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"China Emissions and Econometrics" Workshop - 16 June 2017, 10.00 - 15.00, University of East Anglia. China has overtaken the United States to become the world's top emitter in 2007 and remarkably reached 1.5 times the U.S. emissions level by 2013. China's emissions now make up over a quarter of the global total. China has increased its efforts to fight climate change, including its recent pledge for its emissions to peak by 2030. However, such an emissions peak may have already arrived. China's CO₂ emissions appeared slightly decreasing in 2014 for the first time. It seems that China's CO₂ emissions entered into a new normal. The aim of our one-day informal workshop is to discuss "China's new normal on CO₂ emissions and its impact on low-carbon development" between economists, environmental scientists, and political scientists. Space is limited, so priority will be given on a first come first served basis. Oral presentation is welcomed, if you are interested, please contact **Yuli Shan** (y.shan@uea.ac.uk) and **Han Lin** (han.lin@uea.ac.uk).

Synthetic Biology and the Public Good : An Interdisciplinary Conference on the Ethical and Historical Context of Synthetic Biology and Emerging Biotechnologies, 23 June, University of Kent. Please contact the organisers **David Peace** (dp411@kent.ac.uk) or **Russell Moul** (rmt4@kent.ac.uk) for more information or check out the webpages <https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/kentmedhist/synthetic-biology-and-the-public-good/>

"Big data in Social Sciences", 22-23rd June, Centre for Reasoning, University of Kent. This conference seeks to explore methodological implications of using big data for causal discovery in the social sciences. The conference will bring together philosophers and social scientists. Registration is free but compulsory. There are a limited number of places so please register early via email to vg201@kent.ac.uk.

SynEARC 2017 : New Worlds in Synthetic Biology, 7 July, University of Kent. SynEARC is an annual, FREE, one-day postgraduate student led symposium that is organized with the aim of generating awareness in the advances in synthetic biology as well as its applications in both basic research and industry. This year's topics cover three different worlds of research: Human health, Environmental engineering and sustainability; and, Astrobiology. See the event website [HERE](#) for more details. Registration is now [OPEN HERE](#).

"Environmental Impact Assessment: Putting Theory into Practice" 17 March 2017, University of Kent. This event was a rare opportunity for PhD students and ECRs to have a face to face and intimate seminar with industry and government practitioners in the field of EIA, discussing and debating current and cutting edge topics that will help identify and inform areas of impact within the field. The seminar allowed networking, partnering and relationship building opportunities and was an excellent forum for promoting, exploring and identifying research and career opportunities. Organiser, **Rufus Howard** rah46@kent.ac.uk

The Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at University of Essex hosted the 5th annual **UK Causal Inference Meeting (UK-CIM)**, from **Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th April 2017**. Check the website <https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/ukcim2017> for details

"Environmental Politics in Global and Local Contexts" Workshop, 28-29 April 2017, University of Essex. This workshop concentrated on different issues related to environmental governance from a political science perspective. Organiser, **Federica Genovese** fgenov@essex.ac.uk

"Parental Beliefs, Information and Investments" organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at University of Essex on **May 8th 2017**. Check out the event website for more details : <https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/2016/12/15/call-for-papers-misoc-workshop-on-parental-beliefs-information-and-investments>

"Bytes, Bodies and Souls : Interrogating Human Digitalisation" 30 May 2017, University of Kent. This workshop aimed to bring together researchers across the social sciences, humanities, sciences and other relevant disciplines who are interested in examining the consequences, possibilities, and limitations of human digitalisation. Organiser, Alison Holmes, a.m.holmes@kent.ac.uk

2016 Eastern ARC Conference, "Realising our Greater Potential" took place on **11 November** at the University of Kent. The day was launched by Kent's Vice Chancellor Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow who emphasised the ever-growing importance of collaboration with UK and International institutions. Professor Philippe De Wilde then built upon Julia's speech. He summarised some key successes of Eastern ARC in the last 12 months (£823,804 of successful grant applications; 25 articles accepted into peer reviewed journals; and 7 book chapters and 2 monographs in press) but also challenged academics to better engage with regional partners (including small and large businesses) and to work harder at communicating their research to local communities. Presentations on interdisciplinary, cross-institutional and industrial collaboration then followed. Guest speakers Dr Nick Goldspink from the N8 Research Consortia and Dean Irvine, Agile Humanities, provided a unique and refreshing external perspective on the challenges of collaboration. All of the presentations from the event can be found here [eastern-arc-conference](#)

Centre for Competition Policy PhD Workshop, 7-8 June 2016, University of East Anglia, Norwich This annual workshop brings together new researchers in the fields of competition and regulation whose work expands across the disciplines of Law, Economics, Business and Political Science. The aim of the workshop is to facilitate the exchange of ideas with research students and faculty from the Centre for Competition Policy – giving an excellent opportunity to gain constructive feedback in a friendly and open-minded environment.

Changing gender roles in work and family life, 31st March - 1st April 2016, University of Kent.

Innovation, Experimentation, Collaboration: Exploring Digital Collections and Data at the British Library – University of East Anglia, Wednesday 9th March 2016, 12-3pm, UEA – ARTS 01.06 Norwich British Library Labs and the University of East Anglia hosted a workshop organised as part of the British Library Labs Roadshow 2016. The workshop showcased some of the [British Library's digital content and data](#), addressing some of the challenges and issues of working with it. It also explored some of the interesting and exciting projects that researchers, artists and entrepreneurs have developed via the [British Library Labs Competition and Awards](#).

Eastern ARC Autumn Conference, 6 November 2015, University of Essex. The first Eastern ARC Autumn Conference brought together all those involved in the Eastern ARC, working across the three research themes, in each of the three partner universities. The objectives of the conference were: - to establish a common understanding of Eastern ARC rationale and to highlight progress achieved to date; - to enable each of the research themes to share plans and forthcoming opportunities; and, to facilitate the sharing of ideas and stimulate cross-institution and cross-research theme discussions that will help to shape the future of the consortium. More information about the Autumn Conference is available here: <http://easternarc.ac.uk/latest-news/eastern-arc-holds-first-autumn-conference/>

Digital Humanities theme meeting, 13 October 2015, University of Kent

This meeting brought together Eastern ARC Academic Leads and Research Fellows and also included a number of the newly-appointed PhD students who will undertake research as part of the Digital Humanities theme.

Further planned meetings of the research theme will rotate between the three Eastern ARC partner universities.

Information about other members of the Eastern ARC who have interests in Digital Humanities is available to download from the research theme homepage [here](#).

Digital Humanities launch conference, 8 July 2015, University of Essex

Academic staff at Kent, Essex and UEA are involved in a diverse range of humanities research activities that use digital methodologies. The first Eastern ARC Digital Humanities conference provided an accessible introduction to some of this research. Speakers covered a wide range of topics including:

- Digitisation and visualisation of artefacts, landscapes and built environments
- Animation and public engagement, and the exploration of digital user behaviour
- Using census data to study social history, identification and human rights

The workshop included a discussion of how academics conducting research in areas related to the digital humanities can effectively share ideas and expertise across the Eastern ARC, working collectively and collaboratively where appropriate.

Sandpit workshop: Living Pathways, 22 - 23 June 2015, Eastwell Manor, Kent

Examining the structural, functional and regulatory properties of cells, molecules, tissues or living beings is a complex task. Considering further, how these characteristics change with time and how they alter when things go wrong, the sheer volume and variety of data required to describe a living entity grows enormously.

The Living Pathways sandpit explored ideas around how best to measure, describe and quantify these fundamental properties of life. How can we gather the data obtained in a coherent, useful way? How can we then visualise and display these data in ways that fully engage both researchers and interested lay observers?

Political Psychology workshop, 2 - 3 June 2015, University of Kent



The Eastern ARC's Quantitative Social Sciences theme, together with the Political Psychology Lab at the University of Kent, organised a Political Psychology workshop, held at Kent in early June.

Topics of discussion included political ideology, political behaviour and attitudes, social justice and inequality, system legitimacy, and group identity.

Sandpit workshop: Who Wants to Live to be 100 if...?, 6 - 8 May 2015, Devonport House, Greenwich

In the context of an increasingly elderly population, many researchers agree that we're currently seeing a celebration of extending healthy ageing. However, ageing can also bring with it fears of frailty, dementia and disability.

The sandpit workshop brought together academics working across a range of disciplines throughout the universities of the Eastern ARC. Attendees considered the limits that we set on longevity, and how we can ensure that reaching 100 is not to be dreaded.

Workshop: Emerging questions in migration research. University of Essex on 5 October, 2017

The ESRC Research Centre on Micro-Social Change (MiSoC) has come together with the Department of Sociology at the University of Essex to present this workshop.

The purpose of the event is to bring together researchers working around several growing areas in migration studies and enable cross-disciplinary exchange. Discussions will cover central questions such as "How do immigrants become citizens?", "Why do the children of immigrants perform better in school?" and "What are the psychosocial experiences of refugees?", among others.

The workshop will be held at the **University of Essex on 5 October, 2017**. Registration is free but spaces are limited, so please register your interest via [Eventbrite](#).