

PERG Chair's Report 2020-21

1. AGM 2020 and PERG-sponsored sessions at RGS-IBG 2021

The AGM was held online in September 2020. The AGM discussed issues relating to ongoing and future activities and events, alongside the profile of the group online and using social media. At the AGM, we welcomed and elected Basak Tanulku as our Membership Secretary. We were also delighted that Rebecca Windemer was appointed PERG Secretary for a second time.

PERG sponsored the following sessions at the RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2021:

- The food-energy-water nexus: boundaries, processes, and the circular economy
- Towards a systematic understanding of land use change in the world's mining regions
- Food planning. Farming, public action and food for cities: spaces and scales (co-sponsor)
- Plastic Geographies

2. Research group grant and ECR workshop (and teaching workshop)

PERG applied for and was grateful to receive a grant from the RGS to support an early career workshop on grant writing, originally planned for April 2019 in Cardiff. However, very few applications to attend were received and so the event was postponed. The AGM's in 2019 (and 2020) discussed how this idea could be taken forward and decided to work on two workshop ideas.

First, with the Energy Geographies Research Group, an afternoon workshop would be held to explore how we can support learning and teaching in energy geographies and planning and environment. This took place on 10th September 2020 and the workshop can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MdQp0u8uwA&feature=emb_title.

Second, also with the EnGRG, a workshop on grant writing would be held and this will take place on 7th September 2021. The details and a link to sign-up is available from this page: <https://planningenvironment.org/news/>

3. Ongoing activities

PERG Postgraduate Dissertation Prize 2020: We received two nominations. **Cheyne Campbell** was the winner (Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis, Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment, University College London). The dissertation was titled: 'Taking Steps Towards Pedestrian Safety: A Case Study of Charlotte, North Carolina'. The runner-up was **Danielle Sinnnet** (University of Leeds) for 'The changing health and deprivation in the East Midlands coalfields'.

PERG Undergraduate Dissertation Prize 2020 (£100). We received 11 nominations and this was won by **Yusuf Khan-Cheema**, University College London (Noise is subjective? Exploring residents' lived experiences of aircraft noise around London's Heathrow Airport). Runner-up prizes were awarded to **Sophie Adams**, University of Cambridge (The 9 year aftershock: The long-term impacts and effect

cascades triggered by recovery efforts following the 2011 Christchurch earthquake) and **Katie Wahl**, Queen Mary, University of London (A Polluted Ocean? Understanding the Changing Representation of Oceanic Spaces in the Anthropocene).

4. Future Activities

We have the opportunity to discuss other future activities at the AGM – please come along with ideas.

5. Web activities and twitter

This year we have become more active on twitter and through our website. Thank you to Lisa for her efforts on this.

6. PERG Committee Members

We have several vacant committee positions that we need to fill: Postgraduate Representative(s) and space for more ordinary committee members. Each role is a three year team, which can be renewed by a further three years. **Nominations will close on the 10th September at 9am UK BST** and should be sent to the Chair by e-mail, with a proposer and seconder. We also have committee positions available for anyone who would like to serve the group.

Name	Committee Position	Term dates (start and end years)
Stewart Barr	Chair	2019-2022 (second term)
Rebecca Windemer	Secretary	2020-2023
Ewan Woodley	Treasurer	2019-2022 (second term)
Basak Tanulku	Membership Secretary	2020-2023
Lisa Juangbhanich	Web and communications	2019-2022
Ruth Machen	Ordinary member	2019-2022
Robert Chilton	Ordinary member	2019-2022

7. Finance

Please see Treasurer's Report for 2020-21, to be circulated.

If you require any further details about PERG's ongoing activities and future plans, please do not hesitate to contact Stewart Barr.

Stewart Barr
Chair of PERG