

CGHR RESEARCH GROUP: CALL FOR PAPERS

The University of Cambridge Centre of Governance and Human Rights [Research Group](#) is a forum for graduate students and early-career researchers from any department and disciplinary background researching issues of governance and human rights in the global, regional, and national contexts. This is an excellent opportunity to receive cross-disciplinary feedback, to produce a published CGHR Working Paper with editorial help, and to meet and network with student and academic researchers.

Timing and venue

The research group meets the **first Monday of every month from 12.30 to 2pm in the Department of Politics and International Studies** (Alison Richard Building). It discusses one presentation for one hour. Participants can bring their own sandwiches, and coffee/tea will be served afterwards.

Format

One 30-minute presentation followed by feedback and comments by an established researcher and then an open discussion. Afterwards, the revised paper will be independently reviewed and, subject to final acceptance by the CGHR editorial team, will be published as a working paper on the Centre's website.

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If you are interested in presenting, please send an abstract (max. 400 words) to the convenor, Annette LaRocco (aal33@cam.ac.uk). **We aim to fill slots in Michaelmas and Lent terms 2014-2015 by 1 November 2014, with a rolling call for subsequent terms.**

CGHR research agenda

The following broad questions give guidance on the emerging research agenda of the Centre, but are not intended to limit the scope of the research group:

- What and who defines governance as good or human rights as universal? How are new major foreign players shaping governance and rights agendas?
- What impact are new communication technologies having on human rights activism, public debate, political participation, accountability and governance?
- Are regional and sub-regional institutions better placed to protect rights, build peace, maintain security and enforce state responsibility? Are they more legitimate or effective than international institutions and foreign actors?
- How are transitional societies or those emerging from violent conflict governed? Whose 'peace' should be built?
- What do ideas and categories of 'governance', 'democracy', 'citizenship', 'law' and 'human rights' mean in local contexts? Are other local categories more relevant? How do historical and local understandings help this inquiry?
- How are the population and migration consequences of macro-environmental change to be addressed, including their gender and generation consequences? How are human rights and citizenship rights understood and vindicated in the midst of such large-scale change?

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