

# Progress to Postgrad Anthropology

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# Welcome!

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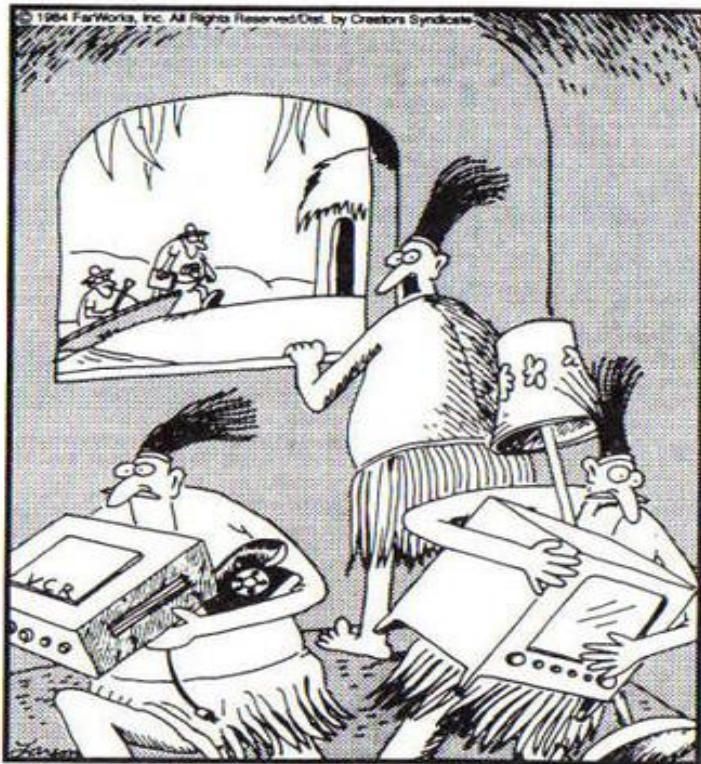
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What  
is  
anthropology?



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"Anthropologists! Anthropologists!"

# A qualitative social science defined by:

**METHOD** (ethnography / long-term fieldwork)

**THEORY** (contributing to key debates in social anthropology and allied disciplines)

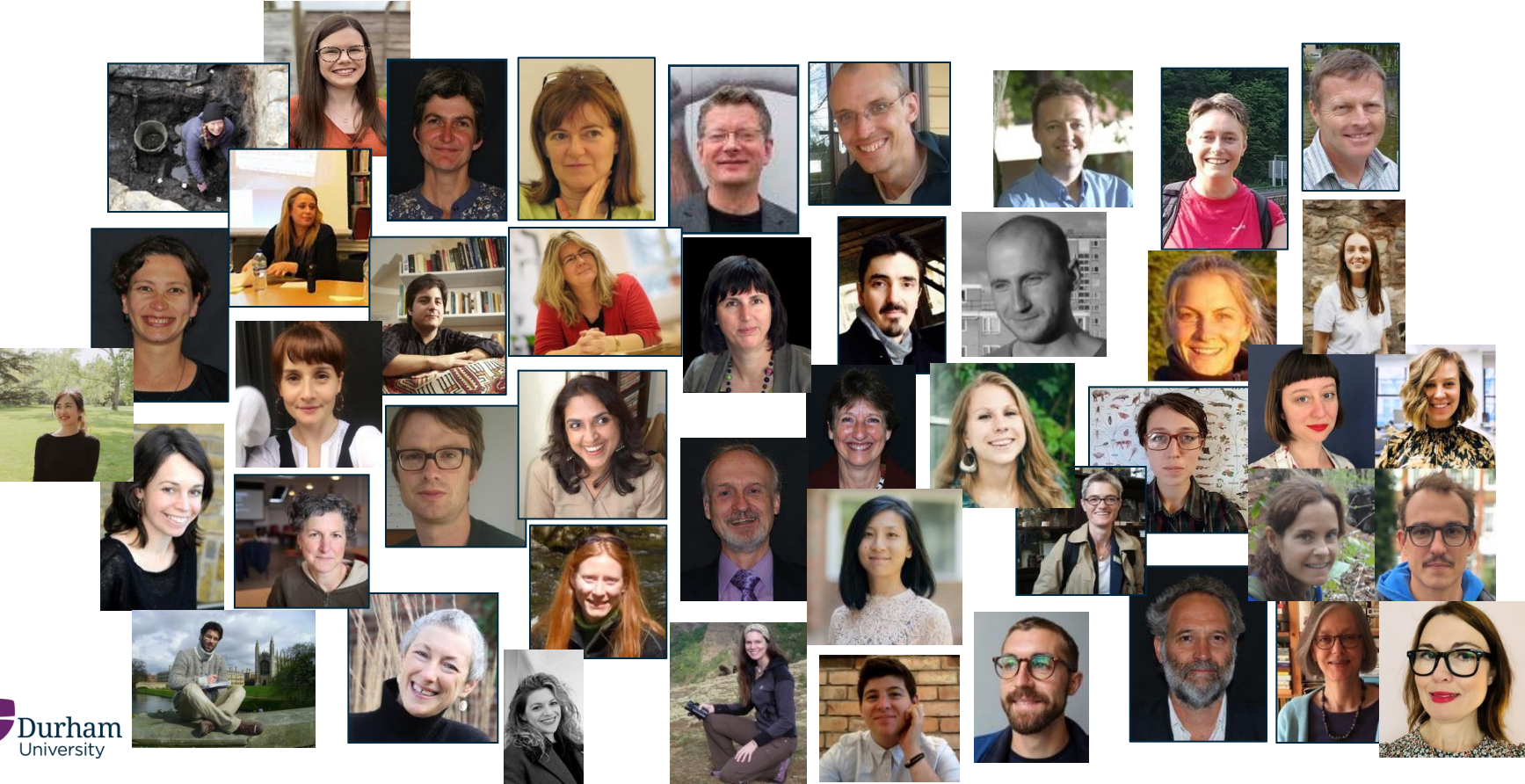
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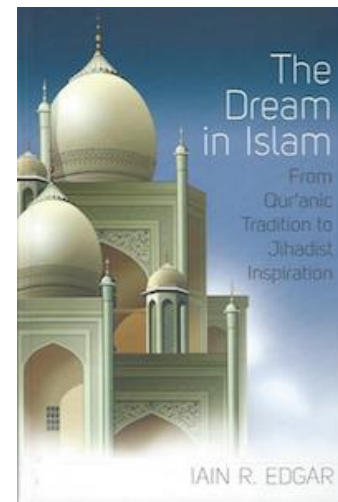
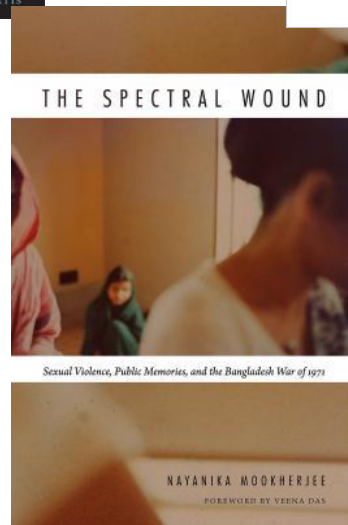
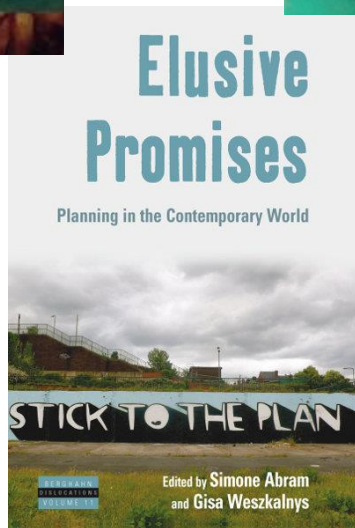
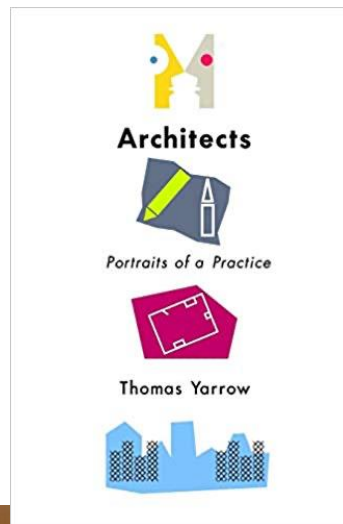
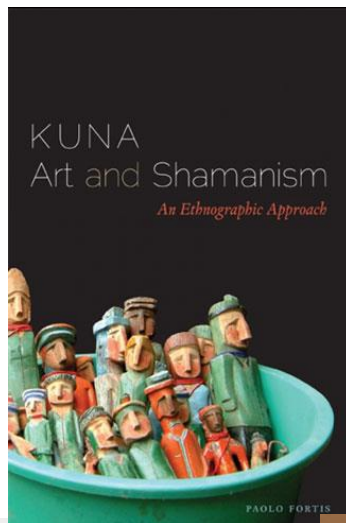
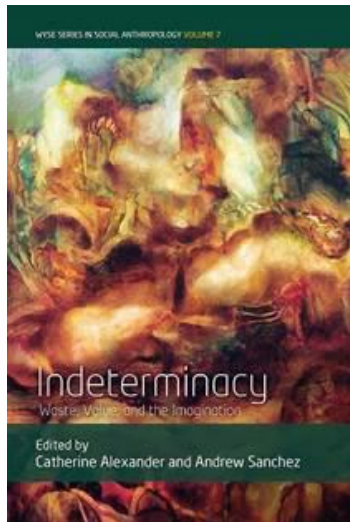
**PROBLEMS** (big & small)

# Department of Anthropology

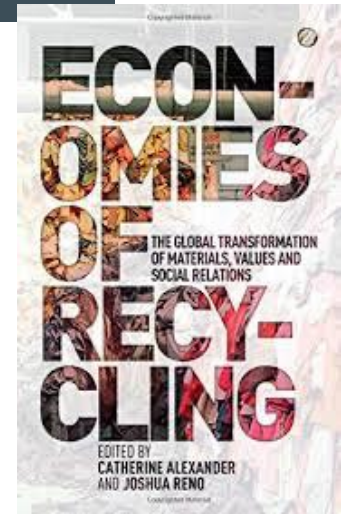
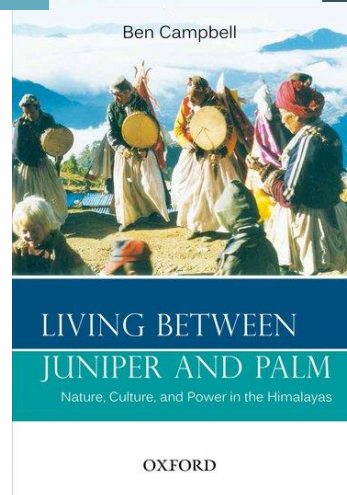
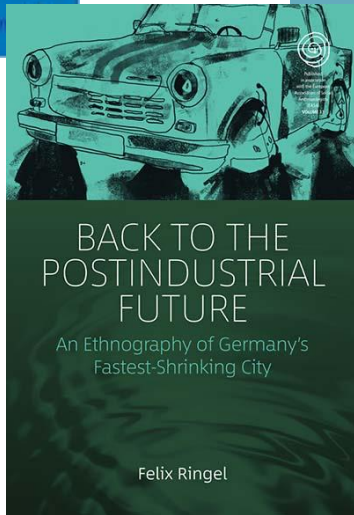
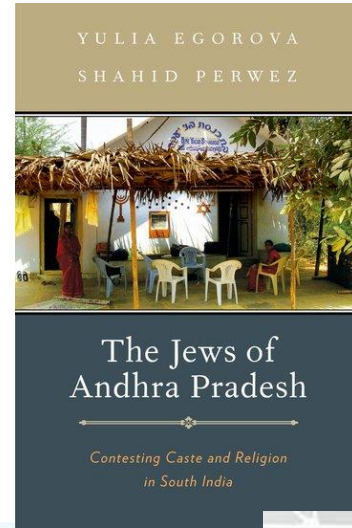
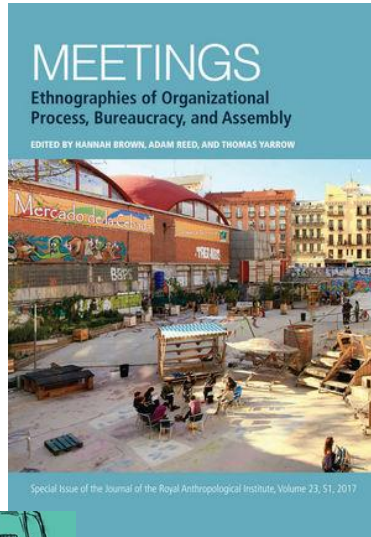
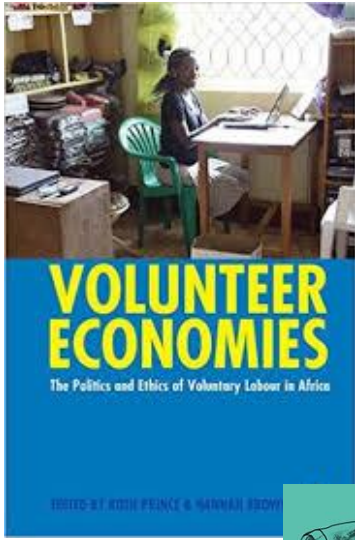


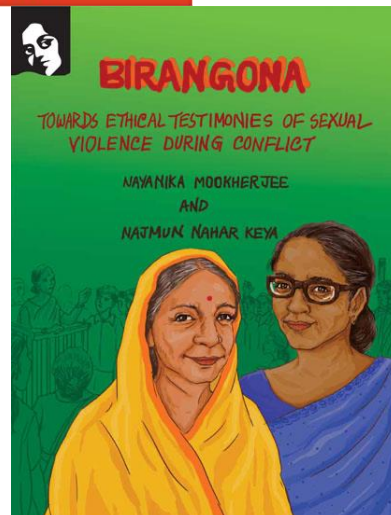
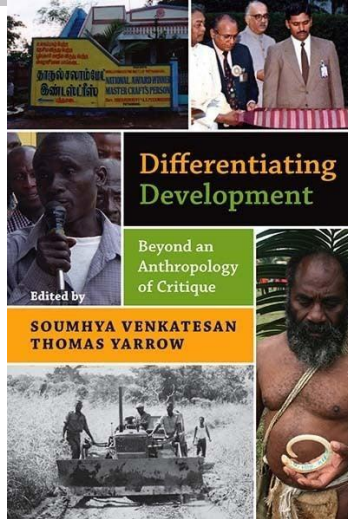
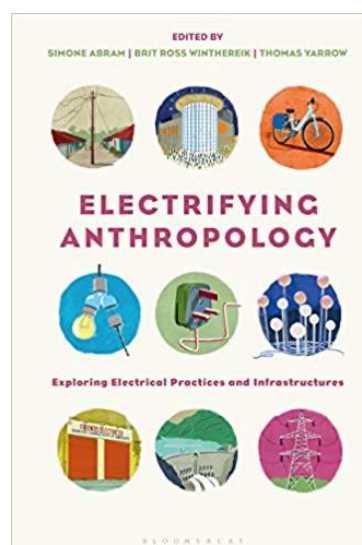
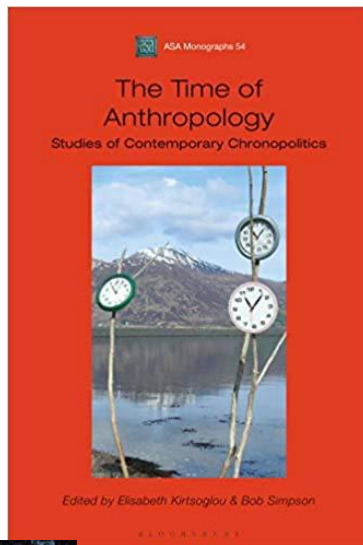
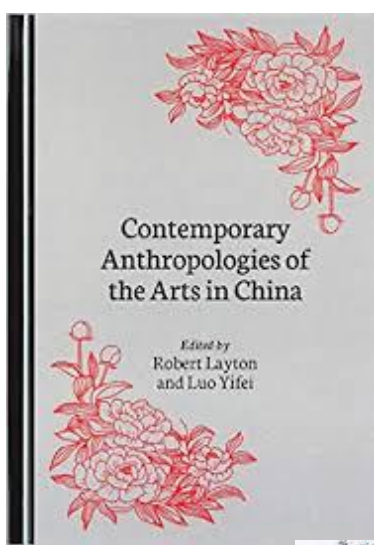
# Durham Anthropology











# Departmental Research Groups

## Anthropology Research Groups



### **SARG**

Social Anthropology  
Research Group



### **AHRG**

Anthropology of  
Health Research  
Group



### **EARG**

Evolutionary  
Anthropology  
Research Group



# Degree Tutors

## Dr Loretta Lou

### Assistant Professor

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## Dr Pauline Destrée

### Assistant Professor

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## Professor Simone Abram

### Professor

DPhil (Oxford); MSc (Edinburgh);  
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## Professor Thomas Yarrow

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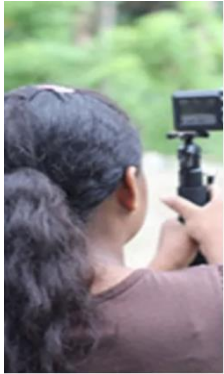




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# PGT Programmes

# Our Degrees



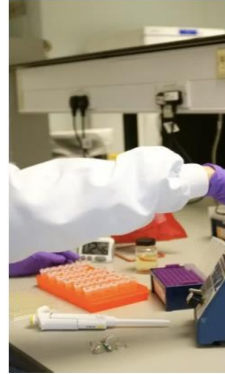
## **MA Socio-Cultural Anthropology (L6K107)**

This course is ideal for students with an undergraduate degree not in anthropology in order to prepare for research in socio-cultural anthropology.



## **MSc Sustainability, Energy and Development (L6K907)**

Learn how anthropological ideas and approaches are vital for understanding the environmental, social and economic crises of the contemporary world.



## **MSc Medical Anthropology (L6K507)**

This course engages with anthropological approaches to the study of health drawing on sociocultural, ecological and evolutionary perspectives.



## **MSc Global and Planetary Health (L6AK07)**

Global & Planetary Health aim to give you the knowledge & skills to help tackle the worlds major challenges such as climate change & viral pandemics.

# Anthropology Postgraduate Courses

Join a renowned department at world-class university and experience:

- Intellectually stimulating debates on cutting-edge research
- Interdisciplinary expertise
- Face to face contact with experts in their field
- Local and global field-work
- Hands-on research
- Small-group teaching
- A caring and supportive environment
- A vibrant global community

# Our Students



**"The MA in Socio-Cultural Anthropology was challenging in the best way possible. The staff in the department are incredibly supportive and provide tailored direction and advice in a wide range of research fields. Studying Anthropology at Durham is a unique opportunity to work with cutting-edge researchers, in a friendly and enjoyable environment. The students and staff in the Anthropology department made this MA an enriching and rewarding experience"**





# Our Students



"Pursuing MSc Medical Anthropology at Durham University was the best thing that ever happened to my academic life. The University has world class facilities to support learning and excellent academic staff that are capable of bringing out the best in students"



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**Collins Zamawe**

MSc Medical Anthropology

# Our Students



"There is a warmth and established openness amongst the students and the staff in the Anthropology department, which makes me feel relevant and part of a growing family of academics. The intellectual stimulation that I continuously receive in this environment is an amazing and unquantifiable experience"



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**Barbara Mutedzi**

MSc Medical Anthropology



# Our Students



"The MSc Sustainability, Energy and Development programme has built my capacity to critically analyse the variety of interdisciplinary issues mitigating a seamless energy transition and climate action. I have been empowered with the right skills and confidence to express my thoughts on how we can use interdisciplinary approaches to solve these problems"



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**Jeremiah Thoronka**

MSc Sustainability, Energy and Development



# Research groups & Institutes

# University Research Institutes

## Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience

We are a world-leading research institute in hazard, risk and resilience based at Durham University. We support innovative research and training for use in policy and practice, collaborating directly with communities, Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and governments.

## Durham University Institute for Medical Humanities

### Institute for Medical Humanities

Improving health by understanding the human experience.



BEHAVIOUR & EVOLUTION

### Behaviour, Ecology and Evolution Research (BEER) Centre

Integrating diverse methodological expertise and disciplinary perspectives to enhance research and collaboration in behaviour, ecology and evolution.



### Durham Cultural Evolution Research Centre (DCERC)

DCERC serves as the focal point for cultural evolution and gene-culture coevolution research at Durham University with a diverse membership.



### Durham Infancy and Sleep Centre

DISC is the home for a group of researchers examining various aspects of infant and child sleep and parenting behaviour.



### Durham Research Methods Centre

Harnessing research methods expertise across the University to shape world-class training and research.



### Centre for Social Justice and Community Action

Academic researchers from a range of departments and disciplines, and people from community, voluntary and other organisations.



### Centre for the Study of Jewish Culture, Society and Politics

The group conducts both empirical and theoretical research involving different aspects of the lives of Jewish communities around the world.



### Durham Energy Institute

Supporting and producing cutting-edge energy research which draws on the expertise of world-leading researchers across Durham University.

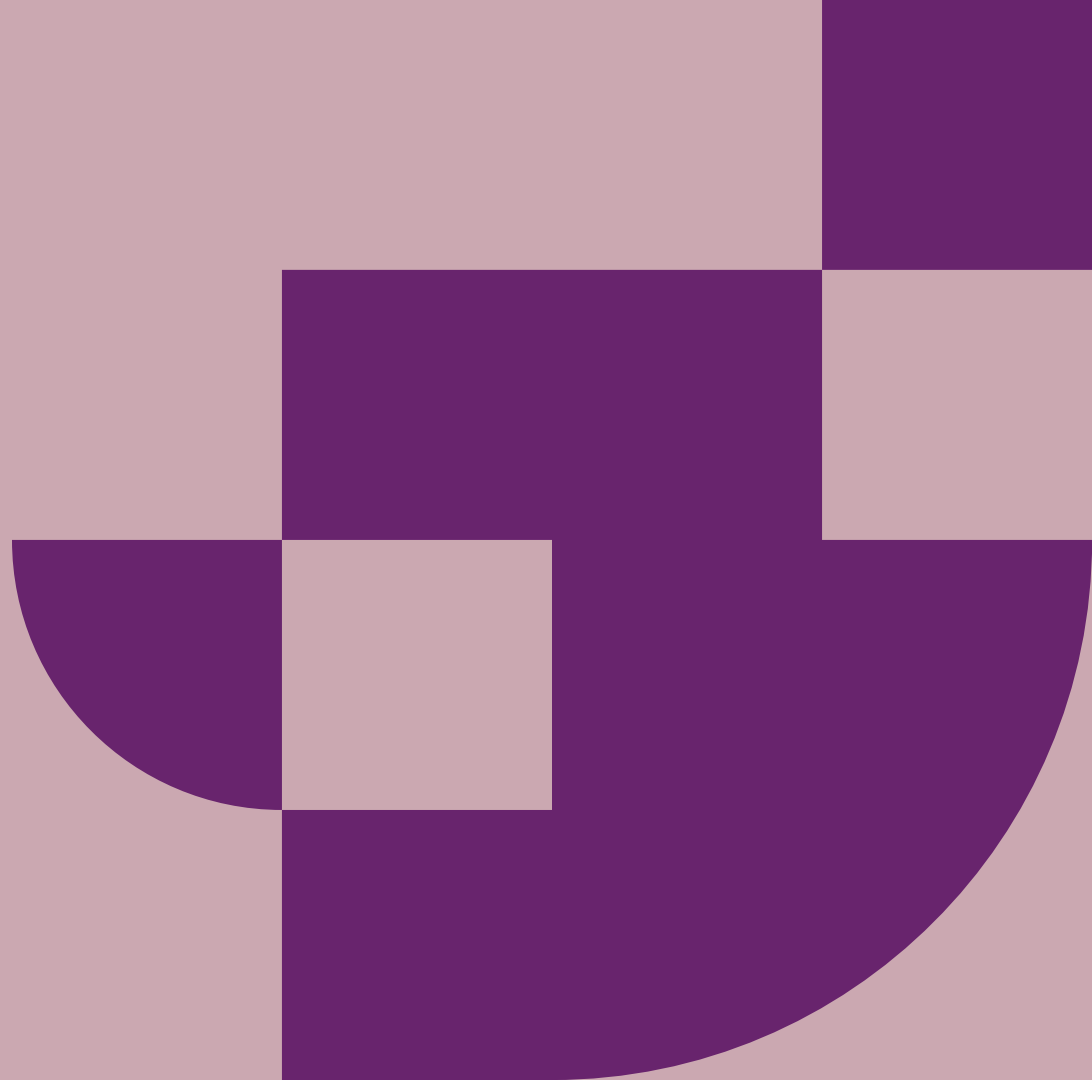


### Institute of Advanced Study

World-leading researchers work with Durham colleagues on projects of major intellectual, scientific, political and practical significance.



# Durham University





Established in **1832**

**3<sup>rd</sup> oldest** university in England

Part of a **UNESCO** World  
Heritage site

Collegiate community of **17**  
**Colleges**

Over **22,000** students

**33%** international students

**£700 million** investment 2017-27

# Colleges



## Durham University Inter-MCR

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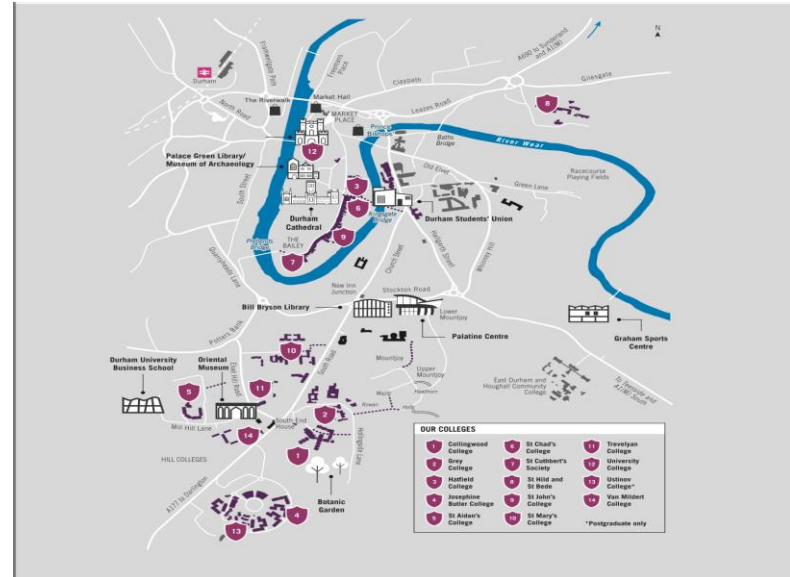
### Our Colleges

As a Durham student, you become a member of a college, somewhere that is so much more than just the place where you will live. In each of our colleges, you will find a sense of community that is distinctive to Durham.

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I found it hard to get involved with things outside my studies at school but St Aidan's is such a warm and welcoming place it was easy to get involved in college life.







# Durham University Sport



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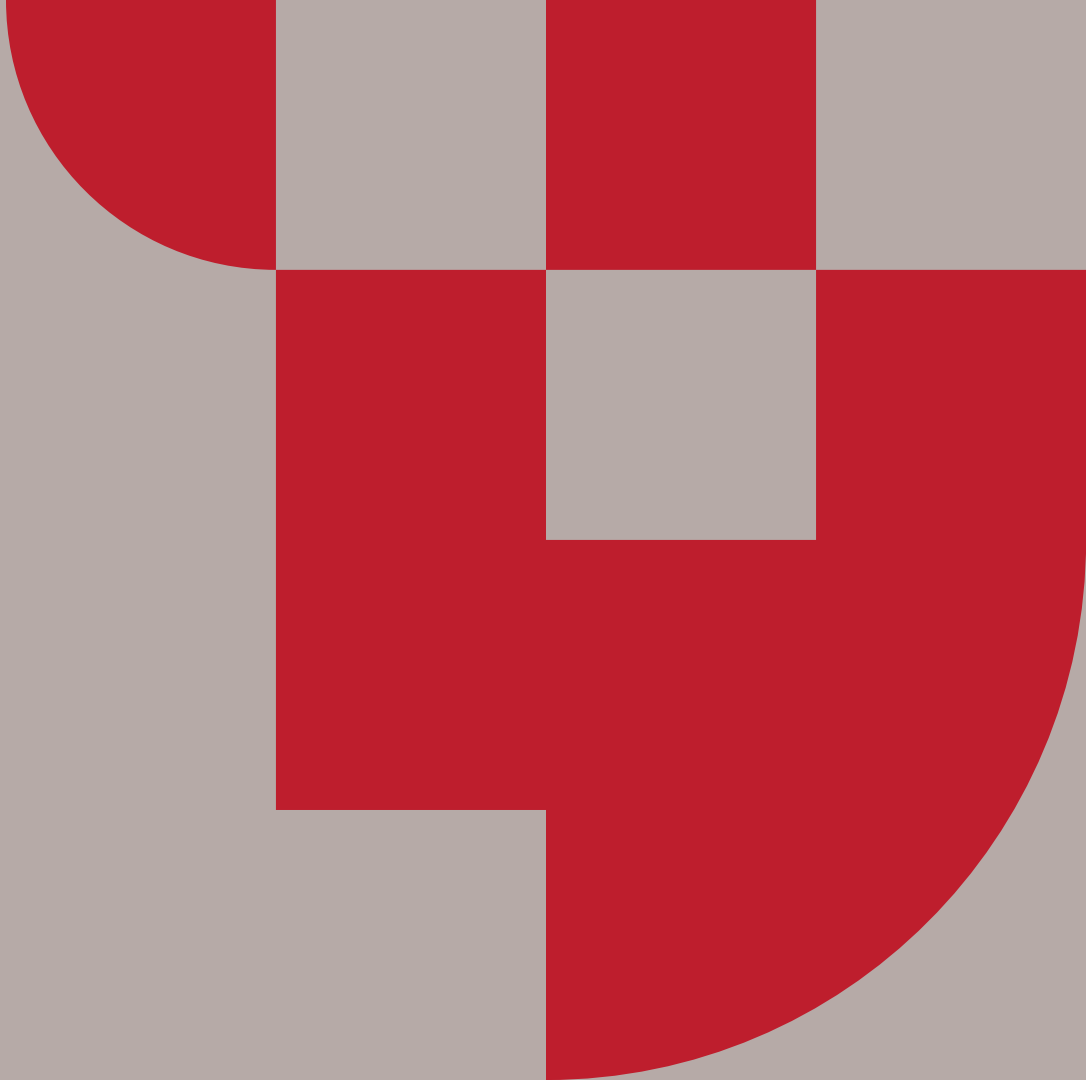
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# Durham and the North East





# Global & Planetary Health

Taster Session



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**What is Global Health?**

# Some definitions of global health

1. [an enterprise or a project devoted to] understanding the causes of health problems for people all over the world -- and then solving those problems. (Brown & Closser 2019, 6).
2. an arena for ensuring domestic security from external disease threats
3. a domain for NGOs, solidarity efforts, and struggles for health and social justice.
4. “a utopian proposition” / mission to eradicate inequity that has defined the postwar world of **international health** (Adam 2016, 2).

# International health v.s. Global health

International health	Global health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Derived from sanitary cooperation, tropical medicine, colonial medicine, etc.</li><li>• Had considerable currency in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century.</li><li>• Focus on the control of epidemics across the boundaries between nations.</li><li>• Focus on intergovernmental cooperation (Brown, Cueto, Fee 2011).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A very recent term.</li><li>• Aspire to address the health needs of the people of the whole planet.</li><li>• growing importance of actors beyond governmental or intergovernmental organizations and agencies (NGOs, media, foundations, etc.) (Brown, Cueto, Fee 2011).</li></ul>



# Two regimes of global health

Global Health Security	Humanitarian Biomedicine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ‘Emerging’ infectious diseases;</li><li>• Disease as a threat to wealthy nations</li><li>• Oriented towards a future that has not yet occurred</li><li>• ‘Preparedness’</li><li>• Develop a real-time global surveillance system and response that will stop epidemics from spreading</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Targets diseases that currently affect the world’s poor (e.g. Malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS).</li><li>• Tends to enroll a range of actors in apparently ‘apolitical’ networks (e.g. NGOs, funders, local health workers)</li><li>• Seen as necessary because local health systems are ‘weak’</li><li>• Tends to target individuals (i.e. People living with HIV/AIDS) rather than whole populations.</li></ul>

Lakeoff 2010.

# (Global & Planetary) health is an evolving idea

- Global & planetary health is not a fixed concept, it's not a settled idea.
- It is an evolving idea and is in the process of changing.
- Global and planetary health understands health in a much broader way than clinical medicine does (should).
- Anthropology of global & planetary health attends to existing power dynamics.

- Individual health > community/public health > international health > global health > planetary health

How will  
planetary  
health factor  
in all of  
these??



# Any questions?



A scenic view of Durham University's campus, featuring the Durham Castle on a hill, the Durham Cathedral, and a stone bridge over a river. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter.

# Thank You!



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