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As Head of POLIS it is my pleasure to introduce this report on the activities of CGHR, which continues to go from strength to strength. CGHR is firmly established within Cambridge as a beacon of innovative research, most notably on the relationship between digital technology, governance and human rights. The work of the Centre now extends across a remarkable range of projects. Over the past year this has included new collaborations with institutions ranging from Oxfam and UNICEF through to DFID’s Building Stability Framework. POLIS is immensely proud to be the host for these initiatives and hugely values the ability of CGHR to connect work being done in Cambridge with international partners and projects where it can have the widest impact.

Over the past year, CGHR has become the home for a major new Wellcome Trust research project on how to respond to health emergencies using new technologies and social research tools. It has also seen the further development of Ella McPherson’s pioneering work on Human Rights in the Digital Age, including the expansion of The Whistle citizen reporting project and success of a new practitioner working paper series. Africa’s Voices continues to drive vital research on the digital impact of citizens’ voice, public discussion and forms of authority in Africa. All of these projects have exciting plans for the future and it will be fascinating to watch their progress in years to come.

I want to pay tribute to Sharath, Ella and their colleagues for all they have done to make CGHR a shining example of how academic research can make a real and immediate difference. I am confident that this work will continue to grow and develop over the coming years and the reputation of CGHR will continue to grow with it.

David Runciman
Head of Department, POLIS
In 2015-16, the Centre of Governance and Human Rights once again drew together a diverse and highly engaged mix of scholars, students, practitioners and policymakers, in a spirit of exchange, innovation and critical reflection.

CGHR has, from the outset, not taken for granted what themes of governance and human rights should be about. It has sought to bring forth a greater diversity of voices and influences on key debates than merely those who dominate research and practice agendas. Now, with the rapid and uncertain political trajectories of our world, accepted approaches and understandings seem up for grabs once again. What are governance and human rights being made to mean, and who will be deciding this in the coming decades? More than even before, CGHR’s commitment to rethinking and reworking these themes and priorities is of crucial significance.

Our focus on voice, power and rights in the age of digital media has allowed us to contribute important and timely insights to discussions on the potentialities and pitfalls of digitally mediated social and political change. CGHR related spin-offs and applied work translate our research findings into real-world impact: the citizen witnessing and verification tools of The Whistle Project led by Ella McPherson; and the high demand for the research services of Africa’s Voices Foundation (with a growing Nairobi office to add to the Cambridge one, and a staff of ten). On an ongoing basis, the Centre convenes and disseminates applied knowledge and insights through a new Human Rights in the Digital Age Practitioner Paper Series and the long-standing Lent Term Practitioner Series.

In 2015-16, Thomas Probert and student teams working with him consolidated five years of research support to the UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary and Arbitrary Killings. Activities and research related to the CGHR theme of violence, conflict and peacebuilding have grown, with practitioner and policy-maker interactions once again at their heart. Student involvement in research activities and events continued apace, and the CGHR Research Group provided a unique multi-disciplinary forum for early career researchers to bring their work to a wider audience for feedback.

It is a great pleasure to introduce the 2015-26 CGHR annual report to you, on behalf of the researchers, colleagues, students and partners who make CGHR what it is. The report details many of these initiatives and much more besides. Explore it, and engage with us as we look ahead to exciting new work in the coming years.

Sharath Srinivasan
Director, CGHR
Launch of the Human Rights in the Digital Age Practitioner Paper Series

Now in its second year, Human Rights in the Digital Age extended its activities addressing the emergent and rapidly evolving changes wrought to human rights practices and norms related to the use of digital technologies.

This year saw the launch of this new paper series, by and for practitioners, that provides a space to consolidate, reflect upon, and share knowledge of human rights in the digital age. Christoph Koettl, Senior Analyst at Amnesty International, wrote the inaugural paper, ‘Citizen Media Research and Verification: An Analytical Framework for Human Rights Practitioners.’ In March 2016, this paper was launched at an event co-hosted by CGHR and the Researching (with) Social Media group.

Mr. Koettl’s report examines the role of open source research in human rights fact-finding and addresses gaps in current literature and practice. He hones in on citizen media, the visual subset of open source information, and provides a practitioner’s perspective that is based on several years of analysing open source materials for a global human rights group. This report presents, for the first time, a tool-independent analytical framework that will allow both seasoned and new human rights researchers to review and assess open source content. Mr. Koettl offers specific recommendations to human rights organizations, funders, academics, and technology companies in order to realize the full potential of open source content for human rights documentation.

Speakers

We heard about an exciting range of topics, including digital rights, open source intelligence, policing algorithms, and social media verification for human rights research from speakers Rebecca Mackinnon (New America), Eliot Higgins (Bellingcat, King’s College London), Lyria Bennett Moses (University of New South Wales), and Christoph Koettl (Amnesty International).

CGHR spin-out: The Whistle

The Whistle project, which is developing an app that supports the reporting and verification of human rights information, expanded this year with the successful award of a Horizon 2020 grant. Led by Dr Ella McPherson, The Whistle forms part of an international consortium, ChainReact, funded by this grant, which is working on corporate transparency and accountability. The grant will fund the development and testing of The Whistle through 2019.

Giles Barton-Owen, Isabel Guennette Thornton, and Ella McPherson traveled to San Francisco to present The Whistle concept at RightsCon Silicon Valley 2016, the international conference on technology and human rights.

Research this past summer has been focused on how human rights fact finders and organisations use technology to gather and analyze human rights
reports. Having interviewed and spoken to a plurality of NGOs, the research has helped project team members learn how to develop useful and simple tools for human rights fact-finders. Concurrently, the Whistle focused on the uses of reporting interfaces and attempted to mitigate the shortcomings of complex tech solutions, by paying attention to the behaviour of the particular groups of civilians who work with the NGOs under study. Initial findings show that low-tech is a relatively unexplored avenue in digital human rights tools, to which we should pay more attention when developing our tools.

The Whistle is currently cooperating with partner organisations in order to continue to learn more about their specific workflows and experiences. These include Global Witness, GLAN Law, Global Rights Nigeria, and the University of Johannesburg. The Whistle’s close work with these partners is a co-creative process out of which the first iteration of The Whistle product will emerge.

For more information visit http://thewhistle.org

**DatNav**

In May, Ella McPherson participated in a ‘writing sprint’ led by The Engine Room, Benetech, and Amnesty International to produce a guide for using digital data in human rights documentation. This guide, DatNav, will be cross-published as a CGHR Practitioner Paper in 2016-17.

**The Business of Encryption and the Encryption of Business Workshop**

Following on from the ‘Encryption, anonymity and human rights workshop’ organized by CGHR and Amnesty International last year, Ella McPherson organized a workshop on ‘The Business of encryption and the encryption of business,’ together with CSaP and supported by the ESRC IAA programme and by PhD Candidate Rebekah Larsen. The workshop focused on understanding how governments, corporations, and civil society are thinking about the intersection between business and encryption, and how researchers might engage with it.

**Ethics of Big Data CRASSH Research Group**

Ella McPherson and Anne Alexander were among the co-organizers of a new research group at CRASSH on the Ethics of Big Data. This group covered the big questions about big data in Michaelmas term, including via a ‘data walkshop’ led by Alison Powell of the LSE and the ‘Snowden Suitcase’ art installation by Evan Light of Concordia University. Lent term covered ethics of big data in practice, and included a presentation by Claudia and Giles of Africa’s Voices.

**Related publications, conferences and events**

**Publications**


**Presentations**


An evolving agenda for researching voice and digital technologies at CGHR

Africa’s digital transformation is unsettling the ways that power is projected and contested, yet scholarship on this phenomenon has struggled to find analytical entry points that unravel these dynamic processes of change. By pursuing and publishing on the different strands of research on digital media and politics in CGHR, in 2015-2016 CGHR established a solid and informed foundation to address fundamental research in this thematic area in the upcoming year.

Synthesising and finalising research findings on Politics and Interactive Media

The collaborative research project, Politics and Interactive Media in Africa (PiMA), was one entry point from which to explore forms of citizen participation, public discussion and accountability suited to certain digital formats. Jointly funded by the ESRC and DFID, PiMA (2012-14) focused on expressions of ‘public opinion’ in broadcast media via new information and communication technologies (ICT) such as mobile phones in Kenya and Zambia. PiMA examined the political implications of such interactions in these two African countries, with the goal of drawing conclusions of wider significance to practitioners and policymakers.

2015-16 was a year of synthesising and disseminating research findings from CGHR’s 18-month collaborative research project PiMA. This included the completion of a 10-part Working Paper series, which discusses the methodology and findings of the project. The spin out from PIMA, Africa’s Voices (featured on page 16), has continued to reveal exciting opportunities to use digital media for innovative methodological approaches. Africa’s Voices aims to better capture and analyse voice and public opinion, specifically through productive partnerships with computer scientists and social scientists.

Strengthening cross-disciplinary dialogue on digital technologies and publics in East and Central Africa

2015-16 also saw the initiation of research activities into the nature and significance of digital publics and counterpublics in East and Central Africa. CGHR Director, Dr Sharath Srinivasan, CGHR-affiliated PhD student, Stephanie Diepeveen, and Centre of African Studies fellow, Dr George Karekwaivanene organised a series of activities aimed at building a new agenda to synthesise and move forward research into voice and publics on the continent amidst rapid and varied developments in digital media.

This began with a roundtable to discuss current questions, challenges and possibilities around researching publics, voice and digital media in Africa. This roundtable was held at Cambridge on 3 February 2016, with Harri Englund (Cambridge), Florence Brisset-Foucault (Paris-Sorbonne) and Duncan Omanga (Moi University, Kenya). The roundtable marked the launch of a call for papers for a project on Digital Publics and Counterpublics in Africa.

In September 2016, an interdisciplinary workshop was convened, which included scholars currently researching digital publics in East and Central Africa from different disciplinary perspectives. This was jointly supported by CGHR, the Centre for Research in the Arts Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH)
and the British Institute in Eastern Africa. This workshop was aimed at advancing the study of how the rapid spread of digital technology is reshaping social, political and economic life in Eastern and Central Africa. Each of the papers presented pushed the boundaries of current thinking on digital publics in some way by exploring how they are unfolding through serious empirical research in the East African region. Taken together, these efforts became a launching point from which to develop a journal special issue submission to contribute to wider scholarship on digital publics in Africa.

What next?

Research activities at CGHR on Digital Media, Voice and Power in 2015-16 point to an exciting and more encompassing agenda for CGHR research on this theme in the upcoming year, combining the methodological insights from Africa's Voices with the conceptual and empirical findings on political authority, accountability and participation. At the end of 2015-16, CGHR was in the midst of appointing a postdoctoral research associate to lead on this theme, who will take up the post in early 2017. Working with the Centre's Director, this new post will continue to develop research activities on digital publics, as well as lead CGHR’s wider research agenda on the implications of technologies to voice and power.

Related publications, conferences and events

Publications


Conferences and Events


Srinivasan, S and C. Lopes. 'Mediation matters: participation in interactive broadcast media in Africa as a convened social space,' conference paper at International Association for Media and Communications Research (IAMCR) Annual Convention, Leicester, July 2016.


Media

‘Africa’s Digital Revolution: Power to the People?’ CGHR and Africa’s Voices’ Director, Dr Sharath Srinivasan, led a panel at The Hay Festival 2016 with Well Told Story’s Rob Burnet and iamtheCODE founder Marième Jamme.
Collaborating with the UN Special Rapporteur in the final year of his mandate

The Centre’s collaboration with the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur entered its final year in 2015-16, with Prof. Heyns’ mandate drawing to a close at the end of July 2016. Since its first collaboration, back in 2011, CGHR research associates and students contributed to empirical research behind several of the Special Rapporteur’s report and other thematic projects. The full range of these activities is surveyed in the Rapporteur’s final report.

The final eighteen months of this collaboration occurred directly in Geneva, with Dr Thomas Probert based at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Working within the Special Procedures Branch of the Office, Thomas ensured the research carried out at CGHR intersected with as many different parts of the UN human rights machinery as possible. It had direct impact, for example, in help to make digital evidence and digital security the questions posed by the OHCHR to the 2016 #DiploHack. #DiploHack was a two-day hackathon that coincided with the 31st Session of the Human Rights Council, and to celebrate its 10th anniversary, in which questions were put to four teams of “hackers”. CGHR’s ICT&HR Tumblr Blog was presented as a starting place for all participants. All four teams came up fascinating and diverse potential answers to these challenges, which were placed before OHCHR for review and implementation.

As part of this support, CGHR research associate Thomas Probert accompanied the Rapporteur on his mission to Ukraine in September 2015. They held meetings with governmental and non-governmental officials on both sides of the “contact line”, travelling from Kyiv to Mariupol, Donets, Kramatorsk and Odesa. The end of mission statement, delivered to officials in Kyiv and later adapted into the official report of the mission, called on the Ukrainian Government and the armed groups operating in the country to put into place a proper system of accountability to bring the current cycle of violence to an end.

The Special Rapporteur made a range of recommendations to improve the level of accountability in the country. “Ukraine faces serious challenges, and violations will almost inevitably occur,” he said. “The only way forward is for all parties actively to confront that fact and to ensure that a functioning system of accountability for a common set of standards is put into place.”

Researching the right to life and violence reduction

One of the more durable legacies of CGHR’s Unlawful Killings report has been an ongoing interest in the links between elaborating the norm of the right to life (for example participating in the formulation of the African Commission’s General Comment), individual right to life violations (as for example
highlighted by the mandate of the Special Rapporteur), and a broader, societal-level understanding of threats to life through unlawful violence. In *Unlawful Killings* CGHR researchers highlighted the lack of empirical data in many African States on levels of violence. Since then, they have interacted with programmes aimed at violence reduction, the Geneva Declaration, the African Union, and the Cambridge Violence Research Centre.

In 2015-16 CGHR convened a small student research team to elaborate potential links between the right to life and violence reduction at a programmatic level, surveying the African continent for programmes aimed at violence reduction in key areas, including policing, custodial deaths, urban violence and armed conflict. The team’s findings resulted in a database of organisations working in this area, with a few selected for detailed case studies. These case studies are being developed into a CGHR Working Paper, to be published in 2017.

**The continued impact of CGHR’s research on unlawful killings in Africa**

In November 2015, during its 57th Ordinary Session, the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights confirmed the adoption of General Comment No.3 to the African Charter. CGHR’s report *Unlawful Killings in Africa* had a fundamental role in framing some of the debates by the Commission’s Working Group on the Death Penalty and Extrajudicial Summary or Arbitrary Killings in Africa. The General Comment provides the Commission’s authoritative interpretations of the obligations concerning the right to life, protected by Article 4 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (the Charter). It guides the implementation of those legal standards and ensures the coherent application to a range of practical situations.

Further contributing to open discussion about the death penalty, in October 2015 Dr Thomas Probert travelled to Harare, Zimbabwe to collaborate with a group of local NGOs to arrange a series of events aimed at commemorating the World Day Against the Death Penalty. Earlier that year, Zimbabwe had technically become a de facto abolitionist State (more than 10 years having passed since the last execution), but in public meetings, radio interviews and private meetings with parliamentarians the “next steps” toward formal abolition were discussed.

**Related publications, conferences and events**

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**#DiploHack (Geneva), February 2016.** #DiploHack was a two-day hackathon in Geneva, designed to spark creative thinking, including around how best to use digital evidence in UN human rights mechanisms, and ensure the security and safety of informants who communicate with such mechanisms. Ideas circulating through CGHR’s ICT&HR Tumblr Blog informed questions posed to participants.

**The first Annual Seminar on the Right to Life, May 2016.** This seminar was convened at the Geneva Academy on International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in May 2016. CGHR Research Associate Thomas Probert was active in organising the gathering of global experts and practitioners working on the right to life internationally and regionally.

**“The Marikana Commission of Inquiry: Investigations and Accountability for Right to Life Violations”, May 2016.** CGHR welcomed barrister Toby Fisher, who acted as lead counsel for the South African Human Rights Commission before the Marikana Commission in South Africa, to discuss how such inquiries can contribute to accountability for right to life violations.
Engaging policymakers and scholars to critically assess interventions in conflict

In 2015-16, CGHR research associates continued to explore important questions around ideas of peacemaking, and their articulation, in ongoing conflicts, in particular, in the Sudans and the Great Lakes region of Africa. CGHR’s research in this area has been a platform for facilitating researcher engagement in global affairs. This year, CGHR continued to facilitate in-depth exchange between CGHR affiliated researchers in Violence, Conflict and Peacebuilding and practitioners and policy makers. Following a two-day workshop at Pembroke College in September 2015, convening senior experts on the peacemaking in Sudan and South Sudan, CGHR researchers are now co-editing a book for the British Academy that critically interrogates and assesses the troubling track record of international peacemaking efforts in the Sudans in recent decades. In April 2016, researchers hosted policy makers from the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and academics from other UK universities to discuss and critically assess DFID’s proposed new Building Stability Framework.

CGHR co-hosts a workshop on DFID’s Building Stability Framework

In April 2016, CGHR co-hosted a workshop at Emanuel College with the Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department of the UK Department for International Development (DFID) to discuss DFID’s proposed Building Stability Framework. The new framework will replace DFID’s 2010 peacebuilding-statebuilding framework, in light of changes to conflict and post-conflict contexts as well as new research and evidence about external involvement in these environments.

The workshop brought together 15 members of the Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department at DFID along with scholars from across the UK to discuss and critique the underlying assumptions guiding DFID’s new policy framework. The goal was to share insights from recent academic work that could feed into the DFID process, and to comment on the early drafts of DFID’s work. We discussed the overall conceptual coherence of the framework, and a review of the evidence that guided each of its five key building blocks.

The workshop was an excellent example of the benefits of having discussions between policy staff, and academics working on related themes. It also opened up areas of potential future collaborative research projects, for instance on the questions of legitimacy and legitimation in post-conflict spaces. CGHR’s collaboration with DFID will continue, and Dr Curtis serves on the external advisory group for the new DFID framework.
CGHR workshop on peacemaking in the Sudans leads to edited volume with the British Academy

On the occasion of the ten-year anniversary of Sudan’s Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), a landmark conference was held at the University of Cambridge in September 2015, co-funded by CGHR and a British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award (BARSEA) for CGHR Associate Dr Sarah Nouwen. Signed in January 2005 between the Government of Sudan (GoS) and the southern Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM), the CPA over two decades of civil war and led to the independence of South Sudan. But related conflicts continued in Darfur, the East, the north-south border areas and the new country of South Sudan. They were fought and negotiated at the interface between the normative framework established by the CPA, centre-periphery relations and specific local dynamics of land, resources and identity. This makes the Sudans an ideal test case against which to review the varied understandings of peacemaking in the academic literature. The workshop brought together the world’s foremost experts on the Sudans, both senior and early career, including academics, policymakers and journalists. From a multidisciplinary perspective, they together evaluated peacemaking in Sudan and South Sudan since the making of the CPA. The event was highly successful. Many of the senior participants commented afterwards that it was the best conference on peacemaking in Sudan that they had attended.

Dr Nouwen convened the workshop with Dr Sharath Srinivasan and Dr Laura James (CGHR Associate) and they have begun co-editing a volume for the prestigious Proceedings of the British Academy series, which will provide a unique and influential record on peace-making efforts in Sudan’s many armed conflicts. Bringing together both Sudanese/South Sudanese and foreign academics’ perspectives, the volume is the first to analyse and draw out lessons from the multiplicity of recent peace-making, peace-building and state-building processes across the Sudans. The publication will be key towards ensuring that this unique collection of knowledge and insights is recorded and disseminated.

Publications


New Wellcome Trust/DFID project: Africa's Voices and Health Crises

Digital Social Research Tools for Health Crises in Cape Verde and Mozambique

CGHR and Africa’s Voices Foundation Ltd were recently awarded funding from the Wellcome Trust and the Department for International Development to implement and evaluate interactive radio projects in Cape Verde and Mozambique concerning the Zika Virus, in order to better understand how interactive radio can be used during public health emergencies as a rapid-response public health communications tool. The research is led by Dr Sharath Srinivasan, Dr Claudia Lopes and Laurie Denyer Willis.

In the wake of the 2014-2015 Ebola crisis in West Africa, the challenges of public health communications and data collection during emergencies have been laid bare. Top-down public health messaging is rarely – if ever – effective at reaching or persuading at-risk populations. Instead, messaging needs to be inclusive, community-generated and make sense in the everyday lives of people most impacted. Building on these insights, we will be creating live radio shows in local languages about Zika and other pregnancy-related disease to air on national and community-run radio stations to create interactive, local language forums to spark two-way discussions between citizens, governments and public health officials. Listeners will be invited to use a free SMS messaging service to send us their beliefs and ideas about Zika, and we will be able to respond to those messages in order to gather further socio-demographic information. The result is a rapid two-way communication channel – a critically needed tool during health crises. At the same time, we will be running focus groups in order to test the data collected via SMS, and to design radio program content itself. Based on these focus-groups and the SMS data, we will be consistently altering radio show content in order to tailor it specifically to community’s needs and concerns.

In Cape Verde we are working in full partnership with the Cape Verdan National Institute for Public Health and UNICEF. Our research team recently returned from Cape Verde, and the project will begin in full in January 2017.
CGHR’s Research Group seminars enrich cross-disciplinary discussion

The CGHR Research Group is a forum for doctoral students and early-career researchers from any disciplinary background researching issues of governance and human rights in global, regional, and national contexts. The aim of the Research Group is to facilitate an exchange between younger and more established researchers, offering a forum for the development of new and innovative ideas, constructive criticism and stimulating debate.

The CGHR Research Group hosted five interactive seminars on papers by doctoral students and early-career researchers from across the University of Cambridge. The papers touched various aspects of peace and conflict studies and human rights, discussing diverse topics such as experiences of slum governance in Kenya and Rwanda; how mediation and sociability affects audience participation in interactive broadcast shows; inter-faith dialogue as a template for political exchanges; the social reproduction of peace capital in the UN; and understandings of legitimate violence in Gulu, northern Uganda.

Discussants from a range of academic disciplines, including politics, communication studies, sociology and education, responded to the papers and helped spark discussion. The seminars again proved to be a productive forum for early career researchers to receive feedback from discussants and attendees to help them reflect on their work and prepare it for publication. Of the papers presented in 2015/16, one is undergoing review for the CGHR Working Paper Series.

CGHR Research Group seminars 2015–2016

“Governing the slums: Lessons from Kenya and Rwanda” Thomas H. Stubbs (Department of Sociology) Discussant: Dr Graham Denyer Willis (Centre of Development Studies and Centre of Latin American Studies)

“Convening citizen engagement: why mediation matters for audience participation in interactive broadcast shows” Dr Claudia Abreu Lopes (CGHR) and Dr Sharath Srinivasan (CGHR)

“Inter-Faith Dialogue for the Sake of Governance and Human Rights” Arthur J. Keefer (Faculty of Divinity) Discussant: Dr Judd Birdsall (Cambridge Institute on Religion & International Studies)

“Pax Academica and the Art of the (Im)possible: Investigating habitus, field and capital with lecturers in peace studies” Kevin Kester (Faculty of Education) Discussant: Dr Arathi Sriprakash (Faculty of Education)

“This man does not even know the meaning of peace: conflicting understandings of peace and legitimate violence in Gulu, northern Uganda” Partha Moman (Department of Politics and International Studies) Discussant: Dr Adam Branch (Department of Politics and International Studies)

Additions to the CGHR Working Paper Series

Africa’s Voices Foundation

Africa’s Voices helps partners listen and respond to hard-to-reach communities

Africa’s Voices began as a pilot project within CGHR’s research on Politics and Interactive Media in Africa (PiMA). By late 2014 it was spun out from the Centre to become Africa’s Voices Foundation (AVF) - a non-profit citizen engagement and social analytics organisation. It retains close links to CGHR and to the wider University, and is increasingly recognised as success story of research that delivers social impact. Through 2015-2016, AVF has continued to grow, opening a second office in Nairobi and establishing long-term partnerships with Oxfam in Kenya, UNICEF Somalia and Livity Africa.

Africa’s Voices Foundation helps partners operating in African countries to listen intelligently to hard-to-reach communities, to be more responsive to the social realities within which they intervene, and to seize the digital and data revolutions in inclusive ways. This is done by sparking discussions in target communities through interactive media and digital channels, where people share their views via instant messaging, SMS, and social media. Using multidisciplinary methods, AVF analyses citizen-generated data and produce rich insights into people’s sentiments, opinions and beliefs. Equipped with this knowledge, our partners can better understand the citizens they serve. During 2016-16, this approach led to partnerships with Livity Africa, UNICEF Somalia, Emmy-award winning Well Told Story, Oxfam in Kenya, and other groups at the University of Cambridge, analysing citizens’ voices through varied, complex digital channels.

Oxfam in Kenya

In a 2015 pilot project with Oxfam, AVF researchers held a series of community meetings and interactive radio shows to research citizens’ views on oil and gas extraction in the Turkana region, producing recommendations for the DFID-funded Kenya Extractive Industries Development Programme.

In 2016, AVF’s partnership with Oxfam in Kenya was extended to conduct interactive radio shows in three counties (Nairobi, Turkana and Wajir) and three languages (Swahili, Turkana, and Somali respectively), researching views on tax justice and their priorities for the county budgets following Kenya’s devolution. 71% of participants in the radio programmes saw tax-paying as mandatory and linked to moral duties (more than civic duties). Wairu Kinyori-Gugu, Oxfam’s Tax Justice Project Manager, says that these insights “will be used to inform Oxfam’s county-level advocacy and campaigning”.

Oxfam
“Africa’s Voices’ ability to stimulate inclusive dialogue and collect opinions of marginalised communities in local languages through simple technologies has been invaluable in informing how we engage with our target beneficiaries.”

Joyce Kabue, Oxfam in Kenya – Communication and Information Advisor

UNICEF Somalia

Polio remains a threat in Somalia, and through our partnership with UNICEF we have been looking for reasons why. In an eight-week pilot project in 2015, researchers from AVF explored which beliefs underpin Somali citizens’ decisions on whether to uptake polio and other routine immunisations for their children. The pilot engaged people from cross-sections of Somali society, drawing in 8,000 participants from all provinces of the country - 44% of them women. In its analysis of messages sent by participants, AVF found the perceived risk of polio is associated with likelihood of vaccination. AVF also identified different paths of action that parents may take when responding to illnesses: sometimes seeking medical treatment for their babies and other times turning to religion for treatment. The paths are not always incompatible, and certain religious beliefs can be promoted to support healthy practices.

In 2016 AVF’s activities in Somalia were expanded, with the launch of a further 26 weeks of interactive radio shows with UNICEF Somalia, through its local partner, MediaINK. In the course of this year, these ongoing programmes had already engaged 25,000 people and received over 80,000 messages, exploring beliefs and practices related to a broad range of health topics including malaria, cholera, and HIV/AIDS.
Livity Africa

In partnership with Livity Africa, AVF researchers gathered and analysed messages from young South Africans to amplify their priorities for the municipal elections in August. They collected audience data sent privately through text messages, WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger, and posted publicly on Facebook and Twitter as part of Livity’s #2X multimedia campaign. They also drew insights into key topics of conversations and how these changed over time, and the impact of Livity’s campaign on propensity to vote.

Building links with the University

AVF is continually expanding and strengthening research connections with the University. Over the summer, three interns from the University of Cambridge were welcomed to the team: Eleni Courea, a POLIS graduate who worked on communicating our work to key audiences; and Walter Myer and Gladys Tyen, computational linguistics students, who developed machine learning techniques and a crowdsourcing web app that will help to analyse text messages in dialects and slang, such as Sheng.

Looking to the year ahead

Africa’s Voices team is growing steadily. From the end of 2015 to the end of 2016, the team grew from four to nine staff. Deborah Sambu, Partha Moman and Rita Zagoni joined the Nairobi office, and Jeunese Payne Matti Pohjonen joined the Cambridge office. It has been an incredible growth curve that speaks to the team’s continued excitement and ambitions for the years ahead.

AVF has been supported by early-stage funding from The Potter Foundation, The Cairns Charitable Trust and The Hewlett Foundation. Recently, CGHR secured a grant from The Wellcome Trust and DFID to evaluate the suitability of Africa’s Voices tools and methods for deployment in epidemics and health crises. The project will explore the socio-cultural factors influencing Zika health outcomes in Cape Verde and Mozambique as a live case-study. In partnership with Trocaire, AVF also successfully won a grant from the DREAMS Innovation Challenge, whose funders include The Gates Foundation. With a goal to support teenage mothers in Kenya to stay in and return to secondary school, the project will launch in early 2017.

In the year ahead, the AVF team aims to establish new partnerships that expand its presence across the continent and into West Africa. It also plans to help build capacity on the continent in gathering and analysing digitally-mediated voices, by providing training and support for social scientists from African countries. It will continue to invest in developing strong links with researchers at the University of Cambridge, and seek further financing for early-stage research and technology.
David and Elaine Potter Lectureship

In his role as the David and Elaine Potter Lecturer in Governance and Human Rights in POLIS, Sharath Srinivasan again organised and taught the Politics of Africa third-year undergraduate optional paper. This course provides a broad multidisciplinary overview of major themes of comparative African politics, including globalisation, international intervention and economic development. It encourages a critical reflection on, and approach to, popular political and economic representations of Africa. The course has become one of the more popular third-year options for students of politics. Dr Srinivasan also continued to teach on contemporary human rights dilemmas for the second-year Ethics and World Politics paper (convened by CGHR Associate Dr Duncan Bell), which provides a wide-ranging overview of contemporary theoretical and empirical debates on normative dilemmas in international affairs topics, promoting critical analysis of topics such as global redistributive justice, human rights and war. Dr Srinivasan also organised and taught the Politics of Africa MPhil course, which included specialist modules on Conflict and Peace Interventions in the Great Lakes and the Sudans, and Democracy, Popular Protest and the Changing Public Sphere in Africa. The David and Elaine Potter Lectureship has also enabled supervision of Master’s level research projects on a range of specialist subjects, including in 2015–16: the historical sociology of peacebuilding and stabilisation and the case of Somalia; the changing nature of protests and political culture in Nakuru, Kenya, in an era of digital communications.

PhDs supervised by the Lectureship

**Peter Biar Ajak:** My research examines the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) and its role in the state formation in South Sudan, based on its exercise of political authority during the North-South civil war and during the six-year interim period before the independence of South Sudan. My PhD research is jointly supported by the Cambridge International Trust and Trinity College, Cambridge.

**Stephanie Diepeveen:** My PhD research, funded by the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, examined the relationship between communication media and public spaces in contemporary Kenyan politics. It drew on interview and observation-based fieldwork on the ground and online in Mombasa, Kenya, and examined the implications of digitally-mediated communication for ‘citizens’ coming together to discuss ideas about the nature and exercise of power. Since completing my PhD in 2016, I have recently taken up a postdoctoral research associate post in CGHR/POLIS.

**Annette LaRocco:** My PhD research focused on conservation and land use as a postcolonial political phenomena. My in-depth study of conservation policies and practices such as the nationwide hunting ban and conservation-related evictions were used as a lens through which to interrogate the political relationship between citizens and the State in Botswana. My PhD received funding from the Cambridge International Trust and Trinity College, Cambridge. Having completed my PhD in the summer of 2016, I am now working as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida.

**Njoki Wamai:** My research aimed to understand why some victims who initially supported the International Criminal Court (ICC) in Kenya have now moved on and how the different post-conflict agenda of those at the local level interact with transitional justice ideas and practices advanced by the ICC. My PhD was generously supported by the Gates Cambridge Trust, as a Gates Cambridge Scholar. I completed my PhD studies this year, and am exploring postdoctoral research possibilities in the areas of the politics of international intervention in Africa, transitional justice, race, and the politics of knowledge production.
Students from a variety of disciplines across the university come together under CGHR’s umbrella. These engagement efforts are led by the Student Group, which plays a central role in coordinating event logistics and publicity, outreach and partnership efforts, and the CGHR Research Group. The Student Group also plays a critical role in suggesting inspiring new directions and initiatives for CGHR. Here, Jocelyn Perry reflects on her time as Student Group Coordinator:

“Serving as CGHR’s Student Group Coordinator while studying at Cambridge proved to be an unexpectedly rewarding and challenging opportunity. The Centre of Governance and Human Rights was a significant reason that I was initially drawn to Cambridge for my graduate studies in international relations and politics, and I never expected that I would be able to play such a large role in CGHR’s programming. As members of the Student Group, we worked hard to publicise CGHR events, ensure that their logistics ran smoothly, and dream up ideas for new programming. In return, we were rewarded with fascinating discussions and the chance to meet all of CGHR’s speakers, from the brilliant academics that joined us to launch their books and reports, to the inspirational humanitarians who joined us for our Practitioner Series.

Much like the Practitioner Series, CGHR provides an opportunity on a larger scale for Cambridge students and academics to bridge the gaps between academia, policy, and practice. Working at the intersection of these fields through most of its initiatives, CGHR is an excellent introduction for undergraduate students to apply concepts and themes encountered in an academic setting. Simultaneously, CGHR provides an opportunity for graduate students returning to
academia from professional positions to share the knowledge they’ve gained with other students and maintain a connection to their policy or practitioner fields while studying.

Each year’s Student Group is slightly different, and it’s fascinating to see how the personal interests and quirks of each group influence CGHR’s initiatives. One of our most thought-provoking events this year stemmed from a new collaboration with Amnesty International and Clare Politics, in which we questioned the origin of human rights norms and their potential for perpetuating a form of neo-imperialism (see pg. 23). Several of our events – ICTs and Human Rights Practice, Hiding in Plain Sight, Rating Companies on Responsible Sourcing, Algorithmic Prediction in Policing, and Citizen Media Research and Verification – highlighted how innovative forms of data collection and research methods can help to promote human rights and increase government accountability. I believe that these research methodology breakthroughs, much like those made by Africa’s Voices, provide a critical contribution to the work of human rights and governance practitioners.

Another exciting new initiative proposed and spearheaded by several members of this year’s group has been a video blog in the place of the Politics inSpires blog. The video series highlighted the ground-breaking work of several of CGHR’s Research Associates to communicate the themes and lessons from their research in a more accessible manner, in hopes of reaching a broader audience.” - Jocelyn Perry

Human Rights Doctoral Research Triangle

On 15 January 2016, CGHR hosted a doctoral research triangle with students from the Universities of Cambridge and Essex (Human Rights Centre) and LSE (Centre for the Study of Human Rights). The Triangle, in its fifth year running, is aimed at encouraging active participation and collaboration by PhD students researching human rights and related areas across disciplines. Under the broad rubric of ‘human rights’, PhD researchers presented on diverse work from law, the social and political sciences, and even English literature. Evident in the research presented, the connections forged, and plans set for another Triangle in November 2016 at the University of Essex, these goals were well met.


Potter Foundation/Cambridge Trust Scholarship for Students from Africa

In 2015-16, Grace Hélogie Bingoto-Mandoko completed the MPhil in International Relations and Politics, supported by a generous donation from the David and Elaine Potter Foundation, and matched by the Cambridge Trust. Grace was the first student to be awarded this new scholarship, designated for an African student in the MPhil programme.
CGHR’s active events calendar continued through the academic year, with the second year running of the CGHR film series, as well as a diverse range of book launches, discussion-based events, and the career-focused CGHR practitioner series. This year, CGHR also sponsored the Africa Together Conference, on the theme ‘Engendering an Inclusive Africa’.

Film Screenings

For the second year running, CGHR continued its film series – screenings of films with themes related to governance and human rights. This year began with the screening of Beats of the Antonov (2014) as part of the annual Cambridge African Film Festival, which was followed by a discussion by CGHR Director, Dr Sharath Srinivasan, and Ms Jenny Thornton. Other screenings in Michaelmas Term included Virunga (2014), with a discussion moderated by CGHR Associate Dr Devon Curtis (POLIS, Cambridge), and Enemies of the People (2010), which included a Q&A with the film’s co-director, Rob Lemkin. The screenings attracted wide-ranging audiences from within and outside the University and provoked stimulating discussions.

Africa Together Conference:
Engendering an Inclusive Africa

CGHR was proud to be a sponsor of this year’s Africa Together Conference, in June 2016, an event organised by a committee representing Africa-focused student societies across the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University. Africa Together celebrates and showcases the African continent and its Diaspora by bringing thought leaders from a variety of fields together on a common platform. The day is meant to ignite critical discourse around the paradigm shifts contributing to the African continent.

Under the theme ‘Engendering an Inclusive Africa’, this year’s conference invited prominent African luminaries to discuss a range of issues reflecting the diversity of the continent. Panels discussed education, women in leadership, agriculture and extractives, business and development, and religion across the African continent. Henry Bonsu was the charismatic Master of Ceremonies, with three preeminent speakers providing the conference’s keynote talks: Dr Precious Moloi-Motsepe, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Motsepe Foundation, Dr Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of the International Fund for Agriculture Development, and Dr Mostafa Terrab, President and CEO of the OCP Group. The day provided an excellent opportunity for students from universities across the UK to come together, listen to the thought-provoking panels, and debate and discuss the ideas raised.
CGHR Practitioner Series

Doing Good in Tough Places: Working in Human Rights, Peacebuilding, Humanitarian Aid and Development

Each year in Lent Term, CGHR’s Student Group turns its attention to organising a Practitioner Series, designed to provide a forum for students to meet and discuss with practitioners working in diverse areas related to governance and/or human rights. Behind this initiative is the recognition that a sound academic training is necessary but not necessarily sufficient to fully prepare students for realities of a career in, for example, issues of social justice, conflict and security, and development and humanitarian aid. Through a mixture of substantive discussion, personal reflection, and practical advice, the Practitioner Series provides a forum in which experts in these fields discuss the nature of their work, and its rewards and challenges, and provide advice for students interested in pursuing similar careers. Students are able to ask questions of the experts, and probe the skill set and experience needed to forge a career in these fields. This year’s final panel welcomed back two former CGHR Student Group members, who were involved in initiating the Practitioner Series several years ago, to discuss their career activities post-study, bringing the Practitioner Series full circle.

Practitioner Series, Lent term 2016

Fredrik Galtung, President and Co-Founder, Integrity Action

Pamela Aall, Senior Advisor for Conflict Prevention and Management, U.S. Institute of Peace

The UN from Within: a discussion with Dr Devon Curtis, Cambridge, formerly UN Staff College; Stephanie La Hoz Theuer, Cambridge, formerly Associate Programme Officer, UNFCCC; and Victoria Stewart-Jolley, Cambridge, formerly UNV, UNDP, SA, SRSG Iraq, and UNDP Elect Consultant

Nadia Kevlin, Humanitarian Response Office for East and Southern Africa, Save the Children Fund UK; and Daniella Ritzau Reid, Country Humanitarian Officer, Médecins Sans Frontières, Myanmar/Burma

Problematic Politics: Is the Notion of Human Rights Imperialistic?

Does the development of the notion of human rights largely within a Western context mean that the notion is inherently imperialistic? CGHR’s Student Group, in collaboration with Cambridge University Amnesty International and Clare Politics, organised a panel to discuss this very question, welcoming academics and human rights advocates to debate this and related topics. This event constituted one of this year’s major collaborations with other Cambridge human rights organisations, and resulted in a lively discussion, with more than one hundred attendees.

CGHR Director Dr Sharath Srinivasan acted as moderator, for a diverse panel discussion, which included as panellists: Lucy Wake, Amnesty International’s Government and Political Relations Manager; Professor Stephen Hopgood, Co-Director of SOAS’s Centre for the Interational Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice and author of ‘Keepers of the Flame: Understanding Amnesty International’; Dr Arathi Sriprakash, sociologist of education, globalisation and international development at Cambridge; and Srishti Krishnamoorthi, a PhD candidate in English at Newnham College.

Discussion of the event’s primary query - is the notion of human rights imperialistic - gave way to debates over its specific dimensions and implications, specifically what this means for the relevance and legitimacy of organisations founded in human rights principles. The event encouraged critical thought and constant reflection on the practices of human rights activists, and how to work toward sustainable progress in human rights advocacy. The issues discussed continued to be raised during subsequent CGHR events and academic seminars. Given this success, the Problematic Politics Panel is anticipated to become an annual event during Michaelmas Term.
CGHR events 2015–2016

Michaelmas Term 2015

Dr Justin Pearce (Cambridge) in discussion with Professor Christopher Clapham (Cambridge)

ICTs and Human Rights Practice – report launch
Dr Ella McPherson (Cambridge) and Dr Thomas Probert (UN OHRHR)

Dr Adekeye Adebajo (Centre for Conflict Resolution, Cape Town)

BP, Colombia, Oil & Ethics – discussion, co-hosted with the Centre of Latin American Studies (Cambridge)
Gilberto Torres (Colombian trade unionist) with others

Hiding in Plain Sight: Putin’s Wars & the Power of Open Source – talk and report launch, co-hosted with the Researching (with) Social Media research group (Cambridge)
Maksymilian Czuperski (Atlantic Council) and Elliot Higgins (Bellingcat, King’s College London)

Theorising Borders in an Era of Globalization and Securitization – talk, co-hosted with The Martin Centre for Architectural and Urban Studies
Professor David Newman (Ben-Gurion University, Israel)

Lent Term 2016

Rating Companies on Responsible Sourcing: Data Sprint interactive event with Amnesty International and WikiRate

Digital Publics and Counterpublics in Africa – roundtable discussion
Dr Sharath Srinivasan (Cambridge), Dr Harri Englund (Cambridge), Dr Florence Brisset-Foucault (Paris-Sorbonne), and Dr Duncan Omanga (Moi University, Kenya)

Funmi Olonisakin (African Leadership Centre), Sharath Srinivasan (Cambridge), and Pamela Aall (Centre for Governance Innovation), chaired by Devon Curtis (Cambridge)

Complications during Pregnancy in Uganda: Researching Socio-Cultural Drivers Using Innovative Methods – King’s College/Cambridge-Africa Seminar
Dr Claudia Abreu Lopes (Cambridge, Africa’s Voices Foundation)

Algorithmic Prediction in Policing: Assumptions, Evaluation and Accountability – talk, co-hosted with the Ethics of Big Data Research Group, and the Technology and Democracy Project
Dr Lyria Bennett Moses (University of New South Wales, Australia)

Citizen Media Research and Verification: An Analytical Framework for Human Rights – report launch, co-hosted with the Researching (with) Social Media group
Christoph Koettl (Amnesty International)

Easter Term 2016

Data Shadows and Digital Divisions of Labour: Who Creates and Controls the Digital City? – seminar
Professor Mark Graham (Oxford Internet Institute)

The Marikana Commission of Inquiry: Investigations and Accountability for Right to Life Violations – talk and discussion
Dr Thomas Probert (UN OHCHR) and Toby Fisher (South Africa Human Rights Commission)

Dr Zachary D. Kaufman (Harvard), in discussion with Dr Adam Branch (Cambridge)

The Political Sociology of Human Rights – seminar, co-hosted with the Department of Sociology
Professor Kate Nash (Goldsmiths, University of London)
David and Elaine Potter Foundation

CGHR Director, Dr Sharath Srinivasan, is POLIS’ first David and Elaine Potter Lecturer in Governance and Human Rights. This lectureship was established thanks to a generous benefaction to the University in 2008 from the David and Elaine Potter Foundation. The Foundation seeks to achieve an impact through grants that promote reason, education, and human rights, in the hope of improving mutual understanding, reinforcing good governance, and encouraging the growth and maintenance of a robust civil society, particularly in less developed countries. The Foundation and the University agreed that the Lecturer should focus particularly on Africa and serve as the Director of the new interdisciplinary Centre.

Cairns Charitable Trust

The generous donation made to the Centre by the Cairns Charitable Trust, founded by Lord Cairns, pump-primed CGHR’s work on New Communication Technologies and Citizen-led Governance in Africa (2011-13), and the pilot project for Africa’s Voices. The funds enabled CGHR to take on postdoctoral research associates, support its collaboration with FrontlineSMS and conduct fieldwork in Kenya, Zambia and Uganda. It has also provided start-up funding for Africa’s Voices Foundation.

Isaac Newton Trust

The Isaac Newton Trust was established in 1988 by Trinity College, Cambridge. The objects of the Trust are to promote learning, research and education in the University of Cambridge. The Trust makes grants for research purposes within Cambridge University and the two grants awarded to CGHR allowed it to maintain its core staff of research associates.

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Impact Acceleration Account

The ESRC Impact Acceleration Account at the University of Cambridge has supported CGHR researchers engage with leading research organisations, including the IBM Research Africa Lab in Nairobi, to work on data analysis innovations relevant to the continent.

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the UK Department for International Development (DFID)

In April 2012, CGHR was awarded highly competitive ESRC-DFID research funding for its 18-month PiMA project on how African broadcast media are using new ICTs to gather public opinion, and their effects on political accountability.

The Cambridge-Africa Alborada Research Fund

CGHR researchers successfully secured funding from the Cambridge-Africa Alborada Research Fund, which aims to support research and research-related travel, workshops and courses in the African countries. The awards given to Dr Sharath Srinivasan and Dr Alastair Fraser allowed them to expand their collaborative work on Africa’s Voices and PiMA with African research partners.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Discretionary Fund

The Centre was awarded funding from the Vice-Chancellor’s Discretionary Fund to support research into the further development of Africa’s Voices Foundation.

Wellcome Trust and the UK Department for International Development

In 2016, CGHR was awarded joint funding from the Wellcome Trust and the UK DFID to explore how interactive radio broadcasts can be used in public health emergencies as a rapid-response public health communications tool, by conducting and assessing their use in the context of the Zika virus in Cape Verde and Mozambique.
CGHR attracts Research Associates, Associates and students from a broad range of disciplines who all feed in to the work of the Centre and help extend its reach.

**Director**

**Dr Sharath Srinivasan**, the Centre’s inaugural Director, leads the establishment of CGHR within Cambridge and its international institutional relationships. Prior to his academic career, Sharath worked in the field of aid, governance and conflict and as a strategy consultant. He led programmes for a leading international aid organization in Sudan, and has advised a range of international organisations and government agencies on conflict prevention, peacebuilding and political development. Initially trained in law in Australia, specialising in human rights and public international law at the University of New South Wales, he read for his MPhil and DPhil in Development Studies at Oxford University.

**Research Associates**

**Dr Ella McPherson** is CGHR’s Research Associate on CGHR’s Human Rights in the Digital Age theme. She led the project, with Thomas Probert, on ICTs and the Right to Life and is currently leading the development of The Whistle. Ella is Lecturer in the Sociology of New Media and Digital Technology in the Department of Sociology. Her research focuses on human rights reporting as a lens on the power dynamics of media, communication and democracy. Her current project, Human Rights NGOs, Social Media and Governmental Accountability examines reporting practices at human rights NGOs. Her PhD at the Department of Sociology investigated influences on human rights reporting at Mexican newspapers. She is also a Junior Research Fellow in Sociology at Cambridge’s Wolfson College and has been a Teaching Fellow at the London School of Economics, a Resident Research Fellow at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, and a Visiting Researcher at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Dr Claudia Abreu Lopes** led research on Africa’s Voices, collaborating with FrontlineSMS, YouGov, IBM Research Africa, radio stations in Africa and development partners. She is now Head of Research and Development at Africa’s Voices Foundation. Claudia holds a PhD in Social Research Methods from the London School of Economics (LSE). Her research interests focus on socio-cognitive mechanisms in the field of social representations and on methodologies that bridge people’s outlooks and actions to their social and political context. Before joining CGHR, Claudia was a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Social Psychology at the LSE and a Research Consultant at the BBC Media Action.

**Dr Thomas Probert** is CGHR’s Research Associate on the Right to Life theme. He is the principal link between CGHR’s research on this theme, including the recent project on ICTs and the Right to Life, and the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. Thomas completed his PhD at Cambridge in the History Faculty, writing on ‘The Politics of Human Rights in the United States of America and in the United Kingdom, 1963-1976’. His research interests focus on the interactions between international and national politics of human rights, and implications for ideas of normativity and accountability. He works as a research consultant in the Special Procedures branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in Geneva.
**Laurie Denyer Willis** is a Research Associate at CGHR working on a project funded by The Wellcome Trust and DFID on how interactive broadcast radio can be used as a public health tool in the current Zika crisis in Lusophone Africa. She is a medical anthropologist, concerned most broadly with religion, public health, and urban governance. Her work considers the stakes of state absence and presence, by linking together the sensory and environmental with experiences of disease, dispossession and the politics of hope. Prior to her current role, she worked extensively in Rio de Janeiro’s subúrbios, concerning Pentecostalism, governance and urban space & place, and with UNHCR in Northern Uganda and Sierra Leone.

**Research Assistants**

**Stephanie Diepeveen** was a Research Assistant on CGHR’s PiMA project, contributing to the project inception and research support activities with the team from Cambridge, Zambia and Kenya. She is also co-editor of the CGHR PiMA Working Paper Series. In 2016, Stephanie completed her PhD in the Department for Politics and International Studies (POLIS), Cambridge, researching the relationship between communication media and public spaces in contemporary Kenyan politics.

**Partha Moman** was a CGHR Research Assistant working on a book project on peacemaking in Sudan with Sharath Srinivasan.

**Administrator**

**Munizha Ahmad-Cooke** was responsible for the day-to-day running of CGHR, coordinating its communications, events and providing administrative support to its Director and researchers.

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