Development Transformations
York Maastricht Partnership (YMP): Global South
Workshop 1 States and Emerging Markets

Research on the global south, global governance and global political economy, in both the University of York and the University of Maastricht, is committed to exploring ‘doing development differently’ and articulating creative, interdisciplinary and just alternatives to the mainstream inequitable and unsustainable development policies and practices that are currently mainstream. Representatives of York and Maastricht development groups met in Spring 2019 to identify joint areas for future cooperation, focusing in particular on the promotion of Development Transformations. To provide a strong foundation for the partnership we committed to a year-long series of interdisciplinary workshops, each focussing on a different dimension of transformation, culminating in a policy colloquium in Brussels. Each workshop will compare approaches, reflect on the state of the art and a) identify specific areas where commonalities and synergies lie, identify integration opportunities for a truly interdisciplinary approach, and outline joint research projects including possible funding bids; and b) critically situate York-Maastricht work – and research in this area more widely – in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals and the challenge of ‘Leaving No One Behind’.

The first of the Development Transformations focusses on States and Emerging Markets, organised by Jean Grugel (York) and Adam Dixon (Maastricht) and will take place on 11 December at the University of York, hosted by the IGDC. We envisage a small team (5-7) of researchers from each university coming together to discuss their research and propose potential new areas for future research collaboration. Workshop participants will be asked to

1. Provide a short outline of your relevant research in this area, why it is significant to the theme of the workshop and how it relates to development transformations
2. Consider critically how current research on the global south in York and/or Maastricht is currently taking place and how it could effectively be taken forward in the future or scaled up so as to make sense of the challenges faced by states, communities, producers and citizens in the global south in the current development climate.
3. Reflect on and discuss ideas, themes, research questions and future projects the YMP should address in relation to states and emerging markets, and the challenges and possibilities of work in this area.

We are particularly keen to promote the participation and research of early career researchers and committed to ensuring a balanced and diverse profile of workshop attendees.

The workshop will be a full day event, preceded by a workshop dinner on 10 December, and will close with a public lecture from Professor Enrique Peruzzotti, from the Universidad Di Tella, Buenos Aires. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jean (Jean.grugel@york.ac.uk) as soon as possible.

Jean Grugel and Adam Dixon