



Devolution News

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Welcome to our first newsletter

Over the next twelve months, the DevoManc hub team will be collating details of colleagues' activities and other news for the [DevoManc hub events page](#) and the news section of the [Manchester Urban Institute website](#) and informing you all via this quarterly newsletter. If you have anything to add to the next newsletter, or any comments about anything else related to our communications, please [contact Matthew Harrison](#).

For more information on our Devolution-related projects, please visit the **Devo Manc hub website**: <http://www.mui.manchester.ac.uk/devo-manc/>

'Devo' Blog

The [Policy Blogs site](#) hosts blogs related to devolution. Read them all here: <http://blog.policy.manchester.ac.uk/?s=devo>

Devo Manc June meeting

The next meeting of our informal network of researchers working on devolution in Greater Manchester will take place on **Wednesday 14 June, 2pm til 3pm** in

This is open to all - so please pass onto colleagues. The emphasis is on sharing information, intelligence, research findings, as well as possible future plans for events and grants. By then of course we will have our first Mayor for Greater Manchester - so lots to discuss!

Oh, and we will be providing coffee and cakes!

Westminster's Dilemma in a Post-Brexit World - ESRC IAA project

David Richards, along with Dr Catherine Haddon (Institute for Government) and Dr Patrick Diamond (Queen Mary, University of London) are undertaking a project with funding from an ESRC Impact Acceleration Account titled: 'Westminster's Dilemma in a Post-Brexit World: Reconciling a 'New Politics' with the Westminster Model'.

The project aims to explore what is meant by calls for a 'New Politics', what is driving that narrative, why past reform has been unsuccessful, and what impact other factors such as Brexit or another Scottish independence referendum might have.

To find out more, please [visit the Research Gate page](#).

Kieron Flanagan on the Northern Powerhouse

Kieron Flanagan has co-authored a chapter with Professor James Wilsdon (University of Sheffield) on science and the Northern Powerhouse in a forthcoming edited collection on the Northern Powerhouse entitled "Developing England's North: The Northern Powerhouse, Devolution and the Political Economy of Place".

The chapter is currently available as [a working paper on research gate](#).

Cristina Temenos at 2017 AAG Annual Meeting, Boston

Cristina was involved in a number of activities at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Boston, MA. She was an invited panellist at the re-launch event for the journal *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, and also gave a paper: *From urban renewal to the war on drugs: The persistence of failed policies in urban politics*.

Cristina co-convoked four sessions on *The Urban Politics of Policy Failure* with John Lauermaann (Texas A&M) and co-convoked a panel entitled: *People, pelts, and policies: a methodological conversation on studying global networks* with Jana Kliebert (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space).

Cristina will be presenting work from her current project *Mobilising austerity: The urban politics of public health after the global financial crisis* at the RGS-IBG annual meeting in London in August, and at the RC21 Conference in Leeds in September, where she is also co-convoking a session on *Urban Social Policy as Struggle for Social Justice* with Marit Rosol (University of Calgary). *New Paper: Temenos, Cristina, Anna Nikolaeva, Tim Schwanen, Tim Cresswell, Frans Sengers, Matt Watson, and Mimi Sheller. "Theorizing Mobility Transitions: An Interdisciplinary*

Conversation." *Transfers* 7, no. 1 (2017): 113-129.

Chance to shape Government's Industrial Strategy

Urban researchers are being urged to take the chance to shape Government thinking on Industrial Strategy, following the launch of a major new policy commission.

The Industrial Strategy Commission, convened by Policy@Manchester and the Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI), is authoritative and independent inquiry into the development of a new, long-term industrial strategy for the UK.

In January the Prime Minister recently unveiled a new Green Paper and a ten-point plan for a new, more interventionist, industrial strategy, including investing in science, developing skills, upgrading infrastructure and ensuring growth is shared across the country.

The Commission, chaired by leading economist Dame Kate Barker, will report in September and provide evidence-based policy recommendations for the development of the new industrial strategy.

The launch event, held at the Royal Society, was attended by key advisers from Downing Street and Whitehall, MPs, national media and senior industry figures.

Speakers included Carolyn Fairbairn, Director General of the CBI, and Jürgen Maier, Chief Executive of Siemens UK, as well as Prof Luke Georghiou, our Vice-President for Research and Innovation.

An open call for evidence has been announced and is open until 2 May. <http://industrialstrategycommission.org.uk/contribute/>

Sub themes of potential interest include the geography of growth and infrastructure.

DevoCulture in the North - update

This programme is supported through the Northwest Consortium Doctoral Training Partnership that aims to provide a critical space for civic, cultural and academic partners. It allows them to discuss plans and ambitions for arts and culture in times of changing governance, funding and accountability. The programme of policy engagement and exchange activities involves postgraduate researchers whose work and interests coincide with those relevant to local cultural policy and development in the North of England under devolution.

Seven PGR and ECR policy correspondents have been selected to be part of a 12

month programme analysing the policy challenges for the arts, culture and creative industries within the economic geographies and landscape of the Northern Powerhouse and devolution in Manchester and Liverpool. The programme will culminate in a **showcase event on culture under devolution in October 2017**, which will feature the various outputs from the work, including film and critical writing and other creative outputs designed to support policy engagement.

Frances Williams, a policy correspondent and doctoral researcher at Manchester Metropolitan University, presents a snapshot of her ongoing research in to the health and wellbeing agenda for the arts under devolution:

Arts for Health is a field of inter-disciplinary practice that seeks the attainment of better health through art interventions that take place in clinical and community settings alike. The field has gained momentum over recent decades with its core rationale now widely accepted by many decision-makers. As such, Arts for Health has been cast as a social movement (Parkinson, 2015; Higgins, 2017). Arts for Health continues to make a case for the efficacy of its joint vision, albeit using different arguments and evidence to persuade successive UK governments (and now devolved governments within the UK) to support its work via policy integration. Through the adoption of the 'devo deal', Greater Manchester is at the forefront of change in this inter-sectoral space, bringing a special history and leading role in the piloting of devolution as well as Arts in Health models. The city provides a focus through which it is possible to examine Arts for Health on many different yet intricately linked levels.

My research will offer a number of ways to read the current state of play for Arts for Health through devolution including: a narration of the policy mechanisms which are leading to change; an examination of how artists are working within these policy and funding frameworks; plus a broader critique which explores the philosophies informing these developments relating to how individual autonomy and collective powers are related and conceived.

Further information on the network can be found here: <http://www.nwcdtp.ac.uk/engage/current-projects/devoculture-in-the-north/>

Devolution and Regional Cultural Policy-making: Developing Policy and Research Models from across the Arts and Humanities for International Exchange

This project will explore the issues arising from the [Art of Devolution](#) conference and Devo Culture programme in relation to local cultural policy models. It will begin with a residential workshop in June 2017 with an indepth focus on the relationship between national arts councils and local government and partnerships, featuring international case studies. The project is funded by the School of Arts Languages and Culture Research Network fund.

Abigail Gilmore, Senior Lecturer in Arts Management & Cultural Policy, SALC

Powerhouse pioneers: Promoting political participation

Updates from Sarah Marie Hall and Laura Pottinger on their project working with young people from across Greater Manchester.

Their paper, "Have you heard that young people are RECLAIMing their future?", has been published in *Local Economy* (DOI: 10.1177/0269094217703318) ([available via Research Gate](#)) and their article 'Youth Voice and Intergenerational Justice in the Devo-Manc Debate' in *Public Sector Focus* Nov/Dec 2016. Also, coming soon on Policy@Manchester, look out for their blog post on Policy@Manchester titled 'More than just 'data': working alongside young people from Team Future'.

Sarah and Laura are also presenting a paper together at the Nordic Geographers Annual Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden in June 2017 entitled '*Intergenerational and intersectional (in)justice in the everyday politics of Devo-Manc, UK*'

Finally, they are interviewing those shortlisted for the ESRC CASE PhD award '*Youth Activism in an Age of Austerity*', partnered with RECLAIM (their IAA partners), and the successful student will commence their studies this coming September.



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