

# ISA-GDS NEWSLETTER

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# Note from the GDS Collective

Greetings to the GDS Community,

We write to you in the aftermath of an intellectually enriching (if still somewhat unusual!) ISA Annual Convention in Nashville. Our in-person and virtual GDS panels brought together voices from across the world's continents to share research and reflections on historical and contemporary endeavours towards global social justice.

Looking ahead, **the deadline for proposals is already upon us (June 1st) for ISA 2023 in Montréal**, so please do send your panel, roundtable, and paper submissions and be sure to select GDS as your preferred section.

We are currently working hard to ensure that, as ever, GDS creates space for globally-informed conversations during next year's convention. At the same time, we are looking to facilitate connections with locally embedded struggles in the Montréal context to make the conference a more grounded experience which connects global and local forms of solidarity. We hope you will join us for what promises to be vital and generative conversations with new friends and old!

The Newsletter pages to follow showcase many of the recent fruits of GDS community labour – from the winners of our GDS Book Award, Edward Said Graduate Paper Award, and Teresia Teaiwa Student Paper Award, to an array of inspiring books and articles. We are always so inspired by the quality and variety of work cultivated by our members throughout the year and we look forward to receiving more entries for inclusion in our next newsletter edition.

Until next time, we send warm wishes and solidarity to you all!

The GDS Collective



# TERESIA TEAIWA STUDENT PAPER AWARD [FTGS/GDS]

Teresia Teaiwa (1968-2017) was a feminist committed to decolonizing scholarly knowledge. Teresia's many and diverse contributions were framed by a feminist commitment to examining the relationships between gender, militarism and the militarization of Oceania as well as by an intention to retrieve a cosmopolitan vision of Oceania that acknowledged the region as a nucleus of international politics and culture. Moreover, Teresia held a deep commitment to Pacific-oriented teaching and learning, which was especially notable in her support and mentoring of students and scholars from Oceania. Teresia's work exemplifies the way in which the intellectual projects of Global Development Section (GDS) and Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (FTGS) are co-implicated. As a way of encouraging a closer working relationship between GDS and FTGS, and in order to honor Teresia's commitment to Pacific scholarship, we jointly award a prize in her name to a paper written by a graduate student based in Oceania.

The 2022 winner is **I-Chang Kuo** from the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, for their essay 'Kamapim gutpela man: Papua New Guinean and Chinese mineworkers' changing understandings of becoming man'. The committee enjoyed this thoughtful and empirically rich ethnographic study of changing masculinities in the confined space of an oil refinery and associated homesteads in PNG. The study challenges dichotomized understandings of masculinities as traditional/modern and western/non-western, by examining the reciprocal and adaptive strategies of both PNG and Chinese mineworkers, with significant implications for the study of masculinities in PNG, the Pacific and beyond.

**The deadline for next year's award is October 1, 2022. To learn more, visit <https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/Teresia-Teaiwa-Student-Paper-Award>.**

# EDWARD SAID AWARD: GDS ANNUAL GRADUATE PAPER AWARD

The Edward Said Award has been established to honor the intellectual legacy of Professor Said and to recognize outstanding Graduate Research.

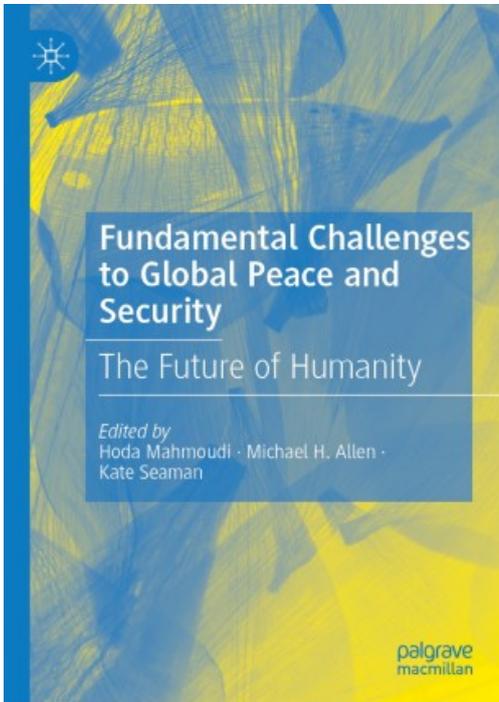
We are excited to announce that **Sabrina Axster** (Johns Hopkins University) is the winner of the 2022 Edward Said Award, for her paper “‘Managing’ a World in Motion: The Racial Capitalist and Colonial Roots of Immigration Detention.” Sabrina’s paper is a creative exploration of racial capitalism that offers a helpful and an important way to explain and understand “human caging.” The contemporary relevance of this topic is significant, and her paper is well-written with ambitious, analytical sophistication. There has been much discussion lately on criminalization and migration, and yet Sabrina found an interesting space in a crowded field. Congratulations, Sabrina!

We are also excited to recognize **Rosalia Gambino** (Rutgers University, USA) as this year’s runner-up for her paper “American Security, Global Disability: A (Post)colonial Disability Studies Analysis of (Neo)colonial Land Relations in the American Security Project.” Rosalia’s paper was excellent. It offers a really interesting exploration of the biopolitics of security extraction in three different places. This nice engagement with historical events was enhanced by a critical attention to indigeneity, providing an important way to talk about interconnectedness and relationality. Well done, Rosalia!

We received many outstanding papers this year. Thank you to all who participated. It was truly a privilege to read so many good papers. We learned a lot and are excited about the future of the GDS Section!

To learn more, visit <https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/Edward-Said-Award>.

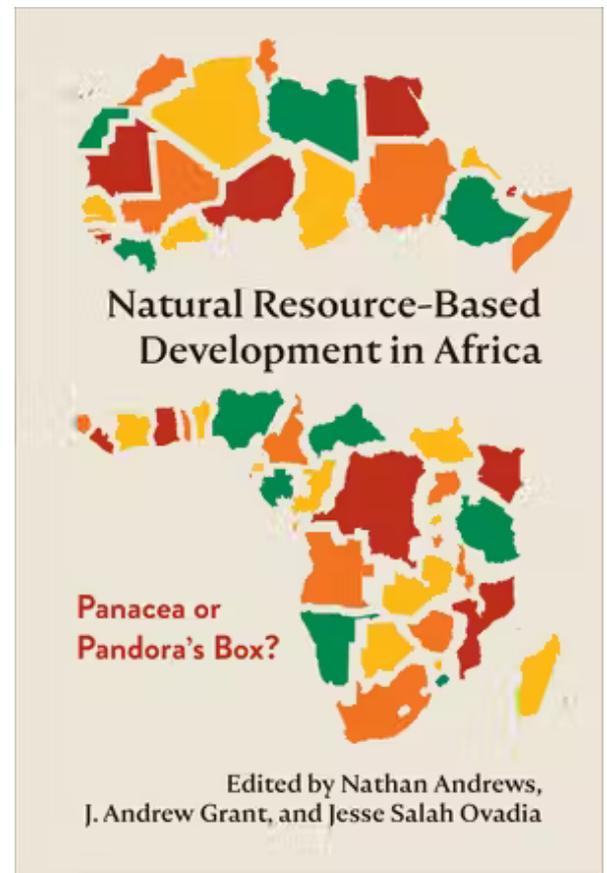
# LATEST PUBLICATIONS



Hoda Mahmoudi, Michael H. Allen, Kate Seaman (eds.), *Fundamental Challenges to Global Peace and Security: The Future of Humanity* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022).

Nathan Andrews, Sandra Amongin, and Isaac Dery, “Oil, Fish, and Livelihoods: Narratives of Hydrocarbon Benefits and Gendered Relations in Ghana,” *Energy Research and Social Science* 88 (2022).

Nathan Andrews, J. Andrew Grant, and Jesse Salah Ovadia (eds.), *Natural Resource-Based Development in Africa: Panacea or Pandora’s Box?* (University of Toronto Press, 2022).



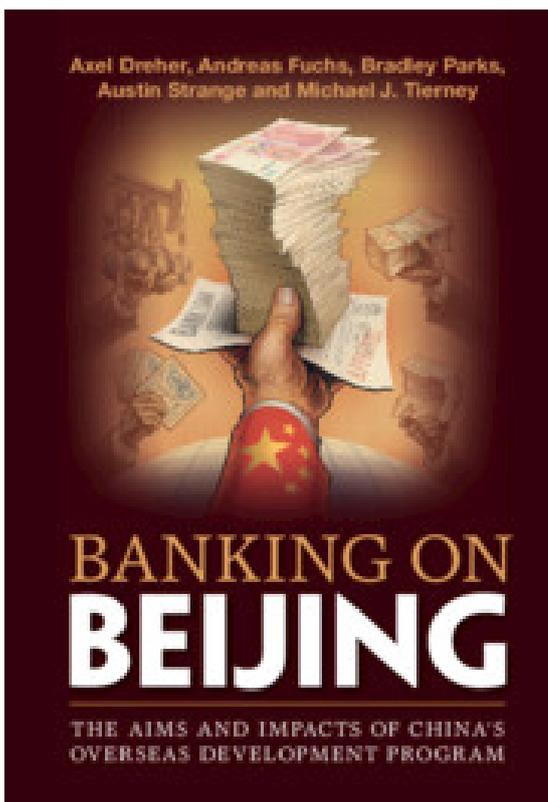
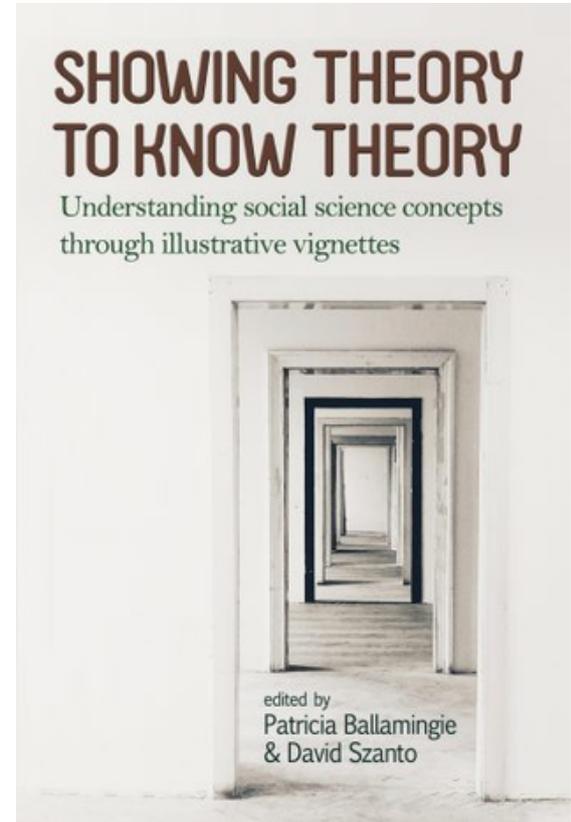
Ajay Parasram, “Racial Fragility: A Problem of white supremacy” in P. Ballamingie & D. Szanto (Eds.), *Showing Theory to Know Theory: Understanding Social Science Concepts through Illustrative Vignettes* (Showing Theory Press, 2022).

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Ajay Parasram, "Seeing Whiteness in the Margins," *Journal of Narrative Politics* 8/1 (2021): 7-9.

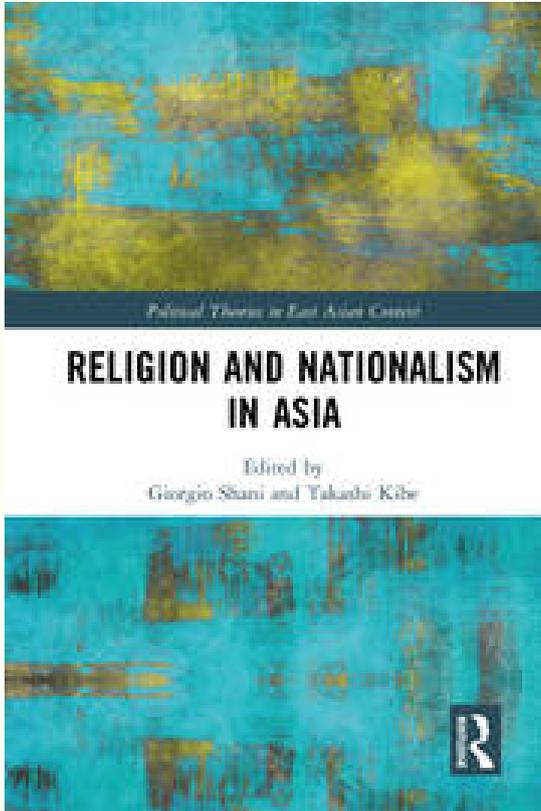
Ajay Parasram and Nissim Mannathukkaren, "Imperial Afterlives: Citizenship and Racial/Caste Fragility in Canada and India" *Citizenship Studies* (online in advance).



Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Bradley Parks, Austin Strange, and Michael J. Tierney. *Banking on Beijing: The Aims and Impacts of China's Overseas Development Program* (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

V. Spike Peterson, "Critical Privilege Studies: Making visible the reproduction of racism in the everyday and IR," *Security Dialogue* 52, 5 (2021): 17-21.

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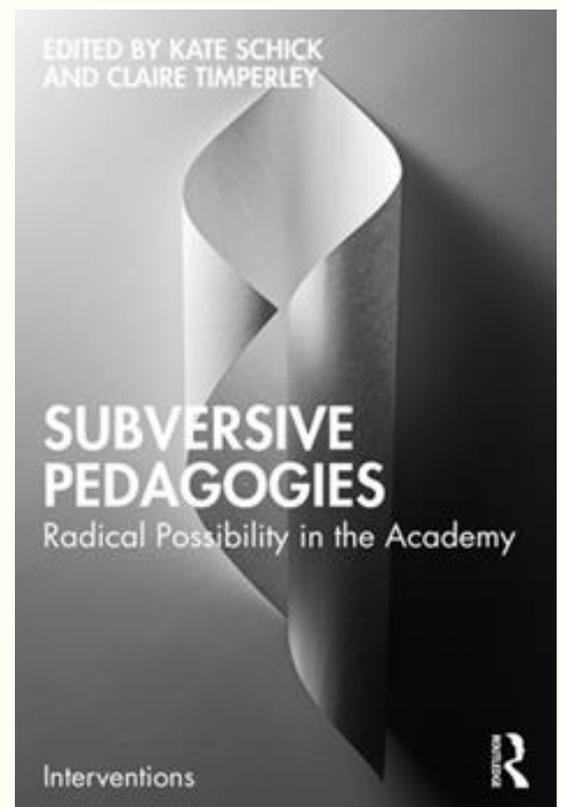


Giorgio Shani and Takashi Kibe (eds.),  
*Religion and Nationalism in Asia* (Routledge,  
2021).

V. Spike Peterson, “State/Nation Histories,  
Structural Inequalities and Racialised Crises,”  
*New Political Economy* 26, 2 (2021): 291-  
301.

Ajay Parasram, “Solidarity is a Verb: Teaching  
Development Activism on Stolen Land” in Kate  
Schick and Claire Timperley (Eds.) *Subversive*  
*Pedagogies: Radical Possibilities in the*  
*Academy* (Routledge, 2021).

Ajay Parasram, “The Anti-Colonial Revolution  
of the 2020s” in Daniel Tubb, Abram Lutes,  
and Susan O’Donnell (Eds.), *Letters From New*  
*Brunswick’s Future* (Chapel Street Editions,  
2021).



# ADDITIONAL NOTICES

Many GDS members will be interested in the publication of a new project-level dataset of India's official development finance. In addition to information about project purpose, sector, amounts, and financial terms, the projects are also geo-coded at the sub-national level. Access to the data and codebook are here: <https://www.aiddata.org/data/indian-development-finance-dataset-version-1-0>

- Michael Tierney

# GDS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## APRIL 13, 2022 (ONLINE)

13 April 2022, 12-1.53PM BST, Online

Chair: Olivia U. Rutazibwa

Meeting notes: Lisa Tilley and Olivia Rutazibwa

Attendance: ca. 30

### 1. Thank yous

Olivia opens the meeting by thanking the membership and the GDS leadership as well as the people serving on the various committees for continue to show up, support and bring creative energy to the section, often in continued difficult circumstances. She mentions that Randolph Persaud will not be able to take up his position as Section chair next year due to other professional obligations. She thanks him for his years of service and support as newsletter editor and vice chair.

### 2. Awards

#### *Teresia Teaiwa award*

Robbie Shilliam announces this year's winner of the award shared with the FGST section: **I-Chang Kuo** (Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University) for their essay: "Kamapim gutpela man: Papua New Guinean and Chinese mineworkers' changing understandings of becoming man."

The aim for the coming year is to give the award more visibility and proactively search for potential contributions. The priority is to coordinate earlier with ISA and the Newsletter Editor to advertise the award ahead of time.

#### *GDS Book award*

Akta Rao announces this year's winner and honourable mentions from over 30 book submissions. She reads out the comments from the committee members and thanks them for their work.

Winner: **Amalia Leguizamon**, *Seeds of Power: Environmental injustice and genetically modified soybeans in Argentina* (Duke University Press, 2020)

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Honourable mentions: **Rahul Rao**, *Out of Time: The Queer Politics of Postcoloniality* (Oxford University Press, 2020), **Nivi Manchanda**, *Imagining Afghanistan: The History and Politics of Imperial Knowledge* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), **Shenila Kholja-Moolji**, *Sovereign Attachments: Masculinity, Muslimness, and Affective Politics in Pakistan* (University of California Press, 2021), **Nikita Sud**, *The Making of Land and The Making of India* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

The submission deadline for nominations (300-500 words) is June 30th via [gdsbookaward@gmail.com](mailto:gdsbookaward@gmail.com). The ISA GDS website needs updating still to reflect this most recent information.

### *Edward Said Award*

Timothy Seidel announces this year's winner and runner-up and details the committee's appreciation of the papers. He also thanks the other committee members for the collaboration and their work.

2022 winner: **Sabrina Axster** (Johns Hopkins University, USA): 'Managing' a World in Motion: The Racial Capitalist and Colonial Roots of Immigration Detention". Runner-up: **Rosalia Gambino** (Rutgers University, USA): "American Security, Global Disability: A (Post)colonial Disability Studies Analysis of (Neo)colonial Land Relations in the American Security Project"

Both Sabrina and Rosalia are in attendance and express their thanks for the recognition.

### *Eminent Scholar Award Panel*

This year's GDS eminent scholar is Lewis R. Gordon. Matt Davies praises Gordon's work and shares the great conversations and celebrations that took place in Nashville.

## **3. GDS business**

### *Budget, membership, sponsorship*

Olivia details that the GDS budget at the close of the calendar year was around \$22000. For the coming year it is important to get the membership numbers back up as well as secure

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sponsorship. The meeting revisits the deferred issue of the suspended TWQ sponsorship for the year 2021-22. Details are shared of the radical changes in the journal's editorial board and approaches, including an explicit engagement with scholarship from the Global South. With 26 votes in favour, 2 abstentions and no objections, the motion is passed to reach out to TWQ and renew the sponsorship partnership.

### *GDS governance*

With Randolph not taking up his role as section and programme chair, Lisa Tilley is stepping in a year early. Olivia proposes to exceptionally as co-programme chair and invites the GDS governance working group to think about more collaborative chair roles in the future. Additionally this means that there are two positions to fill this year: newsletter editor and vice chair. There are four names that have been put forward for consideration: Kevin Funk, Bikrum Gill, Rohan Kaylan, Timothy Seidel.

Robbie Shilliam reminds of the GDS procedural line on (s)elections: a month ahead and endorsed by at least 5 members. The names should be of people who have served the section in other capacities beforehand (cf. committees etc.)

It is agreed to organise an online google poll featuring the four names and have the membership vote for two names over a time period of 10 days. In the order of most votes, the role of vice chair and newsletter editor will be allocated.

Note added later: Kevin Funk and Bikrum Gill declined their nominations in favour of taking on more GDS committee work, so Timothy Seidel and Rohan Kalyan have agreed to step into the Vice-Chair and Newsletter Editor roles for 22/23

### *Committees*

The chair invites people to speak up on the various committees as well as volunteer to join a committee or move off them, during or later on through correspondence. (include in newsletter + reach out to current members to double check continuation)

**Teresia Teaiwa Award:** Robbie Shilliam and Ajay Parasram

**Edward Said Award:** Tim Seidel (chair), Meera Sabaratnam, Mary Jane Parmentier, Casey McNeill (\*proposal\*)

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Meera spoke on behalf of the ESA committee with regard to the proposal to move the timings of the award.

### **Proposal to update Edward Said Award Guidelines for Global Development Section**

- Currently the submissions are solicited with a deadline of about a month before the conference, with the idea that the winner will be awarded at the conference itself. However, this is not aligned with ISA processes elsewhere, which ask for publication of the winner's name further in advance to enable publication in the programme and the writing of checks etc. This has caused the committee chair some difficulties this year.
- Beyond the ISA's demands, there are some other disadvantages with the present timeline:
  - Submissions are likely lower in number because many people write their papers right up to the deadline
  - Papers do not benefit from incorporating the feedback received at the conference, which particularly disadvantages students without a stronger personal support network
  - Plaques are not awarded at the conference but mailed to the student afterwards
  - Other ISA sections solicit Graduate Student Paper Award submissions over the summer or in the fall/autumn following the conference, and make selections in time to publish winners' names / make plaques for the following year.

**The current ESA committee recommends that the GDS Business Meeting approve a new process in which submissions are solicited in the months following the conference, meaning that the committee can do its work with plenty of time prior to the reporting deadlines. We believe that the advantages of this approach outweigh the disadvantage of a student potentially not being present at the specific convention where the award is given, given that these elements are now widely announced online anyway.**

The proposal was accepted. Additionally, the question of whether or not to include the offer to publish the ESA award winner's paper in TWQ in the conversation with the journal was raised. This matter was referred back to the ESA committee for discussion.

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**GDS Book Award:** Akta Rao (chair), Ajay Parasram, Vinicius Tavares de Oliveira, Lisa Tilley, Sharri Plonski, Shiera El-Malik

**Social Media Team:** Rohan Kalyan (chair), Meera Sabaratnam, Akta Rao, Kevin Funk

**Solidarity Committee:** Sharri Plonski, Mary Tuti Baker, Riva Gewarges, Mariam Georgis, GDS Section/Programme chair

Members spoke on various plans to organise solidarity activities grounded in the struggles in Turtle Island with the conference taking place in Montreal next year.

The meeting engaged in a substantive, strategic and procedural conversation on BDS and solidarity with Palestinian (scholars). The rejection and argumentation of the ISA programme chairs of a GDS roundtable on BDS for the ISA Nashville convention was addressed as well as ISA's formal support for GDS member Somdeep Sen when facing attacks and censorship for his work on Palestine. Plans at the ISA Governing Council level were mentioned to have a more systematic and transparent way to raise political positions within/through ISA. Strategic considerations were also raised, on what type of negative attention around BDS to avoid and on having an expansive engagement with the struggle against occupation and settler colonialism.

It was agreed to task the Solidarity Committee with an expanded mandate to organise substantive activities (cf. online roundtables, teach-ins, etc) around Palestine solidarity, both parallel to and within ISA infrastructure, as well as procedurally explore how to get a position on Palestine solidarity up to the Governing Council.

**Eminent Scholar Award Committee:** Matt Davies, Heloise Weber, Mustapha K. Pasha

## 4. ISA Governing Council

Olivia reported on ISA budget being reported as healthy as well as the approval of the creation of a new Section Global IR (GRIS).

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## **5. AOB**

Heloise raised the issue of funds to support workshops in the Global South and create a scholarship program as something to be brought to the Governing Council.

Narendran Kumarakulasingam spoke of the issues of automatic recording in the virtual panels which amounts to recording without informed consent and how the language around it was obfuscatory as well as incidents where the recording could not be stopped.

It was agreed that both issues would need raising at the Governing Council level.

Lisa Tilley was officially welcomed and congratulated into her new role as Section and Programme Chair.

End of meeting.

