

Call for Participation
Doctoral Colloquium on the Infrastructure Turn and Global Development

Infrastructure investment has reached record levels across much of the global South. The global rush to invest in infrastructure has been met by a parallel turn to infrastructure in critical development studies scholarship (Dodson 2017; Schindler and Kanai 2019). At the University of Sheffield, recent research has examined infrastructure investment in the global South in relation to: trajectories of urbanisation (Castán Broto and Sudhira 2019; Wiig and Silver 2019; Kanai 2014); changing rural futures (Kumar and Shaw 2019); gender and intersectionality (Datta and Ahmed 2020; Meth et al. 2019; Sawas et al. 2019); technologies of governance (Williams et al. 2019); global financial flows (Goodfellow 2020); and uneven patterns of mobility and immobility (Enns 2018; Enns and Bersaglio 2019).

The University of Sheffield, the Sheffield Institute for International Development (SIID), the Urban Institute (UI), Department of Geography and Urban Studies and Planning will be hosting a Doctoral Colloquium on the infrastructure turn and global development on 11 May 2020 in Sheffield, UK. The colloquium will provide advanced doctoral researchers the opportunity to present and receive feedback on their work from leading academic researchers in the field of infrastructure and global development. Participants will also benefit from becoming part of a community of emerging researchers working on the infrastructure turn and global development.

Format: Each participant will present a draft manuscript or draft chapter that they are developing for publication (approx. 15-20 minutes). Time will be dedicated for discussion following each presentation. Each participant will also receive written feedback on their draft manuscript from an academic mentor with shared research interests, as well as advice on publishing.

Eligibility: This colloquium aims to provide mentorship and support to early career researchers in academic publishing with a focus on infrastructure and global development. Therefore, successful applicants will be advanced PhD researchers who have completed their fieldwork in this area of study and who have begun drafting their dissertation and/or a manuscript for publication.

Application and Deadline: Please submit the following information in one Word file by email to Charis Enns (c.enns@sheffield.ac.uk) by 6 March 2020 11.59pm GMT:

- 1) A long abstract (up to 500 words) of your manuscript or dissertation chapter
- 2) A short bio (up to 250 words)

Nine applicants will be selected to participate. Application results will be announced on 17 March 2020. Those selected to participate will be required to submit a full draft manuscript or draft dissertation chapter of 8,000 – 12,000 words by 17 April 2020.

Funding and Travel Arrangements: The colloquium is funded with the generous support of the University of Sheffield (including SIID, the UI, Department of Geography, Urban Studies and Planning) and the Leverhulme Trust. All expenses associated with participation in the colloquium will be covered.

Participants will have the option of staying through the week to participate in the [SIID-IGDC Postgraduate Conference](#) from 13-14 May 2020, and to attend an international workshop on

Understanding Change in Urban Infrastructure Landscapes on 12 May 2020. More details will be provided to successful participants. However, we encourage interested participants to submit an abstract for the SIID-IGDC Postgraduate Conference in the meantime as abstracts for this conference are due 14 February 2020. No application is needed to attend the international workshop on 12 May.

For further information please email: c.enns@sheffield.ac.uk

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