

NETWORK NEWS

Greetings to everyone, from lovely springtime Cambridge! Yes, we are still in lockdown in England, but we are diligently keeping our spirits up.

You will notice that our newsletter is slightly smaller than usual - this is because we have decided to go back to our monthly format, and thus the newsletter will be slightly more condensed.

We are celebrating International Women's Day with a series of inspirational interviews by female academics. Please find our interviews with [Chioma Vivian Ngonadi](#), [Dr Lili Jia](#), [Professor Cristiane Derani](#), and [Dr Nazia Mintz Habib](#).

A reminder that the 2021 Cambridge Festival will soon start, and there are a range of food security related [events](#) to participate in. Please find more information here on a wider range of plants related [events](#) at the Festival.

We remember our friend [Keith Virgo](#), who sadly died this year. Our thoughts are with his loved ones.

Please find more on our recent events in the next section.



We recently held the first event in our newly launched Food for Thought Talk Series, titled "Feeding our children: food poverty and food banks in a time of plenty". This was an interactive panel talk about how increasing food poverty among children has been worsened by the impact of COVID-19. Please find a summary and a recording of the event [here](#).



Professor Giles Oldroyd, Director of the Crop Science Centre, Dr Helen Anne Curry, Lecturer in the History of Modern Science and Technology, and Dr Shailaja Fennell, Director of Studies in Land Economy, featured on a [podcast](#)

discussion on how to ensure that the global population still has food to consume as the climate becomes more unpredictable.

LISTINGS

INTERNAL EVENTS

Please note that some of our past events were recorded, and the links have been added to the original event listings.

Every term. Coffee Break Seminars. Please find information on our previous and forthcoming talks.

26 March - 4 April. Cambridge Festival Event. The 'good' and 'bad' of food production: An exhibition.

27 March. Cambridge Festival Event. Algae: Food for the future.

29 March. Cambridge Festival Event. Mobile Teaching Kitchens: A community-led food revolution in India.

31 March. Cambridge Festival Event. Multiple dimensions of millets in The Gambia.

1 April. Cambridge Festival Event. Research and innovation for global equality.

6 May. Early Career Researcher Grant Writing Workshop. Details being finalized.

17 June. Early Career Researcher: Connecting with Industry Workshops. Details being finalized.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

19 March onwards. Energy, development and rural livelihood.

23 March. Eating Sustainably for the Planet.

25 March. Regenerative Agriculture can save the world - but what is it?

28 - 29 April. [New Food Conference.](#)

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

**[Contact us](#) if you are an IRC member and would like support in promoting your new publication.*

[Is Social Media Changing Your Life?](#) By Jacqueline Garget.

[Forests' long-term capacity to store carbon is dropping in regions with extreme annual fires.](#) By Jacqueline Garget.

[Climate change may have driven the emergence of SARS-CoV-2.](#) By Jacqueline Garget.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a University of Cambridge researcher interested in putting together an interdisciplinary application and would like assistance in finding suitable collaborators/coordinating a group meeting, please [contact us](#).

[Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change scholarships.](#) **Deadline: 28 March.**

[Research and innovation applied to family farming for climate change adaptation and resilience in Angola.](#) **Deadline: 16 April.**

[Farming Innovation Pathways \(FIP\) – industrial research.](#) **Deadline: 28 April.**