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Areas of interest for partnership development	We are looking for academic partners. Food Adventure is developing pilots in Cameroon with community groups and government agencies. It is important that we study the impact of our work to be

	<p>able to influence policy not just in Cameroon but in Sub Saharan Africa. Also, we would like to look at implications of our work - what is the impact on nutrition with new food products being developed?</p> <p>If you are looking to work in Cameroon and need to work with local communities and government to co design research projects with a focus on food, please get in touch.</p>
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Short biography	<p>Olutayo Charles Adesina is Professor of History and Head, Department of History, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. My field of specialization/research interest span the areas of Economic History of West Africa/History of Development. My M.A. Dissertation at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria in 1989 was on ' A Historical Evaluation of the Western Nigerian Government Agricultural Policy, 1951-1966.' I followed this up with a PhD thesis in 1994 entitled: 'Indigenous Participation in the Economy of Western Nigeria, 1900-1970.' Since then, I have widened the scope of my research. For more than two decades, the focus of my scholarship on sub-Saharan Africa has either singly or generally summoned intersections of human, agricultural and rural development, agricultural policy, food security, development and underdevelopment.</p> <p>As the Head of the prestigious Ibadan School of History (2001-2003; 2006-2008; and 2019), I have worked with the university leadership to maintain and strengthen the institution's African and international focus. I coordinated, articulated and helped to establish the University of Ibadan/Kennesaw State University's (Georgia, U.S.A) Links agreement programme. I have also worked with faculty, staff and students throughout the university and fostered relationships with state, national, and international agencies concerned with promoting international education and human progress.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in matters concerning Food Security and Food Culture. The need to understand the differences between indigenous crops, flora and fauna and the implications of the loss of these variety will be significant for a better understanding of not only the exchanges that have taken place, but also the changes in the roles that such crops have played in livelihoods, health, human security, popular culture and human development. The intrusion of genetically modified crops have had great implications for indigenous knowledge and practices.</p>

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Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Culture and social barriers in the production and consumption of indigenous foods in Ghana.</p> <p>Development of sustainable indigenous food systems in West African communities.</p> <p>Traditional food systems and the SDGs 1, 2 and 3.</p>

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Short biography	<p>I am an anthropologist (PhD, Manchester) and early career researcher with long-standing work and research experience in Tanzania, currently teaching in Tanzania (Saint Augustine University of Tanzania, Mwanza). I have worked in the NGO sector (community-based tourism) and research, academic and policy oriented as a consultant for the International Institute for Environment and Development. My primary interests are rural economies in Tanzania (pastoralism, fishing and agriculture) and I have been trying to develop new analytical tools for an overarching framework to rethink some assumptions about culture, tradition, and 'rurality' in general, in Tanzania. These efforts have led me to analyse questions of identity, community (e.g. for community-based natural resource management in fisheries in Lake Victoria), technology and 'scientific' knowledge among smallholder farmers in Tanzania.</p> <p>As an anthropologist interested in policy and the process of policy making, I have tried to make ethnographic description and analysis relevant to and a tool for better rural policies in Tanzania.</p> <p>Recently, I have developed interests in cultural heritage having applied for funding to AHRC-GCRF for a project on intangible cultural heritage and entrepreneurship in the Mafia-Kilwa 'Swahili corridor' on coastal Tanzania.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am keen on establishing contacts with researchers seeking partnerships with universities in the 'global south' (i.e. Tanzania and more broadly East Africa) taking advantage of my position as a Tanzania-based researcher.</p> <p>I am willing to jointly develop proposals on the social, cultural, and historical aspects of rural economies in Tanzania/East Africa, broadly conceived in its 'original' meaning (economy) as management of 'things' (including food and natural resources at large). Ideally, I am interested to develop projects that cross-cut different 'sectors' (e.g. fisheries, pastoralism, agriculture) and consider the complex interactions and people's diverse livelihoods that are common in rural (east) Africa.</p> <p>I am also happy to partner for projects focussed on local understandings of climate change departing from local concepts and categories (and how these are expressions of local-global connections), and the ways these impact on rural economies as management of locally available resources.</p> <p>Finally (ideally), projects I will be involved in will have a policy-oriented aspect that can lead to policy suggestions and/or innovative methodologies for policy makers to 'own' the research process and research findings for the sake of improving policies and the policy making process.</p>

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Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am particularly interested in developing and extending partnerships with scholars from Animal Genetics, Breeding and Reproduction, veterinary scientists, and stakeholder (farmers).</p> <p>I would love to work for the Poverty Alleviation of agriculture and livestock farmers.</p> <p>I am looking for partnerships with NGOs/ Govt. / Private institutes which are working for Women Empowerment through Agricultural reforms.</p> <p>I would like to engage youth through agricultural trainings and to end the Child Labour.</p> <p>It is dire need of the hour for extension education of stakeholders, farmers, on rural as well as urban scale.</p> <p>I am looking for partnership with organizations involved in providing equipments, national and international exposure (workshops and trainings) to rural subsistence livestock and agriculture personals.</p>

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Short biography	<p>I am a Senior Lecturer and Head of Department at Makerere University Business School (MUBS).I am also a researcher in the fields of Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D) with specific focus on a critical review of e-government applications used in the education sector in Uganda, ICT applications and the role of the government, ICT and language education, Use of ICTs and sustainable development of tourism in developing countries, Sociolinguistics and multilingualism for regional integration. I have</p>

	<p>developed real passion for interdisciplinary research in the area multilingualism for a regional integration process- the case of the East African Community. I intend to critically evaluate the potential usefulness and the added value of multilingualism in regional integration process in the East African Community (EAC).I also plan to explore the extent to which multilingual environment is represented especially in the regional integration policies and contexts. I hold a Masters degree in French Language Education and I completed a PhD in French Language Education, National and Foreign Cultures and Civilization awarded by Sorbonne University, Paris 3, in France in 2013. As a current female senior management team in higher education, I am also very keen to broaden my understanding of governance and development issues as they play a significant role in bringing new ideas into the organization.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Areas of interest for partnership development in documenting Dietary diversity and nutritional richness of indigenous Ugandan cuisines.The overall purpose of the project is to use an interdisciplinary approach, bringing together nutritional scientists, agriculturalists, tourism experts and biologists to document the recipes of Uganda’s indigenous cuisines and their associated nutritional richness. While tourism is Uganda’s top foreign exchange earner and one that serves as the flag bearer of Uganda’s socio-economic transformation described in Uganda Vision 2040 (National Development Plan, 2015), the food subcomponent is yet to be developed. A recent survey (Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities, 2017) showed that two thirds of foreign tourists were interested in tasting local cuisine and 77% of those who tasted enjoyed its taste. A vast majority were unable to taste because the local cuisine was not available in hotels and other eating places. Evidence suggests that majority of the hotels and safari lodges employ foreign chefs (either international or foreign to the local area) who have no knowledge of how to prepare indigenous cuisines (International Trade Centre, 2011). Part of the reason is lack of documented recipes for these cuisines. The output would be a recipe book of these cuisines, and the outcome would be adoption of these cuisines in major tourist facilities in Uganda and beyond. As part of the project, an indigenous food museum will be set up in Uganda.</p>

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Areas of interest for partnership development	1. Traditional knowledge of seed selection and storage

	2. Archaeological methods in studying traditional agriculture and knowledge systems
	3. Gender-based diets, nutrition and health in developing countries

Dr Sophie Attwood, Better Buying Lab, World Resources Institute

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Short biography	<p>Sophie holds the position of Senior Behavioral Scientist with the Better Buying Lab, part of the World Resources Institute, based in London, UK. She works to apply theoretical insights from the field of behavioral science to develop, research and scale successful approaches to encourage consumers to switch to plant-based dietary alternatives to meat and dairy products.</p> <p>Sophie earned her doctorate in behavioral science from the University of Cambridge in 2016. Her thesis focused on understanding how to promote physical activity within socially deprived groups. Sophie also holds two masters degrees with distinction in public health nutrition and public health.</p> <p>She has experience working in the private healthcare and well-being sectors in the UK and internationally as a chartered health psychologist and behavioral researcher. She has published a range of academic papers on areas of health behavior, including physical activity promotion, alcohol reduction and smoking cessation.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	Knowledge of food systems and food cultures in LMICs, specifically focusing on the issue of sustainable diets and reductions in animal-based food consumption, including a focus on behavior change approaches in these settings.

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Short biography	<p>Head of Archive Services, University of Reading, since 2008. Previously Archivist and Conservation Manager, Theatre Collections, Victoria and Albert Museum (2002-2008) and Archivist, Archive of Art and Design, Victoria and Albert Museum (1999-2002).</p> <p>I have participated in, led or advised several projects which bring together collections and academic scholarship, across a wide range of subject areas and including digital methodologies.</p> <p>I have professional expertise in metadata, IPR, privacy and access issues, film and image collections and a growing understanding of born-digital archives. I have a strong track record in working across museum, library and archive collections.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	MERL is interested in working with academics from a wide range of disciplines in order to ensure that its collections are able to be

	deployed in support of this important research theme. We have experience in artistic and scientific engagement with collections, and in digital scholarship / e-Research.
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Short biography	<p>Jose Bellido teaches law at the University of Kent (UK). He is particularly interested in the history of intellectual property law and has additional research interests in agricultural and food history. His most recent book project as editor and contributor is Landmark Cases in Intellectual Property Law (Hart Publishing, 2017).</p> <p>He is also the Spanish national editor to the digital archive (together with Professor Xalabarder from the Universidad Oberta Catalunya (UOC) and Professor Casas Valles from the Universitat de Barcelona). This is a major reference work of primary sources on copyright from the invention of the printing press (c.1450) to the Berne Convention (1886) and beyond, which can be accessed at Primary Sources on Copyright (1450-1900), eds L. Bently & M. Kretschmer</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am particularly interested in developing and extending partnerships with scholars from history of agriculture and anthropologists. More specifically, I would like to connect with a group of scholars from the University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia) that have a multidisciplinary (anthropology, law, media studies) background. Their ARC Laureate project 'Harnessing Intellectual Property to Build Food Security' appears to me as the most important project in the field of intellectual property that has been recently instantiated and I would like to connect that project to European concerns and history. As that project is trying to make it happen in Australia, I would like to develop and contribute to the possibility to trace the history of intellectual property law in its socio-economic and cultural context to see how agriculture and food industries played an important role in the development of intellectual property law at different times. Using this perspective could potentially enrich our understanding of the way agriculture and food industries has been an important concern in the way systems of compensation and reproduction were conceived.</p> <p>It is my strong belief that it is crucial to develop a historical sensibility to these connections between regimes of property, sharing and agriculture for those bridges between food systems development policy and practice to be built.</p>

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Short biography	<p>My ESRC funded postgraduate studies at King's College London focused on sustainable and traditional smallholder agriculture in West Africa, combining soil science with ethnographic observation and semi-structured interviews.</p> <p>I was then involved in research projects on food waste and energy saving in the UK, including at Kingston University, and in community outreach in Urban Agriculture in London.</p> <p>I took a role at Goettingen University, in the BMBF funded UrbanFoodPlus project, investigating agriculture across the rural urban continua of four West African cities. Although my research responsibilities here were broadly in the social sciences (ethnographic and quantitative work on urban vegetable market farming and farmer-extension knowledge co-construction) I also conducted interdisciplinary work, collaborating with soil scientists on participatory field experiments.</p> <p>Beyond research, I coordinated a stakeholder platform for research-policy dialogue, organised an international farmer field trip, and produced documentaries and local language feature films.</p> <p>Currently at the Institute of Development Studies, I am involved in analysing the political economy of agricultural research investments, including agroecology, with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa. Other projects involve working with MultiCriteria Mapping, a mixed method stakeholder engagement and data collection tool, to facilitate stakeholder analyses of future groundwater use and irrigation trajectories across East and West Africa.</p> <p>I am a member of the Royal Geographical Society Food Geographies working group.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I would like to brainstorm with peers the potential for work which focuses on the materiality, planning context and historical rootedness of changing food systems, possibly across national settings. Based on my experience in the UK and West Africa, I am interested in investigating the colonial and post-colonial dimensions of change in food systems. This could be with a focus on the urban realm, or adopting an approach that appreciates difference across rural and urban space.</p> <p>I would be interested to extend my existing partnerships with academics in Ghana (Tamale) and Burkina Faso (Ouagadougou), but also to forge new links with colleagues in the UK. These could come through the workshop, but I may also share details of the workshop with my UK networks, for example the Royal Geographical Society Food Geographies Working Group.</p> <p>I would particularly like to explore the use of film as a research medium, building on my experience with using it in dissemination and communication.</p>

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Short biography	<p>My research interests centre on the links between environment and development. In particular, my research engages critically with discussions on a variety of key environmental concerns: agriculture and food security, biodiversity conservation, climate change, and sustainability. All of these concerns are highly relevant to the emerging linkages between agriculture, food, and nutrition. Over the last five years, my research has explored a range of topics at this intersection. This has included research on expanding oil palm frontier in south-east Asia, cultural landscapes of South India, and small-scale farming in sub-Saharan Africa. This research has shown the importance of carefully considering the spatial scale at which farming and food production must take place in order to balance growing demand for food alongside other environmental concerns. These research interests have translated into my teaching on a new third-year undergraduate module at the Open University, 'Environment: Responding to Change' where I have led a block on food security. The teaching material I have written highlights the importance of traditional, cultural, spiritual and religious associations of food; critically examines the commoditisation of and a growing financial interests in food; and explores unconventional sources of food that can address food security and environmental sustainability simultaneously. As an environmental geographer I take a spatial approach to my research and have also worked on long temporal scales examining long-term (centuries-millennia) history of farming landscapes. My work carried out in collaboration with over 20 scholars has been published in over 60 peer reviewed papers, 20 book chapters and two books.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>A recent project at the Open University funded by AHRC and led by Dr Sandip Hazareesingh on farming lives in South India has provided an unprecedented insight into the cultures, histories, and behaviours of small-scale farmers in South India in the face of environmental change. Dr Hazareesingh and I have been in close conversation about this project, which has successfully set up fruitful collaborations with South Indian scholars and NGOs working on small-scale farming. Simultaneously, my work in south-east Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia) and sub-Saharan Africa (Kenya, Malawi) has brought to the forefront parallel farming lives and the challenges that small-scale farmers face because of the environmental change. We will be looking for opportunities to network with scholars working in other geographical settings whose research interests resonate with our work. Furthermore, we also anticipate networking with scholars who are addressing concerns at other spatial and temporal scales, for example, financial interests in food and the cultures, behaviours and histories that are driving those interests. We will also look for opportunities to collaborate with scholars who are working on unconventional sources of food – the so-called 'frontier food' – such as insects, invasive species, or algae. Collectively, we will be looking to instigate a network of scholars who are working in diverse settings – geographical, conceptual and methodological – that help us to understand the variety of cultures, behaviours, and histories at the intersection between agriculture, food and nutrition.</p>

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Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I want to extend existing partnerships between quantitative scientists working in animal and human health (bioinformatics, genetics, epidemiologists, veterinary scientists) and the humanities with decision-making institutions and organisations (including NGOs, policymakers and other industry (farming) stakeholder groups).</p> <p>I have established partnerships with researchers in the natural sciences/medicine, epidemiology and political science/law. In order to explore issues around knowledge sharing, I would specifically like to develop new partnerships with artists, musicians, writers and historians particularly if they have existing links to local communities in Africa (e.g. Malawi, Uganda, Ethiopia), South America (Colombia, Venezuela) or the Middle East (Syria, Yemen).</p>

Dr David Botchie, Brunel University, London

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Short biography	<p>David is a lecturer and the current pathway leader for MSc International Business in Brunel Business School. He is also an interdisciplinary researcher with a background in both social and natural sciences. His research interests include: food and agriculture systems, global value chains, innovation, and technology</p>

	<p>management. One of his most recent research endeavours focuses on how to improve food systems in sub-Saharan African urban centres with the help of novel and emerging innovations and technologies.</p> <p>Prior to joining Brunel Business School in September 2017 as a Lecturer in Sustainability and Global Value Chains, he held the positions of Research Fellow at Bournemouth University, UK. David received his PhD in International Development from The Open University, United Kingdom. He also holds a first degree in Agricultural Economics and a Masters degree in Agribusiness, both from University of Ghana.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I look forward to developing partnership with scholars with relevant expertise in plant breeding, gender and intersectionality, with experience in sub-Saharan African food systems. I am also happy to partner with experts who can integrate economic, gender and environmental data in empirical analysis of food systems issues.

Dr Hernan Botero Degiovanni, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

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Short biography	<p>I am an economist interested in policy analysis and individuals' behavioural response to public policy. I did my PhD at West Virginia University, where I specialized in public economics. I started doing drug policy analysis. While writing a paper on the consequences of Colombian drug enforcement policies, I became interested in the analysis of environmental policies and their application. While working on this field, I became familiar with some of the topics of Agricultural economics, such as on the analysis of the drivers behind the uptake of a crop, of the strategies pursued by farmers to tackle the consequences of climate change, and of the behavioural responses of farmers to policy interventions to uptake pro-environmental farming practices. I also became familiar with the tools utilized in agricultural economics, such as spatial econometrics and linear and non-linear programming methods. Consequently, I was able to improve my understanding of the main topics of the area, which led me to become familiar with the main sources of methane and carbon emissions in the agricultural sector. This led me to focus part of my research activities on understanding what factors increased livestock emissions and what factors helped ameliorate those emissions. At the moment, I am working on determining the importance on tropical legumes and their effect on enteric emissions from cattle, which has given me the opportunity to develop an enterprise on this topic. This research has also led me to focus on discovering the determinants behind uptake of green practices in the tropics, in particular of legumes as livestock feed supplement. It has also incentivized me to investigate the determinants of coca bush</p>

	production, since this crop is one of the main deterring factors for Colombian farmers to uptake legumes as a cash crop.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in developing more resilient and pro-environmental farming practices in Central and South America, beginning with Colombia. I would also like to develop policy interventions conducive to increase uptake of pro-environmental farming practices in tropical farming systems, which at the same time increase food security in the region.</p> <p>As part of my interest to develop feed supplement for ruminants that help reduce GHG emissions, I would like to get involve with partners in the UK to develop plants that are drought- and heat-resistant, and at the same time, are excellent sources of protein, vitamins, minerals, and carbohydrates for livestock. In my view, these two conditions are satisfied by tropical legumes. Then, I would like to be able to investigate the economic conditions under which farmers in the tropics uptake legumes as a cash crop and as a feed supplement. Additionally, I would like to investigate the optimal growing conditions for these plants, emphasising the importance of organic farming and identifying the conditions under which it is economically viable to grow legumes organically in the tropics. This research may help both tropical and temperate countries, since these plants can also be introduced in temperate farming systems as feed supplements for livestock in the form of pellets. With my research, I would like to investigate the plants themselves, their physiology and genetics, as well as their production structure. I also would like to attempt to develop technology to produce pellets from tropical legumes, which can then be used in temperate regions as feed supplements for livestock. Finally, I would like to develop a fully functional market for tropical legumes in temperate regions, where my firm makes the link between tropical farmers and temperate ones.</p>

Mrs Ilona Bowyer, University of Sussex

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Areas of interest for partnership development	Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, health and education

Dr Emma Boyland, University of Liverpool

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Short biography	Dr Boyland is an experimental psychologist based at the University of Liverpool, with 14 years of experience in eating behaviour research. Her work focuses on the food environment, characterising the foods

	and beverages available and the way they are marketed via traditional and new digital means, as well as seeking to understand how this promotion may impact families' ability to achieve a healthy, nutritious diet (household food insecurity). This includes exploring the impact of various stimuli (e.g. food advertisements, brand imagery, food cues, olfactory cues) on eating behaviours (choice and intake) and determinants of eating behaviour (beliefs, attitudes, preferences), particularly in children. She has published over 55 peer-reviewed journal articles and 8 book chapters on this topic, as well as being a contributing author on three World Health Organization reports. She advises the Department of Health and Public Health England on policy matters relating to the food environment and children's diets, and was recently invited to give oral evidence to the UK Parliament's Health and Social Care Committee inquiry into childhood obesity that informed the Government's 2nd Childhood Obesity Plan (released in June 2018).
Areas of interest for partnership development	I have already identified some potential collaborators from medical humanities (developing existing partnerships), but I would also be interested in developing new partnerships with individuals with expertise in food systems and technology.

Professor Godfrey Brandt, Godfrey Okoye University Nigeria

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Short biography	<p>I am a semi-retired academic previously of London University. (Institute of Education and Birkbeck.)</p> <p>My principal area of research and investigation has been culture. However, as a social scientist I have a much wider interest in global issues and the human condition. I have a maintained interest in both culture with a small 'c' and with a large 'C'. That is both culture as it pertains to forms of (usually artistic) expression and as it pertains to all that people do. For example, As someone out of Guyanese origin, I am very interested in how the new huge oil find will impact on the lifestyle and living of Guyanese people at a specific and meta cultural level. There are also implications for the micro cultural in all of this.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>At present I am involved with a building partnership with Chile and am looking with developing similar partnerships with Guyana.</p> <p>For example, it is true that as a country of high suicide level it would be interesting to see to what extent the new developments impact on suicide levels amongst rural and urban women and men, and to what extent there will be a shift in public cultures from the agricultural to the industrial. It would be great to explore how this could impact on practical and moral issues like the suicide rate. (Guyana is at the apex of the global pattern of behaviour regarding suicide.</p>

Dr Jeremy Brice, London School of Economics and Political Science

Current position	Assistant Lecturer
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Short biography	<p>I am currently a Fellow in Economic Sociology at LSE, where I work at the intersection between economic sociology, the sociology of risk and science & technology studies. My research explores how cultural conventions about what constitutes 'good' or 'healthy' food are built into the design of markets and food provisioning infrastructures, and how issues of risk, resilience and food security are addressed within international food supply networks.</p> <p>Over the years I've worked on research projects examining how cultural conventions and criteria of food quality organise and pattern regional agricultural economies, and how organizational cultures and standards of logistics, provisioning and risk management shape resilience and crisis planning within international food supply chains. In my recent work I have become particularly interested in role of the 'missing middle' of food supply networks – including wholesaling, distribution and logistics – in configuring health, inequality and resilience within urban food systems. I am intrigued by the ways in which these often overlooked infrastructures of food provisioning are bound up with (and might be reshaped by) shifting cultures and practices of retailing and consumption.</p> <p>I completed a small exploratory project on this topic last year, which was funded by the Food Standards Agency. This piece of work looked at the role of the new distribution and retailing infrastructures emerging around digital marketplace platforms in catalysing change in cultures of food consumption and in the forms of sociality which coalesce around food. I'm eager to build on this to examine how changes in the cultural and economic organization of urban food provisioning might be harnessed in the interests of health, sustainability and food security.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am eager to build on my current work's engagement with the cultures, practices and infrastructures of urban food provisioning and to develop this into a more direct engagement with questions of food security, health and nutrition. I am therefore particularly keen to develop partnerships with researchers interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultures and infrastructures of urban food provisioning and consumption • Urban food systems and urban agriculture • Urban food transitions and sustainability • Innovation and technology in sustainable, healthy food systems • Food security

Dr Duika Burges Watson, Institute of Health and Society, Newcastle University

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Short biography	Duika was Principle Investigator on the NIHR/RfPB funded study with survivors of head and neck cancer that led to the development of the Altered Eating approach and Altered Eating Research Network at Newcastle University. She supervises a growing number of students using the AE approach to structure their work in both medical and public health contexts. Her work demonstrates a need to better understand the multi-modal experience of flavour, and biosocial approaches that consider the contribution of detrimental and beneficial exposures to the environment. Drawing on visceral geographic and biosocial accounts of food and eating, she advocates a 'source to senses' approach to food. She is involved in various patient and public led community projects that advance new ways of thinking about why we eat and how we eat.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in developing interdisciplinary work that takes a source to senses approach to consider diet related non-communicable disease. A key area of interest is in the relationship between body/environment and sensory inequities. In particular, I wish to develop research that attends to the importance of olfactory abilities in 'sensing' food (both in terms of how the environment diminishes sensory capacities, and how sensory capacities are important to why we eat). There is evidence that 'ultra-processed' foods high in salt, fat and sugar may contribute to a higher 'allostatic load' and NCDs. Neurogastronomy is contributing much insight into the importance of 'smell' to flavour perception and emotional health and well-being. How might a sensory approach that recognises the importance of olfaction be employed to re-engage people with the flavour of food, pleasure and well-being?</p> <p>We are currently developing a range of research projects that employ sensory training and flavour masterclasses in the community. I would welcome interest from researchers interested in evaluation and in community led participatory research; as well as expertise in visceral approaches and sensory science.</p>

Dr Silvio Caputo, School of Architecture - University of Kent

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Short biography	Silvio Caputo graduated at the University of Rome and worked for leading architectural offices before starting his own practice in Milan. His extensive experience and knowledge in building design and construction processes are strengthened with a strong passion for research into sustainable architecture and cities. He holds a PhD in Urban Design and Planning conferred by Coventry University, which

	<p>focuses on urban resilience, intended as the capability of cities to function sustainably over the long-term.</p> <p>His research interest encompasses resilient cities and practices for social resilience. Within this broad theme, at present, his research focuses on urban agriculture, the design and planning of green infrastructure and issues related to democracy and planning such as environmental justice, participatory methods of design and self-build urbanism. His investigation in urban agriculture looks at the spatial transformation this practice triggers in cities, the cultural changes around food and urban nature this practice implies and finally the recent evolution of urban agriculture, with the adoption of indoor techniques of food production such as hydroponics and aquaponics. He has worked as a researcher in several inter-disciplinary and international projects, including the EPSRC funded ‘Sustainable regeneration: from evidence-based urban futures to implementation’ and the COST Action TU 1201 ‘Urban Allotment Gardens in Europe’, in which he was chairing the Urban Design Work Group. He is at present Principal Investigator of the UK team of the ‘FEW-meter’ international project funded under the initiative JPI Urban Europe, investigating the Food – Energy – Water Nexus in cities. This research project will end in 2021.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	We have not yet defined the scope of the proposal. An initial conversation brought us to discuss how local cultures and social constructs can impact the perception of relevance of (and sometimes the stigma around) urban agriculture practices. Experts in food and nutrition cultures could therefore be important for our proposal.

Miss Jennifer Castaneda Navarrete, Institute of Development Studies

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Short biography	I am about to complete my PhD in Development Studies. My doctoral research is on the spatial (rural-urban) and temporal dynamics of homegardens in the Southeast of Mexico. In particular, I am looking at how these dynamics shape the contribution of the homegardens to household food security, in the context of rural-urbanisation. My background is in economics and policy. I have worked in public administration, academia and consulting agencies in a wide range of topics, among them: agrobiodiversity; nutrition; social protection; NGO’s capabilities; and science and technology policy.
Areas of interest for partnership development	Traditional agricultural systems and their dynamics.

Dr Anna Charalambidou, Middlesex University

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Short biography	I am Programme Leader for BA English and Lecturer in English Language at the Media Department of Middlesex University. Before

	<p>moving to Middlesex in 2015, I worked at the European University of Cyprus, University of Surrey, Swansea University and King's College London.</p> <p>My research interests are in discourse analysis and sociolinguistics. I have mainly worked with Greek Cypriot data, yet my work and publications are not positioned solely within Cypriot and Greek Studies but also in the broader fields of interactional approaches to language and identities research, and especially language and ageing.</p> <p>I was a co-investigator in the AHRC-funded project, Consuming Authenticities: Time, Place and the Past in the Construction of 'Authentic' Foods and Drinks. It addresses the temporal relationships and ideas that contribute to the construction of narratives of authenticity in relation to four foods and drinks: pulque (an alcoholic drink from Central Mexico), flaounes (celebration Easter pies from Cyprus), Welsh craft cider and acarajé (a street snack from Brazil).</p> <p>I am now working as Principal Investigator with colleagues from Middlesex, Northumbria and York on a project entitled 'Diversity that we can hear'. This research aims to analyse tutors' awareness and perceptions of issues around accent diversity (whether regional, global or second language) in the secondary and university classroom in the UK and whether and how accent diversity affects their teaching practices and curriculum design.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	Language focused studies on cultures of food - everyday food stories - recipe tellings

Professor Dimitris Charalampopoulos, University of Reading,
Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences

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Short biography	<p>I am a professor of Food Biotechnology and Research Division Lead at the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Reading. My research is in the area of food biotechnology, working particularly in two fields, i.e. functional foods (fermented foods and probiotics) as well as food waste valorisation (development of technologies). In the area of fermented foods and probiotics the aim of the research is to understand the influence of microbial fermentation on the physicochemical changes of the raw materials (e.g. cereals, dairy, etc) and the quality of the fermented products (e.g. organoleptic properties, shelf-life, nutritional value) and investigate potential health benefits through the gut microbiota (in vitro and in vivo studies). Over the last 10 years I have obtained in excess of £2.5M of funding from various funding bodies (e.g. BBSRC, Innovate UK, industry). I am currently leading a BBSRC GCRF grant 'Development of a value chain from cocoa pod husks in Indonesia: Technological and socio-economic challenges' and I am the PI and Director of a BBSRC funded Network in Industrial Biotechnology and</p>

	Bioenergy, FoodWasteNet (2014-2019). I am Editor of Food Chemistry and have published more than 60 papers in the areas of microbial fermentation, probiotics and food waste valorisation.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I have a general idea for a potential project for this call, which is around the history and social and economic impact of indigenous fermented foods (produced in Africa, Asia, Balkans), including cereal, dairy and vegetable based fermented foods. The project could investigate traditional vs current production processes of such foods and how industrialisation and modern technologies have/are changing these, influence of fermented foods on culture identity and local economies (past vs present) and understanding the perception of a positive their nutritional value and health effects and how this has evolved with advances in science. I would be looking to develop partnerships with historians interested in the history of indigenous foods in developing countries with a focus on Africa, South East Asia and potentially the Balkans and Turkey, and social scientists interested in investigating the socio-economic impact of indigenous foods.

Dr Michèle Clarke, University of Nottingham

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Short biography	Professor Michèle Clarke is University ODA Research Champion and Professor of Environmental Change in the School of Geography at the University of Nottingham. Her research focuses on energy-water-food-environment interactions, climate change, rural development and livelihoods and sustainable cities and she has held grants from ESRC, NERC, EPSRC, BBSRC, NERC-ESRC-DFID, The British Academy, The Royal Society, The Leverhulme Trust, European Union, British Council, UKIERI. She has significant experience of leading international consortium research projects. Her most recent international consortium Newton Fund projects include: Newton Fund Brazil (BBSRC BB/N013204/1) NUCLEUS - a Virtual Joint Centre to deliver enhanced Nitrogen Use Efficiency for the UK and Brasil; Newton Agham Fund (EPSRC EP/P018513/1) Water-Energy-Nutrient Nexus in the Cities of the Future; Newton Bhabha Fund (ESRC ES/P005167/1) Smart Cities Network for Sustainable Urban Futures (Smarties Net). She is a member of the BBSRC Global Food Security Crop Breeders and Climate Modellers Working Group, a Fellow of a number of Professional Societies including The Geological Society, The Royal Geographical Society, The Higher Education Academy, a Member of The Royal Society of Chemistry and a regular Panel Chair for Research Councils UK.
Areas of interest for partnership development	As part of a small GCRF networking pilot I am currently exploring the relationship between indigenous and tribal knowledge, formal education, understandings of the environment and historical use of native species for food and livelihood benefits with partners in Mexico, Tanzania, Kenya and Zimbabwe. This project has underlined the importance of culture, identity and ethnobotany in the use and

	understanding of native plants for food. I would be keen to explore these issues to develop new partnerships and extend this work to other regions.
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Dr Ben Coles, University of Leicester

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Short biography	<p>I am a broadly trained economic and political geographer who researches commodities, markets and cultures of consumption on the one hand and their interrelation with production processes. My research interests include the geographies of commodities and food, and how these geographies relate to questions of place, space and scale, with a particular focus on Brazil and Latin America.</p> <p>More recently, I have become interested in the interrelationship between food/water/energy (often described as WEF 'Nexus'), its intersection with political and economic processes, and how these might play out in the Anthropocene.</p> <p>Ultimately, all of my research interests are underpinned by conceptual as well as methodological concerns of place and place-making and Geographical theories of connectivity.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I would like to develop new partnerships with those working in bio-sciences, ecology and materials/systems engineering, as well as those working in geo-humanities.

Dr Helen Anne Curry, University of Cambridge

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>Helen Anne Curry is Peter Lipton Senior Lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of Churchill College. From 2017 to 2020 she is a Pro Futura Scientia Fellow (CRASSH and the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study). A historian of recent science and technology, Curry is particularly interested in the entangled histories of modern biology and biotechnology, industrial agriculture, and environmental change. Her current research considers the history of global conservation, in particular efforts made to preserve the genetic diversity of agricultural crop species. As part of her Pro Futura fellowship, she is preparing a book manuscript that considers this history through the specific example of corn (maize), a crop of unrivalled cultural and economic importance in the Americas. Curry is the author of <i>Evolution Made to Order: Plant Breeding and Technological Innovation in Twentieth-Century America</i> (University of Chicago Press, 2016) and co-editor of <i>Worlds of Natural History</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2018).</p>

Areas of interest for partnership development	In recent years, my research has involved site visits to many national and agricultural research institutions and to engagement with many natural scientists as well as administrators of research institutions and government programs. As a result I am well acquainted with this side (the supply side) of agricultural and development research and government programming. By comparison, I am less familiar with the activities of those on the receiving end of agricultural research programs, be they farmers, community organizations, or consumers. Although I often rely on the work of social scientists who study food and agriculture from this angle, I have not had the opportunity to observe or engage in this work directly. I feel strongly that my continued research on crop diversity would benefit from closer engagement with social scientists, especially those who study the downstream effects of scientific research and technological development. This would therefore be a key area in which I want to develop new partnerships.
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Professor Vinita Damodaran, University of Sussex

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Short biography	I am a historian of modern India, interested in the environment and on sustainable development dialogues in the global South. My work ranges from the social and political history of Bihar to the environmental history of South Asia, including using historical records to understand climate change in the Indian Ocean World. My publications include; Broken Promises, Indian Nationalism and the Congress Party in Bihar (1992), Nature and the Orient, Essays on the Environmental History of South and South-East Asia(1998), Post Colonial India, History Politics and Culture (2000), British empire and the natural world: environmental encounters in South Asia, (2010), East India Company and the Natural world (2014) and more recently Climate change and the Humanities (2017).
Areas of interest for partnership development	I will be interested in researchers working in Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh on climate change and food systems with a long term perspective. I would also be interested to look at climate model simulations for the historical period and the potential for evaluating them against documentary data on both climate and food systems would be interesting.

Dr Matthew Davies, Institute for Global Prosperity (IGP), University College London

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Short biography	My research explores issues around prosperity, society and the environment. I am especially interested in the management of landscapes, ecological diversity, climate, and questions of

	<p>sustainability and resilience. Most of my work has focussed on agricultural systems in Eastern Africa and has examined community practice and knowledge both historically and anthropologically, often employing a perspective known as historical ecology. This has involved analyses of the spatial, material and temporal dynamics of farming systems, including understandings of soils, crops, irrigation, exchange networks and forests/vegetation. I have also explored histories of failed external 'development' and my work is increasingly drawn towards wider analyses of food systems, agro-ecology, food sovereignty, farmer innovation and intersections with nutrition and health. My work often employs practices of physically mapping the landscape and I work closely with local Citizen Scientists within a trans-disciplinary framework. At IGP I head-up a growing portfolio of research under the framework of Prosperity Co-Lab Kenya and as part of the wider IGP community I am developing work on prosperity metrics and on wider questions around 'Natural Prosperity'.</p> <p>My published work is diverse, but has especially focussed on the temporal dynamics of Eastern African agricultural systems, drawing on long-standing anthropological and historical fieldwork among the Marakwet and Pokot communities of Kenya. Before joining IGP I was lecturer in African Studies at UCL, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the University of Cambridge and Assistant Director of the British Institute in Eastern Africa. I have held several editorial roles and positions on academic bodies. Including as a Council member and trustee of the British Institute in Eastern Africa and on the governing council of the African Studies Association of the UK.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I would be looking to build on existing partnerships to further understanding of the intersections between community agricultural knowledges and scientific agronomy. This would include work on agro-ecology, the botany and diversity of crop and food plants, cultivation techniques, cooking and nutrition, soils, re-growth and water management.

Dr Kumara Charyulu Deevi, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, India

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	book chapters, thirty research reports and 25+ research articles in national and international journals.
Areas of interest for partnership development	Looking for partnerships in the areas of agricultural food systems and nutrition in India preferably and in neighboring South Asian countries. ICRISAT also has strong interest towards gender dynamics of food and nutrition issues. We also have keen interests towards coping with climate, weather and environmental risks in food systems etc.

Dr Treasa De Loughry, University of Exeter

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Short biography	<p>I am a Lecturer in Global and World Literatures in the Department of English at the University of Exeter. My research intersects world literature, postcolonial studies and environmental criticism, with a focus on food, energy, waste and pollution.</p> <p>Before joining the University of Exeter I worked at Maynooth University Ireland, and University College Dublin. My research has been funded by the Fulbright Commission, the Irish Research Council, the NUI Galway Moore Institute, UCD seed funding, the University of Exeter, and the US Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment. I am a member of the international 'World-Ecology Research Network' and a founder member of the 'World Literature Network'.</p> <p>I have articles published or forthcoming in the Journal of Postcolonial Writing, the Journal of Commonwealth Literature and Green Letters, and chapters in various edited collections. My monograph, <i>The Global Novel and Capitalism in Crisis - Contemporary Literary Narratives</i>, is forthcoming with the Palgrave Macmillan Series "New Comparisons in World Literature".</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am seeking to develop partnership and expertise in interdisciplinary approaches to the science, history and culture of post-WWII US led Green Revolution programmes around food aid and food experimentation, like GMO crops, in South and South East Asia especially.</p> <p>The AHRC's workshop focus on the cultures and histories of food production, consumption and policy is precisely aligned to this project's concern with the cultural-historical apprehension of transformations in food-systems during a moment of intense experimentation and internationalisation in specific 'global commodities' like rice, corn, soy etc. Given my comparative interest in world literary approaches, and pre-existing connections with a network of literary scholars working on similar projects, from representations of sugar in the Caribbean (Mike Niblett, Warwick; Chris Campbell, Exeter), to maize in Latin America (Kerstin Oloff,</p>

	<p>Durham), to historical studies of the environment (Jason W. Moore, Binghamton University USA), this workshop would be immensely helpful in enabling me to make the historical, scientific and area studies contacts necessary to the underpinnings of this project, and to my future goals of applying for funding from the AHRC and Wellcome Trust.</p> <p>Given that I am an ECR lecturer in an emerging field of study, this workshop is also crucial in helping me to connect scholars from varied disciplines and stages of their careers. At a time when climate change, scarce water, and soil erosion threaten dwindling food yields, only interdisciplinary collaborations can parse the cultures of agricultural modernisation in ways that may suggest future directions for sustainable food systems.</p>
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Professor Keith Dobney, University of Liverpool

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Short biography	My research rests firmly at the interface of the Humanities and Sciences, combining archaeology, anthropology, zoology biology and palaeoecology. My principle focus has been human-animal relationships - specifically the bio-cultural history of animal domestication, the origins and spread of farming cultures, past diet and disease and migration/colonisation history. Most recently I have been exploring (in collaboration with others) the potential of ancient oral microbiomes to reveal new insights into diet, health and human behaviour, along with research into indigenous domestic livestock breeds in the Horn of Africa and the evolutionary context of back pain.
Areas of interest for partnership development	Food and agricultural historians, an historian specialising in human health, ancient biomolecules (aDNA, isotopes and proteomics), animal health and food systems, livestock economist, human and animal nutritionist, plant and animal genomics.

Professor Yonca Erkan, Kadir Has University (Istanbul, Turkey)

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Short biography	Dr. Yonca Erkan works as Associate Professor of architecture at the Kadir Has University since 2008, where she is the UNESCO Chair Holder on the Management and Promotion of World Heritage Sites: New Media and Community Involvement. In 2017, she worked at the UNESCO World Heritage Centre as the HUL/World Heritage Cities Programme Coordinator and continues to work as a senior consultant. She is a jury member of European Union Cultural Heritage – EUROPA NOSTRA Awards in Education, Training and Awareness Raising (Category IV), as well as Heritage in Motion

	<p>Awards. Dr. Erkan was a member of the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO (2010-2014). Her research interests include management of world heritage sites, urban conservation and community involvement. She holds architecture degree from Yıldız Technical University (1993), with a Master's Degree in Architectural Conservation from the same university (1996) and studied at the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Art and Architecture in Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and received S.M.Arch.S. Degree (1998) and completed her Ph.D. (2007) at the Istanbul Technical University.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in collaborating on investigating the historic links between urban and rural areas and their symbiotic relationships. This includes Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Sites, rural areas with cultural heritage value, historic landscapes and their preservation.</p> <p>I am equally interested in using digital information technologies and making historical data available on landscape, mapping this information with geocoded data and making visualization.</p> <p>I represent a group of scholars from Kadir Has University with competencies in data-mining, GIS technologies, architectural history/urban history and spatial mapping based on BIG DATA as well as history of gastronomy. We have expertise to cover areas from Balkans to Middle East, representing former Ottoman territories.</p> <p>The Kadir Has University can be reached at www.khas.edu.tr/en/</p>

Dr Maria Paula Escobar, University of Bristol

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	<p>I am a cultural and environmental geographer with a strong interdisciplinary background and current practice, as I am based at the Veterinary School of the University of Bristol, from where I conduct my research. My research is concerned with how farmers engage with several issues including regulation, global concerns about the use of antibiotics in livestock farming and antimicrobial resistance, conservation and environmental public policy, NGO and research programmes to encourage sustainable farming and with the political economy of the ecology vs livelihood tensions under which they often find themselves. In particular, one of my current projects in Colombia, where I am originally from and where most of my current research takes place, looks at farmers' agency in water and habitat conservation, whilst another seeks to trace the environmental and livelihood impacts of Colombia's multiple conflicts in farmers' lands and memories. My research speaks to traditional geography themes of mobility, landscape, environmental cultures and environmental politics, environmental and agricultural governance and draws from creative methodologies including video, photography and cartography.</p>

	I have a strong record of working with policy-makers both in my native Colombia and in the UK.
Areas of interest for partnership development	The political economy of international food safety and quality standards; historical trends in diets and their cultural purchase; historical trends in agricultural extension provision, histories of land tenure.

Professor Sunita Facknath, University of Mauritius

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>I am a Professor in Sustainable Agriculture in the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Mauritius, and a twice-over doctorate (I hold two PhDs, one from UK and another from Mauritius). I was the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture from 2015 to 2018.</p> <p>In addition to my teaching, I am an active researcher and consultant. My research interests are mainly in the field of Sustainable Agriculture, Organic Farming, Climate Change, Integrated Pest and Vector Management, Sustainable Aquaculture, Sustainable Forestry, Soil Biology, Agrochemicals, and AgroBiodiversity.</p> <p>I am particularly interested in indigenous knowledge systems in agriculture and environment, and have researched a number of environmentally-friendly and sustainable technologies for crop health, using natural and/or non-chemical approaches that can be used in biofarming and organic production. Over the past several years, I have been researching the potential of indigenous knowledge systems for adaptation and mitigation to face the challenges of climate variability and climate change.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am looking for experts who can conduct advanced nutritional and biochemical analyses of African foods in order to understand the scientific basis of claims, by locals and indigenous communities, of the medicinal and other special properties of some African foods.

Professor James Fairhead, University of Sussex

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>James Fairhead is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Sussex, but has a first degree in Agricultural and Forestry Sciences. His initial work transposed the analytical framework of critical medical anthropology to the study of plant and animal diseases, and of fertility in soils working in collaboration with agro-ecological scientists in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. With Melissa Leach he then worked in West Africa, examining how local agro-ecological practices had reshaped landscapes over generations, creating islands of forest in savannas and creating fertile soils in the ruins of former villages. Neither was visible to colonial and</p>

	<p>postcolonial ecologists and policy makers who assumed incorrectly both the anthropogenic forest patches and the soils to be 'original' and natural. This research combined history and anthropology and produced a paradigm shift in the way African environments are examined, contributing to the development of historical and political ecology in Africa. The research also necessitated examining the power/knowledge relations in the colonial and post-colonial ecological and forestry sciences – and books resulted.</p> <p>For a decade or more, Fairhead developed a stream of work examining health practices and the intersection of local health practices with immunization and global research programmes, and linked to this helped develop the award winning Ebola Response Anthropology Programme that brought anthropological analysis to bear on the humanitarian response. Research on the emergence of Ebola has led him to work on less well-known, but highly important interrelations with the natural world, most notably on the consumption of earths (geophagy) manipulated by insects and their significance for nutrition, health and fertility.</p> <p>Fairhead Chaired the DfID/ESRC funding panel, has been a member of ESRC's committees, was Chair of the Association of Social Anthropologists and is a Fellow of the British Academy.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Those interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • anthropogenic vegetation • anthropogenic soils/terra preta/dark earths/mushroom and insect foods • hunting, bush meet, and its ecology (not just in relation to 'conservation' and suppression)

Professor Antoine Farhat, Notre Dame University-Louaize

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>Antoine Farhat is a Professor of Nutrition and currently the dean of Faculty of Nursing & Health Sciences at NDU. He has a BS in Biology from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon (1989), an MS and a Ph.D. in Nutrition from McGill University, Canada (1997 and 1999), and completed his postdoctoral research at Penn State University, USA. His long-term research focuses on the assessment of macro and micronutrient consumption in Lebanon with emphasis on insoluble/soluble dietary fiber and glycemic load, $\omega 6:\omega 3$ fatty acid ratio, and trans fatty acids, with these nutrients' effect on nutrition-related diseases. Other research attractions include functional food, effect of food processing on nutrients losses, and environmental nutrition including consumer health issues closely associated with the food industry where he spent three years as a director of research and development. The best research for Antoine is the one that aims away from reductionism and closer to holistic approaches to humanity's problems. His teaching concentration is in basic and</p>

	advanced human nutrition, macro and micronutrients metabolism, and sustainable food security.
Areas of interest for partnership development	1- Food security and sustainability 2- Food systems 3- Nutrition 4- Consumer's health

Dr Diana Feliciano, University of Aberdeen

Current position	Research fellow
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Short biography	I am an interdisciplinary scientist with degrees in Forestry Engineering (1st degree), Economics (MSc) and Geography (PhD). My work covers the implications of land use and management change on climate change and has a strong focus on stakeholder engagement. My research has been funded by the Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture (CCAFS) programme of CGIAR, the World Bank, NERC (Knowledge Exchange fellowship on the implementation of agricultural sustainable practices) and more recently, the Wellcome Trust. I have been also funded by the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) while acting as Management Committee member, Steering Committee member and Working Group Leader in COST Action 1201 - FACESMAP - Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Significance for Management and Policy. I have recently been seconded at the Committee on Climate Change in London, UK to work on land use and climate change mitigation. I have also been scientific advisor to the UNECE/FAO Forest Ownership Core Group between 2014 and 2018. I teach occasionally at the University of Aberdeen on the topics of political economy, markets and commodities, climate change science and policy, mixed-methods.
Areas of interest for partnership development	My interests are on the impact of climate change on land use (agriculture, forestry, grassland), barriers and opportunities to implement climate change mitigation and adaptation practices by farmers, the impact of land use and land use change on greenhouse gas emissions, climate change impacts on land use and management, and on rural livelihoods and poverty, the role of organisations in supporting adaptation and mitigation and rural development. My research favours stakeholder engagement, knowledge exchange and mixed-methods for data collection and analysis.

Miss Ana Felicien, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research IVIC

Current position	Researcher
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Short biography	I'm a Venezuelan researcher and I work with agroecology and food security. I work at the laboratory of ecosystems and global change and also with the National Indigenous University of Tauca. My

	<p>research is focused in traditional ecological knowledge and agrobiodiversity conservation, and political ecology of food systems.</p> <p>Currently I'm finishing my PhD working with Andean seed systems and sustainable agriculture. I'm very interested in work about political ecology of food security in Venezuela, history and geography of hunger in a megadiverse and oil exporter country, to analyze the current food crisis in this country considering the historical, economic and ecological causes of the current conjuncture.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I'm looking for new partnerships which work with agroecology and political ecology from a complex system perspective to explore food security issues in Venezuela in a global change context considering:</p> <p>Transdisciplinarity Participatory research methodologies Complex systems Traditional ecological knowledge Food Sovereignty Sustainability</p>

Dr Isabel Fletcher, University of Edinburgh

Current position	Senior Research Fellow
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Short biography	<p>I am a qualitative social scientist whose research focuses the interactions between nutrition research and public health policy, and the ways in which nutrition expertise influences everyday food behaviours. I have worked on a range of topics including public health understandings of obesity, global food security policy, food industry responses to public health regulation, dietary guidelines and models of sustainable healthy eating. I am an interdisciplinary scholar and use approaches from Food Policy, the History of Medicine and Science and Technology Studies in my work. In my post-doctoral career, I have worked in a range of different multidisciplinary teams with colleagues from law and public health, as well as other social science disciplines. In current post I am interviewing members of the public about their food provisioning practices. This is part of the ResULTs project on the role of livestock in food system resilience in upland regions, funded by Global Food Security's Resilience of the UK Food System Programme.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Last year I contributed to an ESRC grant proposal (submitted by colleagues from the University of Sussex) outlining a research programme comparing nutrition policies in Brazil, Scotland, and Thailand. The comparative element of this proposal was novel and important, as was its framing of malnutrition as a problem of both under- and over-nutrition. As part of this workshop, I would be interested in developing similar comparative approaches with colleagues working in low and middle income countries.</p>

Dr Michael Frogley, University of Sussex

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>2000-present: Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Physical Geography, University of Sussex</p> <p>1997-2000: Research Fellow in Earth Sciences, St John's College, Cambridge</p> <p>1993-1997: PhD (Cantab), University Museum of Zoology</p> <p>Primary research interests include: patterns and pacing of Quaternary climatic variability as reflected by the multi-proxy analysis of high-resolution lacustrine records (with particular emphasis on lake responses from montane regions of the Balkans and Andean Peru); potential linkages between climate change, societal development and agricultural/land-use practices in both Andean Peru and the Indian Ocean World; the dynamics and biodiversity of endemic and non-endemic invertebrate faunas within lake systems; the character of interglacial refugia.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>We have only recently begun to appreciate that our palaeoecological work in the Peruvian highlands has broader-reaching potential for influencing modern-day policy and practice. We have already established an embryonic network involving a handful of local academics and NGOs and recently tied up with representatives of CGIAR. We are very interested in strengthening this network, especially in terms of local ecological and agricultural expertise, and engaging with policymakers and other stakeholders at both local/national governmental levels.</p> <p>We have recently become involved with a collaborative initiative working across the Indian Ocean World with historians, climate scientists and policy advisers, that focuses on the last 2000 years of history in the region. We see potential for developing a new network that dovetails with this project to explore the relationships between global climate change, local- and regional-scale agricultural adaptation, food security, socio-ecological resilience and improvement of ecosystem services.</p>

Dr Tereza Helena Gabrielli Barreto Campello, University of Nottingham

Current position	Visiting Fellow
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Short biography	<p>I am economist, Doctor in Public Health, International consultant on social development and social protection, Visiting Fellow at University of Nottingham (UK) and professor and research associate at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ, Brazil). I acted as the Minister of Social Development of Brazil from 2011-2016. In that period, I coordinated the design and implementation of the national policy to</p>

	<p>eradicate extreme poverty (Brazil without Extreme Poverty), which contributed decisively for the elevation of 22 million people out of extreme poverty. I also coordinated the National Social Assistance Policy, the National Food Security Policy, the Bolsa Família Program (14 million Families - conditional cash transfer), the Cistern Program (1.2 million Cisterns).</p> <p>In 2014, I received the FAO/UN award, on behalf of Brazil, for achieving the goals of reducing hunger, at which point Brazil was considered to be off the Hunger Map.</p> <p>During the administration of President Lula (2003 – 2010), I led top priority programs in the area of development, such as the “Citizenship Territories”, Biodiesel and Ethanol Programs; the National Plan on Climate Change; and the Green Arch Effort, which made some public services, land regulation, and a sustainable development project available for the Amazon region. I started my career in Porto Alegre, where I coordinated the Office of Planning and Participatory Budgeting.</p> <p>All of these experiences are based on multidimensional and intersectoral solutions, with scale, to address problems affecting millions. My work is recognized by the civil society and it promotes their participation in the construction of narratives that unite popular wisdom to scientific knowledge. The histories, culture and experiences of the different communities should be part of the solution. My professional career is as a policy maker valuing both the citizen and the beneficiaries as well as the workers and entities responsible for implementing the public policies.</p>
<p>Areas of interest for partnership development</p>	<p>The construction of innovations, solutions and mechanisms to face inequalities gain a huge potential when we work with the concept of Social Technology, allying popular wisdom and knowledge and technical-scientific knowledge. Community seed banks is one such example and has been an efficient, productive, social, cultural and environmental strategy for stocking and multiplying local species, managed by the community, preserving diversity, traditional practices and their histories. Therefore, providing local solutions that provide value for family farmers and traditional communities where they are the holders of knowledge and history associated with the quality of varieties they manage, as well as their ability to produce, improve, manage this resource and use it as a food. We need these sorts of solutions to ensure food security in this challenging period of climate change. It strengthens social bonds, autonomy and ability to produce and ensures the continuity of the histories and culture of the ancestors.</p> <p>We are looking for other partnerships with similar experiences in the rescue and recording of personal histories, cases and "tales" related with seeds that can be part of this network. Also partnerships that have experience in cereal and natives seeds in different countries that happen to articulate initiatives of rescue of old varieties disappeared or in danger of disappearing associate with the histories, culture and traditional practices.</p> <p>There are other community seed banks in different parts of World - Africa, Caribbean, South America - and there is huge potential and</p>

	reach if we could link these experiences creating an integrated guardian network of local histories and cultures linked to food.
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Dr Tara Garnett, Food Climate Research Network, University of Oxford

Current position	I run the Food Climate Research Network
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Short biography	<p>Tara Garnett is a researcher at the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford, and a fellow of the Oxford Martin School. She has worked on food issues for 25 years, first in the NGO community and, since 2005 within the academic sector. Tara’s work centres on the interactions among food, climate, health and broader sustainability issues; she has a particular interest in livestock as a sector where many of these converge and is a co-investigator on Oxford’s livestock related LEAP project. She is also interested in how knowledge is communicated to and interpreted by policy makers, civil society organisations and industry, and in the values that these different stakeholders bring to food problems and possible solutions. Tara founded the Food Climate Research Network in 2005, originally at the University of Surrey, before it relocated to Oxford.</p> <p>Tara has a degree in English Literature (University of Oxford), a Masters in Development Studies (School of Oriental and African Studies, London) and a PhD in food systems analysis (University of Surrey).</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I'm in the process of developing idea and seeking funding for a Centre for the Exploration of Values and Evidence on Food Sustainability (CEVEFS) and am looking for potential partners.</p> <p>Based at Oxford, this will be a Centre that is grounded in academia, but whose mission is to engage with the diversity of voices and perspectives on food both within and beyond the research community. Working across three key themes - Protein, Power and Metrics – the Centre will seek to build food systems literacy while also illuminating how and why people disagree about how to advance sustainability. We will encourage and provide space for discussion, and where possible, move debates forward by identifying areas of both consensus and disagreement. We will seek to identify whether disagreements are due to use of different evidence or different interpretation of the same evidence, or differences in the way issues are framed, contextualised or valued.</p> <p>Livestock - animal production and consumption - related issues fit most obviously into the protein theme but are also highly relevant to the other two.</p> <p>At this stage I welcome general discussions with researchers interested in our plans and who might be interested in collaborating.</p>

Dr Flora Gathorne-Hardy, Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR), University of Coventry

Current position	Artist Research Associate
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Short biography	<p>My practice-research explores the interface of arts and social transformation in the fields of food and agroecology, with a strong emphasis on dialogue and exchange between the UK and Southern Africa. I work within a collaborative research partnership with Miche Fabre Lewin as joint Artist Research Associates at the Centre for Agroecology Water and Resilience (CAWR) at Coventry University, and as visiting Artists in Residence with the Sustainability Institute (SI) and Centre for Complex Systems in Transition (CST) at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. This role builds on my degree in geography and my doctoral research at the University of Cambridge and as a Visiting Scholar at University of California at Berkeley. Entitled 'Just Design', my thesis explored how the community design movement opens a political space for marginalised groups to share their cultural knowledge and experiences within the process of designing settlements. My current research also draws on my experience as an ecological landscape architect working within education, healthcare and community food growing, both in the UK and internationally. In 2015, we were awarded funding from the European EcoDry programme to investigate our innovative role as Artist Research Associates working within this global south-north partnership. This interdisciplinary and practice-led research engaged us with a wide range of food-related social movements in the UK and South Africa. These included urban and rural food growers, local food networks and cultural practitioners seeking to develop new cultures and systems for local agroecological food sovereignty. The research contributed a suite of research methodologies, which enable people from diverse cultural backgrounds to safely explore and share their cultural knowledge in ways that generate as-yet-unimagined new personal practices, partnerships and collective initiatives. Working with the everyday arts of food making and food sharing are integral to these collaborative, context-responsive and emergent research processes.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>The research between ourselves at CAWR and the Sustainability Institute (SI) and Centre for Complex Systems in Transition (CST) at Stellenbosch University has evolved into an alliance, which we hope to grow further and expand with funding from the Cultures, Behaviours and Histories of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition Programme. In particular, we are looking to enable the continued development and embedding of these inclusive arts-based methodologies within the research hubs of CAWR, the SI/CST, and other new partners; secondly, cascade new 'artful' cultural practices within international communities of practitioners through the co-creation of a practice-based interdisciplinary research training programme; and thirdly, support new forms of learning exchanges between alliance partners and their local communities working to</p>

	<p>support and develop localised agroecological food systems. I am interested to explore this evolving collaborative project with the challenge leaders and learn more its potential relevance within the ‘Cultures, Behaviours and Histories of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition Programme’. I am also interested in exploring with others how arts-based methodologies can offer embodied and transformative encounters with different aspects of the food system, and how such encounters can help restore and flourish cultural and ecological diversity as the foundation of food sovereignty and food security.</p>
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Dr Angelo Gismondi, University of Rome Tor Vergata

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Short biography	<p>Dr. Angelo Gismondi reached the Ph.D. level in Cellular and Molecular Biology at the University of Rome “Tor Vergata” (Rome, Italy). Nowadays, he is Assistant Professor in General Botany at the Department of Biology in the University of Rome “Tor Vergata”. He is Professor for the course of Medicinal Plants (English language, Pharmacy degree) and Plant Genetics (Biology degree) in the Department of Biology of the University of Rome “Tor Vergata”. In the same institute, he also is teaching and research member of the Ph.D. School in Cellular and Molecular Biology. To date, he published more than 40 papers on peer-reviewed scientific journals of international impact. During his training path, he developed a great expertise on the archaeobotany. In particular, he reconstructs the palaeodiet of ancient community and individuals by dental calculus analysis. Moreover, investigations on ancient environments, ethonobotic practices, food habits, traditional uses of medicinal plants and identification of antique plant remains are performed by genetic (DNA barcode, microsatellite), chromatographic (GC-MS, HPLC-DAD, LC-MS) and microscopy (Light, confocal and scanning microscopy) approaches.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in developing partnerships with archaeologists and anthropologists interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) all aspects of archeobotany by different biological methods ii) reconstruction of paleodiet and ancient ethnobotanic practices iii) use of tradition herbal medicine iv) identification of ancient plant remains (for studying the relationship human-plant-environment; aplant evolution and cultural exchanges)

Dr Dominic Glover, Institute of Development Studies

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Short biography	<p>An interdisciplinary scholar working in the field of international development studies, drawing upon theories and concepts from science and technology studies (STS)/sociology of science and technology, geography, anthropology, organisation studies and political economy. My research focuses principally on technology, innovation and socio-technical change in agriculture and agri-food systems, as well as the organisation and conduct of agricultural research, crop improvement and extension systems, with an empirical focus predominantly on small-scale and family farming systems in countries of the global South.</p> <p>I have published research on a range of empirical topics, notably studies on the spread and impacts of transgenic crops (especially Bt cotton) and rice cultivation practices (especially the System of Rice Intensification, SRI) through the historically and locally situated reconfiguration of farmers' agricultural techniques, practices and institutions. I have contributed to scholarly discussions about theoretical and conceptual frameworks suitable for understanding technological cultures and performances, and processes of scientific and technological change.</p> <p>I have carried out, led and supervised field research in India, the Philippines, Madagascar, Nepal, Kenya and Ethiopia.</p> <p>Since 2014 I have been a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. Previously, I was a post-doc with the Knowledge, Technology and Innovation group (formerly the Technology and Agrarian Development group) at Wageningen University in the Netherlands (2008—2014).</p> <p>My PhD research at IDS (2003—2007) was an innovative study that investigated the history, organisation and conduct of the Monsanto Smallholder Programme, a quasi-philanthropic, corporate social responsibility and market development initiative that was run by a transnational agribusiness and biotechnology firm.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>The proposed research agenda has the potential to pioneer a totally novel approach to the study of agricultural change and scientific agronomy. To undertake this work, an international and interdisciplinary team of collaborators is essential. The research team will definitely require contributions from historians and sociologists of science and technology, development studies scholars and geographers, as well as input by natural scientists (e.g. agronomy, plant breeding, molecular biology).</p> <p>I'm interested to talk to potential collaborators and make new contacts with researchers in these and related fields (e.g. organisation studies, science policy, etc.), who have complementary</p>

	<p>interests, technical skills and professional experience. Internationally, I am keen to explore potential international partnerships with researchers in India, the Philippines, Vietnam, Japan and other rice-producing countries in South, Southeast and East Asia, as may be appropriate to the scope of the forthcoming CBHAFN call, when it is announced. I would like to involve new partners with my existing networks of collaborators and professional contacts in countries where I have worked, and develop and extend these relationships into an ambitious longer-term collaboration.</p>
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Mr Nikhil Gokani, University of Essex

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Short biography	<p>Nikhil is a Lecturer at the University of Essex. His research explores the role of local, national and international law in preventing non-communicable diseases and reducing health inequalities. Nikhil's work conflates public health and law through tackling the risk factors of unhealthy diets, excessive alcohol consumption, tobacco use and exposure to air pollution. Nikhil is a regular presenter at national and international conferences and has published widely in both peer-reviewed journals and non-academic publications. Nikhil regularly works with governments, charities and other non-governmental organisations at national and international levels as part of his advisory and consultancy work. He is a member of several national committees on health policy. Before moving to Essex, Nikhil taught at the University of Liverpool, where he was Deputy Director of the Law & Non-Communicable Diseases Unit. Nikhil is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Application of law to the prevention of non-communicable diseases and the reduction of health inequalities, particularly through the regulation of the food and alcohol information environment (food labelling, etc.).</p>

Dr Yi Gong, Cardiff University

Current position	Research fellow
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Short biography	<p>Dr. Yi Gong is a human geographer and a research fellow at Cardiff University. Her work explores how people's lives and health are influenced by the natural, built and social environments. She has expertise in geospatial analysis and developing interdisciplinary methods and tools that help us to understand, communicate and visualize the complex spatio-temporal relationships between environments, behaviour and health. More recently, she is a research Co-I on the REACH project funded by NERC, ESRC and NSFC (ref: NE/N012240/1). Yi also co-led the SCHEMA project (ref:216400607) between Cardiff University and UNU-IIGH, which has been runner-up for the 2017 Newton Prize award for developing cross-sectoral</p>

	approaches and tools that inform urban decision-making for the environment and health goals, while developing local capacity in Malaysia.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am looking for new collaborators to extend our current work in Malaysia, related to food, health and culture. Malaysia has a unique mix of culture (including Malay, Indian and Chinese) expressed through food, religion, customs and dress codes which are core aspects of identity and heritage.</p> <p>I am also interested in developing new partnerships dealing with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) food and cultural historian 2) cross-countries and cross-cultural comparison 3) cultural influence on adopting the sustainable diet

Dr Zinna H. Gonzalez-Carranza, University of Nottingham

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	<p>I am an assistant professor in Plant Sciences at the School of Biosciences, the University of Nottingham. During my PhD, I specialised in plant genetics.</p> <p>With funds from the Research England Institutional GCRF, I launched the project: “Sustainable and holistic use of mezquite to improve quality of life in developing countries”. The project’s long-term ambition is to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of less advantaged groups in both Durango, Mexico, and in other developing countries, by promoting economic development, and improving local research capability and innovation, through the sustainable, holistic production and use of the evergreen leguminous tree, mezquite.</p> <p>Mezquite is an underutilized native species of Mexico. Some products obtained from this plant include mezquite flour and products from it; syrups, honey, charcoal, art crafts, and furniture, among others; yet the species is not fully appreciated and sustainable management; and preservation and scientific validation of traditional knowledge is necessary. The ecological benefits of reforesting with mezquite include maintenance of biodiversity, soil protection and enhancement, and creation of new ecotourism industries that could benefit rural communities. Mezquite crop waste is been used for wastewater treatment and could improve water quality for reuse.</p> <p>In January 2019, I organized a workshop where 60 producers including women, youth and men attended a problem capture session. Members of different sectors, including government, NGOs, tourism, business sector, governmental institutions; as well as several disciplines, including anthropologists, archaeologists, agricultural economists, nutritionists, food scientists, ethicists, biologists, taxonomists, engineers, plant geneticists among others were also</p>

	<p>present. Tanzanian, Kenyan, Zimbabwean and Somaliland scientists are also involved in this project.</p> <p>I also have been studying genetic molecular mechanisms employed by plants that help them to decide allocation of their resources for growing or responding to environmental stresses; we aim to produce more robust and tolerant crops to environmental changes.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>The areas of interest I would be looking to develop is governance from communities, to understand the different systems a community may operate.</p> <p>The sociology of rural and indigenous communities in Mexico and in Africa.</p> <p>Expertise in development of communities, and the impact of change in these communities and how we can help the communities to adapt to these changes.</p>

Dr Elisa Greco, Sustainability Research Institute, University of Leeds

Current position	Post-doctoral Research Associate
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Short biography	<p>My research cuts across the political economy of development, agrarian political economy and African studies. With a BA and MA in African Studies and a PhD in African Studies and Development Studies (Universita' di Napoli, Orientale), I have fifteen years of experience in rural Tanzania. I have held research positions at Roskilde University (Denmark), University of Manchester (GDI) and University of Leeds (SRI); and teaching positions at the University of Leeds (POLIS) and the Makerere Institute for Social Research (MISR), Uganda. I have carried out research in Uganda and recently edited a collection (with J.Wiegratz and G. Martiniello) on neoliberalism in contemporary Uganda, titled 'Uganda: the dynamics of neoliberal restructuring' (ZED Books). My past research has focused on the land question in Tanzania, small scale farmers and class dynamics in the countryside (published in Review of African Political Economy and Journal of Agrarian Change). More recent research investigated farm work in rice farming areas by comparing Uganda and Tanzania through primary fieldwork in Busoga and Morogoro. I have been working on an N8 Pump Priming grant 'The challenges of food security and food sovereignty: the role of small scale African farmers' by creating an interdisciplinary research group to pioneer research on the political economy of food in Africa and the role of small scale farmers, by bringing together economists, political scientists and natural scientists. I am a founding member of the Africa Working Group of the International Initiative for the Promotion of Political Economy (IIPPE) and an editor of the Review of African Political Economy.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	We are pioneering a political economic approach – the System of Provision (SoP) approach – to the study of food security and food sovereignty in Africa.

	<p>We are looking for scholars who have experience in the co-production of research agendas with small-scale farmers' organisations and scholars working on food sovereignty in the Global South. In particular, we are interested in colleagues who have experience working across the 'hard sciences'/ social sciences divide, in particular with backgrounds in disciplines like agronomy and ecology and an interesting in crossing over to the social sciences, towards critical political ecology and agrarian political economy. We welcome input and contributions from colleagues with experience working with a bottom-up approach with small scale farmers in the Global South.</p> <p>Particularly welcome are scholars with existing partnerships in African countries that can fit well in a comparative studies with Ghana and Tanzania which are at the moment our cases of choice to compare food systems in West and East Africa.</p>
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Dr Shane Hamilton, University of York

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Areas of interest for partnership development	Industry and NGO contacts in the soybean supply chain, e.g., sustainability managers, environmental justice campaigners, commodity buyers in SME food processing/manufacturing firms

Dr Sandip Hazareesingh, The Open University

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Short biography	I am currently Director of the Ferguson Centre for African and Asian Studies at the Open University. Over the past few years, the Centre has held a number of events designed to build capacity amongst arts and humanities research communities to respond to GCRF Calls. My research interests combine social history and historical geography and are focused on India/South Asia. During the past decade, I have held substantial funding awards for historical projects from the British Academy, the AHRC, and the NWO (Netherlands).
Areas of interest for partnership development	The forthcoming GCRF Call on the theme of the Histories and Cultures of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition is right at the heart of my main

	<p>current research interest. Over the past 15 months, I have been PI on an AHRC-funded Research Networking for International Development (GCRF) project, Changing Farming Lives in South India, Past and Present. The project has used oral history, an arts based methodology scarcely in evidence in international development studies, to conduct audio and filmed interviews with small and marginal farmers in the Indian State of Karnataka. While the interviews covered changes in farming practices, food consumption, and weather patterns experienced during the farmers’ lifetime and beyond (through oral narratives passed on by elders), we were just as much interested in the stories, beliefs, and rituals associated with food, farming, and rainfall, and their origins in the past. Although the findings have yet to be fully analysed, the project has already shown the potential of oral history to give voice to poor and disadvantaged groups, particularly women, to tell stories that are important and meaningful to them.</p> <p>The Changing Farming Lives project is based on a partnership with the Karnataka-based NGO Green Foundation which works with local smallholders to promote sustainable farming and biodiversity conservation. For the forthcoming GCRF Call, we will build on the findings of the current project, while hoping to ‘scale up’ and extend collaborative relationships. In this regard, there has already been strong expressions of interest from parties both in India and the UK. We are particularly interested to share ideas with people who have expertise in public engagement (e.g. a museum with an interest in food cultures) and in the policy implications of research in this field using arts approaches.</p>
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Professor Rachel Harrison, SOAS University of London

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Short biography	<p>Rachel Harrison is Professor of Thai Cultural Studies at the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics at SOAS, University of London. She has published widely on issues of gender, and sexuality, modern literature and cinema in Thailand as well as the comparative literature of South East Asia. In addition to her co-edited volume (with Peter A. Jackson) on <i>The Ambiguous Allure of the West</i> (2010), she has edited a volume of chapters by Thai authors on the question of Western theoretical approaches to Thai literary analysis, entitled <i>Disturbing Conventions: Decentring Thai Literary Cultures</i> (Rowman and Littlefield International, 2014). In 2017 she published an interdisciplinary paper with the journal <i>Feminist Review</i>, entitled 'Dystopia as Liberation: Disturbing Femininities in Contemporary Thailand'.</p> <p>She is currently working on an AHRC-funded research project in culture, wellbeing and public health relating to diet and disease in Northeast Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. She is also editor of the</p>

	quarterly journal South East Asia Research and Chair of the Centre for South East Asian Studies at SOAS.
Areas of interest for partnership development	Agricultural Sustainability Diet and Disease

Professor Paul Heritage, People's Palace Projects, Queen Mary University of London

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Short biography	Heritage creates practice-based research projects that investigate the power of the arts to affect personal and social change. As Director of People's Palace Projects - a research centre on applied arts practices in QMUL's School of English and Drama – Heritage has led a series of inter-disciplinary research programmes in Britain and Brazil, including award-winning work on HIV/AIDS and human rights in the Brazilian prison system between 1992 and 2005. In 2004, he was made a Knight of the Order of Rio Branco by the Brazilian government. Exploring the social technologies of the arts in diverse contexts, Heritage has established a network of academic/non-academic collaborations that extend the impact of his research practices in the UK and Brazil. Current research includes a partnership with the Kuikuro people of the Xingu Territories to create an immersive digital experience for London museumgoers (EPSRC funded); arts-based research with favela-based organisations on women's experience of gender violence in Rio de Janeiro (funded by ESRC/Newton Fund); an investigation about the capacity of cultural resources to strengthen mental health in urban communities subject to multiple stress factors (GCRF funded via ESRC/AHRC). With a series of GCRF/Newton Fund grants (via British Academy and AHRC), Heritage has established a series of inter-related research projects to create methodologies by which arts and cultural organizations working in peripheral territories in Brazil can produce reliable and robust data about the human and social development impact of their work in relation to the vulnerable territories in which they operate. On behalf of the ESRC/AHRC, in March 2019 Heritage will host a GCRF seminar on Indigenous Research Methods in Rio de Janeiro bringing together UK researchers with their indigenous collaborators from 8 countries to discuss best practices and develop potential guidelines. Heritage is a member of the AHRC's Strategic Advisory Board on GCRF.
Areas of interest for partnership development	Manihot esculenta - known as mandioca, macaxeira and aipim in Brazil from where it originates – is a major staple food across the developing world. Most commonly known as cassava, it is the third most important source of calories in the tropics, and sustains an estimated 800 million people throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America. Cassava is one of the most efficient producers of carbohydrates and energy among all food crops, producing 250,000 calories per hectare/day, compared to 176,000 for rice, 110,000 for wheat and 200,000 for corn. The first written description of the production and consumption of mandioca is contained in the letter

	<p>sent by Pero Vaz de Caminha in May 1500 when he describes the way of life of the indigenous people that the Portuguese discoveries met on the land that they would come to claim as Brazil. Over the last five hundred years mandioca has been rooted in the culture and histories of survival and resistance from riverside communities of the amazon to the drought-stricken backlands of the Sertão, from the Quilombos established by former African slaves to the favelas established by migrants from Brazilian North East. It is at the heart of the culture of the Kuikuro people who have been our research collaborators in the Xingu Indigenous Territories where over the last fifty years, the varieties of mandioca that are planted have been reduced from over 40 to under 20. We are looking to extend our existing partnerships with Federal Universities and local NGO/cultural organizations in Brazil, but we are also seeking to find new partnerships with food and agricultural scientists in Britain and beyond who are focused on improving mandioca's nutritional value or disease resistance (including the harnessing of photosynthesis). We are particularly interested in working with research partners in Lusophone Africa.</p>
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Dr Agatha Herman, Cardiff University

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Short biography	<p>I am currently a Lecturer in Human Geography at Cardiff University. My research interests centre around questions of justice and ethics with a particular focus on issues and relations of power, development, social resilience and social practices within food and agricultural systems. I take a qualitative approach to research using ethnographic and participatory methods to investigate and analyse the multiscale practices and relations that structure individuals' and communities' everyday experiences. My previous research has explored issues around people-place connections in agriculture; organic production; social resilience and Fairtrade through a series of small grants and a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship (2014-17). This has resulted in a range of diverse publications (including peer-reviewed journal papers, book chapters and a monograph) drawing on empirical work from across European, South African and Latin American contexts.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I would be interested in developing new partnerships on projects in developed or developing contexts, with a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People-place connections • Food justice and sovereignty • Food futures • The use of digital technologies in changing agricultural landscapes and practices • The role and practice of ethics in agri-food systems

Professor Pat Heslop-Harrison, University of Leicester

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Short biography	Pat (JS) Heslop-Harrison studies the genetics, evolution, diversity and impact of agricultural crops (including grasslands/forages) and farm animals, with a particular focus on developing countries. He is a Professor at University of Leicester (80%) and Principle Investigator, South China Botanical Garden (SCBG), Chinese Academy of Sciences, Guangzhou (20%). I am interested in domestication processes, use of genetic diversity in wild and cultivated species, sustainability, and new requirements for agriculture given urbanization, socio-economic and environmental goals. My work is driven towards helping meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Overall, I have about 350 publications in the areas of genetic diversity and improvement, and collaborations with some 20 developing countries.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - novel crops - sustainable intensification - environmental preservation - sustainable development goals - crop improvement - socio-economic improvement of agriculture and the rural poor

Professor Stephen Hinchliffe, University of Exeter

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Short biography	<p>Steve Hinchliffe is Professor of Human Geography at the University of Exeter, UK. He is the author of Geographies of Nature (2007, Sage, UK), Pathological Lives (2016, Wiley Blackwell) and Humans, animals and biopolitics: The more than human condition (2016, Ashgate). His research has focused upon relational approaches to food, disease and environmental conservation. He currently works on a number of UKRI projects on AMR, focusing on Europe and Asia, most recently on aquaculture in Bangladesh.</p> <p>He has edited special issues on One Health (Social Science and Medicine), Antibiosis (Palgrave Communications).</p> <p>He is deputy director of the Wellcome Centre for Cultures and Environments of Health and has served on the UK's Food Standards Agency (FSA) Social Science Research Committee. He currently sits on DEFRA's Scientific Advisory Committee on Exotic Diseases and on its Social Science Expert Group.</p>

Areas of interest for partnership development	A joined up analysis of social situation and needs and a design-led/ arts based programme on interventions in diet, AMR or other issue. I have good partners in Bangladesh in particular who would be happy to develop a programme of work.
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Professor Alex Hughes, Newcastle University

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Short biography	<p>Alex is a geographer with expertise in global supply chains, corporate responsibility and sustainable production and consumption. She has published a wide range of journal articles, book chapters, three journal special issues and co-edited books on themes of consumption, international supply chains, ethical production and sustainability, including in the food sector. Alex has been Principal Investigator on five UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) projects, as well as leading and collaborating on research funded by the Nuffield Foundation, the British Academy, the Newton Fund and the Leverhulme Trust. Projects have investigated corporate responsibility and sustainable production in Kenya, South Africa, Pakistan, the UK and the USA, while current research includes an ESRC and GCRF funded project she is leading with partners at seven universities on sustainable food markets and consumption in Brazil, China and South Africa. She also has a wide range of experience in engagement work with stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, concerned with improving labour and environmental standards in export production. Current work involves partnership with the Flower Valley Conservation Trust in South Africa, developing a mobile app for improving sustainable harvesting of indigenous wild flowers. Alex has recently completed a two-year ESRC funded research project on 'Corporate food retailers, meat supply chains and the responsibilities of tackling antimicrobial resistance'. The project was conducted with the UK's Food Standards Agency with the aim of evaluating the responsibility of food retailers in tackling the AMR challenge in the context of their chicken and pork supply chains, and to investigate this evolving role and how it might be shaped in the future, in the UK and at a global scale. Newton/British Academy funded research addresses values, identities and ethics in the context of food consumption in South African cities.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Looking to extend existing partnerships in South Africa with the University of Cape Town, in Sun Yat-Sen University, China and at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. I have also worked less formally with Geography at the University of Nairobi in Kenya, where I have conducted research in the past. I work currently with geographers and management scholars at these universities on food consumption research, as well as collaborators at the Universities of Durham, Sheffield and York. Areas of interest for developing and/or new partnerships include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Histories and behaviours of food consumption

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cultural and political identities and food consumption - Ethical, sustainable and healthy food consumption - Ethical food production involving labour and environmental standards - Histories and trajectories of agricultural production and their links with tackling the challenge of antimicrobial resistance - Changing landscapes of food retail and consumption - The changing influence of corporate food retailers on patterns and practices of agricultural production and food consumption
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Mr Henry Hunga, University of Malawi

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Short biography	Equipped to provide leadership in policy, research, and strategic management relevant to a wide range of industry contexts. Currently involved in policy analysis, stakeholder mapping and engagement, policy evaluation, policy advocacy, and policy analysis on intended outcomes. I am looking at the impact of policy on implementation success or failure of agricultural technologies in Southern, Eastern, and Western Africa specifically on national seed policies and mainstreaming climate information services to help improve food security and to build resilience among smallholder farmers. I am also a co-researcher on a project looking at "Evidence to support the amendment of water and food security in drylands. I have previously worked with smallholder farmers in both rain-fed and irrigated agriculture, building resilience to climate change and to achieve household food and nutrition security. I have been advocating for and promoting Climate Smart Agriculture approaches within the agriculture sector in Malawi.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am interested in translating research into action through engagement of policymakers. This is critical in making agriculture intervention/innovations impactful. Politics has often created biases towards policies that have an immediate impact as opposed to those that take longer to yield results. Similarly, policymakers may not wait for answers from research (which often take long) to make decisions on pertinent issues. Finding a balance between these lapses is very critical in making agricultural innovations successful. There has been a conflict of interest between cash and food crops in developing countries with governments promoting self-sufficiency and development partner favouring economic empowerment. At the same time, food security has been equated to specific crops i.e. Maize for Malawi. Politics has played around with this dilemma creating food shortages, unstable maize prices due to underdeveloped markets, and poverty. Development of appropriate policies on alternative food sources and understanding the cultural barriers around these issues is my area of interest.

Dr Paul Hurley, University of Southampton

Current position	Senior Research Fellow
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Short biography	<p>I am an interdisciplinary researcher working on projects around human-nonhuman relations, particularly in relation to gendered food practices and sustainability, and to antimicrobial resistance and cleaning cultures. I am currently working in Human Geography, but have a background in Visual Culture and in Performance Studies. My work has involved research and artistic projects in collaboration with various communities and organisations, most recently 'Man Food: exploring men's opportunities for becoming an ecological citizen through protein-related food practices'. This project (2017-2019) developed the concept of 'eco-masculinities' as a new way of performing gender practices around food and environmental caring, through participatory work with groups of men. Project partnerships have included The Matthew Tree Project (an emergency food aid charity), Windmill Hill City Farm, and Bristol Food Network (who are currently working on a bid for a Gold Sustainable Food City).</p> <p>My diverse research outputs involve journal articles (most recently, one under review for GEO), conference presentations (including RGS-IBG 2018, and NGM 2019 Trondheim), and public engagement activities (at University events as well at music festivals, science centres and community events). Collaboration is central to my work, with both academics and stakeholders.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am looking for new partnerships that will help us to develop and extend work on themes connected to food security, meat consumption / reduction and gender. Much development work on gender is focussed on women, and while we certainly don't wish to devalue this, our research shows that working with men can bring benefits as well. To this end, we are interested in meeting academics and other stakeholders working with men in LMICs. While Man Food work to this point has been engaged with consumers, we are also interested in how this translates to work with producers, via histories and cultures of agriculture. We are also interested in how the creative and participatory methodologies of Man Food (manifested in the form of workshops, toolkits and artistic performances) might be extended and reiterated with different groups to different ends.</p>

Dr Antonio Ioris, Cardiff University

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Short biography	<p>Senior Lecturer in human geography at the School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University. He trained as a political geographer and agricultural engineer and is an international scholar with an extensive research portfolio and numerous articles published in peer-reviewed journals. Previous responsibilities included agricultural production in Brazil, project management at the Brazilian Ministry of the</p>

	Environment and Senior Policy Officer at the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, lecturer at the University of Aberdeen and University of Edinburgh. His main areas of interest are the relationship between environment and development, natural resources management, and controversies related to agriculture modernisation. Ioris has extensive experience with international publications, journal editorial work and the production of nine books (including a new one on agricultural frontiers in the Amazon, result of the Agrocultures network established in 2018 with AHRC support).
Areas of interest for partnership development	Expertise on the interface between place, space and social identity (including geographers and anthropologists, among other scholars).

Dr G.M. Islam, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology

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Short biography	I've completed a post-doctoral fellow from Tuft University, the USA in the field of food system dynamics and Ph.D. form Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Japan in the field of public health economics under the Japanese Government Monbukagakusho Scholarship program. Prior to that, I've also received an MSc in Nutrition and Rural Development from Ghent University, Belgium under the VLIR scholarship program and a BSc in Agriculture from Khulna University, Bangladesh. I was appointed as a lecturer in 2004 at the Department of Food Engineering and Tea Technology (SUST) then promoted to Assistant Professor in 2007 and Associate Professor in 2013. I've also received extensive training by highly skilled and well renowned professionals from domestic and international institutions in the area of food safety e.g., ISO 9001, EMS 14001, OSHAS 18001, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000, BRC Global Standard for Food Safety, Issue-6, Organic Product certification, HACCP, GMP, GCP, Cosmetics-Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP): ISO 22716, PAS 220/223. My research interest is broadly focused on food and nutritional safety and security as well responses to prospective solutions at the population level in developing countries by cost effective mode and wants to contribute to the decision-making process for the development of pragmatic food safety, nutrition and public health program for better health.
Areas of interest for partnership development	An epidemiologist in the field of Agriculture, nutrition, food safety, and value chain and food system research. I'd like to develop the partnership to submit research/project proposal for funding. Those who are looking potential partner in low and middle-income countries especially in South Asia especially in Bangladesh. Please feel free to contact with me: E-mail; rabi-ttc@sust.edu , rabi14@yahoo.com

Dr Matthew Jones, University of Nottingham

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Short biography	<p>Matt Jones is an Associate Professor in Quaternary Science, in the School of Geography at the University of Nottingham with research interests in how climates and environments have changed, particularly over the last 20,000 years. Matt's research focuses on changing water availability and how changing environments have impacted human populations, and vice versa. Geographically he has research foci in Southwest Asia and Mexico. Matt has worked at Nottingham since the completion of his PhD, at the University of Plymouth, and has been an Associate Professor since 2015. Matt leads the University's Life in Changing Environments Research Priority Area and the Palaeobenchmarking Resilient Agricultural Systems project for the Future Food Beacon of Excellence.</p> <p>Matt's research interests are based on contextualising recent climate change and understanding human impacts on Earth systems. His interests in changing hydrological conditions have led to him working on archaeological projects in Jordan and Iran to provide an environmental context for changing human populations in these regions. In Jordan work has focussed on establishing the environmental context for the beginnings of agriculture.</p> <p>Matt has co-authored over 50 papers and book chapters in these areas of research. Matt is a trustee and board member for the Council for British Research in the Levant, one of the British Academy International Research Institutes.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>This call is aligned with our existing work around traditional farming techniques and an opportunity to extend existing international partnerships in this area linked to the wider work at the University of Nottingham around food production, and plant sciences in particular. The town hall meeting is a great opportunity to look to develop new partnerships in other areas of the food system, building on the existing interdisciplinary platform we have at Nottingham through the Future Food Beacon.</p>

Mrs Tulasi Lahta Jonnalagadda, kalorielab

Current position	Research scholar, Director
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Short biography	<p>Highly Successful and Analytical Wellness Professional with over 10 years of industry experience across different verticals to thrive in a fast-paced result-oriented environment with Nutrition and Operational Expertise. Overall experience of 16+ years also includes exposure to domains like Teaching, Computer Education, Consulting and Centre Administration.</p> <p>strong organization ability, team management, brand management and nutritional knowledge while providing Online and Offline diet Consultations to clients.</p> <p>z Passed PGDCA from Data pro InfoWorld Limited, Bhubaneswar, India.</p>

	<p>z Certified by American Dietetic Association on “Role of Enteral Feeding in Critically Ill Patients” during July 2011.</p> <p>z Journal Publication - "Achieving Assured Weight Loss and Fitness through the Combination of Physical Exercise with Diet" was published in International Journal & Magazine of Engineering, Technology, Management and Research.</p> <p>z Working as a Volunteer for ASPEN Clinical Nutrition Informatics Committee for 2018 – 2019</p> <p>Participated in South India Mahila Meeting and presented talk on “NUTRITION OF WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS – WHY IT MATTERS- CHALLENGES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.</p> <p>I have completed M.Sc in Food Science and Nutrition, and present pursuing Phd from Acharya nagrjuna University.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Nutrition, Food security, Malnutrition, Cancer awareness, Child obesity, Lifestyle disorders. Those are the areas I am interested to work with. It is estimated that in coming 10 years people are going to spend two third of income to their medicals. Child obesity is in rise. Very crucial phase as the focus should be to protect the future generation. I am looking to work with those organizations working for similar cause.</p>

Dr David Katamba, Makerere University Business School (MUBS)

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>Currently serving as a Head of Department (HoD), Dept. of Marketing and international Business at Makerere University Business School (MUBS), Kampala Uganda, I am a World Bank Institute trained Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) professional with over 10 years' experience in sustainable development aspects. I am a certified CSR Consultant / Advisor and trainer for International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF), and Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). I am the Chairman, Board of Directors, SESACO Ltd., a soy and cereals agro-processing company for over 30 years in Uganda. Additionally, I am the outgoing Chairman, Sales & Marketing Compliance Committee (SMCC) of Nile Breweries Ltd (a subsidiary of AB InBev, Belgium, - the largest brewery in the world) having served for 6½ years. I have consulted for government of Uganda on issues of trade facilitation, negotiations and sustainability. I have been working with Makerere University Business School (MUBS) since 2007 to implement agricultural value chain development research projects meant to benefit women, youths and to ensure gender equity. Key of these include: Women in Agriculture Enterprise Development (funded by Japan/AICAD); Women in Business funded by Nordic Development Fund); and, Student Training for Entrepreneurial Promotion (STEP) which is to benefit Youths (funded by German Academic Exchange Service – DAAD). Most recently (2016-2018), I have been leading a MUBS consortium implementing a €300,000 three-year project, “Strengthening agribusiness Ethics, Quality Standards & ICT usage in Uganda's value chains (AGRI-QUEST),” funded by the Netherlands</p>

	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO-WOTRO). In the area of climate change, I am a Lead Researcher for MUBS working with Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) to implement a €800,000 European Union funded project, “Capacity building in Sustainability and Environmental (CapSEM),” set to contribute to achieve global frameworks for sustainable development.
Areas of interest for partnership development	Agribusiness, sustainable agriculture; Climate Smart Agriculture; Nutrition for mothers and children; New product development; Youth involvement

Dr Celestine Katongole, Makerere University Business School

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>I am a senior Lecturer at Makerere University Business School where I have worked for 13 years. My main areas are sustainable tourism, community entrepreneurship and more recently community resilience. I have undertaken several research projects, both longitudinal experiments and cross sectional studies. My two latest projects include “Inclusive Community Tourism and Community Entrepreneurship: Utilising Emerging Tensions with the Assistance of Practice and Research Interventions”. In this project we focus on developing a model for developing inclusive community tourism using an experimental initiative I founded and supported for five years (entandatours.com). I am also working on a World Bank funded pilot project, on the role of Disaster Risk Financing in Building Resilience of Poor Communities in Uganda. I developed the EU-funded project on development of the crafts and souvenir sector in Uganda, working with poor local communities. Traditionally processed coffee is one of the core products that the project is focusing on. I am a co-founder of Communauts, a social enterprise that promotes sustainable products, including locally processed food stuffs by local communities in Uganda. I have undertaken studies on tourism value chains, tourism product development, visitor satisfaction, and tourism regulation. I have been a core member of teams (in many cases team leader) that reviewed and amended the tourism law in Uganda, developed the tourism sector development strategies, national tourism marketing plans, private sector associations investment strategies, tourism policies, impact evaluations, and baseline studies for multi-million dollar projects. I have worked for international organisations, government departments and private enterprises within the East African region. I have worked for them in the capacity of consultant and/or advisor. I am strong report writing, data management and analysis, fieldwork and team supervision. I have ten publications, and currently co-authoring a book on “tourism development in Uganda: theory and practice”.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am interested in projects that focus on indigenous African cuisines and tourism; inclusive tourism, and resilience (at both community

	and household levels). On the indigenous cuisines, I am looking to partner with teams that are able to conduct scientific tests on the nutritional value of the cuisines, documentation of preparation processes and how these cuisines could be integrated into both tourism value chains and tourism training curricular at local and international levels.
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Dr Daniel Keech, University of Gloucestershire

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Short biography	<p>Dan joined the University of Gloucestershire (CCRI) in 2012. He contributes to international research projects on urban and regional food, urban-rural relations and the diversity of European food cultures. He also contributes to research within environmental humanities.</p> <p>Current research interests include the link between tradition and innovation in urban food production, modes of day-to-day provisioning and the operational models used by 'alternative' food networks.</p> <p>Dan is a visiting lecturer at Masaryk University in Brno (CZ), Schumacher College and Cardiff University. He teaches at the University of Gloucestershire within modules on sustainability, landscape architecture and postgraduate research methods.</p> <p>Dan has twenty years' experience of working for food and environment organisations, including the former London Ecology Unit, Common Ground, Sustain, New Economics Foundation and the Soil Association. In 2004 Dan helped establish structures for the Mayor of London's food policy council, for which he received a Mayoral commendation award for services to Londoners.</p> <p>A former Winston Churchill Memorial Scholar, Dan's PhD (supported by the Frederick Soddy Trust) investigated how social enterprises in England and Germany achieve environmental objectives (orchard conservation) by making interventions in the market. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers, a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a former Associate Fellow of the Third Sector Research Centre (2011-13).</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in developing/extending partnerships dealing with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) spatial aspects of urban and/or peri-urban food (ii) diverse cultural food practices in Europe (which may be cultures of governance and business organisation; as much as practices linked more directly to provisioning); and (iii) knowledge of tradition in food provisioning (whether rural or urban) and its representation/interpretation.

Professor Matthew Kelly, Northumbria University

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Short biography	I'm a landscape and environmental historian focused in modern Britain and Ireland. I've written a substantial history of modern Dartmoor (2015), edited and co-edited two interdisciplinary volumes in the broad field of environmental history, one being transnational in its coverage, and I'm currently working on the politics of the 1981 Wildlife & Countryside Act and women preservationists and conservationists in twentieth-century Britain.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I'd be looking to make contact and share ideas with people working in the humanities and beyond who are keen to bring a historical perspective to bear on current challenges related to agriculture, food and nutrition. Of particular importance, I think, are historical questions relating to individual rights (particularly those of landowners and holders) and the collective good, which must involve the production of healthy calories. I think, too, that a greater focus is needed on landscape histories, which are often concerned with the production of environments, and the intended outcomes of these processes (often, but not exclusively, plentiful food). The history of food production is central to the production of modern natures, but this dynamic is sometimes lost in historical discussion, partly because the gap between the effective connections are not always made between agricultural history and environmental/landscape history.

Mr Ravinder Kumar, Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, UK

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Short biography	<p>I am a Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) professional with 20 years of experience in international development and research. I have specific expertise in sustainability research and value chain analysis and also in voluntary sustainability standards and certification for agricultural commodities (cotton, palm oil, soybean, cocoa, cashew, sugarcane). I am highly experienced in value chain development for agriculture commodities, building agriculture commodity supply chains for corporates and providing business development services to farm based enterprises including farmer producer groups and farmers' co-operatives. I have about five years of project implementation experiences in agriculture value chains, rural livelihoods and integrated water resource management.</p> <p>I have completed over 80 assignments in monitoring and evaluation, including about 60 in programme and performance evaluations, strategic reviews and organisational assessments. The evaluation experience includes a range of large scale, multi-country programme, process, performance and impact evaluations. These evaluation projects have utilised a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods including statistical analysis, outcome mapping, contribution tracing /analysis, theory of change-based impact evaluations, experimental (randomised control trial), quasi-experimental research, participatory /community-based evaluations etc. I have also led</p>

	/facilitated the design and implementation of complex monitoring, evaluation and learning systems, and has contributed to evidence-based programme design and planning processes.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am exploring partnership with research institutions in Small Island Developing States or other countries /territories where climate-induced displacement, loss of agriculture-based livelihoods have taken place, which have had consequent effects on diets and nutrition. The research idea is to understand the historical and concurrent effects of cultural and environmental factors on locally-grown food crops, diets and nutrition. I am looking for expertise in the areas of climate change, climate modelling, food and culture, anthropological /ethnographic research. This can come from both UK-based institutions as well as from institutions in developing countries.

Mr Abraham Wani Alfred Lado, OSIL-Partners in Relief & Development

Current position	Humanitarian Leader
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Short biography	
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Am currently seeking to explore more knowledge on Sustainable Livelihood Approaches (SLA) which is a key pillar by imparting livelihoods skills and creation of opportunities for the vulnerable, marginalized and the poorer population to better earn dignified life and provide efficient humanitarian lives saving service to extreme communities affected by the conflict, displacement, Disaster, poverty and Education through access to resources and plan development, which helps reintegrate the population into their societies, mitigate temptations and also allows for its adaptation.</p> <p>In South Sudan until recently, the massive numbers of vulnerable, marginalized and the poorest population are not sure of life and are rebuilding lives and livelihoods with few resources as we are witnessing a deteriorating social standard evidenced by unnecessary congestion, theft & burglary, prostitution, drug abuse, robbery and murder to mention but a few.</p> <p>The root cause here is absence of radical rural development policy and initiative that puts nurturing of the population at its helm of national priorities.</p> <p>OSIL will Work to improve Agriculture to ensure food security and Livelihood support to all.</p>

Dr Siobhan Lambert-Hurley, University of Sheffield

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Short biography	<p>I am a cultural historian of modern South Asia with particular interests in women, gender and Islam. I have written on education, social and political organisations, Indian princely states, the culture of travel, food, missionaries, and personal narratives.</p> <p>My first monograph, <i>Muslim Women, Reform and Princely Patronage</i> (Routledge, 2007), focused on Muslim women’s participation in socio-religious reform movements in India in the early twentieth century. Emerging out of it were two book projects that used travel writing by South Asian Muslim women to offer insights into imperial and global history: <i>A Princess’s Pilgrimage: Sikandar Begam’s A Pilgrimage to Mecca</i> (Indiana University Press, 2008) and <i>Atiya’s Journeys: A Muslim Woman from Colonial Bombay to Edwardian Britain</i> (with Sunil Sharma) (Oxford University Press, 2010).</p> <p>My next project focused on autobiographical writing by Muslim women in South Asia. It resulted in two major book projects: an edited volume with Anshu Malhotra entitled <i>Speaking of the Self: Gender, Performance and Autobiography in South Asia</i> (Duke University Press, 2015) and a monograph entitled <i>Elusive Lives: Gender, Autobiography and the Self in Muslim South Asia</i> (Stanford University Press, 2018). Connected was my leadership of an international research network funded by the AHRC on 'Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies'.</p> <p>Mostly recently, I have led a collaborative, interdisciplinary project entitled 'Veiled Voyagers: Muslim Women Travelers from Asia and the Middle East' funded by the Leverhulme Trust (2015-18). Its purpose was to use Muslim women’s travel writing in a range of languages in order to draw out the gendered relationships that inhere between travel and Muslim identities, nationalism, and the shaping of global power. The project’s final outputs will include an <i>Anthology of Muslim Women Travellers</i> (Indiana University Press, forthcoming), as well as an online repository of Muslim women’s travel texts in both the original and translation (at http://www.accessingmuslimlives.org).</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I have identified a network of scholars in Britain, the US, Canada and India working on the histories of food, agriculture and nutrition in the context of South Asia. This network would benefit from connecting with scholars from other disciplines (e.g. anthropology, sociology, psychology, literary studies, etc.) and local partners who could link our historical investigations to contemporary contexts and development outcomes.</p>

Dr Chrysoula Lamprinopoulou, University of Edinburgh

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Short biography	I am an economist and social science researcher specialised in identifying the enabling and inhibiting critical factors within and

	<p>outwith the boundaries of individual businesses/value chains/innovative systems, with a view to assessing their potential for transformative change to foster sustainability, resilience, food security and poverty alleviation.</p> <p>I am currently a Senior Postdoctoral Researcher at Edinburgh University, working on the BBSRC/NERC/ESRC-funded ResULTS (the role of livestock in food system resilience in remote, upland regions) project. I am investigating the key structures and mechanisms that strengthen resilience in times of increasing volatility and uncertainty for threatened food systems characterised by high interconnectivity and risks of internal failure or external shocks.</p> <p>I am trained as an agricultural economist at the Agricultural University of Athens and hold a MSc degree in International Agricultural and Food Marketing from Newcastle University. In 2009, I completed my PhD at the Business School of the University of Edinburgh on how agrifood SME networks (including cooperatives) evolve. I investigated the dynamics and interplay between contextual factors (including historical and cultural context) and network features (structure and governance), and their role in network evolution and performance. This thesis examined agro-processing and inclusive industrial development.</p> <p>I then carried out postdoctoral work, as a marketing economist, conducting social research on value chains and innovation systems in the Scottish agri-food sector, as part of the Scottish Government's Strategic Research Programme and European Commission, before taking up my current role in March 2018.</p> <p>Much of my work focuses on developing integrated assessment tools in both developed and developing countries (e.g. China) to evaluate the current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy framework (e.g. on innovation, food hygiene, sustainability), • certain food sectors' competitiveness and industrialisation processes, • Scottish and Dutch agrifood innovation & knowledge system's merits and failures, and their underlying reasons <p>and identify pathways to implement an enhancing environment.</p>
<p>Areas of interest for partnership development</p>	<p>In this workshop, I am strongly interested in forming research partnerships in Lower and Middle Income Countries (LMICs), to gain a deeper understanding of the merits and failures (including unintended consequences) of existing agricultural industrialization processes, industrial and poverty alleviation policies/interventions, state-business relations, institutions and economic performance, socialism and post-socialism in LMICs, particularly through the lens of their cultural and historical contexts.</p> <p>I am interested in forming interdisciplinary research collaborations with a view to applying the Complex Adaptive Systems approach</p>

	<p>alongside both qualitative and quantitative methods for tackling societal challenges in food security and sustainability. I believe that this blend of scientific, cultural and policy research in this workshop is a very promising approach to address the policy challenges faced in LMICs. In particular, it will reveal the connections between changing patterns of consumption and demand for food, policy and paths of (inclusive or not) industrialization and agricultural change on these countries.</p> <p>I hope that through this workshop I will significantly contribute to developing cross-country comparisons in LMICs which will shed light on the decisive mediating factors and underlying processes/linkages determining the prospects for inclusive growth and poverty alleviation, and on what distinguishes 'social inclusion' from forms of 'adverse incorporation' which may compel downgrading, resulting in chronic poverty.</p>
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Professor Murray Lark, University of Nottingham

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Short biography	<p>I am Professor of Environmetrics in the Future Food Research Beacon at the University of Nottingham, an interdisciplinary venture in all aspects of food systems and food security. Within the Beacon I have strategic responsibility for the programme of work in Africa. My recent research has been focused on agricultural development and water security with particular interest in farming systems in sub-Saharan Africa. This research addresses challenges around food nutritional quality and the resilience of crop production to climate change. I am experienced in multidisciplinary work, leading and providing scientific input to a range of projects (modelling sampling design, experimental design and data analysis). Collaborators have included psychologists, agricultural economists, ethicists and specialists in public health as well as varied biological and physical scientists.</p> <p>I am lead PI on the GCRF Collective fund CEPHaS project (£5M), which is concerned with the development of research capacity to address knowledge gaps about conservation agricultural systems in Africa. This work is a collaboration with partners in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi along with four research organizations in the UK. As well as addressing core problems in physical sciences (mainly to do with water), the project is considering socio-economic factors in the uptake of conservation agriculture (which include cultural dimensions of land use systems, including expectations of gender roles in farming, as well as the behaviour of labour markets in rural areas). The project is also examining the value of legacy soil information to address contemporary land-management problems in Africa.</p>

Areas of interest for partnership development	With colleagues in Zambia (University of Zambia) I am interested in how legacy soil information from past soil surveys can be used to address current problems. One factor is how the social and political context of surveys conducted during the colonial period, and subsequently, frame the problems which the surveys addressed and the structure of the resulting information. I am therefore interested in collaboration with historians, particularly specialists in history of science in the colonial and post-colonial setting in Africa.
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Professor Greger Larson, University of Oxford

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Short biography	Greger Larson received his bachelor's degree in 1996 from Claremont McKenna College, a small liberal arts college in California. He read just about everything Stephen J Gould ever wrote over the following three years while he wandered the deserts of Turkmenistan and worked for an environmental consultancy in Azerbaijan. Deciding that evolution was cooler than oil, Greger studied at Oxford and the University of Colorado before receiving his PhD in Zoology in 2006. He then spent two years in Uppsala, Sweden on an EMBO postdoctoral fellowship before starting a job in the department of archaeology at Durham University. Greger has recently moved to Oxford University to become the Director of the Palaeogenomics & Bio-Archaeology Research Network Greger where he is continuing his focus on the use of ancient DNA to study the pattern and process of domestication. He rarely wonders what his salary would be had he stuck to oil.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am hoping to meet people involved in studying the relationships between plants, animals, culture, material culture, and policies.

Dr John Lever, University of Huddersfield

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Short biography	I have been researching various aspects of 'local' and 'global' food systems for over a decade. I have published widely in the area and have presented findings at the EU commission on a number of occasions, where I am a recognised expert on circular economic food transitions in cities. I have been on the project teams of ESRC and EU funded projects, as well as on numerous bid writing teams at a number of UK universities. I am currently working with and advising a number of innovate food projects in the north of England connected to urban food production and the circular economy.
Areas of interest for partnership development	Urban/local food production and circular food/ place based transitions.

Dr Xiaodong Lin, University of York

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Short biography	I have an ongoing research interest in the sociological studies of gender, men and masculinities, food, ageing and changing family relations.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>My research examines the role of food in older adults' everyday life. I have developed the conceptualization of 'food as materiality of care', highlighting the spontaneity of 'care for the self', 'care for others' and 'care with others' in making sense of the relational meanings of the Yang Sheng (life nurturing) practices in older women's food practices in China, which are beyond women's reflection on self-responsibility for their own health. The paper has been published in Families, Relationships & Societies.</p> <p>More recently, I have been working collaboratively with Marks & Spencer on the 'Role of Food in Older Adults' Everyday Lives', engaging with public concerns on 'wellness' and 'healthy ageing' through the intersectional lens of gender and age. The theorization of food as materiality of care has enabled me to explore critically the meanings of food consumption in light of changing family relationships, such as becoming a carer and grandparent.</p>

Professor Jennie Macdiarmid, University of Aberdeen

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Short biography	<p>I am a Professor in Sustainable Nutrition and Health in The Rowett Institute at the University of Aberdeen. My background is in Public Health Nutrition, with a PhD in Psychology. My current research focuses on food and nutrition security and sustainable diets at local, national and international levels. Underpinning the research is my interest in the environmental (in particular climate change) and health consequences of dietary choices. Also, the drivers of eating behaviours that are stopping people changing their dietary habits. By nature, the research is interdisciplinary and therefore in my research projects I work with researchers from social, natural and biological science.</p> <p>I currently lead a programme of research on social aspect of eating, within the context of sustainable diets. I am a partner and nutrition lead in two international interdisciplinary projects on food security. DEVIL (delivering food security on limited land), led by the University of Aberdeen, is a project modelling the impact of climate change and the implications for land requirement to achieve national and global nutrition security. GCRF-AFRICAP (agriculture and food-system resilience: increasing capacity and advising policy), co-led by the University of Leeds and Aberdeen, is a project looking at the climate</p>

	impact for agriculture on nutrition security in four countries in Africa, with a strong focus on policy.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I currently work with scientists in health, climate change, land use, psychology and sociology. I would like to develop new partnerships within these and other disciplines, such as anthropology, law and food culture.</p> <p>I am also interested in the social and cultural drivers as well as the health and environmental consequences of nutrition transition (e.g. rural to urban living with increased wealth).</p>

Mr Enock Mac'Ouma, Rongo University

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Short biography	My background is communication for social/behaviour change. My previous research had a predominant focus on the potential of community radio/media as a catalyst for rural development, change, development and empowerment. My areas of interest are Climate-Smart farming technologies, Climate Change adaptation and resilience, community health and nutrition.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I'm looking to develop partnerships in upcoming calls for proposals on Climate Smart farming technologies, community health awareness, nutritional education, and agricultural extension.

Dr Savriti Maharaj, University of Stirling

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Short biography	<p>I am a lecturer in Computing Science at the University of Stirling. Previously, I did a BSc in Mathematics and Computer Science at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, and MSc and PhD degrees in Computer Science at the University of Edinburgh. I have worked as a research assistant at the University of the West Indies and at AT&T Bell Labs, New Jersey, USA, and as a postdoctoral fellow at INRIA Sophia-Antipolis, France, and at Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory.</p> <p>In recent years I have been working on the computational modelling of social and economic systems, and on the use of interactive simulations and serious games for science communication. Example projects include: modelling how human behaviour affects epidemics; modelling farmers' responses to an environmental incentive scheme; computer games to raise public awareness of plant pests and diseases; interactive simulations for teaching in Ecology and Aquaculture. My work is very multidisciplinary, with collaborators drawn from Economics, Psychology, Social Sciences, Aquaculture, Ecology and Botany, as well as Mathematics and Computer Science. I</p>

	have a growing interest in the human and cultural aspects of technology adoption and use, and the opportunities and barriers these aspects represent when trying to find technological solutions for social problems.
Areas of interest for partnership development	The context for my interest in this meeting is a planned project on the development of monitoring and decision-support systems for managing invasive weeds in agricultural systems in India and neighbouring countries. My own expertise is in the mathematical and computer science aspects of the technologies to be used in the project. I am aware that there will be significant social and cultural aspects that should be considered, and that imposing a technological solution without taking these into account could lead to failure. I would be interested in meeting new partners from the social sciences and humanities who have interest or experience in working in SE Asian settings, particularly in looking at the development and adoption of new technology in agriculture.

Dr John Manton, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

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Short biography	<p>I first joined LSHTM as part of the Anthropologies of African Biosciences Group in 2010, after research and lecturing posts in history at Oxford, Ulster, and KCL. Following two years in Social Anthropology at Cambridge, I returned to the Centre for History in Public Health in 2015, to work with Martin Gorsky on a Wellcome Trust funded project on Health Systems in History. I am also Head of Humanities and Environmental Sciences at the Antimicrobial Resistance Centre at LSHTM.</p> <p>My work is concerned with the interactions between scientific research, the farm and clinic as experimental spaces, and welfare and development in the global South from historical and anthropological perspectives. I am interested in spatial aspects of colonial and post-colonial intervention in development and scientific research, looking at transnational programmes and resource-driven alliances at a local level, and also in the ways in which local and institutional memories of scientific research are formed or obscured in the post-colonial state in Africa and Europe.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in how farmer- and consumer- derived notions of palatability, nourishment, ease of use, and other end-user preferences are conceptualised in formulating complex value chains for experimentally-driven food production in LMICs. Much research has gone into engineering consumer and farmer preferences for conventionally-bred and genetically modified biofortified staples such as rice, sweet potato, and cassava.</p> <p>I am particularly concerned with three dimensions of this process, all of which are innately historical: how support for decision-making in selection of crop variety or consumer end product is modelled; how</p>

	<p>these models affect performative dimensions of farming, retailing, and eating; what cultural work is being done by the drive to optimise a complex value chain.</p> <p>While this programme has a historical spine, concerned with the emergence and unfolding of biological, social, economic, scientific and intellectual processes, it will rely on the equal input of modellers, scholars of performance, anthropologists, and geographers for its value. While I have begun work on building these partnerships, attendance at the Town Hall Meeting will greatly assist in developing the potential of this avenue of enquiry.</p>
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Professor Robert Marchant, University of York

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Short biography	<p>My research and teaching interests focus on the theme of vegetation dynamics and ecosystem change. In particular, I use palaeoecology, vegetation modelling, archaeological, biogeographical and ecological data to determine the role of past events in shaping the present day composition and distribution of tropical vegetation. Much of the work is focused around tracing the spread of human interaction, of which crops are a vital component. My interest in tropical environments was sparked by a Royal Geographical Society-sponsored expedition to study seagrass and coral ecosystems off Zanzibar. I conducted my PhD research at the University of Hull producing a 50,000-year record of forest history from Bwindi-Impenetrable Forest, Uganda to understand forcing mechanisms (climatic, human and ecological) responsible for sedimentary and vegetation change. From this I moved to the University of Amsterdam to pursue my interests in the spatio-temporal character of vegetation change, now focusing in Latin America through the Biome 6000 project. I am currently working on projects in Colombia, Amazonia, Ghana, South Africa, Ethiopia, Thailand, India, Jordan, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I have worked on a diverse range of crop projects and am particularly interested in the themes around Maize spread, Coffee and Terracing. Through genetic sequencing, palaeoecological reconstruction, contemporary mapping, modelling and scenario development, we aim to better understand the spatial and temporal dynamics of tropical ecosystems, their societal value and challenges to their conservation and to strengthening livelihoods. Across four current projects we are continuing to develop and apply a land use scenario tool that in one project is also being used to hind cast the impacts of pastoral migrations on land use to frame the current debates, that are largely focused around conservation and land sharing / sparing, in a historical context.</p>

Professor Terry Marsden, Cardiff University

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Short biography	<p>Prof Terry Marsden hold an international recognised academic reputation in the interdisciplinary social science fields of rural geography, rural sociology, environmental sociology, geography, governance and planning. He has published over 160 international journal articles, book chapters or books. A key aspect of his scholarly work involves critical and independent engagement with aspects of environmental, agricultural and rural policy-making and related research advisory boards and evaluation committees. This has involved influencing emerging policy developments at the UN, EU, UK and devolved administrative levels (both Wales and Scotland). For example, he has contributed and completed policy and advisory reports for the EU, UK Government Strategy Unit; UK Sustainable Development Commission, Scottish Executive, and the National Assembly of Wales and Welsh Government. I have held appointed advisory roles with the National Assembly Rural Affairs Committee, and Sustainability Committees and the House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee. Over the past 25 years he has been awarded a series of almost continuous UK RCUK and EU research grants which have been associated either with individual or joint and collaborative standard grants, special research initiatives or research centre grants,. Total research council for which he has been Principal Investigator constitute £20million since 2007. He has also been in receipt of a series of EU grants totally 2 million; and research grants from policy making bodies, totalling 500K. He has acted as an external examiner for 50 PhDs in the UK, Netherlands, Brazil, USA and Australasia.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transformations in agri-food and rural systems present a central dynamic for bringing about far-reaching shifts towards sustainability, actively embodying combinations of social, cultural, technological, political, territorial, economic, and environmental processes and practices. - Cultural, social-economic and political systems for agri-food and technological and managerial transformations - cross-scale disputes between competing stakeholder groups, economic sectors, scientists and government agencies <p>I would like to develop a bid which is a pathbreaking intellectual project to achieve and explore an integration of transdisciplinary approaches, novel applications to transformation processes, longitudinal data research, case studies and experiences of working together with civil society partners and public institutions. The ambitious goal would be to build collective knowledge by creating bridges between actors from different countries, disciplines and with diverse expertise to facilitate 'relational reflexivity' and develop creative solutions.</p>

Professor Damian Maye, Countryside and Community Research Institute, University of Gloucestershire

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>I work at the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI), which is a vibrant multidisciplinary research institute based at the University of Gloucestershire. I have worked there for the last ten years having previously worked as a Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Human Geography at Coventry University. My research focuses on Agri-Food Studies and Rural Geography. I was appointed to a Chair in Agri-Food Studies at the CCRI in August 2018. My research on Agri-Food Studies and Rural Geography focuses on two key areas: sustainable food chains; and animal and plant health governance.). As part of my sustainable food chain work I am currently principal investigator (PI), leading two major EU Horizon 2020 projects: ROBUST (Rural-Urban Outlooks: Unlocking Synergies); and SUFISA (Sustainable finance for sustainable agriculture and fisheries). I am also currently co-investigator on SURE-FARM (Towards SUSTainable and RESilient EU FARMing systems) (2017-2021). As part of my animal and plant health governance work, I have been involved in several research projects. For example, I led a major social science study accompanying the Badger Vaccine Deployment Project, for Defra (2010-2015). This involved leading a large team of researchers from different institutions. As the first social science project of its kind to be commissioned by Defra’s TB Science Team, this was a highly innovative theory-led evaluation that informed Government policy about bovine TB.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>In broad terms, I am interested in the role of cultural and social practices in the food system. This covers different elements of the food system, including farmer beliefs, practices and ideologies, through to consumers and other stakeholders. Cultural beliefs and practices are often misunderstood when it comes to formulating food policy, including the role of lived experiences, as well as an appreciation of social practices and what that means for sustainability transition. As an agri-food geographer, I also emphasise the importance of space, place and context to understand histories and cultures of food production consumption. At a more specific level, there are a number of themes that are emerging that warrant analysis in terms of historical and cultural perspectives re agriculture and food nutrition, including: food security (at different scales); sustainable diets (and related debates - this is particularly interesting and live at the moment); sustainability metrics and governance (cultures, politics and histories); farmer strategies to manage sustainability challenges, including food security and biosecurity waste practices and responsibilities (at different stages of the food chain). I would be looking to develop new partnerships and keen to work in multi/interdisciplinary teams.</p>

Professor Morven McEachern, University of Huddersfield

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Short biography	<p>Morven G. McEachern is Professor of Sustainability & Ethics at the University of Huddersfield, Group leader of Sustainable & Resilient Communities arm of the Centre for Sustainability, Research Governance and Ethics (SURGE) of which she is Deputy Director. More recently, her research has focused on food insecurity and sustainability, but more broadly her research interests focus on responsible business and consumer behaviour within a variety of sustainable food production and consumption contexts. In addition to various peer-reviewed international conferences, she has published in academic journals such as Consumption, Markets and Culture, Sociology, Journal of Rural Studies and the Journal of Business Ethics. She has also co-edited various Journal special issues around her related research interests; contributed to edited books (e.g. Case Studies in Food Retailing and Distribution: A Volume in the Consumer Science and Strategic Marketing Series, Elsevier, 2018) and is co-author of Contemporary Issues in Green and Ethical Marketing (Routledge, 2014).</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	Specific areas of interest where I would be looking to develop new partnerships would be in the area of policy in the geographical areas of Uganda, NE Kenya and SE Ethiopia.

Dr Rowena Merritt, University of Kent

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Short biography	<p>Rowena Merritt has extensive experience of developing, leading and evaluating social behaviour change programmes both in the UK and internationally. After completion of her D.Phil in 2006, she was part of the original team that set up the National Social Marketing Centre in London. Under her position at the Centre, she managed England's first multi-trial applications of social marketing (a behaviour change technique), involving ten sites across England, each focused on a different topic or audience. Rowena then moved to the Department of Health England and developed their national Social behaviour Change Strategy: Ambitions for Health.</p> <p>Since leaving the Department of Health in 2010, Rowena has worked for development agencies, including USAID, DFID and SNV, international NGOs and organisations, including a number of UN agencies (UNICEF, WHO, PAHO and WFP) with a focus on nutrition and maternal and child health, including breastfeeding work. Some of the work includes the development of a new marketing code for breast milk substitutes for the Department of Health in Hong Kong; worked with WHO to lead on the developed a campaign implemented in six countries across the Western Pacific Region to improve outcomes for new-born babies; developed a new six month</p>

	<p>training programme for environmental NGO's in the Kingdom of Jordan, funded by USAID; and developed a national campaign for WHO Ukraine around alcohol consumption in pregnancy.</p> <p>Rowena currently works part time for the University of Kent as a Research Fellow, and the rest of the week she is employed by the UN World Food Programme as their International Behaviour Change Lead Consultant, with a focus on developing behaviour change programmes and campaigns to reduce stunting and improve national food intake in Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Jordan and Egypt (current countries).</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I specialise in behaviour change work and from experience in the field, it is vital to understand the socio-cultural factors, and aspects such as gender equality, if we want to achieve sustainable behaviour change. For example, I am currently in Bangladesh with the World Food Programme whilst I am writing this application. The formative research we have done here just recently has found that women focus on making their husbands happy when it comes to cooking; it is a way to show love. The needs of their children's diets come secondary. This is an issue when we are trying to deal with child malnutrition. However I am not a gender specialist, and it would be very helpful to meet with others from such specialisms to help develop research proposals in the future, and ultimately to develop programmes that are impactful.</p> <p>Other areas of interest I would like to develop partnerships with is UK nutritionists, health psychologists and anthropologists.</p>

Dr Jane Midgley, Newcastle University

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Short biography	<p>I am an interdisciplinary social scientist, predominantly working within and across social geography and economic sociology. My work has consistently focused on food insecurity (policy and political developments) as well as voluntary, community and social enterprise responses and the lives of individuals and communities experiencing insecurity. Most recently (2015-17) I was funded by the ESRC to explore anticipation in the food system and how this informed emergency and crisis preparation. An additional focus of my research has been food waste and its valorisation, with a particular interest in surplus food, and this has focused specifically on food industry and vcse practices that make and manage this material. My work draws on different methods to explore the diverse relationships that make food system practices; primarily ethnography (multi-site, observation, interview) and participatory action research.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>In attending the workshop I would like to make links with other researchers with the following interests and expertise as they relate to food waste to link into an existing interdisciplinary partnership with colleagues in south east Asia (particularly Vietnam):</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - material cultures, ideas and expressions of value; - environmental historians; - agricultural historians.
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Short biography	<p>I am a newly appointed Lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Nottingham, taking up my post in 2018. I am a zooarchaeologist, which means that I study human-(non-human)animal relationships in the past. I do this by integrating a variety of evidence sources: physical animal remains (mainly bones), anthropology, ecology, genetics, visual and material culture, and historical texts. As an archaeological scientist, my primary investigative tool is stable isotope analysis which, among other things, tells me about animal diets through their bone chemistry – you really are what you eat!</p> <p>I have used zooarchaeology and stable isotope analysis to investigate the origins of agricultural practices in the Near East, the spread of agriculture to Europe and the domestication, biocultural development and diffusion of animals (and their meats) around the globe. These are so central to my research because animals, how we interact with them and their impact on diet and nutrition are reflections of culture and identity. Together they offer a greater understanding of the structures, economies and ideologies of societies in the past and present.</p> <p>Prior to my current role, I was a post-doctoral research on several large, interdisciplinary AHRC projects that centered on the cultural history of animals (Dama International, Cultural and Scientific Perceptions of Human-Chicken Interactions), and on GCRF projects that highlighted how central animals, their production and consumption, are to cultural identity across the globe (Going Places, Causing a Flap). Through this work I developed a keen interest in engagement and the application of archaeological data to address contemporary issues such as sustainability in modern agricultural and animal management practices. I have a growing outreach and media presence and work regularly with non-Higher Education organisations such as Historic England, International Livestock Research Institute, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, National Trust and the British Deer Society</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am currently in the process of developing a scheme of research into medicine as culture in the past, and in particular the identification of zootherapies in the archaeological record: the use of animals, their parts and products as medicines. As such, I am interested in exploring the idea of meat consumption as food-based medicine, and the idea that it might be something beyond ‘just’ nutrition. To achieve this, I would like to develop links with international partners working in lower and middle income countries where there are current and past

	<p>understandings of zootherapies, even if these are just ‘folk medicines’.</p> <p>I have an interest in the archaeology, history and modern development of 'alternative' agricultural practices with changing environmental conditions, such as the increased adoption of mobile pastoralism, terracing and barraging, and particularly how these affect human-animal-landscape relationships.</p> <p>I am also interested in looking at how society changes with intensification and industrialization, with references to these processes in the past as well.</p>
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Professor Dominic Moran, University of Edinburgh

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Short biography	<p>I am Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Edinburgh (Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Security). I joined the university in 2018 after a period of 18 years with SRUC, prior to which he was a government economist and in private consulting. My research focuses on applying economics to environmental management and the development of interdisciplinary approaches to resource allocation problems in agriculture and global food security. Recent work has focused on the challenges of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and food supply chains, and the problem of antimicrobial use and resistance in agriculture. I am interested in cultural evolution and the future of food systems, particularly the role of animal agriculture. I have worked in over 30 countries and have published >100 refereed journal papers. I have been in continuous receipt of funding from EU, ESRC, NERC or BBSRC since 2000 for his research on climate change and agriculture, and has supervised 20 PhD students.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I can share expertise in (economics of) food systems and farming, policy challenges in LMICs including those related to nutrition</p> <p>I am looking for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Others (any disciplines) interested in the global trajectories (and development impacts) of/for animal production and consumption Historians (including art) of food consumption/transitions across the world Geographers Anthropologists interested in cultural norms related to animal agriculture and food consumption Design expertise Story tellers and performance artists

Professor Jonathan Morris, University of Hertfordshire

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>Between 2004 and 2007, I directed the research project The Cappuccino Conquests. The Transnational History of Italian Coffee, funded by the ESRC/AHRB Cultures of Consumption programme. This analysed the commodity biography of espresso-based beverages from their Italian origins to their global popularity today. Outputs included academic articles and chapters, public exhibitions, as well as engagement and dissemination activities, many undertaken in collaboration with industry.</p> <p>I then extended my research onto the global level. I co-edited <i>Coffee: A Comprehensive Guide to the Bean, the Beverage and the Industry</i> (Rowman and Littlefield, 2013), authoring 5 chapters. The book combines contributions from experts in fields such as agroecology, food chemistry and development economics, alongside pieces by practitioners including farmers (large and small), roasters, and baristas.</p> <p>My new book <i>Coffee: A Global History</i> (Reaktion, 2018) introduces a five-stage, periodisation of coffee history, locating this within major shifts in the ‘world systems’ created around coffee. It draws on techniques from business, cultural, environmental, international, political, statistical and social history, to analyse all elements in the value chain from crop to cup, and the shifting sites of power within them. Starting with coffee’s role as ‘the wine of Islam’, the book shows how it subsequently became a colonial good, an industrial product, a global commodity and a specialty beverage. The volume ends by speculating that we may be about to enter a new era of coffee history as consumption takes off in developing and producer economies, creating the potential for correcting the current imbalance between supply and demand, and reducing price volatility.</p> <p>I am a Research Professor in Modern History at the University of Hertfordshire, Vice President of the Royal Historical Society, an AHRC Strategic Reviewer, and a member of the REF 2021 History sub-panel.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am looking to work with collaborators from different disciplinary perspectives, and particular regional specialisms and connections. With respect to coffee, that might include, for example, specialists in anthropology, commodity studies, marketing, heritage tourism and the like, while in terms of regions, the focus would naturally be on LMICs in Africa, Asia and Latin America.</p> <p>To give an example of the kind of project I have in mind, one key element in Rwanda’s recovery from genocide was the introduction of a national coffee strategy. This transformed the sector from a low quality commodity coffee producer into a high value ‘specialty’ one, resulting in much higher returns to farming communities (Boudreaux, 2010).</p>

	<p>The two next steps in this programme will be the introduction of a regional appellation system designed to capture greater value for coffee at origin, and the promotion of coffee drinking within the country itself. While the recent success has been well studied, the history of Rwandan coffee has not. This could support the establishment of the seven appellation regions that the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB) is promoting, both among overseas buyers, and for domestic marketing purposes. Using oral history techniques alongside archival investigation to build a history from the bottom up, such a project might help establish how cultivation techniques, sensory characteristics and the infrastructure of the coffee industry in each area have evolved, and how these could be used to stimulate consumption within and beyond the country.</p> <p>I am also open, indeed keen, to participate in broader projects in agriculture, food and nutrition where history might add a valuable dimension to the investigation, whether these concern coffee or other commodities and practices along the value chain.</p>
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Dr Ananya Mukherjee, University of Surrey

Current position	Research Fellow
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Short biography	<p>I am an Environmental Sociologist with a background in the human dimension surrounding environmental issues and sustainable development. Her research interests lie in sustainable development issues and on examining how natural capital can be created and conserved using an inter-disciplinary approach, to understand complex biodiversity, climate change issues including complex environmental systems. My experience expands over various countries working with communities using various participatory approaches including adaptive ethnographic techniques to engage with various stakeholders to understand individual and group psychology of communities and the complex social systems they are embedded in.</p> <p>Ananya is working as a Research Fellow: Enhancing Sustainable Biogas Communities through Social Innovation, a Horizon 2020 EU funded project using her community based conservation knowledge and development background to progress the stakeholder engagement, developing the evaluation strategy alongside promoting the idea of community biogas, co-designing business planning processes between regional stakeholders and the rest of the project using social innovation tools from different project partners.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Looking for partnerships in climate change and disaster risk reduction projects in developing countries for a GCRF project.</p> <p>Other interests include climate change and sustainable development issues, renewable energy and the circular economy approach that can</p>

	not only reduce energy property but also tackle waste management issues alongside reducing carbon emissions and producing clean, green, energy.
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Dr Charlene Murphy, UCL, Institute of Archaeology

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Short biography	Research Associate, Early Rice Project funded by NERC Grant from June 2018-April 2019 at University College London, Institute of Archaeology
Areas of interest for partnership development	Interested in Agricultural pathways, Archaeobotany, Palaeoecology of South Asia, Origins of Indigenous crops in South Asia, crop and cuisine trajectories in the past and present.

Mr Ben Musgrave, UEA

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	<p>I am a Lecturer in Scriptwriting at the University of East Anglia. But I am also an award-winning playwright. My debut play Pretend You Have Big Buildings, won the inaugural Bruntwood Prize, and was performed at the Royal Exchange, Manchester. Since then I have worked with many companies including the National Theatre, Birmingham REP, The Point, Eastleigh, and Paines Plough, and have also worked with film, radio and television.</p> <p>As a playwright, I have often worked on interdisciplinary projects that explore new developments in science and technology, and have worked with partners including the Wellcome Foundation, the Royal Academy of Engineering, Kings College London and Imperial College, London.</p> <p>ben-musgrave.co.uk</p> <p>I am currently working on a commission from Tara Arts about Indigo Cultivation. In 19th century Bengal, to satisfy the Empire's appetite for Indigo Dye, British Indigo Planters beat, raped, murdered, extorted, starved and blackmailed Bengali farmers into turning over their rice fields to the cultivation of the Indigo Plant - on terms so ruinous that in 1859/60 the Indian farmers rebelled in a uprising called the Nilbidroha. This uprising forced the Planters out of Bengal, and in the process inspired Dinabandhu Mitra's explosive Bengali play Nil Darpan (1860), which exposed Indigo atrocities with incredible ferocity.</p> <p>My play, Indigo Giant, tells a story about an extraordinary act of resistance against the British Empire. But it's also about the terrible legacy of Indigo Cultivation in Bangladesh: cultural, historical, psychological and agricultural. 160 years later Indigo cultivation remains taboo in Bangladesh. However, a handful of NGOs now farm and process organic Indigo - as a way of reclaiming a traumatic story;</p>

	<p>as a gesture against the polluting effects of chemical dyes washed into Bangladesh's rivers; and to benefit rice cultivation itself: <i>Indigofera tinctoria</i>, a legume, fixes nitrogen that ends up in the soil.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>The history of the Nilbidroha, almost unknown in the UK, is a story of profound importance to Bangladesh, but it needs to be explored in both countries at a time when colonial injustice is being revisited. At the heart of this project is this question: what is the continuing legacy of Indigo Cultivation in Bengal? There are important interdisciplinary questions to explore (and these are intrinsically bound up with food systems, because Indigo cultivation was always explicitly at the expense of food production):</p> <p>What were the long-term impacts of Indigo Cultivation on Bengali peoples, cultures, agricultures? Is there still a need to work through the Indigo story or to find redress (on a recent research trip to Bangladesh I was asked to apologise for British Indigo cultivation on national television)? Is history repeating itself in Bangladesh with tobacco planting, with farmers made to turn over their land to tobacco? Does Mitra's text <i>Nil Darpan</i> still an important one? And is there a future for organic Indigo cultivation in Bangladesh offering a chance of alleviating the pollution of Bangladeshi waterways?</p> <p>I'm interested in reaching out to anyone interested in exploring some of these questions...</p>

Professor Janet Nichol, University of Sussex

Current position	Visiting Professor
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Short biography	<p>I am an Applied Geographer, specialising in Remote Sensing, Geo-Informatics and Environmental Change. Currently I am retired, and a Visiting Professor at the School of Global Studies, University of Sussex. My main research interests are in the application of remote sensing to landscape change including agricultural and forest resources, especially in context of global climatic change. I am especially interested in how climatic fluctuations and climate change affect ecosystems, including naturally regenerating forests as well as city regions and rural hinterlands. I have previously worked in universities in northern Nigeria (Bayero University Kano), the Republic of Ireland (NUI), Singapore (NUS/NTU) and Hong Kong (Hong Kong PolyU).</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested to link with researchers working in west Africa or other parts of Africa who are working in agro-forestry at farm level, or in environmental perception of indigenous communities, or in ethno-botany. An objective of the proposed work is to explain trends observed from extensive farmland surveys across west Africa, using remote sensing, in the context of stakeholders ie. at level of individual farming household. Also to draw implications for future livelihood risk, given external threats such as population pressure, globalisation and market fluctuations, and political uncertainty.</p>

Mr Jacob Nickles, University of Sheffield

Current position	N8 Agrifood Knowledge Exchange Fellow
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Short biography	<p>Jacob was approached by The University of Sheffield in 2016 to act as Project Manager on an agricultural technology feasibility study in Oman. The resultant work from Jacob and his colleagues produced a successful grant application with the British Council, building an institutional link with Sohar University and securing £397,000 to build and demonstrate agricultural technologies including but not limited to greenhouse evaporative cooling, salt water desalination, hydroponic and aquaponic agri-systems, soilless growth media, integrated pest management and controlled growing for sensitive crops.</p> <p>In 2018 Jacob was brought in to work on aquaponic systems in Kathmandu on a GCRF quick spend grant, with a view for further development and dissemination of agricultural systems and technology planned in conjunction with DFID Nepal. Recently, he has been project lead on an internally funded urban farm and training facility in Sheffield city centre, whereby hydroponics and controlled growing environments are built incorporating low technology, off-the-shelf equipment and used as demonstrators for local unemployed and low skilled workers.</p> <p>The University of Sheffield recently appointed Jacob in the position of Knowledge Exchange Associate under the N8 Research Partnership. The fully funded role continues Jacob's work in developing agricultural technologies and creates opportunities to collaborate with other intuitions within the N8. The position builds on translational plant research built at The University of Sheffield, partnering commercial stakeholders for the development of local food systems.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Jacob would like to build relationships within the UK with other institutions and businesses interested in agricultural intensification in the ODA context. There is a great demand globally for the sustainable intensification of agriculture, particularly in the urban and peri-urban context in ODA countries, and dissemination of knowledge and technologies to these countries will need an interdisciplinary approach if substantive change is to occur.</p> <p>New partnerships with ODA countries will provide a platform to affect global nutritional health and food security, and build on the work previously carried out by The University of Sheffield.</p>

Dr Richie Nimmo, University of Manchester

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Short biography	<p>I am a senior lecturer in Sociology at the University of Manchester. My main research interests lie at the intersection of human-animal relations, science and technology, and environment. I completed by PhD research on the socio-material and socio-cultural history of the</p>

	<p>milk and dairy industry in the UK, drawing upon actor-network theory and Foucauldian genealogy to trace the more-than-human assemblages, technologies and knowledge-practices which shaped the transformation of the UK milk trade through the late nineteenth to the early twentieth century, from a cottage industry into a modernised commercial enterprise. This was also a post-humanist critique of modernity worked through an archive study of milk, foregrounding the agency of various nonhumans in milk modernisation, from bacteria and diseases to soil chemistry, as well of course as cows themselves. It became the basis for my first book, <i>Milk, Modernity and the Making of the Human: Purifying the Social</i>. I continue to be interested in milk and milk history from a socio-material, more-than-human and human-animal relations perspective, and have more recently examined the emergence of the earliest mechanical devices for milking cows, drawing upon theoretical currents from relational ontology and new materialism. I have also researched honey bees and colony collapse disorder in relation to industrial farming and large-scale commercial apiculture, developing a bio-political analysis which suggests that the honeybee crisis is an unintended but inevitable consequences of the ratcheting up of the productivity of natural systems driven by the logic of intensification inherent in industrial agriculture and the dominant world food system. My current interests lie in the historical and contemporary trajectories of intensive animal farming, and the intersection of human-animal and socio-environment relations with historical and contemporary food system assemblages.</p>
<p>Areas of interest for partnership development</p>	<p>I am interested in developing partnerships in the area of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - human-animal relations and historical/contemporary food systems. - human and animal health and historical/contemporary food systems. - histories and current trajectories of intensive animal farming. - intersections of human-animal relations, socio-environmental relations, and factory farming. - food futures and alternatives to intensive animal farming.

Dr Denys Nizalov, World Bank

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<p>Short biography</p>	<p>Denys Nizalov has been a researcher and an international consultant in the field of rural/regional development, economics of land relations and assessment of the public policies impact and development projects commissioned by such organizations as the World Bank, FAO, etc for more than 15 years. In 2008-12 he was the expert in the competition for grant projects in the economics for CIS countries that was conducted by the Economic Education and Research Consortium (EERC), and regional expert networks GDN.</p> <p>During the years 2006-14 Denys Nizalov occupied the professorial and administrative positions in the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE),</p>

	<p>Ukraine.</p> <p>Doctor of Philosophy in specialty of agricultural economics (Michigan State University, 2006). He was awarded with professional award grants and awards, including Eurasia Foundation honours of Bill Maynes for the contribution to economic education and research in Ukraine.</p> <p>Scientific papers published in international journals such as «The Journal of Comparative Economics», «International Regional Science Review», «Economic Development Quarterly», «The Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy», «The Review of Regional Studies». Editor of the online book “Instruments of municipal development” and co-author of “Online Atlas of Economic Development of Ukraine”.</p> <p>Specialization: Economics of Land Relations, rural and regional economic development, assessment the impact of public policies and development projects.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	Land governance, agricultural production, land use monitoring, big data in governing land use.

Dr Willis Okumu, Anglican Development Services Kenya

Current position	Researcher
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Short biography	I am Willis Okumu, a Social Anthropologist based in Nairobi Kenya. I hold a PhD in Social Anthropology from the University of Cologne. As a researcher, I have mostly done research among pastoralists communities in Northern Kenya. My key areas of interests include, local peacebuilding mechanisms, pastoralists livelihood options, pastoralists institutions and climate change and adaptation strategies of pastoralists communities.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am interested in developing partnerships with researchers working or seeking collaborations on topics of food, culture and livelihood options among rural communities in Eastern Africa. Further, I am interested in seeking research collaborations with institutions and researchers working on pastoralists climate change adaptations strategies and livelihood options in Eastern Africa.

Dr Deirdre O’Mahony, CREATE National Development Agency for Collaborative Arts in Social and Community Contexts, Ireland

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Short biography	I am an artist, writer and recently retired academic who left teaching at the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology to further develop my

	<p>research into ideas of rural sustainability, food security and rural/urban relationships. My PhD research at the University of Brighton revived a former rural post-office, renamed X-PO, as a social space for different communities to review, reflect upon, and re-imagine a future for a deeply contested region, the Burren, in the west of Ireland. Another project, SPUD took the potato as a lens to create space for a public discourse on food security, seed sovereignty and mētis or tacit knowledge.</p> <p>In 2017 I was awarded the inaugural Welcome Trust residency at the University of Reading's Museum of English Rural Life (MERL) producing "Speculative Optimism", a poetic essayistic film that drew upon the MERL archives to highlight changing agricultural policies. Refusing a singular position, the film relies on unconscious sensory associations to provide unexpected insights into global food production today.</p> <p>More recently as consultant for the Irish agricultural research agency, Teagasc, I devised and curated public engagement strategies and commissioned an artwork about heritage cereal varieties and their relevance to contemporary food production for a Horizon 2020 project CERERE. I am currently developing a project with CREATE, the National Development Agency for Collaborative Art in Ireland and the Public Art Office of Fingal County Council, situated in the major agricultural food production region of north county Dublin for 2021. I have published peer-reviewed articles in academic journals and books, most recently for "Rurality Re-Imagined", published by Oro Press editions and the University of Westminster in 2018 and presenting my research at "Curating Agriculture: Cultivating new metaphors for environmental, social and economic sustainability; art, design and architecture in the post-Agricultural era" at the Clore auditorium, Tate Britain in June 2019.</p>
<p>Areas of interest for partnership development</p>	<p>My area of interest includes developing models of public art practice and community engagement that reflect the complexity of conscious and unconscious subjectivities around land use and regulation; tacit knowledge and historical farming methods and their relevance to small scale, non-industrial farming, approaches to climate change and food security, re-framing the material history of local crop production; maintaining availability of heritage seeds; post-colonial subjectivities around the addition of place-based value to food production and the potential of trans-disciplinary research to re-frame practices unpack and navigate contested cultural narratives through dialogue and social engagement.</p> <p>Create works nationally and internationally, having recently completed a four year Creative Europe project as lead partner of a nine partner consortium in six countries. Transnational collaborations are key in the field of collaborative and socially engaged arts practices, finding like-minded partners from areas of agri-science, rural development, and other forms of knowledge relating to food politics will be essential for the development of this three year initiative.</p> <p>Fingal Public Arts Office has been responsible for commissioning a significant number of permanent and high profile works that engage</p>

	<p>with the individual human, social, and natural ecologies of the county. It is one of three local authority partners developing 'An Urgent Enquiry', a collaborative and interdepartmental enquiry with biodiversity officers, to research new models of future public art commissioning focusing on the effects of climate change through interactions with environmental specialists, scientists and advisors and the workshop will provide an opportunity to network with researchers interested in the further development of such interdisciplinary research that is directly relevant to the future direction of public art commissioning in this area.</p>
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Dr Rose Omari, Science and Technology Policy Research Institute,
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

Current position	Senior Research Scientist
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Short biography	<p>Dr Rose Omari is a Senior Research Scientist at the Science and Technology Policy Institute, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR-STEPRI), Ghana. She has a BSc. degree in Biochemistry and Food Science (with Nutrition), a Master’s degree in Food Science from University of Ghana, and a PhD degree in Rural Sociology (Food Studies) from Wageningen University and Research Center, Netherlands. Rose has expertise in multidisciplinary research particularly in policy and consumer research in agriculture, food, nutrition and health as well science, technology and innovation. Rose has led several studies including an ILO study on decent work in global food value chains with a focus on the cocoa value chain in Ghana, an FAO cross country study on public sector support and public private partnerships in agribusiness, a study on transformation of food provisioning and consumption in Ghana with a focus on fast food and traditional cuisines, and analysis of some food value chains. Currently, Rose is coordinating a project to develop national policy and technical regulation for aflatoxin control in food and feed and has facilitated the establishment of the National Steering Committee for Aflatoxins Control, of which she is the Secretary. She has also coordinated continental policy engagement and advocacy activities on biofortification under the “Building Nutritious Food Basket” project with the aim of increasing investments and governments commitments to combating micronutrient deficiencies through the production and consumption of biofortified staples crops. Rose has also conducted several trainings in food safety, nutrition and risk communication for varied audiences using different approaches such as communication for behavioural impact (COMBI). Her research interest are policy and consumer studies in relation food, nutrition and health; impact assessment of food standards, laws, regulations and policies as well as agricultural, food and nutrition interventions; and mechanisms for bridging research-policy and research-practice gaps.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	Areas of interest:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding factors that influence adoption and scaling up of agricultural and post-harvest technologies - Understanding how to influence (or change) food handling and consumption practices taking into consideration cultural, historical, economic, globalization and other factors. - Influence of nutrition education on consumer buying decisions and actual consumption behaviour. - Assessment of level of implementation and impact (including weaknesses and successes) of government's and development partners' interventions for safe, nutritious and healthy diets to combat the triple burden of malnutrition: overweight and obesity, undernutrition and micronutrient deficiency) <p>I am available to collaborate on any area with a strong focus on food safety, food consumption and nutrition.</p>
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Dr Gordon Omenya, Kenyatta University

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	I studied History at Pau University (France) I am currently a lecturer in History at Kenyatta university in Nairobi, Kenya and majorly interested in the histories of ethnic and racial groups. I have a keen interest on the cultures, economic activities, interactions and the political economy of groups that I study. Other areas of interest are on governance, gender and history of international relations. I have carried out research supported by the ESRC, Leverhume Trust in collaboration with UK scholars such as Prof. Justin Willis (Durham University), Henrietta Moore (Cambridge University), Prof Annie Coombes (Birbeck University), and lately with Dr. Lotte Hughes and Mark Larmont with whom we did a study on Management of Culture amongst County governments in Kenya.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>With my background in History, I would be interested in developing new partnership and collaboration with any scholar who has a background in Food and nutrition. Any scholar who has a strong background on Food and nutrition will add more value to our partnership.</p> <p>However, as a scholar in the south (Kenya) I am to develop new partnership and anybody/group looking for a partner in the South with a background in History can easily contact me.</p>

Ms Paige Patchin, University of Nottingham (Centre for Advanced Studies)

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Short biography	<p>I am Research Development Officer in the Arts at the University of Nottingham. I work primarily with scholars in the School of Cultures, Languages, and Area Studies. I also support arts and humanities research related to the Future Food Beacon, a transdisciplinary research group that addresses the challenge of feeding a growing population.</p> <p>I am a cultural geographer by training, with expertise in postcolonial theory, science and technology studies, and theories of nature. My previous research focused on global reproductive health.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The role of literature in agriculture, food, and nutrition cultures -Risk, ethics, and trust in food production and consumption networks -Transdisciplinary experimentation between The arts and humanities, The biological and life sciences, and The environmental sciences

Dr Laura Pereira, Centre for Food Policy, City University of London

Current position	Researcher
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Short biography	<p>Dr Laura Pereira holds a DPhil in Geography and Environmental Science from the University of Oxford. Originally from Johannesburg, Laura has worked in the UK, USA, and South Africa on questions of food systems governance under environmental change. During her post-doctoral research at Harvard’s Kennedy School and the University of Cape Town, she began to incorporate innovation on indigenous food and traditional knowledge into her research as a potential leverage point for transforming the food system onto a more sustainable trajectory. Laura was a researcher at the Centre for Complex Systems in Transition at Stellenbosch University where she worked on the GRAID project exploring how resilience thinking can be applied to development challenges, using novel methodologies from futures and lab thinking. She is based full-time at the Centre for Food Policy where she is a research fellow on SHEFS project group working on food systems governance in South Africa.</p> <p>Laura has been an early career fellow with the Future Agricultures Consortium and is a Future Earth young fellow. She is also on the IPBES expert group on scenarios and modelling and is a coordinating lead author for UN Environment’s Global Environment Outlook. She has undertaken research in South Africa, Brazil, Colombia, Mozambique, Nigeria and Kenya and she is passionate about allowing the diversity of developing country stories to be heard. She is also very keen on exploring alternative methods in sustainability research.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>My areas of interest lie in building on traditional knowledge and agroecology to research how gastronomy can be leveraged to enable healthier and more sustainable food systems- and in particular how the ethics of access and affordability could play out in different contexts. I would be keen to explore innovative methods such as labs and visioning workshops in conjunction with local partners to explore potential innovations.</p>

	<p>I am particularly interested in connecting to people with expertise around gastronomy, cuisine and diets as well as anyone who specialises in microbiomes- from soil science through to gut microbiomes, nutrition and bio-availability. As I am part of an existing network of early career researchers who have been building ideas on potential food system projects and would be keen to find other people with diverse expertise who would be keen to join the team. I would also be keen to meet up with other people who have diverse language skills and potential partners in Asia.</p>
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Dr Serena Pollastri, Lancaster University

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Short biography	<p>I am a lecturer in Design at ImaginationLancaster, (Lancaster University). My academic work is conducted between the UK (specifically in Morecambe Bay, where I am involved in projects on design and biodiversity) and China, where I teach for part of the year at the BA in Design and Digital Media, a double degree between Lancaster University and Beijing Jiaotong University. I am also an Associate Fellow at Lancaster University China Centre (LUCC). My practice-based research, which sits at the intersection between speculative design and information visualisation, is concerned with ways of including pluralism, conflicting worldviews, and alternative practices in the design of sustainable future proposals or scenarios. This approach largely builds from my PhD at Lancaster University, during which I developed a methodological framework (Visual Conversations on Urban Futures) to inform and challenge visions of low carbon futures developed as part of Liveable Cities, a five-year EPSRC-funded programme.</p> <p>Prior to joining Lancaster University, I worked as a senior designer and design researcher for DesignHarvests, a programme of Studio Tao and Tongji University in Shanghai. The programme was aimed at promoting knowledge exchange between rural and urban China through an acupuncture design approach. It was structured as a mix of academic and non-academic projects, involving several international partners. Projects included the development of a small experiment on sustainable agriculture, a platform to connect rural farmers to urban residents (funded by Nokia), and a series of products co-designed and produced with local basket weavers. Outcomes of the projects are published in Design Harvests: An Acupunctural Design Approach Towards Sustainability (Mistra Urban Futures, 2013).</p> <p>During this time, I was also visiting lecturer at Tongji University College of Design and Innovation (Shanghai), external examiner at École de Design Nantes L'Atlantique (Shanghai), and subject expert at Politecnico di Milano (MA in Product-Service System Design).</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am interested in developing partnership with researchers and practitioners interested in traditional, lost, or alternative food

	practices, and how these may contribute to shaping sustainable food futures. At the moment, because of my current and previous experiences and connections, most of my contacts and partners are based in China and the UK. I would like in the first instance to hear from and connect with researchers and stakeholders interested in related research issues not only in these contexts, but also in other Asian Countries (particularly South-East Asia). I am also interested in connecting with experts in food studies and political ecology in particular, who would be able to provide critical perspectives and research on the relationships between culture, politics and nature in the context of food, nutrition, and agriculture.
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Mrs Aurelija Povilaikė, Queen Mary University of London

Current position	Faculty Research Manager
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Short biography	I work as Faculty Research Manager and facilitate, co-ordinate and build collaborations with researchers across Humanities and Social Sciences. As well, I am supporting researchers in developing GCRF related research proposals.
Areas of interest for partnership development	In my role as Faculty Research Manager I am well placed to attend this event, as I have a balcony view of the existing expertise across the Humanities and Social Sciences. Moreover, I am aware of the already existing partnerships with ODA countries that could be expanded in relation to food and agriculture.

Mr Suresh Pradhan, MICD program of MidWestern University, Nepal

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Short biography	Socio-Economist, with expertise and research interest in (i) Social Policy and Planning, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Social Protection, Local Economic development; Urban DRR and Resilience; (ii) Project Design and Planning; M and E Framework design, Social and Institutional Analysis for Governance and Inclusive Growth; (iii) Business Development with expertise in Proposal development, Donor and Consortium Relations, Risk and Integrity Analyses, Due-diligence checks; (iv) Linking humanitarian emergency responses with development policies and practices; (v) Child Rights based Programming, Rights Based Approach to Development, Child Labour elimination Programming; (vi) Training and capacity building on Development Policies and Practices with reference to SDGs; Results Based Management, Strategic Planning, Project Design and Planning, M and E Framework design, Knowledge Management; and on Project Scheduling and Management.
Areas of interest for partnership development	We are interested to explore partnership with a UK based principal research institute on following two possible research - (i) readiness of farmers in production and expanded marketing of seed potatoes; (ii) governance and effectiveness collection centres in expanding market

	for vegetables production in rural municipalities areas in Provinces 2 and/ or 5 of Nepal.
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Dr Federica Pratola, Brunel University London

Current position	Research Development Manager (International)
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Short biography	<p>Federica Pratola recently joined Brunel as Research Development Manager (International), to support the identification and development of new international and EU funding opportunities for producing high-impact outputs and raising Brunel University's global research reputation. She aims at proactively scanning funding opportunities to identify those that best align with key academics and research groups' Brunel core capabilities. Federica offers hands on proposal support from concept to final submission with focus on strategic intelligence (i.e. Research impact, research exploitation plans, IP, market perspectives). The position includes developing a strong network of contacts with external individuals and institutions nationally and internationally, and relevant external bodies to engage with Brunel research and researchers.</p> <p>Federica brings previous professional life experience within a university (UCL 2016-2018), in an SME (Tea Sistemi, 2007- 2016, energy and environment, oil & gas) and in the R&D Company of an Italian holding (Finmeccanica, 2002-2007, renewable technologies). During her academic and business career, she focused on different aspects of research and innovation, facilitating research-generated knowledge.</p> <p>She holds a master degree and a PhD in Chemical Engineering, the latter from UCL, attended an executive course at INSEAD on marketing strategy and achieved a Project Management Certification.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>As Research Development Manager at Brunel I acquired a wide view of internationally recognized Brunel's research activities covering multidisciplinary aspects related to the whole food system chain (i.e. food production and distribution technologies) in LMICs (e.g. Sub-Saharan and west Africa, etc.), including transformative agri-business models aiming at addressing food security goals. I would be willing in attending this town hall food-related workshop in order to liaise Brunel expertise with complementary disciplines (e.g. culture, history, society, nutrition), build up inter-disciplinary partnerships and foster internationally collaborative research collaborations to tackle the different angles of food-related global challenges.</p> <p>Moreover, I would like to acquire updated information and incoming priorities on the wider programme and upcoming funding calls - including examples of work already funded under previous programmes in the subject - and understand key thematic and practical challenges of interdisciplinary collaborations within this specific thematic area also through bespoke discussions with the Challenge Leader and/or staff from UK Research and Innovation.</p>

Dr Bethan Purse, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

Current position	Senior Scientist
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Short biography	<p>I co-lead the Population Ecology group and have <17 years' experience in quantifying the ecological, environmental and social processes underpinning infectious diseases impacts on animal and plant health to inform disease management. I develop early warning (e.g. livestock diseases, India) and horizon scanning systems (e.g. global Phytophthora threats, www.forestry.gov.uk/fr/phytothreats) that are framed and co-developed with cross-sectoral beneficiaries, using participatory methods to understand human priorities, and reduce institutional, cultural and social barriers to uptake of tools.</p> <p>I am leading inter-disciplinary approaches to improve current information systems for animal diseases in India, partnering with the National Institute for Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), combining participatory methods and novel remote sensing, statistics and epidemiological models to improve accuracy and uptake of risk maps and forecasts by disease managers.</p> <p>I lead two inter-disciplinary GCRF-funded projects on zoonotic diseases in India. The first, MonkeyFeverRisk https://www.monkeyfeverrisk.ceh.ac.uk/ I that aims to understand the social, ecological and environmental processes that underpin the emergence of zoonotic diseases in small-holder farmer and tribal forest communities in the Western Ghats, using Kyasanur Forest Disease as a model system and again to co-develop decision support tools for disease managers. The second project examines how surveillance, knowledge and models could be leveraged across the public health, animal health and agriculture, private and environmental sectors in India to improve intervention for endemic and emerging zoonotic diseases.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in developing new partnerships in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical, political and social drivers of vulnerability to infectious diseases, across plant, animal and human health sectors, but especially neglected endemic diseases affecting small-holder farming and tropical forest communities Cross-sectoral science-policy interfaces for effective management of environmental change and disease impacts on livelihoods Adaptation and resilience mechanisms of local communities to multi-factorial environmental change and how these interface with policy and interventions Uptake and co-development of information systems for managing multiple stressors from environmental change, that account for the underlying social, policy and environmental processes

Professor Neil Ravenscroft, Royal Agricultural University

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>After nearly 20 years at the University of Brighton, where he has combined an active research career with various management roles, latterly as Director of Brighton Doctoral College, Professor Neil Ravenscroft will, on 1st March 2019, become Head of Real Estate and Land Management at the Royal Agricultural University. In this new role, Professor Ravenscroft will lead the development of research and scholarship in the broad area of land, agriculture and food. Over the last decade, Professor Ravenscroft has undertaken 12 UKRI funded research projects mainly focussing on the cultures and practices of deliberate food and farming communities. These include a series of projects funded through the AHRC Connected Communities Programme which have contributed to knowledge on community supported farming and gardening, with a particular emphasis on the therapeutic connections between people and land. This has led to comparative work in China, where issues of land policy and food safety have also been addressed. His current research is exploring the ways in which the culture and history of land tenure influences the ways in which land is understood and managed. Professor Ravenscroft is a member of the UKRI-funded Valuing Nature Network, and has been involved in a number of projects stemming from the UK National Ecosystem Assessment, including work on shared social values (Ecological Economics) and normative economics (Sustainability Science). He is currently part of the research team for the Valuing Nature Network Wetland Life project.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I have an existing partnership with Fudan University, Shanghai, and a group of 50 small ecological farmers and farmer co-operatives working in the Shanghai region. This work has so far yielded a number of comparative analyses (China-UK) and a new approach to agricultural geography (China). I would like to develop this partnership to include other urban/peri-urban farmer networks in major cities in other LMICs because there is clear evidence that small scale peri-urban agriculture can improve access to fresh nutritious food for poor and marginalised urban communities. We are particularly interested in city regions in Africa and South America, as a complement to the expertise that we have in Asia and Europe. In addition to extending the geographical reach of the partnership, the current partners would also like to attract new expertise in a number of areas including oral histories, historic geographies and geospatial analysis, community studies and entrepreneurship, and methodologists interested in ecological and circular economics and policy.</p>

Professor Pedro Rebelo, Queen's University Belfast

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Short biography	<p>Pedro is a composer, sound artist and performer. In 2002, he was awarded a PhD by the University of Edinburgh where he conducted research in both music and architecture.</p> <p>Pedro has led participatory projects involving communities in Belfast, favelas in Maré, Rio de Janeiro, travelling communities in Portugal and a slum town in Mozambique. This work has resulted in sound art exhibitions at venues such as the Metropolitan Arts Centre, Belfast, Espaço Ecco in Brasilia and Parque Lage and Museu da Maré in Rio and MAC Nitéroí. His music has been presented in venues such as the Melbourne Recital Hall, National Concert Hall Dublin, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Ars Electronica, Casa da Música, and in events such as Weimarer Frühjahrstage fur zeitgenössische Musik, Wien Modern Festival, Cynetart and Música Viva. His work as a pianist and improviser has been released by Creative Source Recordings and he has collaborated with musicians such as Chris Brown, Mark Applebaum, Carlos Zingaro, Evan Parker and Pauline Oliveros. His writings reflect his approach to design and creative practice in a wider understanding of contemporary culture and emerging technologies. Pedro has been Visiting Professor at Stanford University (2007), senior visiting professor at UFRJ, Brazil (2014) and Collaborating Researcher at INEM-md Universidade Nova, Lisboa (2016). He has been Music Chair for international conferences including ICMC 2008, SMC 2009, ISMIR 2012 and has been invited keynote speaker at ANPPOM 2017, ISEA 2017, CCMMR 2016 and EMS 2013. At Queen's University Belfast, he has held posts as Director of Education, Director of Research and Head of School. In 2012 he was appointed Professor of Sonic Arts at Queen's and awarded the Northern Bank's "Building Tomorrow's Belfast" prize. He has recently been awarded two major grants from the Arts and Humanities Research Council "Sounding Conflict", investigating relationships between sound and conflict.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in contributing with experience in the sonic arts which will help understand the role of sound in food experiences as well as create opportunities for using sonic content (e.g. in immersive experiences) to intervene, provoke, raise awareness of food related themes, concerns and agenda.</p> <p>Looking for expanding an existing network of research to include a highly interdisciplinary team which focuses on cross modality in food (from production to consumption and including myths, storytelling and perceptions of tradition). I am interested in using socially engaged art approaches to understand and communicate various aspects of food culture. For example; how is the value of food transmitted in various cultures and how is this related to sensory association. Researchers from food science, psychology, anthropology, philosophy and public health can contribute to important discussions in this area.</p>

Dr Kelly Reed, University of Oxford

Current position	Programme manager and researcher
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Short biography	<p>Kelly is the Programme Manager for the Oxford Martin Programme on the Future of Food, which links together existing research on the food system at Oxford and supports new interdisciplinary research that addresses the challenges of feeding the global population sustainably, healthily and equitably. A substantive part of this work involves project managing the Wellcome Trust funded Livestock, Environment and People (LEAP) Project, which aims to understand the health, environment, social and economic effects of meat and dairy consumption to provide evidence and tools for decision makers to promote healthy and sustainable diets.</p> <p>Kelly is an archaeobotanist with interests in food systems, agricultural development, cultural adaptations to environmental change and global sustainability. Her work focuses predominantly on the reconstruction of past diet and subsistence strategies in the Balkans from the Neolithic to the Late Middle Ages (6000 BC – 16th Century AD). She is particularly interested in exploring how archaeology and anthropology can help inform current food systems issues, especially as they are tools well-suited to investigating food security and agricultural development over different time frames and under different challenges.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	As the programme manager for the Oxford Martin Programme on the Future of Food, I would be interested in extending my network, especially in areas around land use change, agricultural development, crop choice and food security strategies by small holder farmers.

Dr Santiago Ripoli, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

Current position	Postdoctoral researcher
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Short biography	<p>Santiago Ripoll is a social anthropologist specialised in the anthropology of food and health. His research focuses on the intersections between ethical values, identity and moral norms and how these shape transformations in food systems. Santiago has carried out ethnographic and participatory research on moral economies and food systems in Nicaragua and the UK. He is currently leading the research of the Social Science for Humanitarian Action Platform (SSHAP), highlighting the importance of historical, cultural and social factors in shaping humanitarian health responses.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I'd be interested in finding expertise in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - similar interests but in other LMIDCs that could add more relevant case studies e.g. Mexico - Other models of behavioural change applied to dietary choices - Other researchers interested in anthropology and ethics

	- Indigenous agrarian and gastronomic histories of Nicaragua and agrarian histories.
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Dr Emma Roe, University of Southampton

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>Dr Emma Roe is Associate Professor in Human Geography at the School of Geography and Environmental Science, University of Southampton and an Honorary Research Associate at the School of Veterinary Science, University of Bristol. Emma is a leading trans-disciplinary scholar that develops from her core concerns as a social and cultural geographer in more-than-human geographies. She is comfortable working with those outside her discipline (veterinary science, food science, health science, microbiology, rural studies, anthropology, engineering, the arts, sociology and economics).</p> <p>She has 20 years of experience studying the bodies, practices and materialities that constitute the spaces of producing, retailing and eating food. In this work she is interested in the social and cultural processes of plants and animals becoming (in)edible and the material, social and economic connections between who is eating what and where and what worlds it makes. Current projects include an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) award on 'Corporate Retail Supply Chains and Anti-Microbial Resistance' and an Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) study exploring men's relationship to reducing animal-based protein consumption, through participatory research workshops and the response of commissioned artists. Beyond agro-food research she is a Principle Investigator on a Wellcome Trust funded 5-year Collaborative Award 'The Animal Research Nexus'.</p> <p>Her work has received research funding from the Economic and Social Research Council, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council, the European Commission, the British Academy, the Wellcome Trust, the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and the British Veterinary Association's Animal Welfare Foundation.</p> <p>She is co-editor (with Michelle Bastian, Owain Jones, Niamh Moore) of 'Participatory research in more-than-human worlds' published by Routledge in 2017. She is co-author (with Henry Buller) of the book 'Food and Animal Welfare' forthcoming in 2018, published by Bloomsbury Academic Publishing.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	Expertise studying men's experiences of food insecurity in LMIC countries in any part of the food supply chain from field to fork.

Dr Emily Rousham, Loughborough University

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	Emily's research uses both qualitative and quantitative methods. Her training was in Biological Anthropology, specialising in maternal and child health in low and middle-income countries. Other current projects include a systematic review of dietary transitions in urbanising centres in Kenya and Ghana, and a rapid review of the outcomes of nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific interventions on the nutrition of infants and young child feeding in urban low-income settlements in sub-Saharan Africa. Her work crosses the dual burden of undernutrition and overnutrition, as well as covering the spectrum of disease from communicable to non-communicable diseases. She has an extensive track record of research on the nutrition, infection and growth of young children with international research partners.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I would like to develop further partnerships with researchers who examine food systems from other disciplines looking at ways to co-design interventions at the household and community level on infant and young child feeding practices. I am also interested in examining double duty actions to prevent undernutrition and overnutrition in food systems.

Dr Erica Rowan, Royal Holloway, University of London

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	<p>As an archaeologist with a specialization in Roman archaeology and archaeobotany, I work on the formation and evolution of ancient cultural identities and economic developments through an examination of Roman foodways. My research centres on ancient consumption practices, the evolution of food identities, the economies of production and alternative fuel sources. I approach historical questions regarding ancient foodways by integrating the physical food remains with the more traditional forms of material culture, ancient texts.</p> <p>In conjunction with my current research, I serve as the environmental specialist on excavations at Utica (Tunisia), Aphrodisias and Sardis (Turkey), Orvieto and the Villa d'Orazio in Vacone (Italy).</p> <p>I hold a BA in Classics and a BSc in Health Sciences from McMaster University in Canada. In 2009 I completed my MSt in Classical Archaeology and in 2014 I was awarded my DPhil in Archaeology, both from the University of Oxford. In September 2014 I took up the two year post of Leventis Associate Research Fellow at the University of Exeter and following the fellowship I spent a year at Exeter as a teaching fellow.</p> <p>I joined Royal Holloway in September 2017 as the new lecturer in Classical Archaeology.</p>

Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Food - history, culture and gender</p> <p>Looking to work in Turkey and/or with Turkish partners</p> <p>I'm looking for those with links either to archaeology or the food industry in Turkey.</p>
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Dr Andrew Russell, Durham University

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Short biography	<p>Dr Andrew Russell is Associate Professor (Reader) in the Anthropology Department and co-director of the Centre for Social Justice and Community Action at Durham University, UK. His current research interests are tobacco and its long-term consequences, and the new social forms it generates in regional, national and global public health. He has led qualitative evaluation research on Fresh Smoke Free NE, the UK's first dedicated tobacco control office, and the North of England Illicit Tobacco Programme, a world-first initiative that aims to tackle the demand for illicit tobacco as well as its supply. He has also conducted several pieces of ethnographic research on global health diplomacy at the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. In terms of the long-term consequences of tobacco use, he is currently collaborating on the Wellcome Trust funded interdisciplinary project, the Life of Breath, led by the Institute for Medical Humanities at Durham University and looking at breath, breathing and the symptomatic experience of breathlessness (particularly that caused by Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) in historical and cross-cultural perspective. He has also received an Academy of Medical Sciences GCRF Networking Grant (with Sushil John at Christian Medical College, Vellore, India) to develop a network for the development of participatory methods to investigate current and alternative livelihoods with bidi workers in South India. He is a UK National Teaching Fellow and his textbook for medical students <i>The Social Basis of Medicine</i> (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009) won the British Medical Association's student textbook of the year award in 2010. Since then he has co-edited a volume <i>The Master Plant: Tobacco in Lowland South America</i> (Bloomsbury, 2015). His latest book, <i>Anthropology of Tobacco: Ethnographic Adventures in Non-Human Worlds</i> is due out with Routledge in February 2019.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in both extending the reach of the bidi workers' network and the participatory methods we plan to take forward through that network, and in developing new partnerships in the area of tobacco cultivation, manufacture and use. I am interested in looking at current experiences and alternative livelihood possibilities for tobacco growers, the relationship between government and industry around the issue, the implementation of Article 17 of the WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), and the</p>

	<p>examples of successful and sustainable practice in this field. I would be delighted to have input from economists, agronomists or soil scientists working in the area, as well as those working in the arts and humanities who have a great deal to contribute to developing the visionary possibilities of alternative livelihoods to tobacco through creative, participatory research methods. I also work and publish on global health diplomacy (specifically the Conference of the Parties to the FCTC) and would be interested in developing partnerships with legal scholars and political scientists keen to take this work forward. Tobacco remains the primary source of respiratory illness worldwide, likely to cause up to 1 billion deaths in the 21st century, 70-80% of them in LMICs. This, and the fact that LMICs are also disproportionately affected by indoor and outdoor air pollution as well as serious occupational health problems in agriculture and food/non-food crop processing, means there is much to do.</p>
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Dr Niki Rust, Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University

Current position	Research Associate
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Short biography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An environmental social scientist with extensive experience working in southern Africa. - Prior to returning to academia, I spent a decade working at international environmental NGOs with a focus on improving agricultural sustainability to help improve
Areas of interest for partnership development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Researchers and practitioners based in LMIC who are working on sustainable food systems. This could include, for instance, NGOs working with local communities to improve food security, Researchers studying food access or sustainable food production, think tanks studying food and agricultural policies, and scientists studying innovations into improved agricultural sustainability. - Partners who have experience more in the food consumption side of things to complement my experience on food production. - Historians and development researchers.

Dr Philippa Ryan, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Current position	Research Fellow
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Short biography	<p>I joined the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in September as a Research Fellow in Economic Botany. My role here includes studying traditional agriculture and useful plants in Eastern Africa, underutilised crops and food security. Previously, I was based in the Department of Scientific Research in the British Museum. I was PI for the AHRC GCRF 'Learning from the past: Nubian traditional knowledge and agricultural resilience, crop choices and endangered cultural heritage'</p>

	<p>project (2017–2018). Connected to this research, I currently hold a RCUK Indigenous Methods Case Study award. The ‘Nubian traditional knowledge’ project was through the ‘Follow-on Funding for Impact and Engagement Scheme’ in connection to my previous AHRC project ‘Sustainability and subsistence systems in a changing Sudan’ (2013-2016). Research aims in these projects included to advocate the importance of using local agricultural knowledge to help create strategies for agricultural resilience, to highlight the potential future role of increasingly little-used crops, and to explore how ethnobotanical and archaeobotanical approaches can contribute to debates about future agricultural strategies. These grants were part of an AHRC theme ‘Care for the Future: Thinking Forward through the Past, Environment & Sustainability’. Prior to joining the British Museum, I completed my PhD in 2010 at the UCL Institute of Archaeology entitled ‘Diversity of plant and land use during the Near Eastern Neolithic, phytolith perspectives from çatalhöyük’</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in exploring the potential of developing partnerships across different research sectors – such as practitioners from policy institutions, sustainability and agricultural research institutions, or nutrition.</p> <p>I would like the opportunity to meet and collaborate with other researchers with an interest in food and agricultural histories, from different disciplines and perspectives working across Northern or Eastern Africa. Also, more broadly, researchers studying food security, indigenous food systems or underutilized crops.</p>

Dr Amna Sahar, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan

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Short biography	<p>I am Dr. Amna Sahar, I did my M.Sc from University of Rennes 1, France in Nutrition and PhD in food Engineering and Technology from AgroCampus Rennes, France.</p> <p>Currently, I am working as Assistant Professor in University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan.</p> <p>I like to work in multidimensional areas. I am working with graduate and post graduate students of Food Technology, Food Engineering, Nutrition, Food Services Management, Food Quality Management etc. I am looking for a research partner to apply for collaborative funding opportunities. I am working in analysis of food and development of rapid methods for the determination of quality and safety parameters of food. I am also working on nutrition projects.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am very much interested in exploring the potential of partnerships development across different research sectors. I am open for any research related to food science, food technology, food engineering and nutrition.</p> <p>I would like to work in interdisciplinary project.</p>

Dr Angelina Sanderson Bellamy, Sustainable Places Research Institute, Cardiff University

Current position	Research Fellow
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Short biography	<p>Dr Sanderson Bellamy is currently a Research Fellow at Cardiff University in the Sustainable Places Research Institute, an interdisciplinary sustainability research institute. Her responsibilities include managing the strategic development and direction of the Food, land and security research programme and her expertise encompasses food production systems, land use and land cover change, ecological resilience and ecosystem services. She uses a social-ecological framework and interdisciplinary methods to investigate the drivers, particularly governance and support structures, of environmental change and the impact of land management on the delivery of ecosystem services.</p> <p>Before working at Cardiff University, Dr Sanderson Bellamy worked as a Research Fellow at the Stockholm Resilience Centre and Stanford University's Wood's Institute for the Environment. Her research career has been based at interdisciplinary research institutes, where she enjoys collaborating with colleagues across social, natural and physical sciences to tackle today's grand challenges. Dr Sanderson Bellamy's undergraduate degree is in Human Biology from Stanford and her PhD is in Ecology from Stockholm University. Her experience not only draws from working in US, Swedish and UK research environments, but also from working across Latin American and UK food landscapes. She has ongoing research projects in Wales (PI, policy implementation of biodiversity and ecosystem resilience), the UK (PI, novel approaches to creating more resilient regional food systems), Mexico (co-I, governance gaps between land use policy and coastal zone conservation), Costa Rica, Brazil and Colombia (PI, social and environmental impact of food certification).</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>In November 2017 I attended a conference session in Oaxaca, Mexico on biocultural diversity. One of the keynote speakers was a human rights lawyer who spoke about the human rights aspects of food production, for example the rights to access clean water for irrigation and healthy soils and land for growing food. I was very interested in this approach, and together with another Mexican researcher (in Education), we applied for and were granted funds to initiate a new research collaboration. With the funds, we developed a community workshop with several traditional farming communities under threat from mining concessions in Mexico. The focuses of this work are socio-cultural, economic and environmental threats to biocultural diversity of practices of land use in the region.</p> <p>With respects to this project, but also more generally, I am keen to develop a wider network with anthropologists and other disciplines within the Arts and Humanities.</p>

Dr Alexandra Sapoznik, King's College London

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	I am an economic and social historian of medieval Europe. There are two main strands to my research. The first considers the agricultural practices of peasants, including land/labour productivity, technological innovation, resource allocation, food security and property rights, and the implications of these for standards of living and economic growth. The second is the intersection of economy, environment and culture in the pre-modern world, which I am currently exploring through a study of bees, beekeeping and bee products in medieval Europe. I am principal investigator for the Leverhulme research project 'Bees in the medieval world: Economic, environmental and cultural perspectives', which examines the production, trade and consumption of wax and honey in Europe and North Africa from c.1200-1600.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am particularly interested in collaborations involving development economics as a means of understanding past societies or vice versa, ecological resiliency, food security and barriers to trade. I am also interested in anything to do with apiculture in its various forms, and interdisciplinary approaches to the analysis of material culture.

Professor Gunjan Saxena, The University of Hull

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>Saxena has published mainly on rural tourism, but has a keen interest in gender, small and micro firms, sustainable development (including food insecurity), place marketing, Also, give her recent partnerships with colleagues in the medical school, she is keenly interested in research on mental health and is working with colleagues in Kenya and Rwanda focusing on tribal communities' mental health and customary practices that serve to disadvantage women traders.</p> <p>Also, she has published on archeological tourism and will like to form links with colleagues working on heritage, culture and arts.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in the following themes and have put in funding bids and published on related topics and would like information on creative networks around them.</p> <p>Mental Health - putting in bids under GCRF Equitable Resilience initiative Small and Micro Firms - small grant from LEAP Hull, 2013 Cultural / creative / place making - put in a bid to AHRC in 2015 Tourism - SECURED FUNDING 2001-2004 Objective 5th Framework - SPRITE (£800,000) Archaeology and creativity - published papers</p>

Dr Patta Scott-Villiers, Institute of Development Studies

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Short biography	Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, Patta holds a PhD in the philosophy of understanding in development. She is a political sociologist whose research interests focus on the political and discursive actions of people on the margins in relation to food, land, work and other essentials of life. She uses an action research approach, co-operating with people on the margins in research that helps resolve local problems and generate theoretical, methodological and empirical advances in political sociology. She also undertakes larger scale qualitative participatory work that links the local and the global. Recent publications include "Food Riots, Food Rights and the Politics of Provisions", with Naomi Hossain; and "Precarious Lives: food work and care after the global food crisis"
Areas of interest for partnership development	We would like to develop a theoretical and methodological frame on the juxtaposition of food-politics-culture with existing partners who are interested and ready to join us They are situated in 4 or 5 low/middle income countries. Methods to develop are action research/ participatory qualitative research. At IDS we are planning to work across different research clusters on this research proposal, so we would like to develop understandings with our respective partners to create a strong proposal and reinforce networks of those working on the nexus of food-culture-politics, i.e. these are new partnerships and old partnerships combined.

Dr Divya Sharma, University of Sussex

Current position	Postdoctoral Research Fellow
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Short biography	<p>My research draws on the subfields of political ecology, critical development studies, historical sociology, agrarian studies, and science and technology studies and employs qualitative methodologies. I am interested in postcolonial rural transformations, mapping changing landscapes of work, agro-ecology and the politics of sustainability.</p> <p>I received a PhD in Development Sociology from Cornell University (2017). Using ethnographic methods, my dissertation project (Techno-politics, Agrarian Work and Resistance in post-Green Revolution Indian Punjab) examines the unfolding of agricultural intensification through high yielding varieties of seeds and agro-chemicals in the Indian state of Punjab since the 1960s, through the lens of changing labour practices and forms of political organising among smallholders. In particular, I focus on the ongoing mobilisation for shifting toward ecologically sustainable farming and how it articulates with entrenched forms of social inequalities.</p> <p>I am currently involved with ESRC-DFID project Towards a Relational</p>

	Approach to Agency for Mapping Pathways Into and Out of Poverty. The project uses ethnographic life histories to trace and assess relational pathways into and out of poverty in the North Arcot region of Tamil Nadu, India, and how these pathways have been shaped by 'Green Revolution' agricultural intensification since the 1970s.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am interested in collaborating with other researchers working on the political ecology of food and agriculture in India particularly using oral histories and looking at resistance narratives around agro-ecology. I am also interested in work that develops cross-regional comparisons around these themes in India.

Dr Longzhu Shen, Institution

Current position	Research Associate
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Short biography	I obtained my Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University with focus on quantum chemistry. Then I moved on Yale university and subsequently University of Cambridge to gain postdoctoral research experience. I have expertise in mathematical modelling, which special interest in machine learning and big data analytics. I am very keen on interdisciplinary collaborations. In the past, I have made recognisable contributions to the field of chemistry, toxicology, geochemistry, virology and immunology.
Areas of interest for partnership development	My passion resides in deriving innovative solutions to important questions. Food security and quality has been a fundamental corner stone to support humanity. With the increasing anthropogenic power influencing the environment, food safety and nutrition floats to the top of agenda for sustainable development. In order to predict future, one often needs to look back into history. This ignites my interest in investigating historical and cultural context of agriculture, food and nutrition. I will be interested in building new partnerships with interest in quantitative analysis and data-driven approaches to extract information/pattern from the past and advice the future

Dr Kirsteen Shields, University of Edinburgh

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Short biography	Human rights legal expert with a PhD on the Fair-trade Movement and human rights. She is a lecturer in international law and food security at the University of Edinburgh, at the Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Security. She advised on the Land Reform Scotland Act 2016 and was the recipient of the Royal Society of Edinburgh / Fulbright award for research on food and land reform at Berkeley, University of California 2017/18. She has published on international human rights law, corporate

	compliance, European human rights law, UK constitutional law in the contexts of land reform, labour rights and 'ethical trade' systems. She has led and authored research for the World Bank, the Scottish Land Commission, the Scottish Parliament, and others. She is working on a monograph on the Right to Food (Routledge).
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am a human rights expert looking to meet anthropologists, historians and sociologists to explore the potential to build comparative studies on the right to food in a variety of contexts. The study aims to explore the socio-cultural value of food and therefore deepen understanding of the right to food as more than a right to calories, but as a right with socio-cultural and historic dimensions.

Dr Tina Sikka, Newcastle University

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Short biography	Dr. Tina Sikka is a Lecturer in Media, Culture in the School of Arts and Cultures at Newcastle University, UK. Her current research interests include the study of how gender and culture intersects with science and technology using food science and environmental technologies (particularly geoengineering) as case studies. She has written, most recently, for such journals as Food, Culture, and Society, Social Politics, Capitalism, Nature, Socialism and recently published a book with Springer Press titled, 'The Ethics of Geoengineering: Climate Change and Feminist Empiricism.'
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am looking to collaborate with historians of food as well as with group/individuals that have expertise in agricultural economics and nutrition science.

Dr Harriet Smith, University of Leeds

Current position	Research Fellow
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Short biography	As an interdisciplinary environmental scientist, with regional expertise in Southern and Eastern Africa, in Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and South Africa, my research broadly focusses on human-environment interactions, with specific interests in resilient and climate-smart agri-food systems, land use change, rural livelihoods and ecosystem services. I predominantly use mixed-method approaches, through participatory, social research methods, including social network analysis. I am currently working as a Research Fellow on the GCRF-AFRICAP project, which focusses on building resilient agricultural systems in Southern Africa. Active research projects I coordinate focus on farmer and household decision-making, with respect to their access to information and in particular, the role of communication and language within distinct cultural and historic contexts.

Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in developing partnerships that may lead to projects that improve understanding of food consumption, dietary preferences and nutritional outcomes with migration patterns (e.g. rural>urban) and nutrition transitions, and how intergenerational access to food-related resources are maintained, transformed and transferred. This may include expertise from nutrition, anthropological ethnography, dietary modelling and behavioural psychology, for example. I am also interested developing projects around farmer choices and decision making, linked to agricultural innovation (for example within seed systems), and associated trade-offs with productivity, environmental sustainability and nutritional outcomes.</p> <p>I also represent the GRCF-AFRICAP programme, a 4-year initiative focussed on improving evidence-based policymaking for sustainable, productive, climate smart agricultural systems, working in Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and South Africa. Co-lead by the University of Leeds, AFRICAP is keen to build on our ongoing collaborative networks across the UK and Africa, and is looking to engage in developing future complementary research programmes across the UK, Africa and beyond.</p>
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Mr Matt Snell, University of Huddersfield

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Short biography	17 years working for NGOs focused primarily on sub Saharan Africa. Now based at a university supporting the management of research projects in East Africa.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Ethiopia - forest based value chains</p> <p>Kenya - arid and semi aridland management and shifting socio-cultural patterns</p> <p>Zambia - wetlands and their potential for off-season agriculture</p>

Dr James Stark, University of Leeds

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	I am a historian of modern medicine and science, with particular interests in nutrition, vitality, beauty and ageing. My current research focuses on the history of rejuvenation and anti-ageing in the twentieth century, exploring connections between biomedical and socio-cultural approaches to ageing, vitality and beauty. I am in the process of completing <i>The Cult of Youth</i> - a monograph based on this work - to be published by Cambridge University Press. Supported by an AHRC Leadership Fellowship my project, <i>Endless Possibilities of Rejuvenation</i> (2016-18), built on a Wellcome Seed Award which brought together researchers from across the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences to investigate the concept and practices

	<p>of regeneration in medicine and society. My other research interests include the role of patenting and ownership in medicine and healthcare, the history of medical technologies and the history of infectious disease and public health.</p> <p>I am currently leading a digital humanities project - Eating Yourself Young - funded by the British Academy and JISC, exploring perceptions and practices of nutrition before the advent of vitamin science, and am a co-investigator on a new UKRI Network Plus - Emerging Minds - which addresses present-day challenges of mental health in children and young people. I am also currently leading the historical strand of an AHRC-funded interdisciplinary project - Lifting the Lid - designing new graphic interventions to encourage handwashing amongst primary school children.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>As I have a strong interest in scientific authority, marketing and promotion, I am especially keen to develop partnerships with those working on contemporary or near-contemporary public health campaigns, promotion of specific diets, and the labelling/classification of particular foodstuffs, as well as their preparation. As lead for medical humanities research at my institution, I am also interested in exploring other possible collaborations on behalf of my colleagues, many of whom work on global health, cultures of food, the history of agriculture and genetics, and histories of technology.</p>

Dr Kate Stephen, SRUC, Scotland's Rural College

Current position	Research scientist
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Short biography	<p>I am a behavioural scientist at the Epidemiology Research Unit of SRUC based in Inverness.</p> <p>I am currently working on behaviour change in farmers for improved disease control in livestock. I am also interested in mental health of farmers.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>The cultures and histories of livestock farming in Scotland, including crofting and small holdings.</p> <p>The human impact of disease outbreak and prevention of disease in livestock.</p> <p>Biosecurity compliance.</p> <p>Stockmanship knowledge transfer.</p>

Dr Daryl Stump, University of York

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	<p>Daryl Stump has been a field archaeologist since 1992. He has a technical specialism in complex stratigraphic excavation, a geographic specialism in east Africa, and a long standing research interest in intensive agriculture, human modifications of the environment, and</p>

	<p>applied archaeology. Research interests focus on the development of agricultural landscapes, with a particular emphasis on sustainability and on the use of historical perceptions within development and conservation narratives. He holds a degree in Social Anthropology and African Archaeology from SOAS (1999) and an MA and PhD in African Archaeology from UCL (2001 and 2006). From 2014-2018 he led the ERC-funded 'Archaeology of Agricultural Resilience in Eastern Africa' project (AAREA), which examined the long-term sustainability of the terraced agricultural systems at Engaruka, Tanzania, and Konso, Ethiopia, through a combination of archaeological, geoarchaeological, archaeobotanical and modelling techniques. During the AAREA project he also led two Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (tRRACES and MATRIX), both of which added further geochemical techniques and additional case-studies, but maintained this focus on how long-term data drawn from a variety of techniques can inform modern resource-use policies. This interest in the contemporary uses of long-term data is reflected in publications in a range of discipline-specific and policy-oriented journals, and in work exploring how evidence is perceived and employed by practitioners outside of academia. His research has been funded by a range of agencies including the AHRC, British Academy, ERC and the Wenner-Gren Foundation.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>Employing insights from archaeological and historical data requires methods of quantifying social, ecological and economic trade-offs, for example through partnerships with specialists in ecosystem services and agricultural economics. A current grant proposal under review (ERC proof of concept) aims to work directly with agricultural NGOs working in eastern Africa to design methodologies of mutual benefit to researchers and the potential end-users of data, but further partnerships in this area would strengthen these approaches.</p>

Dr Amy Styring, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt / University of Oxford

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Short biography	<p>Amy Styring is currently a Humboldt Research Fellow in the African Archaeology group at the University of Frankfurt and will take up the post of Associate Professor of Archaeological Science at the University of Oxford in September 2019. As an archaeological chemist, Amy is interested in advancing scientific methods that reveal a direct and detailed picture of everyday life in the past, particularly in relation to food production and consumption practices and associated landscape change.</p> <p>Amy has used isotope geochemistry of preserved organic remains to reconstruct past human and animal diet, to explore the movement of animals and staple crops and to reveal how farming practices, namely manuring and irrigation, changed through time. Geographically Amy has focussed on central Europe, southwest Asia and more recently, West Africa, working with smallholder farmers in France, Romania,</p>

	Morocco and Senegal. She has been involved in NERC and ERC projects which: 1) developed novel approaches for the reconstruction of past diet and agricultural practices and 2) assessed the role of changing agricultural practices in the emergence of urban centres in central Europe, the Aegean and southwest Asia. Amy's current fellowship is using isotope analysis of modern and archaeological crops to explore manuring practices during the first two millennia AD in Burkina Faso.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I would like to develop/extend partnerships interested in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exploring the long-term sustainability of various agricultural practices, i.e. in relation to soil fertility - refining understanding of the historical time-depth of various farming and food production/consumption practices - investigating the resilience of different agricultural practices to climatic and environmental change

Ms Krystyna Swiderska, International Institute for Environment and Development

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Short biography	<p>I have been a researcher at IIED for 24 years. IIED is a sustainable development research institute that conducts action-research with developing country partners to empower poor communities and influence policy. I have led several international research projects on traditional knowledge, crops and farming systems, biodiversity, indigenous peoples and sustainable development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a review of experience with participation in TK and genetic resources policies in South Africa, the Philippines, Peru and India (1999-2002) (DFID) - 'Protecting community rights over traditional knowledge: implications of customary laws and practices': participatory action-research with indigenous communities in Peru, Panama, India, China and Kenya - on TK related to traditional farming systems and medicinal plants. Through this project, I worked with partners to develop the biocultural heritage concept. (IDRC) - Smallholder Innovation for Resilience: 5-year EU funded project focusing on understanding and strengthening TK-based innovation systems for food security and climate change adaptation, in Peru, China, India and Kenya. - Indigenous Biocultural Heritage for Sustainable Development: New GCRF/British Academy project to explore the role of culture in sustainable development and the role of traditional farming systems in addressing SDG2; and to catalyse the establishment of biocultural heritage territories in Peru, India, China and Kenya. <p>I have supported PAR for establishing indigenous-led biocultural heritage territories, Participatory Plant Breeding and linking TK and science. I have worked closely with the International Network of Mountain Indigenous Peoples and indigenous food sovereignty movements. I have extensive experience of global policy engagement</p>

	<p>and facilitating South-South learning. I have been actively involved in the CBD-UNESCO joint programme on linking biological and cultural diversity; and was co-Chair of the International Society for Ethnobiology's Global Coalition for Biocultural Diversity from 2012-2014. I have strong partnerships with indigenous organisations, NGOs and government research institutions working closely with indigenous peoples and policy makers.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>See above. I would like to establish new partnerships to develop a new research project on indigenous food systems which brings together different disciplines to challenge existing assumptions embedded in agricultural policy and programmes and enables them to become more responsive to local cultural and historical contexts and more bottom up, recognizing the value of indigenous knowledge and practices and linking TK and science to address today's complex food challenges.</p> <p>As well as those outline above, it may also be useful to link up with nutrition, climate and agricultural scientists to enhance evidence and understanding of the role of culturally embedded food systems and knowledge in addressing problems of malnutrition, climate variability and agricultural productivity, today and in the future - and help engage and influence the agricultural science community.</p> <p>Depending on the AHRC programme's specific focus and objectives, we could also work with experts in visioning methods to support food systems dialogues /visioning that bring together diverse actors to promote change. The INMIP network, which has indigenous community members in 11 countries, is seeking to develop food systems visions for 2050.</p> <p>Key areas of interest include supporting the establishment of indigenous-led biocultural heritage territories and indigenous enterprises that enable the continuation of indigenous farming systems and sustain evolving gene banks - hence we are also interested in partnering with academics working on land governance and rights and indigenous enterprises.</p>

Professor Naomi Sykes, University of Exeter

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>My research focusses on human-animal-environment interactions (globally over the last 10,000 years) and how they inform on the structure, ideology, impact and well-being of societies, past and present. My approach is to integrate archaeological data with wider scientific evidence (especially DNA and stable isotope analysis) and discussions from anthropology, cultural geography, (art) history and linguistics. Together these ancient data represent a powerful tool for contextualising modern problems facing humanity (such as food</p>

	<p>security, AMR) and for communicating difficult issues in a palatable format.</p> <p>I have been working on local and international issues of food security through several AHRC-funded projects, in particular three projects focussed on chickens. Within the context of GCRF, I was PI of the ‘Going Places: Empowering Women, Enhancing Heritage and Increasing Chicken Production in Ethiopia’. This was designed to help us address the widespread issue of female socio-economic immobility in Ethiopia. Through collaboration with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the National Museum of Ethiopia and the Africa Programme, we conducted female-centred cultural/scientific research into chicken husbandry, past and present, to support Ethiopia’s future economic/heritage development. We also received some follow-on funding to increase the educational component of our research and created bespoke teaching resources (English reading books) in collaboration with Link Ethiopia. I am keen to progress this research and link up with others who may have similar approaches.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in exploring all issues of human-animal-environment interactions in deep time to help unpick the bio-cultural complexity of food security issues (e.g. drivers of AMR, zoonoses transmission, food taboos). I’m interested in both domestic and wild animals, and how the two might interact – for instance how the importation and maintenance of selectively bred ‘western’ livestock impact on traditional livestock types as well as issues of biodiversity. I would be keen to build upon links with livestock researchers, nutritionists and those working within the heritage and education sector.</p>

Dr Abin Thomas, University of Edinburgh

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Short biography	<p>I am an Anthropologist (PhD, King’s College London) with a background in Political Science (MPhil, Delhi University; MA, University of Hyderabad). recently, I was awarded my PhD in Anthropology.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am keen to develop my interdisciplinary expertise in terms of innovative research methods and sophisticated and democratic dissemination of research findings on cultures of food production and consumption. I am interested to meet with scientists, artists, and policy makers who focus on the themes of medical compliance, adherence to treatment, experiment and laboratory, and human-animal interactions.</p>

Dr Richard Thomas, University of Leicester

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>I am a Reader in Archaeology at the University of Leicester, where I have been based since 2003. My research centers on the analysis of animal bones from archaeological sites (zooarchaeology) and has two main strands: (1) the reconstruction of past human-animal relationships, predominantly in the historic period; and (2) palaeopathology – the study of animal health and disease in the past. With respect to the former, I have published widely on agriculture, diet, hunting and changing attitudes towards companion animals. Much of my research has focussed on late medieval and early modern England: a core aim has been to extol the potential of zooarchaeological study of more recent periods. My research has had the greatest impact in establishing the impact of the Black Death on human-animal relations, re-casting the history of directed livestock breeding and exploring the connections between selective breeding and animal disease.</p> <p>Within animal palaeopathology, I have been influential in the development of theoretical models, improving recording practices, enhancing the clinical foundation upon which interpretations rely and tracking signs of animal disease and injury through time and space. I have a funding ID of over £4million, securing grant awards from the ERC, AHRC, British Academy and Wellcome Trust. My three largest grants, all secured in the past five years, involve interdisciplinary collaborations across the sciences and humanities.</p> <p>I have a long-standing commitment to outreach and widening participation and routinely deliver lectures and workshops to schools and local interest groups. I also have an established media presence: a personal highlight was my appointment as lead scientist for a BBC documentary presented by Sir David Attenborough, which achieved viewing figures of 7 million in its first airing and was long-listed for a National Television Award.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I have three areas of research interest that I am particularly interested in pursuing through this funding call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cultural importance of animal traction technologies - Recognising the importance of cultural histories of food and animal husbandry practices in the face of imposed (often external) industrialising forces - Exploring the lessons of the past for understanding the links between sustainability and biosecurity in the face of agricultural intensification, selective breeding and disease load

Dr Anne Touboulic, University of Nottingham

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Short biography	<p>I am Assistant Professor at the University of Nottingham. I have an interdisciplinary social science background, having studied politics, philosophy and economics. My research lies at the intersection of sustainable development, organisational and critical theory, and supply chain management with a primary focus on driving change towards more ecologically resilient and socially equitable production</p>

	<p>and consumption networks. I have particular expertise in researching global food supply chains (GFSCs) and I am passionate about engaged approaches to research. My work is qualitative and draws on different methods from the action research tradition but also other methods such as critical discourse analysis.</p> <p>Recently, I have been involved in projects exploring narratives around sustainability and food and developed an approach with my collaborators using visual data in the form of videos. I am also currently working on a collaborative project on food deserts with researchers from various disciplines including food science and mathematics.</p> <p>I have worked closely with rural and disadvantaged communities in the UK for over a decade and I have also developed international research collaborations in France, Brazil, and Madagascar. My current research programme is organised around two core directions; on the one hand, a focus on questions of postcolonialism, voice and empowerment in GFSCs, and on the other hand, an interest in exploring and transforming relationships to food for increased equity and ecological resilience.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am interested in meeting other researchers working on the themes of food deserts, narratives and food, and empowering methodologies for transforming food systems.</p> <p>I have a number of projects in development on these issues, which could benefit from complementary expertise. For example, one project I am developed is looking at offering a comparative longitudinal analysis of the emergence of food deserts in urban contexts (UK and Brazil) and is currently lacking the contribution of a historian. For another project we are working with partners in Brazil and Madagascar to develop decolonising, participatory and inclusive approaches with farming communities around the theme “Rehumanising and re-imagining global food supply chains”. A third project is focused on the emotional aspects of change for sustainability. I have limited connections to researchers in linguistics, literature and sociology for example, who could bring valuable perspectives.</p> <p>These are very specific topics and I am generally interested to see how potential partnerships may develop organically.</p>

Professor Sam Turner, Newcastle University

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	I am an archaeologist with particular interests in the development of landscapes since Antiquity. At Newcastle University I am director of the McCord Centre for Landscape, an interdisciplinary research

	<p>centre, and in 2018 I was Visiting Professor in the Institute for Advanced Transdisciplinary Studies at UFMG, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.</p> <p>My research includes current projects and collaborations in the UK, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and Brazil. I am PI for major projects including the 'Hadrian's Wall Community Archaeology Project' (UK, funded by HLF), 'Cultural Heritage in Landscape' (Turkey, funded by UKRI/Newton) and PI in the UK for 'Cultural heritage and the planning of European landscapes (HERILAND)' (MSCA ITN) (https://www.ncl.ac.uk/hca/staff/profile/samturner.html)</p> <p>In the McCord Centre I currently work with a group of twenty PDRAs and PhD researchers. The team's core specialisms include interdisciplinary approaches to landscape using Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and other digital methods, remote sensing and geoarchaeology, which we apply in both rural and urban settings. Our activities include research and participatory/co-productive projects and training programmes.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	We are very interested in developing new partnerships in areas including historical ecology; agronomy; political economy; public health and wellbeing.

Dr Marc Vander Linden, University of Cambridge

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	<p>I am an archaeologist, working mostly on early and middle Holocene Europe, with a strong fieldwork component based on field projects undertaken over the past two decades in Belgium, Syria, Britain, Bosnia and Herzegovina and currently Montenegro. After obtaining my PhD from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 2002, I have moved to Britain in 2005 and have held various positions in the University of Cambridge, the University of Leicester, University College London. I am currently working as a temporary lecturer in the Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge. My main research interests include population history, early farming and land use systems, and the impact of development-led archaeology. From 2012 until 2017, I led an ERC consolidator project (EUROFARM), which aimed at understanding the various processes at play in the spread of early farming and associated technologies across Europe, with a geographical focus on the western Balkans and the Adriatic basin. I am now extending this interest in early farming through an active contribution to the LandCover6K project, an international initiative bringing together palaeoclimate modellers, plant specialists, and archaeologists to reconstruct vegetation cover and human land use for several time windows (http://pastglobalchanges.org/ini/wg/landcover6k/intro). As part of this project, I am currently sitting on the Coordination Group, as global co-coordinator of the database (e.g. liaising between all regional groups to assure consistency in terms of data entry, data</p>

	processing). I am also co-coordinator the for the Land Use reconstructions for Europe.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>As part of this meeting, I would be interested in developing the following collaboration / partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - active collaboration with historians and historical ecologists working on more recent periods but with similar questions, especially variability in pst food production systems, especially farming; - partnerships with ecologists / environment scientists to unravel the long-term entanglement of human – environment interactions; - collaboration on the links between food, nutrition and population history through time; - international collaboration to identify geographical areas of interest, where the various aforementioned themes can be explored over the longue durée through high-resolution and/or multiple categories of evidence; - exploring the most efficient ways of implementing such collaborations through joint funding applications.

Professor Megan Vaughan, University College London

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	<p>I am a historian/anthropologist who has worked on the social aspects of food systems and nutrition in Central/Southern Africa for the last 30 years. I am now engaged in a Wellcome funded project on NCDs in Africa (Ghana, Malawi and S Africa) with a large food/nutrition component.</p> <p>relevant books</p> <p>Megan Vaughan, The Story of an African Famine: gender and famine in 20C Malawi</p> <p>Megan Vaughan and Henrietta Moore, Cutting Down Trees: gender, nutrition and agricultural change in Northern Zambia</p> <p>Recent article (2018) in Biosocieties on Conceptualising Metabolic Disorder in Southern Africa</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I have strong existing partnerships in Africa and would want to build on these, but I am also interested in finding other partners

Mr Daniel Vennard, World Resources Institute (WRI)

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Short biography	<p>Daniel is Director of the Better Buying Lab within the World Resources Institute. WRI is a global research organization that spans more than 50 countries, with offices in the United States, U.K, China, India, Brazil, Indonesia and more. Our more than 700 experts and staff work closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain our natural resources—the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being.</p>

	<p>Through the Better Buying Lab Daniel works with food companies and experts in behaviour change and marketing to develop, test and scale new approaches that can help shift diets to more sustainable options.</p> <p>Prior to joining the World Resources Institute Daniel worked for fifteen years at Mars Incorporated and Procter and Gamble in corporate strategy, sustainability and marketing. He has written and presented widely on how consumers can be shifted towards buying more sustainable products. He is on the Advisory Council of the Culinary Institute of Americas reThink Food program. In 2017 he was recognized as one of Procter & Gamble Alumni's '40 Under 40'.</p> <p>Daniel holds a first class degree from Sheffield University in Plant Sciences. He lives and works in London, UK.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>We are particularly interested in how culture, social norms and language influence food choices and preferences and how it can be best leveraged to bring about more healthy and sustainable eating habits.</p> <p>One of our current research areas is on how the language of plant-based food can influence consumer perceptions and habits. We have done multiple online and field experiments in the US and UK and are now keen to move to low-middle income countries. A public facing summary of recent work can be found at www.wri.org/language-of-food (note a couple of research papers are embedded).</p>

Dr Jelmer Vos, University of Glasgow

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Short biography	<p>I received my PhD from the University of London (SOAS) in 2005 and was Assistant and Associate Professor of History at Old Dominion University, Virginia, from 2010 to 2017. In 2018, I started a new position as Lecturer in Global History at the University of Glasgow. I specialise in African history and have published widely on the transatlantic slave trade, the rubber trade, slavery, and forced labour, mainly focussed on Angola. In 2015, my book <i>Kongo in the Age of Empire, 1860-1913</i>, was published by the University of Wisconsin Press. After the first book, I began research for my second book project on the history of coffee production in Angola from 1820 to 1960. In this project, I aim to explain how Angolan robusta coffee became a global commodity, how western demand for this product affected the lives of the Africans who produced it, and how local cultivation methods and landscapes were related.</p> <p>I am a senior editor of the Oxford Research Encyclopedia in African History and sit on the editorial board of <i>Voyages: The Transatlantic Slave Trade Database</i>. I will also co-edit the Oxford Handbook of</p>

	Commodities History, a new project which has just been approved for funding by the Oxford University Press.
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am particularly interested in expertise from economists about global coffee markets and the possibilities of market expansion within Africa and from social scientists working on the role of women and children in agricultural production in Africa, especially in coffee farming.</p> <p>In addition, I would like to learn from other experiences of effective (and less productive) partnerships, with partners either in or outside academia. What makes a good partnership? Does interdisciplinarity mean I should exclude collaboration fellow historians?</p> <p>The partners in my current GCRF small grant project are researchers from the Jimma Agricultural Research Centre (Ethiopia) and the Economic Policy Research Centre (Uganda).</p>

Dr Tom Widger, Durham University

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>I am a socio-medical anthropologist interested in toxicities and toxicologies within food systems, incorporating cultural and historical perspectives. My previous research has included a life-study of pesticides from points of production in Europe to points of use in Sri Lanka, with a particular focus on glyphosate. This included investigation of an epidemic of chronic kidney disease of unknown (CKDu) origin in Sri Lankan farming communities, which has been linked with agrochemical (glyphosate) contamination in rice and/or water. I have also researched agricultural adaptation to climate change in Sri Lanka, including the growing mismatch between ritual calendars and shifting monsoon cycles, perspectives on hybrid varieties and seed sovereignty, and community responses to localised extinction. Future interests include changing understandings of natural and synthetic toxic loads in food as it travels from field to dinner plate. I would be interested in developing collaborations in any of these or related areas.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toxicities and toxicologies from cultural and historical perspectives - Agrochemicals (their production, regulation, sale, and use) - Chronic environmental diseases - Monsoon cultures - Extinction

Dr Clare Wilson, University of Stirling

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>I am a senior lecturer in soil science at the University of Stirling, Scotland. With a degree in Environmental Science, a Masters in environmental archaeology and palaeobotany and a PhD in geoarchaeology, I am a soil scientist whose research straddles the disciplinary boundaries between earth science and humanities. I use</p>

	<p>my knowledge of soil systems and soil processes to address current, historical and archaeological questions around land management practices and agricultural production.</p> <p>There are two strands to my research in this area: 1) the analysis of soils to better understand past land management by identifying the physical and geochemical legacy past human activity has left imprinted in the soil, 2) the influence of these historic cultural legacies on modern soil resilience and sustainability and the implications of this for modern and future land management. These legacies may be positive in the form of enhanced fertility, but they can also be limiting as is the case with erosion, inherited nutrient deficiencies or pollution problems. It is this temporal dimension that characterises my approach to soil science. I use techniques and approaches that range from the micro- to landscape scale as appropriate to the question.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am looking to develop new partnerships around the study of the effects of past land management on soil quality and resilience. Partnerships to strengthen this research include historians, agricultural scientists and agri-economists with geographical expertise. Health and food scientists with experience in nutrient deficiencies (as well as potential toxicities) could contribute on the impact on food quality to extend this research beyond production only. Social scientists with experience of the development and resistance of behaviours in agricultural and food systems would be useful to develop frameworks for behavioural change in order to facilitate impact.</p> <p>I would also be interested in bringing my expertise in past food conflicts linked to illicit alcohol production, into any interested partnerships.</p>

Dr Robert Wishart, University of Aberdeen

Current position	Lecturer/assistant professor
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Short biography	<p>Robert Wishart is a Lecturer at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He is a social anthropologist with a focus on political ecology and human-environment relations, and has primarily conducted research in indigenous contexts in 4th world areas. Over the course of his career he has been a key contributor to several interdisciplinary projects that build upon his expertise in ethnography, political ecology, history of science and indigenous rights that are part of his philosophy of working collaboratively on projects that work towards imagining sustainable liveable futures.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	<p>I am keen to build on my research and target the conceptual and practical potential of Indigenous peoples' collective life projects to generate innovative regimes of food sustainability, food sovereignty, environmental protection and alternative visions of development. I have a history of working with encapsulated populations who are</p>

	witnessing the damaging effects of industrial development and industrial agriculture and who are struggling to achieve their vision of meeting development goals but in ways that suit their own food production cultures.
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Professor Abigail Woods, Kings College London

Current position	Professor/chair
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Short biography	I am Head of the Department of History, and Professor in the History of Human and Animal Health at Kings College London. Reflecting my earlier career as a veterinary surgeon, my research focusses on the history of animal health in 19th and 20th century Britain, and its intersections with the histories of human health and livestock production. I have published on the history of veterinary expertise, ethics, policy and practice; the changing concepts of animal health, welfare and productivity; the history of livestock systems and antibiotic uses, and changing patterns and perceptions of livestock disease. In 2011-16 I led a Wellcome Trust-funded programme of research on the history of One Health. I am currently leading a 13-strong team of historians, social scientists and epi-economic modellers in a Wellcome Trust-funded project on the sustainable reduction of endemic disease in British livestock farming. I have published two books: Woods, A, Bresalier, M, Cassidy, A, and Mason Dentinger, R, One Health and its Histories: Animals and the Shaping of Modern Medicine (Palgrave, Basingstoke, 2017) and Woods, A, A Manufactured Plague: The History of Foot and Mouth Disease in Britain, 1839-2001. Earthscan, London. (Translated into Korean, 2011). I am currently President of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine.
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am particularly interested in examining the histories and cultures of livestock health, particularly with regard to One Health initiatives, and also in relation to endemic diseases - which tend to cause far higher losses than better known epidemic diseases but attract much less public attention and research funding.

Dr Julia Wright, Centre for Agroecology, Coventry University

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	Dr Wright's career in development research for sustainable agriculture spans 32 years. She holds an MSc in Sustainable Agriculture from Wye College, and a PhD in Ecological Agriculture and Food Security from Wageningen University, the Netherlands. She has worked for DFID as Policy Advisor, for the CGIAR and consulted for UN organisations. She has specialised in building capacity and resilience of vulnerable groups to natural and man-made disasters, and regeneration of the natural resource base. Country experience covers Central and South

	<p>America (Peru, Mexico, Brazil, Jamaica), Asia (Afghanistan China, Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia) and Africa (Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa).</p> <p>In 2011 Dr Wright co-founded the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR), a new centre dedicated to research excellence with £6 million investment by Coventry University. Since that time, the Centre has grown to 50 research staff, and delivers a successful Masters programme in Agroecology, as well as a Doctoral Research and Training Programme. Since 2016 Dr Wright has been developing a new research programme on ethnoscience and indigenous cosmovisions for sustainable agriculture, which explores agricultural traditions and their relevance for farming today. She supervises a doctoral student and a postdoctoral research fellow on this topic.</p>
Areas of interest for partnership development	I am primarily seeking like-minded researchers from any discipline who are interested to collaborate on a bid or bids for forthcoming calls.

Professor Paul Young, University of Exeter

Current position	Senior lecturer/associate professor
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Short biography	<p>My research concerns the cultural dimensions of imperialism and globalization in the Victorian period. Since my first book, <i>Globalization and the Great Exhibition: The Victorian New World Order</i> (2009), I have published essays and articles on a range of literary and cultural forms – from Dickens’s novels to the Gothic mode to the adventure story to geographical board games – and their relation to nineteenth-century Britain’s global expansion.</p> <p>I am currently writing a monograph that reads adventure fiction with relation to the revolutionary changes to British meat-eating at the end of the nineteenth century. <i>Carnivorous Empire: Adventure Fiction and the Global Growth of Britain’s Meat Markets, 1865-1915</i> focuses upon a period in Britain’s history when the ground-breaking development of preservation and transportation technologies enabled Britain’s growing, urbanising population to eat livestock reared, slaughtered and processed in the Americas and Australasia. As a result per capita meat consumption in the United Kingdom increased dramatically, with products such as chilled and corned beef, frozen mutton and meat extracts including Bovril and Oxo becoming staples throughout British homes.</p> <p>This dramatic dietary change was characterized by promotional drives, fierce debates and wide-ranging controversies concerning food quality and security, as well as the ethics and sustainability of industrialized meat production and consumption. <i>Carnivorous Empire</i> explores how popular adventure fiction played a significant role in these drives, debates and controversies, energizing the various claims, attitudes, hopes and fears that arose as ever larger numbers of British people looked to distant parts of the earth to put meat on</p>

	<p>their tables. It is under contract with Johns Hopkins University Press with publication scheduled for 2022.</p> <p>My own research work informs and benefits from the eight PhD students I currently first or co-supervise. Of these four are AHRC-funded students, two of whom are working on projects aligned with Carnivorous Empire.</p>
<p>Areas of interest for partnership development</p>	<p>It is of critical planetary importance that protein production and consumption in lower and middle-income countries (LMICs) does not follow the unhealthy, unethical and unsustainable model of meat-eating that began to take shape in Victorian Britain and that now defines the developed world.</p> <p>But this is precisely what's happening, as global economic development stimulates the global demand for cheap, plentiful meat, particularly in China and India: 'The developed world has fewer and fewer farmers, but they are keeping more and more animals. Instead of producing for the local market, they supply distant supermarkets. This same shift is now transforming livestock production in the developing world' ('Meat Atlas: Facts and Figures About the Animals We Eat,' Henrich Boll Foundation and Friends of the Earth, 2014).</p> <p>I would like to use this UKRI workshop to forge connections and build partnerships with individuals and organisations working with or within LMICs with the capacity to resist this ongoing global drive towards the mass production and consumption of livestock.</p> <p>Such resistance could find form through creative, cultural and/or historical work as well as material practices and policy innovations that envision or provide healthy, sustainable alternatives to agribusiness and factory farming. Here Victorian history can be usefully drawn upon in order to challenge the view that there is anything inevitable or straightforwardly 'natural' about the way mass-produced livestock is increasingly eaten in our industrializing, urbanizing world. And given the formative role played by British imperial power in establishing this failing model of meat-eating, it is a history that makes equally clear that, when it comes to matters of protein production and consumption, the developed world might do well to look to the developing world for help.</p>