

## Loughborough University Institute of Advanced Studies Biennial Review 2020-22

### International Fellows

During the height of the Covid 19 pandemic, the Institute hosted **101 international scholars**, online and in person, as IAS Visiting and Residential Fellows.

In 2020-21, the Open Programme was suspended due to the pandemic, but we welcomed 34 Fellows to the Institute through our remaining programmes:

- **14 Fellows** through the **8<sup>th</sup> IAS Annual Theme: *Time***
- **11 Fellows** through the **IAS Spotlight Series: *Arctic Geopolitics***
- **5 Fellows** through the ***Design Leadership Summit on Applied Storytelling*** (in partnership with the School of Design and Creative Arts)
- **2 Fellows** through the **IAS Residential Fellowship Programme**
- **1 Fulbright Scholar**
- **1 British Academy Global Professor**

In 2021-22, the Open Programme resumed, and we welcomed 67 Fellows to the Institute on our programmes:

- **30 Fellows** through the **9<sup>th</sup> IAS Annual Theme: *AI – Facts, Fictions, Futures***
- **13 Fellows** through the **IAS Spotlight Series: *Pacifism and Nonviolence***
- **12 Fellows** through the **IAS Open Programme**
- **7 Fellows** (deferred from 20210-21) through the **IAS Residential Fellowship Programme**
- **3 Fellows** through the **1<sup>st</sup> IAS Festival of Ideas: *Transitions***
- **1 Fulbright Scholar**
- **1 Newton International Fellow**

IAS Visiting Fellows 2020-21 and 2021-22 hailed from 25 countries:

- **Europe:** Germany, Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Greece, Turkey
- **The Americas:** Canada, USA, Brazil, Chile
- **Africa, Asia, Middle East:** Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand, India, Japan, China, S Korea, Thailand

### Research Programmes and Events

The IAS convened **39 Research Programmes and Events** during 2020-22, including:

- **21 Research Seminars** presented by IAS Visiting and Residential Fellows;
- **10 IAS Annual Theme events** – with a range of keynotes, dialogues, seminars and workshops focused on ***Time*** and ***AI***, including an international conference on ***AI and Smart Mobility*** (convened by Andrew Morris)

- **5 Spotlight Series Colloquia** – *Arctic Geopolitics* (convened by Duncan Depledge) and *Pacifism and Nonviolence* (convened by Alex Christoyannopoulos);
- **2 Symposia and Workshops** with IAS Visiting Fellows linked to externally-funded projects: *Applied Storytelling Summit* (convened by Antonia Liguori and Mike Wilson), Terra Foundation *International Dada symposium* (convened by Kathryn Brown)
- **1<sup>st</sup> IAS Festival of Ideas: *Transitions*** – two weeks of public-facing events on the concept of transitions, including book launches, screenings, seminars, workshops and a day symposium celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Fruit Routes*

2020-21 was the inaugural year of the Residential Fellowship programme, which launched successfully over two years, providing flexible arrangements and deferrals for Fellows during the pandemic.

Given the unusual circumstances of these years, the IAS developed fully hybrid working methods at International House. Our online research events were accompanied by in person, invitation-only, seminars and Friends and Fellows Coffee Mornings, to enable international Fellows in residence to enjoy safe and collegial conversations with colleagues from across the University.

*Marsha Meskimmon, August 2023*