

## Geography alumni

Dear alumnus/na,

I'm happy to share with you our second Department of Geography alumni e-newsletter, with research highlights from across the web, updates on alumni activities and profiles of two of our newest staff members.



In the Department preparations are well under way for celebrating the centenary of the Geography Tripos next year, and anticipation is growing; there are now fewer than 500 days until our special commemoration event in June 2019. We will share details in *Landmark* magazine, online and, of course, this newsletter – watch this space.

We would really like to hear your thoughts on our centenary plans: what events would you like to see included in the celebrations? We are also keen to hear about stories from your time studying with us and what you've been doing since graduating. Please **get in touch** – I look forward to hearing from you.

With all best wishes,

Professor Ash Amin  
Head of Department

## People

### Staff profile: Dr Maan Barua

Meet Dr Maan Barua, whose latest project looks at the social impacts of ecologies in urban areas, from foxes in London to cattle in New Delhi.

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## Staff profile: Dr Richard Powell

Find out about Dr Richard Powell, who is researching Arctic cultures and the impact of colonial representation as part of a new, international, interdisciplinary project.

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## Alumni spotlight: Frances Butcher

Frances Butcher (Corpus Christi 2012) tells us how studying at Cambridge prepared her for her PhD at the Open University, where she is undertaking leading research around glaciation on Mars.

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## Alumni spotlight: Alison Marshall

Alison Marshall (Emmanuel), Director of Sense International, talks to us about how studying geography helped her career in international development.

In addition to her role at Sense International, she has held positions at the International Planned Parenthood Federation, BOND, UNICEF UK and CAFOD.

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## Research news

Our pick of Geography Department research news from across the web.



### Illuminating the hidden kingdom of the truffle

Professor Ulf Büntgen, with the help of his dog Lucy, has been finding out more about the life-cycle of truffles, using the 'living laboratory' of the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens as a research site.

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## Sacred, life affirming and fast disappearing: waters of the Himalayas – in pictures

Understand the factors driving the escalating water crisis in the Himalayas through this photo essay in *The Guardian* by Professor Bhaskar Vira, Dr Ezter Kovacs, and photojournalist Toby Smith.

[View the essay](#)



## Rising Tides bring innovation prize

Geography PhD student Victoria Herrmann (Pembroke 2014) wins the JM Kaplan Fund Innovation Prize for her Rising Tides project, which helps communities impacted by rising sea levels. Read all about it with Gates Cambridge.

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## 'Scars' left by icebergs record West Antarctic ice retreat

A team of researchers, including Matthew Wise (Jesus 2013) from the Scott Polar Research Institute, show how the Antarctic Ice Sheet retreated during the last ice age. Find out more about their research imaging the seafloor of Pine Island Bay, in West Antarctica.

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## Alumni news and events

## Did you receive *Landmark*?

Did you receive your copy of *Landmark*, our annual alumni print magazine sent out each September? It is full of Department news and alumni updates and you can see the latest issue online too.

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## Save the date!

The Department's Centenary celebrations will be taking place on **Saturday 22 June 2019**. We'll be welcoming alumni back to share in this special commemoration. Bookings will open soon.

Save the date!

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