
- Raising the number of high-impact media releases and the volume of media coverage; fostering better relationships with journalists.



Policy Fellowship Programme

- To host a sustained level of Policy Fellows from a broader mix of government departments and devolved government departments.
- To look to establish a Policy Fellows alumni community.



The Professional Doctorate in Policy Research and Practice

- To attract a third cohort of ten students for September 2017.
- To involve new colleagues across the University in the delivery of the programme.

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