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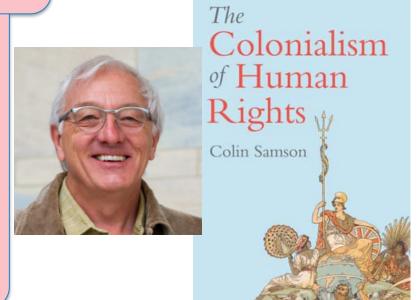
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Coming soon!

Prof Colin Samson's
New Book
The Colonialism of
Human Rights
Ongoing Hypocrisies of
Western Liberalism

https://politybooks.com/bookdetail/ ?isbn=9781509529971



Read More from Prof Colin Samson

* Colonialism didn't end, it just evolved *

CENTRE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT Blog

https://www.essex.ac.uk/centres-and-institutes/public-engagement/colonialism

Message from Prof Pamela Cox

I am preparing a special issue of the journal, Societies, that will bring together recent work in family justice and recurrent care proceedings.

Outside academia, I've been selected as a Labour candidate for the next set of local council elections in Colchester.

GOOD LUCK PAM!

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News from Prof. Pete Fussey (who gave it all 5 stars enjoyment!)

Awarded **ESRC GCRF Funds** to research "Advanced Digital Surveillance and Human Rights in Uganda and Zimbabwe".

Chaired a panel at the CPDP2020 conference, Brussels, comprising members of The European Parliament, Microsoft and UK biometrics regulator.

Invited presentation at **Microsoft Data Science & Law Forum, Brussels** with panellists from EU Fundamental Rights Agency and Liberty.

Invited participant to **NYU-Université Grenoble Alpes workshop** on biometric surveillance, aimed at co-ordinating an expert submission in response to EU White Paper on Al Regulation, Brussels.

Invited participant at **Social Science Foo Camp**, Facebook headquarters, Palo Alto, California.

Contribution to Amicus Curiae submission to England and Wales Court of Appeal, as part of appeal to High Court ruling on the legal basis for advanced surveillance technology.

Interviews published on the front page of the *Financial Times* (25/01/2020), in *The Guardian* (24/01/2020; 11/02/2020), The *Washington Post* (16/02/2020), The *New York Times* (16/01/2020), *Wired* (16/03/2020) and broadcast on *BBC Radio Four* File on Four (28/01/2020) and *US Public Radio International* (02/03/2020).

Research findings also discussed in **House of Commons** (26/01/2020)

NEWS FROM PROF NIGEL SOUTH

Nigel South and David Rodriquez Goyes were awarded Global Challenges Research Fund 2020, £9625, for project on

'Mining, gender and social inequality in Colombian Indigenous communities'.

Early March, joined University GCRF research partnership visit to Bogota and presented summary of recent and planned work as 'Southernizing Criminology, GCRF 'Research Sandpit', Externado University, Bogota, Colombia.

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NEWS FROM DR JASON SUMICH

Publications. In Press

Antipode (with Morten Nielsen), The Political Aesthetics of Middle Class Neoliberal Housing in (not so) Mozambique

Urban Studies (with Morten Nielsen and Bjørn Enge Bertelsen) Enclaving: Spatial Detachment as an Aesthetics of Imagination in an urban sub-Saharan African context.

"Response"

A Response to Three Invited Reviews of his Monograph, for the Journal *Africa*.

Workshops

Department of Geography, University of Ghana, Enclaving: Patterns of Global Futures in Three African Cities

Enclaving Project Workshop, Accra, Ghana

NEWS FROM DR SANDYA HEWAMANNE

Residential fellowship at Cornell university, USA during the Easter break (possibly online fellowshipping!)

Published articles!

- 2020 Categorical Variables without Categorical Thinking? A Relational Reading of the Sri Lankan Demographic and Health Survey. Gender Issues
 - 2020 Surveillance by another Name: The Modern Slavery Act, Global Factory Workers, and Parttime Sex Work in Sri Lanka. Signs 45(3).
- 2020 Emergency Contraceptives are our Saviors: Sri Lanka's Global Factory workers Negotiating Reproductive Health. Journal of International Women's Studies 22 (1)

NEWS FROM DR NELI DEMIREVA

Neli who has been successful in securing IAA funding (£9 786) for:

The impact of a community farm on community social cohesion: the case of CoFarm

The study will establish the impact of co-farming as an intervention on the well-being and cohesion of the local community. CoFarm (www.cofarm.co) is a Cambridge-based start-up social venture. 'Co-farming' is conceived as a new - scalable - model for engaging communities in the production and consumption of local, highly nutritious food in a way designed to enhance human health and wellbeing; increase biodiversity and natural capital; promote community cohesion and contribute to the creation of a more inclusive economy.

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MESSAGE FROM PROF. LINSEY MCGOEY

I re-joined Twitter, and I'm enjoying the contact with others, even if I spar too much with other academics who work on philanthropy, mostly Americans. I've also been aiming to disseminate research to a general audience over the past few months. I published an op-ed in the Guardian on 'The historical case for abolishing billionaire wealth.' I wrote an editorial for the Institute for Arts and Ideas on 'Bezos, billionaires and the problem with big philanthropy.' I appeared on a panel on BBC World Radio in January, for a show titled, 'Does Philanthropy Work?' Finally, I was quoted in an article for The Nation exploring Gates Foundation grants to lucrative corporations, a troubling practice that I first reported in 2015 in Jacobin magazine. It was great to see The Nation explore an issue that's been ignored for years. Except for the BBC radio programme, which I found nerve-wracking, enjoyment level of these activities was 5/5!

https://iai.tv/articles/bezos-billionaires-and-the-problem-with-big-philanthropy-auid-1378

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/dec/14/the-historical-case-for-abolishing-billionaires

NEWS FROM DR ANNA DI RONCO

Funding IAA for ContraST: Roundtable on governing sex work and 'human trafficking' in European cities (£5,166)

The project aims at disseminating the findings of a just concluded research project on the local governance of prostitution in two European cities, and at discussing future project proposals on the policing of sex and human 'trafficking', and different forms of migrant exploitation, that are demand-led, culturally-specific and geographically-focused.

NEWS FROM PHD STUDENT OLIVIA ARIGHO-STYLES

CALL FOR PAPERS:
Conference on Environment and Identity in the Americas

DEADLINE EXTENDED to 27 MARCH

10-11 September 2020 University of Essex

- Link to CfP:
 - https://www.researchgate.net/publication/338149996_CfP_Conference_o n_Environment_and_Identity_in_the_Americas

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NEWS FROM DR ANNA SERGI

IAA Funding: CRIME: Countering Regional Italian Mafia Expansion our PhD Candidate Alice Rizzuti will work as Research Officer based in Eurojust and Europol – The Hague with Dr Sergi as PI.

Plenary Speaker (Jan. 2020) Czech Criminological Association Conference, Brno

Article on the opportunities for organised crime in the Coronavirus Outbreak (in Italian) https://lavialibera.libera.it/it-schede-65

gli effetti indesiderati del coronavirus le sei opportunita illecite per le mafie

Interviews

- OCCPR (Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project) investigation on Italian organised crime in London https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/calling-london
- BBC World Business Matters on Interpol's fight against Italian 'ndrangheta (mins 12-16 https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w172wmx9p1vfkw2)
- The Sun (attempting to deliver *moderate* commentary) on organised crime in London https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/10813615/how-london-is-being-infiltrated-by-brutal-foreign-hitmen-and-cocaine-kingpins-leaving-the-streets-wracked-with-fear/

Published **chapter** in Italian – "La trasmissione intergenerazionale dei comportamenti mafiosi: una prospettiva socioculturale e criminologica su 'ndrangheta e minori in Calabria " in the Book II Gioco Del Killer Culture Mafiose e Minori - available for Open Access download

https://www.francoangeli.it/Ricerca/scheda_libro.aspx?ld=26282

Gave a **seminar** at University in February "The Mafia, The Memory and the Journey", for Italian Society and Amnesty Society @Essex

NEWS FROM DR ROISIN RYAN-FLOOD

Presentation at the LGBTQ special interest group for the Oral History society about her research on lesbian and queer women's experiences of online dating.

Faculty funding for the intersectional feminist sex education organisation Sexplain to give a workshop to my SC291 Sociology of Sexualities students on how theory and research inform their work with students in schools. Sexplain delivered the workshop in February. Students really enjoyed it and could see how sociological theories and research can be used to inform social practices

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NEWS FROM DR JAMES ALLEN-ROBERTSON

In February James Allen-Robertson was invited to join the **"Social Science Foo Camp",** an event jointly run by Facebook, Sage Publishing, O'Reilly Publishing and The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Hosted at Facebook Headquarters in Silicon Valley, "Foo Camp" brings together selected participants from academia, technology, politics, journalism and NGOs to discuss key topics in computational social science, ethics in tech, and other social issues at the intersection of technology and society. The "unconference" style emphasized collaboration and close networking between participants that included notable names such as Joseph Stiglitz, Meredith Whittaker, Kevin Kelly (Wired Magazine Founding Editor) and Zizi Papacharissi.

James's response - A fever dream of incomprehensible Silicon Valley energy, brilliant conversation and jet lag. 5 Stars.

NEWS FROM PROF SEAN NIXON

Plenary speaker (Jan.2020) 'The Cultural Economy Workshop: Twenty Years On', at City University, London

#STAYHOME #STAYSAFE #CORONAVIRUS

Coronavirus: How to stay safe



Wash your hands regularly



Sneeze/ cough into a tissue



Bin it!
Throw your
tissues away
immediately



Sneeze/ cough inside your elbow

