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Quarterly Newsletter

Dear all,

I hope you've had a good start to 2024.

Welcome to the first ever Department of Land Economy newsletter. The newsletter will be covering news, events, jobs, and ways to get involved with the Department. It will be sent quarterly, and if there's anything in particular you'd like included in future editions, don't hesitate to let me know!

News



[Professor Martin Dixon has started his term of office as the new Head of Department.](#)



[Academics from the Department took part in COP28 in Dubai.](#)



[The Department enjoyed success in the Vice Chancellor's Awards for Research Impact and Engagement.](#)



The Department organised various symposia on the [governance, law and economics of climate change and energy transition](#) and also on [real estate finance and investment](#).

Research

As always, we have been publishing widely. Some recent highlights include:



Professor Franz Fuerst and PhD Candidate Yana Akhtyrskaya published a paper in *Energy Policy* on [climate change regulations in the commercial real estate market](#).

Dr Davide Luca and PhD Candidate Zhiwu Wei published in *OECD Regional Development Papers* on [remote working in the European Union](#).

Dr Gemma Burgess and Dr Hannah Holmes published in *Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research* on [stakeholder engagement in the creation of Smart Cities](#).

Courses



We are delighted to have just opened applications for our brand new part-time [MSt in Climate, Environmental and Urban Policy](#). The deadline for applications is 1st May 2024, with the inaugural cohort starting the course in September 2024. This two-year part-time master's course aims to give senior, mid-career, and high-potential early-career professionals a 360-degree strategic view of climate, environmental and urban policy and their relevance for the sustainability transformation. The course benefits from the interdisciplinary nature of the Department, as well as expertise from the broader University of Cambridge and the Cambridge innovation cluster.

Events

We have an active events programme.



The Centre for Resilience and Sustainable Development recently held one of their Sinews of Development Lectures, entitled '[Unbelievable! How to address the Global Crisis of Trust in Reliable, Accurate Sources of News and Information](#)'. Their next Sinews Development Lecture will likely take place in March.

To view all our upcoming events, check [here](#).

Job Vacancies



We are currently [hiring an Assistant Professor of Environmental Law](#). The deadline for applications is the 4th February 2024.

Research Centres



We are delighted that we have a new research centre – [Finance for Environmental and Social Systemic Change](#). Co-directed by Dr Ellen Quigley and Dr Belinda Bell, the aim of the centre is to enact rapid and meaningful change within the existing financial system while also contributing to the emergence of a new paradigm.

Get involved!



Did you study one of our taught MPhil courses - EP, PGR, or REF? We are filming course intro videos to show prospective students what they can expect from these courses and would love to include testimonies from current students and alumni. You can self-film your video, so you don't need to be located in Cambridge. If you'd like to get involved, please contact me.

Alumni are also encouraged to stay connected to the Department via our [alumni networks](#), the [Mentoring Scheme](#), the [Resume Book](#), and [supporting the Department financially](#). Please get in touch with me if you would like any further information on these options.



And finally, recent Cambridge alum James Miller has just started a new youth-led environmental podcast. It's called [Here's The Plan](#), and it's a series where James and his co-host, Bella Lack, assemble a ten-step plan to rescue their future. Guests include the Head of Sustainability for Los Angeles, a lawyer that took 32 countries to the European Court of Human Rights over climate inaction, and the Environment Minister for Vanuatu.

Thank you very much for reading, and I hope you all have a pleasant start to 2024!

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