Dear all,

Welcome to the second Department of Land Economy Quarterly Newsletter.

We’ve had a busy Lent Term since the last newsletter was sent out, and are now gearing up for Easter Term, which started on Tuesday 23rd April.

News

Here’s a snapshot of what’s been happening recently in the Department:
Our former Head of Department, Professor David Howarth, acted as a commissioner for the UK Governance Project report, which aimed to improve systems of governance.

One of our research projects secured funding from the University’s new AI initiative, AI@Cam.

Professor Shailaja Fennell and Dr Carolin Hoeltken hosted a Subject Masterclass, showing prospective undergraduate students what it’s like to study our BA in Land Economy.

Professor Jorge Viñuales was featured in an article for WIRED on the recent judgement by the ECHR regarding Switzerland’s inaction on climate change.
Dr Ellen Quigley was the recipient of an FT Responsible Business Education Award

Here are some journal articles that our academics have published recently:

- **Professor Franz Fuerst, Dr Davide Luca, and one of our PhD candidates, Qiumeng Li,** published an article in Transportation Research Part D which looked at patterns of e-bike-sharing and bike-sharing.
- **Professor Andreas Kontoleon has published on the impacts of REDD+ projects in Sierra Leone and wildlife conservation in China.**
- **Professor Shaun Larcom and Dr Po-Wen She published on the impact of religion on a person’s ability to cope during the Covid-19 lockdowns.**
- **Professor Laura Diaz Anadon and Professor Andreas Kontoleon published on open access mandates on scientific research and technological development,** and their paper was cited in a report by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.
While applications for 2024 entry have closed for our tripos and MPhil programmes, you can still apply for 2024 entry for our two MSt courses: MSt in Climate, Environmental and Urban Policy and our MSt in Real Estate. The deadline to apply for both is 1st May 2024.

If you wanted to find out more about our MSt in Climate, Environmental and Urban Policy, you can read our Q&A with Professor Jorge Viñuales here. We’re also delighted that Dr Aiora Zabala will be rejoining the Department soon as the Course Director for this brand new course. Read more about Aiora here.

MPhil alumni reunion

We are delighted to be hosting a reunion for all our former and current MPhil students. The reunion will consist of a drinks reception and three-course meal at Jesus College, Cambridge on 28th June 2024. All eligible alumni and students have been invited via email, although if you haven’t received this and should have done, please contact me to ensure you receive an invitation.
‘What does it mean for a city to grow?’

We are co-organising this public event with the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH). Growth means different things to different people, and this event aims to open up dialogues about what it means for Cambridge to grow and how to enable new visions of city development.

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**Job Vacancies**

While we don’t have any live job vacancies at the moment, keep an eye on our job vacancies page if you are interested in working for the Department.

We are delighted that we have two new staff members in newly-created roles: Olga as our Supervisions Administrator and Susie as our CRERC and MSt Business Office Administrator.

In addition, Tom has just started as our new Student Business Office Coordinator, and Darby as our new IT technician. Welcome to all!

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**Research Centres**

The Cambridge Real Estate Research Centre (CRERC) held its March Research Club.
Alumni are encouraged to stay connected with the Department in a variety of ways:

- Attending our alumni reunion
- Our alumni networks
- Our Mentoring Scheme
- The Resume Book
- Financial contributions
- Sending us job vacancies to be circulated to our current students.

If you’d like to discuss any other ways you’d like to reconnect with the Department, please contact me.

One final note is that the Department was very pleased to help support the 13th Annual Conference of the Cambridge International Law Journal.

Thank you very much for reading, the next edition of the newsletter will be sent out in July.

All best,

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