

THE URBAN STUDIES FOUNDATION

HANDBOOK OF PURPOSE AND PRACTICE

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Welcome

Planet Earth is becoming increasingly urbanised. Mighty urban assemblages and sprawling city-regions now occupy substantial portions of the Earth's surface; new forms of urban political-economic governance proliferate by the day, if sometimes reinventing older tactics of 'violent' control; yawning gulfs of wealth, resources, status and influence continue to divide 'city rich' from 'city poor', the former often fiercely parasitical on the latter; multiple varieties of urban cultural life-worlds spread across the globe as well as jostling together cheek-by-jowl in particular urban centres; and countless new challenges – technical, political, ethical, environmental – rebound throughout the urban realm, demanding the inventiveness of planners and politicians, activists and citizens, dreamers and doers, scholars and researchers.

In this context, the need for high-quality urban studies scholarship and grounded urban research is paramount and arguably growing, which is why we are convinced that the efforts of the Urban Studies Foundation (USF) are timely, relevant and potentially highly significant. The vision is that the USF really does not exist only to perpetuate itself, although it would be wrong to say that it is uninterested in its own well-being and promotion. Nonetheless, as per the USF mission statement included below, the objective is genuinely to deploy the USF's funding resources to the betterment of academic urban studies. From the most conceptual to the most empirical, we hence support innovative scholarly interventions that enhance and refine urban studies learning and aid the development of wider-world impacts from urban studies inquiries.

There is no *a priori* favouring of any particular approach to academic urban studies, excepting a preference for work that retains a critical edge – not supporting the *status quo* of the current global urban system but questioning its inequities or limitations while also proposing amendments and alternatives. There is also no *a priori* favouring of particular disciplinary fields that tackle 'the urban'. The USF is interested in contributions from the more obvious fields in this respect – the interdisciplinary field known as 'urban studies', human geography, economics, political science, sociology and architecture – as well as from fields with perhaps a less obvious track record of urban inquiry such as cultural studies, the arts and humanities, anthropology, psychology, public health, computing studies, engineering, and so on. Additionally, while the USF is principally concerned with the present and the future, there is also an appreciation of what can be gained by addressing urban pasts, and hence funding may also extend to work in urban history and even archaeology. The rich diversity of possibilities here can quickly be recognised by noting the diversity of urban research programmes associated with the Postdoctoral Research Fellows currently funded by the USF (details of which can be found further on).

With this challenging and exciting context in mind, it is my pleasure, as the present Chair of the USF, to welcome readers to this *Handbook*, the aim of which is to provide a comprehensive overview, and quite a lot of detail too, pertaining to the mission, constitution, workings and investments of the USF. The chief readership of the *Handbook* is envisaged to be new USF Board Members (or 'Trustees'), and the hope is that the contents here will enable those trustees to swiftly 'get up to speed' with the ethos and activities of the USF. There may be other readerships as well, such as researchers, mentors and academic units thinking of applying for awards from the USF, and maybe others interested in what the USF can contribute to the overall infrastructure of funding, governance, advocacy and the like associated with research in the urban studies domain. To all possible readers, then, welcome to the *Handbook*.

What follows should be fairly self-explanatory – running through core issues to do with the purposes and practices of the USF. I might also urge consulting this *Handbook* in conjunction with our USF website (<http://www.urbanstudiesfoundation.org/>) which will be upgraded over the next year or so, as well as the publications and web presence associated with our close companion, the *Urban Studies Journal* (USJ), the prime source of the funding that the USF has available for its work in encouraging academic urban studies scholarship and research. An explanation of the origins of the USF and also its relationship to the USJ is included in the *Handbook*.

Finally, it remains for me here to acknowledge the enormous amount of labour undertaken by Neil Gray, the USF's Director of Operations (DoO), to gather together the disparate elements now making up this *Handbook*, and for his first-class work of collation, drafting and formatting. He has been ably supported in this task by Ruth Harkin, technically the Editorial Assistant for USJ but actually much more in terms of her superb administration and wider input to the workings of both the USF and the USJ. Particular thanks are due as well for *Handbook* contributions from Ronan Paddison and Tony O'Sullivan, and also, more indirectly from other Board Members for their crucial work in the drafting of documents and framing of policies drawn upon here. The Chair would like to add a personal comment about how genuinely enjoyable it has been to work alongside all of these Board Members over the past few years, and how much he is looking forward to working with the new Board Members currently joining us.

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USF Chair, 2015-2017

Glasgow, 5th May, 2016



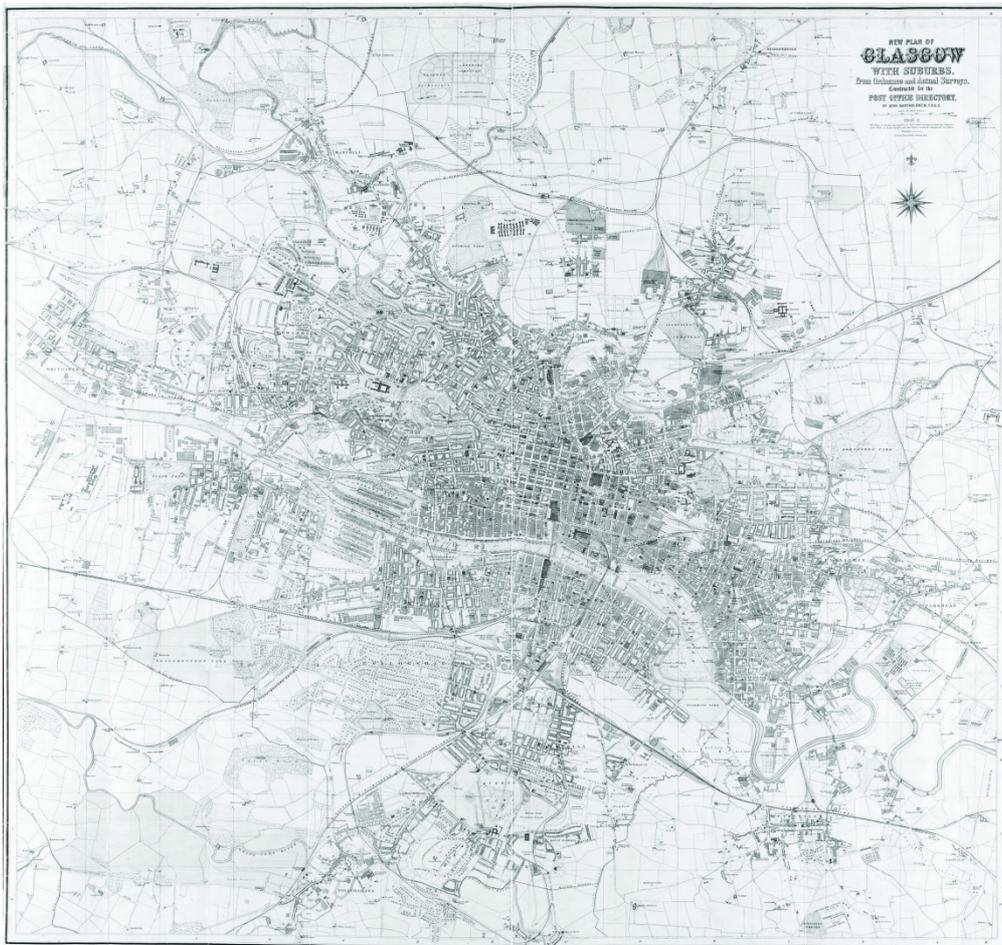
John McArthur, 1778 Plan of the City of Glasgow: Gorbells and Caltoun. Source: University of Glasgow.

Mission Statement

The Urban Studies Foundation (USF) was established in 2008 as a charitable company and is regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The Foundation is run by a board of eleven members (trustees). The objective of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary Urban Studies Journal Limited (USJ) is to generate income by publishing an academic journal in the field of urban studies and to donate any profit to the charitable company to meet its objectives. Using monies gifted from the USJ, the USF strives to support institutions and individuals engaged in the advancement of postgraduate academic research and education. Our principal objectives are:

- (a) To advance academic research and education in the field of urban studies;
- (b) To promote knowledge transfer, exchange and mobilisation in the field of urban studies.

We seek to achieve these aims by the provision of grants to individuals, groups, institutions or research projects, primarily to fund Senior Research Fellowships, Postdoctoral Research Fellowships, International Fellowships, PhD Studentships and an annual Seminar Series competition. Such support is ongoing.



John Bartholomew, New Plan of Glasgow, for the Post Office Directory, 1901-02. Source: University of Glasgow.

Brief History of the USF

The Urban Studies Foundation (USF) was established in 2008. The seeds for it were laid in the previous decade, however, when in the 1990s the editors of the journal *Urban Studies* began to fund urban research within the University of Glasgow through seed corn grants. The scheme was accompanied by a Visiting Fellowships programme which had been initiated even earlier, in the 1980s, providing financial support to urban scholars world-wide who sought to spend a sabbatical collaborating with researchers in cognate fields within the University of Glasgow. Both schemes were successful in attracting leading urban scholars to Glasgow and helping to foster research projects, some of which subsequently attracted additional funding by research councils, as well as generating published outputs. This precedent demonstrated that added value could be created through judicious funding of research, a key lesson and catalyst for what was later to become the Urban Studies Foundation.

The Foundation has since evolved considerably – in effect becoming fully internationalised in terms of its Trustee membership and its funding programme – so that by 2016 it may be considered to have ‘come of age’. In its early years membership of the Foundation reflected its origins in the University of Glasgow. The Trustees were drawn mainly from what were then the Departments of Urban Studies and Geography and Geomatics – which together accounted for more than two-thirds of the Trustees. They were complemented by three Trustees drawn from outside both the university and Glasgow, a deliberate move reflecting our intentions to support urban research beyond the University of Glasgow. An ‘external’ trustee, Nick Fyfe at the University of Dundee, was Chair of the Foundation before Chris Philo. (The first Chair, David Frisby, of the London School of Economics, had moved from Glasgow to that post following his convenorship of the journal’s Board of Management.) By 2015, plans to internationalise the Trustee membership were agreed, accompanied by proposals that the number of Glasgow-based trustees also be significantly reduced.

These constitutional shifts have been accompanied by the extension of the Foundation’s funding projects so that they have now become fully internationalised in their reach and recognition. Initially, in the first five-year strategy (2008-2012), all of the Foundation’s funded Senior Research Fellowships, Postdoctoral Fellowships and PhD Studentships were located in the University of Glasgow. The first programme funding research outwith the University of Glasgow was the Global South Fellowship which was initiated in 2011. The aim of the programme was to fund promising early career urban researchers, working in a global south university or research institute, giving them the opportunity to work with an established scholar most likely working from a global north institution. In the second five-year strategy (2013-17) the Foundation sought to ensure that, by the end of it, the funding split between ‘investments’ in Glasgow and beyond Glasgow would be circa 50:50. This would be achieved primarily through an extensive programme of Postdoctoral funding to promising urban researchers globally, enabling support in a suitable research environment for up to three years. In 2014 the Foundation also assumed responsibility (from the journal) for funding an Annual Seminar series competition.

Together, these funding programmes have been pivotal to the Foundation’s global vision, underpinning a steady transfer of financial resources allocated to urban research in the University of Glasgow to financing research investment on a significantly wider international basis. However, as a mark of recognition of the special role that the University of Glasgow has played in enabling the creation of the Foundation, the Trust has made a commitment to

‘legacy funding’ of urban research in the university up to 2018 (and beyond) set at between 10% and 20% of annual planned investment spending.

Ronan Paddison

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The University of Glasgow, and environs.

Brief History of the USJ

The *Urban Studies* journal (for which the USF is a parent) was founded in 1963 with the first issue appearing in May, 1964. As Ronan Paddison notes in an editorial for the journal on its 50th anniversary in 2013, it originated with the creation of what was then an innovative research department in the University of Glasgow – the Department of Social and Economic Research. Since those early days, when it largely focused on urban and regional policy within a UK context, the journal has now become a leading outlet for truly global inter-disciplinary urban and regional research (a shift already occurring before the end of the 1960s), while also undergoing significant changes at the level of constitution and governance. Reflecting its origins as a research centre with a distinct policy orientation – and the geographically narrower world in which much urban research was then conducted and often disseminated – the initial Editorial Advisory Committee (sixteen individuals) were all from the UK with more than a third of the non-editorial members from policy research or urban practitioner worlds. By 2013, however, a then recently revised editorial committee structure comprised a total of twenty-five individuals, the majority of whom were drawn from beyond the UK, with none of them employed directly in a practitioner environment. These changes attest to the way that urban research and debates within the journal have become increasingly globalised on the one hand, and more critical in relation to urban policy on the other.

In its constitution, the journal was formed as a limited company in January 2007. The current structure of the Board is comprised of four Managing Editors (MEs), with each taking turns as Editor in Chief (EiC) on an annual basis. In 2005, the four MEs were Ronan Paddison, Andrew Cumbers, Ken Gibb and Jon Bannister. Ken Gibb stepped down in December 2012 and was replaced by Tony O’Sullivan in January 2013. Jon Bannister is the current EiC. In addition there are three Editors (Danny MacKinnon, Chris Leishman, Mark Stephens); one Reviews Editor (Gesa Helms); three North American Editors (Andrejs Skaburskis, Michael Timberlake, Jenny Schuetz); a Chinese Editor (Shenjing He); a Global South Editor (Vanessa Watson) and fifteen Corresponding Editors (Manuel B. Aalbers, Mona Abaza, Judit Bodnár, Robert Cervero, Kate D. Derickson, Brendan Gleeson, Anne Haila, Lily Kong, Charlotte Lemanski, Zhigang Li, Eugene McCann, Geoffrey Peter Meen, Sue Parnell, Yong Tu and Gavin A. Wood). The USJ Editors are ably supported by the journal administrators: Marion Baltzer, Ruth Harkin and Lindsey J. Towers.

It should be underlined here that, while the USF is legally ‘the parent’ of the USJ – with USF Trustees having oversight of USJ polices, procedure and overall well-being – in practice the USF delegates all operational practice and strategic decision-making (as well as personnel decisions) to the Managing Editors of the journal. A close relationship of trust and reciprocity has hence been the hallmark of relations between the USF and the USJ, and the intention is that this relationship should continue on this footing even given the substantial governance changes to the USF completed in 2015 (an element of which was precisely to clarify and disentangle certain aspects of the governance of both bodies). Whereas previously all four Managing Directors of the USJ were Trustees of the USF, from 2016 only the Editor-in-Chief will occupy such a role – and from 2017 it is proposed that s/he will cease to be a full Trustee but rather a non-voting attendee at Board meetings reporting on and discussing journal business (as well as presenting the annual USJ business plan).

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USF Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (the latter also known as ‘Board Members’) meets biannually to consider grant applications, to approve grants made, to review the progress of grants and, indeed, to debate and make decisions pertaining to all aspects of Foundation business. Much of the detailed work on particular grant-awarding schemes is conducted by groups of Trustees tasked with such work. Their actions and decisions are always reported in detail to the whole Board, at Biannual Meetings or virtually, and the Board remains the sovereign body in approving (or not) all such actions and decisions.

The USF makes awards (provides ‘grants’ or makes ‘investments’) based on a rigorously competitive process whereby applicants for a particular scheme – Postdoctoral Fellowships, Senior Research Fellowships, International Fellowships, PhD Studentships, Seminar Series, etc. – submit formal applications, supported by relevant documentation, for detailed scrutiny in the selection of successful applicants. This process is run by USF Trustees, excepting historically in the case of University of Glasgow appointments, when the roles and responsibilities have been delegated to academic staff members in the relevant University of Glasgow academic units (Urban Studies and Geographical and Earth Studies). In future, however, this delegation will *not* occur and future University of Glasgow appointments will be managed by USF Trustees in exactly the same way as for the investments ‘external’ to the University of Glasgow. Trustees closely monitor the performance of applicants to all of its schemes through annual and final progress reports, to ensure that USF grants are being used correctly and as effectively as possible, and feedback (and, if necessary, censure/withdrawal of funding) is made to the relevant constituencies (eg. Fellows, Mentors, HEIs).

Board Members are – or will in future be – designated a range of roles in the essential functioning of the USF: eg. Chair, Treasurer, USJ Journal Representative, Governance Officer, Elections Officer, Convenors of appointment panels (for different grant-awarding schemes ‘internal’ or ‘external’ to Glasgow), Media Officer, and Initiatives Officers. It is essential that all Board Members are active in undertaking roles and tasks for the USF, in order that there is an equitable division of labour and that the USF is able to meet its mission as effectively and comprehensively as possible. Board Members are entirely unpaid for their USF work, including the Chair, although expenses are reimbursed for travelling, accommodation and possibly other small costs incurred while undertaking USF business.

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'outsiders'; children's geographies; new animal geographies; historical and contemporary figurations of public space; geographies of 'new spiritual practices'; Foucauldian studies; the history, historiography and theoretical development of geography. He gained a PhD in Geography from the University of Cambridge in 1989 and his first lecturing post was in the Department of Geography at the University of Wales, Lampeter, starting in January 1989. He was appointed to a Chair in Geography at the University of Glasgow in 1995, and has researched and taught there ever since. From 2002 to 2005, he was Head of the Department (of Geography and Geomatics) and from 2008 through to 2013 he was Geography Examinations Officer. He has served as an Assessor on the national UK research assessment exercises, RAE2008 and REF2014, and was Chair of the annual RGS-IBG Conference in 2012.

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Tent camp, Bucharest, during the first snow of the year, October 2014. Copyleft, Michele Lancione.



‘House for all, without discrimination based on ethnicity’, January 2015. Copyleft, Michele Lancione.

Director of Operations

The Director of Operations (DoO) post is a newly created non-executive, part-time appointment (fixed-term in the first instance), combining broader strategic and more routine administrative work in roughly equal proportions. The DoO's remit involves outreach and profile-building, through strategic interventions designed to promote the USF and its activities to wider audiences – through the website and conferences for instance – but also more routine administrative work such as monitoring, record-keeping, trouble-shooting and being the first port of call for academic researchers funded by the USF across the globe. The role also involves understanding and working with USF finances and investments, and making related evaluations and recommendations for the consideration of the Chair and Board. The DoO works closely with the Chair of USF, the Board of Trustees of the USF (its 'Members'), the USJ Editorial Assistant and relevant others (such as the lawyers, accountants and investment advisors under contract with the USF).

Neil Gray was appointed to the new DoO post in April 2015. While his work with USF primarily involves administration and profile-building (see above), he retains an active research profile as an early career scholar. His PhD, *Neoliberal Urbanism and Spatial Composition in Recessionary Glasgow*, was completed in September 2015 at the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow, and recent work has critically addressed themes of urbanisation, capital accumulation and gentrification from multiple perspectives: cultural-led regeneration, spatial fixing and monopoly rent; cycles of urban devalorisation and revalorisation (the rent gap, territorial stigmatisation, blight and temporary urbanism); 'the right to the city'; housing privatisation and contestation; autonomous Marxism, spatial composition and 'territorial inquiry'; and debates around post-politics and 'soft' austerity urbanism.

USF Administrative support

Ruth Harkin has long performed an administrative role with input into the workings of the USF alongside her role as editorial assistant for the USJ. She provides invaluable support to Neil Gray in developing and establishing the long-term role of the newly formed DoO position and will continue to attend Board meetings as the minute-taker and maintain an advisory role pertaining to certain issues relating to USF finances and procedures.

Financial, Investment and Legal Advisors

Mark Ewing is a partner with TC Young. He is accredited by the Law Society of Scotland as a specialist in charity law and is especially experienced in providing advice on charity law, governance and regulation for large and complex charities and charity led group structures.

Marion Hopper is an audit and not-for-profit partner in Hardie Caldwell. She specialises in day-to-day accounting and regulatory and compliance matters. She is well versed in Charity accounting rules and regulations, and uses this knowledge to support charitable and not-for-profit organisations.

Stephen Quale is an investment management partner in Smith & Williamson (SQ). He manages funds and advises on all aspects of investment for clients, including: youth, local, health, education and arts charities as well as a broad spectrum of private investors. He is a Trustee of several charities.

Governance Procedures

The USF is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 3 March 2008, and registered as a charity on 9 September 2008. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. As a charitable ‘company’ the USF Board has a responsibility to report annually to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), the charities commission, and to ensure that all of its funds are used for our ‘charitable’ purposes – furthering academic urban studies – or for absolutely essential support of those purposes (as in the case of the DoO salary).

While there is clearly a very close relationship of mutual trust and reciprocity between the USJ and the USF, it must be stressed here that there is a clear organisational and constitutional separation between the two entities. The USJ is, of course, a successful and profitable business concern while the USF is a charitable concern with a quite distinct set of practices that are beholden to the criteria of charitable companies regulated by the OSCR. Thus, while the Managing Directors of the USJ elect to ‘gift’ substantial sums of money to the USF, the USF cannot ‘gift’ funds back down to the USJ, since that would mean converting funds intended for charitable purposes into ones used by a business enterprise.

In 2015, new arrangements were put in place regarding the election/appointment of Trustees (Board Members) and the Chair, including issues to do with eligibility, terms of office, roles and responsibilities, so that the USF would be fully ‘fit for purpose’ relative to its charitable mission and ambitions. It was decided that the Chair would always be promoted from within the Board to help promote continuity, and that there would henceforth be a minimum number of four and a maximum number of eleven Trustees, including, if suitable, appointments beyond academia relating to ‘civil society engagement’. New Trustees would be appointed by existing Trustees through an election process based on an open competition basis, although there remains provision to nominate and invite individuals to apply (should it be decided by the Trustees that there was warrant for enacting such a provision). Appointments would normally run for four years, renewable only once by mutual consent. In order more clearly to separate the operations of the USJ and the USF, Managing Editor representation of the USJ on the USF Board at any given time has been restricted to the incumbent of the position of the USJ Editor-in-Chief (EiC) (with the likelihood that this arrangement will itself be altered from 2017: see section on the USJ above). The USF constitution was also amended to ensure that non-GU based Trustee numbers must always be greater than the number of GU based Trustees, and that provision should be made for an early career scholar Trustee position.

Such an election process ran in 2015, reflecting the changed governance arrangements noted above, leading to a substantial turn-over in Trustees which amounted to an over 50% change in Board membership, including now a rather larger proportion of non-GU Trustees leading to a significant internationalisation of the USF Board. The Board has two meetings per year, with standing items at each, plus time for discussion of any relevant *ad hoc* items. The annual accounts are the primary focus of the May meeting, and the USJ performance the primary focus in December, with the USJ Editor-in-Chief (EiC) reporting back on this matter. Additionally, investment strategy is discussed at both meetings.

Summary of Current Research Investments

The USF, as noted in our mission statement, seeks to advance academic research and education in the field of urban studies and to promote knowledge transfer, exchange and mobilisation in the field of urban studies. We do this primarily through the funding of Senior Research Fellowships, Postdoctoral Research Fellowships, International Fellowships, PhD Studentships (and support for MRes research) and an annual Seminar Series competition.

Senior Research Fellowships allow senior researchers with a sustained track record and significant portfolio of research to undertake up to 5 years of dedicated urban studies, providing opportunities for the development of international excellence and research leadership in urban research. To date, Senior Research Fellowships have only been held by scholars appointed to the University of Glasgow (they are ‘internal’ grants).

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships allow early-career candidates to undertake up to 3 years of dedicated urban studies research following a programme of research designed and executed by the Fellow at any eligible institution of higher education across the globe. The flagship grant-awarding scheme of the USF is aimed at scholars beyond the University of Glasgow (they are ‘external’ grants): there have been two rounds of this scheme so far, creating two cohorts, each containing four high-quality early career urban researchers, commencing, first, in 2013-2014 and, second, in 2016. A number of Postdoctoral Research Fellowships have also been held by scholars appointed to the University of Glasgow (they are ‘internal’ grants).

International Fellowships are granted to urban scholars for research on any theme pertinent to a better understanding of urban realities in the global south for a period ranging between 3-9 months. The Fellowship covers the costs of a sabbatical period at a university of the candidate’s choice in the global north for the purpose of writing up the candidate’s existing research findings in the form of publishable articles or a book under the guidance of a chosen mentor in their field of study. Such awards are ‘external’ to the University of Glasgow.

The **Seminar Series** Competition supports the generation of international research in all areas of urban analysis. In the 2016 competition, currently being run, the USF will fund up to three seminar series, in each case up to a maximum of £20,000. All proposals are required to be international in breadth, and should relate broadly to the scope of inter-disciplinary urban research in the *Urban Studies* journal. Such awards are ‘external’ to the University of Glasgow.

In addition, a small number of **Postdoctoral Studentships** and also **Masters** Studentships have been awarded to the units of Human Geography (in Geographical and Earth Studies) and Urban Studies, University of Glasgow (they are ‘internal’ awards).

Senior Research Fellows

Dr Kye Askins (8 September 2014 – 7 September 2019)

Kye is a Reader and Lecturer at the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow. She is a critical human geographer with research interests focusing on identity, citizenship, emotions and everyday geographies of agency and resistance. She works from postcolonial and participatory paradigms, with a central aim of actively engaged research that both theoretically and methodologically challenges dominant discourses and foregrounds participants as co-producers of knowledge. She is deeply committed to matters of social and

environmental justice, and to policy engagement and research that is transformative for participants, communities, students and a range of ‘publics’.

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Professor Donald Houston (1 September 2014 – 31 August 2017)

Donald is a researcher and Lecturer in Urban Studies, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow. His research focuses on labour market restructuring, welfare reform, environmental justice and urban sustainability. The main theme underlying his work is the social welfare implications of urban and regional change in Britain, particularly in relation to the labour market. Unpacking public policy discourses and assessing the social impacts of various policies form important elements of his work. Specific research projects have investigated the roles of migration, commuting, housing and social policy in producing and reinforcing social disadvantage in different spatial contexts. More recent work has investigated the environmental justice implications of flooding in the UK.

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Dr Ross Beveridge (1 March 2016 – 28 Feb 2021)

Ross joined Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow from the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) in Germany. His research has focused on the urban politics of environment, climate and infrastructure. More specifically, recent work has addressed debates on: the depoliticisation ‘crisis’ of urban politics; the democratic potential of reorganising public goods in German cities; ‘right to the city’ debates and urban infrastructural politics; globalisation, privatisation and urban development in Berlin (since the 1990s); and urban sustainability and climate politics in Europe. His current work also explores more broadly the notion of a decline in democratic (urban) politics, with plans to conduct comparative research on European cities. Other current interests include climate politics and justice in de-industrialising cities and concepts and practices of the ‘public’ in urban contexts.

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‘External’ Postdoctoral Fellows

Dr Sarah Barns

‘Platform urbanism: the role of city labs, data infomediaries and open government experiments in urban governance’ (1 November 2013 – 31 October 2016)

Sarah Barns is a Research Fellow based at the Institute for Culture and Society, University of Western Sydney. Her research examines how urban knowledge is being shaped through smart technologies and pervasive data, addressing new institutional alignments and governance arrangements emerging in key digital cities (New York, Shanghai, Christchurch), including open government partnerships, urban innovation laboratories, and new digital specialist jobs. This research builds on her doctoral thesis, *The death & life of the real-time city: re-imagining the city of digital urbanism*, which incorporated ideas from cultural geography, urban studies, sound history, utopian studies, and social and cultural theory, to locate and

critique the geographical imaginations of contemporary digital urbanism through a situated and creative sound-led response to the city of Sydney.

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Reconstruction of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Building by New York University (NYU).
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Dr Marcin Dabrowski

‘The governance of polycentric urban regions: responding to climate change challenges in the Randstad and the Pearl River Delta’ (1 January 2013 – 31 October 2016)

Marcin is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Chair of Spatial Planning and Research at the Department of Urbanism, Delft University of Technology. His research interests span across regional, urban and policy studies, including such topics as multi-level governance; EU, and national, regional and urban development policies; decentralisation, regionalisation and lateralisation; and, transport policy and transnational policy transfer. Geographically, his work tends to focus on Central and Southern European countries and more recently also on the Netherlands, China and Brazil. His current research investigates the patterns of governance in urban regions through a prism of climate change policy.

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Dr Cecilia Dinardi

‘Informal’ Creative Cities? Connecting Urban Cultural Policy with Grassroots Interventions in Latin America (8 August 2013 – 7 October 2016)

Cecilia Dinardi is based at the Department for Cultural and Creative Industries, City University London. She is a cultural sociologist interested in cultural policies, heritage, cities, urban regeneration and qualitative methodologies. Her research focuses on urban governance, cultural policies and creative cities in the Global South, exploring ways of connecting the formal domain of cultural policy making with the informal world of ordinary practices in the cultural sector. Focusing on both policy and grassroots cultural interventions in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, her research programme addresses existing limitations in the literature on creative cities by exploring alternative ways of understanding culture and creativity in contexts of urban segregation, social inequality, poor-quality public spaces and growing informal settlements.

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Morro da Providência favela, Rio de Janeiro. © Cecilia Dinardi.

Dr Michele Lancione

‘The assemblage of marginality in European cities’ (1 February 2014 – 31 August 2016)

Michele is based at the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge. His research challenges canonical claims relating to issues of marginality, poverty, and difference in the contemporary urban field. His methods are qualitative, sustained by in-depth ethnographic fieldwork and informed by theoretical grounding in assemblage thinking, critical urban theory, affective space and biopolitics. Current research contributes to the critical assemblage thinking approach to urban studies, providing theoretical and empirical insights derived from specific ethnographic case studies in Europe. The main focus is around issues of drug

consumption in Bucharest, Romania, but also includes selected case studies around homelessness in Italy, Romania and the UK. Michele has recently been appointed as a Lecturer at Cardiff University and will thus finish his Fellowship early to take up the post.

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Dr Martín Arboleda

‘Technology, resource extraction and the complete urbanisation of nature’ (4 Jan 2016 – 3 Jan 2019)

Martín Arboleda is a political geographer, engaging with critical political economy, urban political ecology, and science and technology studies. His work interrogates global restructurings of production and processes of urbanisation, especially in the context of Latin America’s most recent commodity boom. As a member of the Harvard Urban Theory Lab (UTL), recent research focuses on the relation between technological change and the urbanisation of the country in geographies of mining and forestry in Chile. He is particularly interested in exploring the ways by which this leap forward in the sociotechnical basis of capitalist production is reconfiguring the process of metabolic urbanisation, not only with respect to natural resources, infrastructural systems, nonhuman life, and other forms of extra-human nature, but also in terms of the shifting modes of existence of the planetary collective laborer.

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Iron ore smelting facility in Huasco, Northern Chile. © Martín Arboleda.

Dr Sanjeev Routray

‘The plumbers of Delhi: Migration, plebeian sociality and citizenship in an occupational community’ (1 May 2016 – 30 April 2019)

Sanjeev’s main areas of research include critical urban studies, sociology of development and social/political theory. His work attempts to understand the historical trajectory of the lived realities of poor migrants in Delhi, particularly since the 1990s. He explores the city’s changing topography vis-à-vis land use patterns, investment options, housing for the poor, and various complex mechanisms that shape Delhi’s social and economic geography. He seeks to understand how the increasing economic disenfranchisement of the poor in rural areas has triggered migration into Delhi and how the transformations in urban Delhi as a result of industrial closures and eviction have a direct bearing on the attendant politics of patronage networks, the state and legal mechanisms. In doing so, he attempts to clarify how negotiation mechanisms involving a multitude of agencies affect the strategic practices employed by the poor migrants in coping with institutional power structures.

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Dr Cristina Temenos

‘Mobilising austerity: The urban politics of public health after the global financial crisis’ (31 May 2016 – 30 May 2019)

Christina’s work focuses on policy mobilities, urban social movements, and the politics and practices of public health and drug policies, engaging with these interests through a focus on the geographies of harm reduction drug policy in cities in Europe, North America, and the Caribbean. She is interested in the ways that social movements produce and mobilise knowledge about health, human rights, and social justice to advocate for policy change in cities, and the ways that policy mobilities remake urban spaces and contribute to reconceptualising contemporary urbanism. As a contributing member of the Imagining Urban Futures research collective, she also has an ongoing research interest in the discursive construction of urban sustainability and its intersections with various forms of environmentalism and urban social policy.

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Dr Richard Waldron

‘Capitalising on the urban debtscape: financialisation in the post-crisis contexts’ (4 January 2016 – 3 January 2019)

Richard’s research is driven by interests in the fields of urban planning, political economy, housing studies, financialisation and socio-spatial inequality. The overarching theme of his research is investigating the intersection of urban planning and economic policies and the complex challenges they pose at the macro (global, national, regional) and micro (neighbourhood, household) spatial scales. Specifically, his research examines the roles of cities and urbanisation processes in the circulation and accumulation of capital; and processes of commodification, liberalisation and financialisation within housing markets and their effects on households and housing markets.

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‘Internal’ Postdoctoral Fellows

Dr Ian Shaw

(1 July 2011-)

Ian was appointed as a USF Postdoctoral fellow in 2011 and since 2013 has been a Lecturer in Human Geography at the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow. He is currently funded through both an USF Fellowship and an ESRC Future Research Leaders Fellowship (ending in October 2016). Ian’s research focuses on three main strands: ‘The Political Geographies of Drone Warfare’ and the transformations associated with the rise of drones in U.S. national security strategy and geopolitics; ‘More-than-Human Geographies’, critically investigating how objects and technologies are capable of policing, challenging, and transforming the worlds in which we inhabit; and ‘Political Philosophy’, particularly the work of Alain Badou, Martin Heidegger, and Gilles Deleuze.

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Dr Lazaros Karaliotas

‘Exploring the politicising urban in times of crisis: Urban political movements and solidarity networks in Greece’ (1 August 2014 – 31 December 2016)

Lazaros’s work is situated at the intersection of debates around the urban and the political. More specifically, he draws from urban political economy, discourse theory and the writings of political philosopher Jacques Rancière to explore the dominant ordering of urban spaces as well as its contestation by urban uprisings and movements. His ongoing research project (also funded by a Carnegie Trust Research Incentive Grant) focuses on the latter aspect and explores the proliferation of grassroots urban movements and solidarity networks in the midst of the ‘Greek crisis’ and in the aftermath of the squares movement. In doing so, the project analyses the political possibilities that such political experiments open up as well as the challenges and limitations they face in foregrounding and instituting an emancipatory urban politics.

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Lucy Hewitt

‘Planned cities: the arrival of the expert in early twentieth century Britain’ (30 Jan 2012 – 31 Oct 2016)

[This period includes a year taken as maternity leave – Aug 2014-Aug 2015 – and three months during which Lucy held AHRC funding. It also reflects a return to work post-maternity on a 0.5 basis – from Sept 2015 to Oct 2016]

Lucy Hewitt’s work on the history of professional planning combines extensive and original archival research with an analytical approach that emphasises the close relationship between knowledge and power. Her work engages with readings of the Victorian city that draw on the

philosophical legacies of Foucault and central questions of governance and, as such, it represents a significant revision of existing British planning history. Although planning history in North America has begun to develop critical analyses, in Britain existing histories uniformly locate planning within a trajectory that emphasises its links with philanthropic experiment, reformism and the growth of the welfare state. The result has been a body of work that has remained largely consistent over a period of some fifty years, lacking significant debate regarding historiographical approach or concern with the philosophical currents that have been so productively unsettling in shaping other fields of scholarship. By highlighting some of the ways that planning can be located within an historical trajectory in which questions of orderliness, expert knowledge and governance are prioritised, her work presents an alternative to this reading.

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Dr Heather McLean

‘Staging and Resisting the “Creative City”’ (1 August 2014 – 31 December 2016)

Heather’s research links critical urban geography and queer and feminist theory with action research practices in the areas of cultural policy and urban artistic interventions under neoliberal cultural planning models. She examines how culture-led regeneration and ‘creative city’ strategies ‘revamp’ cities for investment, arguing that a private sector-friendly framing of culture routinely degrades urban cultural ecologies by excluding non-profit and artist-run organisations – especially spaces that support underrepresented artists of colour, women artists, and radical activist practice. Analysing the connections between culture-led regeneration planning, cuts to public services, and public space activism in Toronto especially, she draws on intersectional and praxis-oriented feminist geography to explore how grassroots community arts organisations challenging market and bureaucratic structures catalyse their own forms of engagement.

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Dr Ursula Lang

‘Vertical Capture: The Shifting Politics of Urban Runoff’ (Jan 2016 – Dec 2018)

Ursula Lang’s research and writing examines how urban inhabitants engage with their domestic surroundings in the context of policy and planning efforts increasingly framed around environmental challenges. Drawing on her experience in several disciplines (geography, architecture, biology and anthropology), Ursula’s work focuses on urban political economy and environmental governance through the study of everyday human experiences with urban space. In her ongoing research at the University of Glasgow, Ursula will focus on the politics of emerging green infrastructures for the management of urban storm water. The project examines implications of changing urban policies around water in terms of entanglements between private property and the common good; practices and narratives of environmental knowledge; as well as the design and inhabitation of buildings and urban infrastructure.

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Dr Amparo Tarazone Vento

(13 January 2016 – 12 January 2019)

Amparo's background is in architecture and urbanism. Her primary research focus is in the areas of governance, urban policy and politics. Specifically, her research investigates the restructuring of urban and regional governance and the contested politics of urban regeneration and city-making, linking economic geography concerns of neoliberalism and the political economy of urbanisation to architecture and globalisation. Her current research involves: a comparative study of the politics of regeneration and the role of architects and architecture in urban policy and politics across different Southern European cities (Valencia, Lisbon and Rome); the extent to which megaprojects of iconic architecture (and the symbolic representation linked to them) contribute to generating consensus around entrepreneurial urban policies but also to challenging them; and, the role of 'starchitects' in the place-making rural economic development strategies of the La Rioja and Ribera del Duero wine regions.

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International Fellow

Dr Tuna Kuyucu

'The Great Failure: An Institutional Analysis of Why State-Led Urban Renewal in Istanbul Has Failed' (1 May 2016 – 31 November 2016)

Tuna is an urban sociologist in The Department of Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. He will conduct his International Fellowship under the mentorship of Tom Slater at the University of Edinburgh. His research investigates the institutional, administrative and legal factors behind the failed urban renewal agenda of the Turkish government and the Istanbul Municipality. He uses a general approach to urban transformation, illustrated by two specific case studies. Examining the political economy of urban renewal in Istanbul since 2002, his research offers a comprehensive account of the making and transformation of the urban renewal agenda in the city; its institutional and legal framework; the relationship of urban renewal to macro-economic dynamics in Turkey; and detailed narratives of projects that have been completed as well as those that have failed.

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Seminar Series

The seminar series aims to support the production of international research in all areas of urban analysis. In the 2016 competition, USF will support up to three seminar series, in each case up to a maximum of £20,000. Applications to the Competition are received in two stages. The first stage involves submission of a short Initial Application Form which requires details of the person leading the proposal, an overview of the potential contribution of the seminar series, the nature of the proposed event, and a draft budget. The second stage involves re-submitting an extended version of those initial proposals that best meet the criteria of the Seminar Series. All proposals are required to be clearly international in breadth, and should relate to the scope of the journal *Urban Studies*. They should also fit within the

journal's relevant topics for submission of papers. Proposals are welcomed from academics working in any country. Examples of the most recent winners of the competition are below.

Starting from the South: Alternative Visions of Comparative Urbanism, led by Professor Garth Myers, Trinity College, Hartford (1 July 2014 – 31 March 2015).

The Edges of Home Ownership, led by Dr Marietta Haffner, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands (30 September 2014 – 2 October 2014).

Doing Global Urban Research, co-led by Dr John Harrison and Dr Michael Hoyler, Loughborough University, UK (1 September 2015 – 30 September 2015).

Internal Postgraduate students

Anna Schliehe (PhD, School of geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow)

“Inside the Carceral” – The nature and experiences of spaces of confinement for young women in Scotland’ (1 April 2012 – 29 February 2017)

Anna's research is concerned with the experiences of girls and women in the Scottish criminal justice system; specifically in three types of institutions (secure care units, prison, and closed psychiatric units). She also explores professionals' views of the Scottish system. The research contributes to discourse on spaces of confinement by highlighting women's trajectory into incarceration and the use of closed institutions as a response to 'deviant', 'unmanageable' and 'disorderly' behaviour. It specifies how these social material and symbolic spaces are experienced and responded to, and what the institutional journeys between them look like. Her geography of three different systems of confinement for girls and women works towards an understanding of the carceral experience as an embodied, emotional and often repetitive practice going beyond physical carceral detainment.

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Hannah Melike Peterson (PhD, School of geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow)

‘Encountering others in Glasgow: Spaces of encounters and feelings of belonging and community among migrants’ (1 October 2015 – 30 September 2018)

Hannah's research examines the creation of feelings of belonging and community that seem to be put into jeopardy as cities become increasingly 'super-diverse'. With diversity being experienced and expressed in shared spaces, 'micro publics' represent important zones for intercultural encounters. Yet, scholars remain divided over the types of meeting/encounter space that successfully stimulate feelings of belonging and 'community', urging us to further research the role of different types of meeting spaces and encounters which might result in social change. In Scotland, it is often claimed that ethnic minority groups are well integrated into Scottish society due to Scotland's 'civic' and tolerant national identity. However, incidents of discrimination and racialisation are by no means absent from daily life, making it necessary to better understand how ethnic minorities construct and negotiate their 'Scottishness' within such daily zones of encounter.

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Michael O' Sullivan (PhD, Urban Studies, University of Glasgow)

'To what extent can 'planning for growth' in Scotland be democratic and effective?' (1 September 2012 – 31 July 2016)

Michael's thesis analyses the operation of the Scottish planning system, particularly its pursuit of 'sustainable economic growth' and its interrelated role in Scotland's current, but long-emerging, housing crisis. His research focuses on the Aberdeen and Edinburgh regions as they attempt the difficult (perhaps impossible) task of strategically planning and delivering sustainable forms of growth within a context of neoliberal political-economic institutions and practices. Michael was formerly a planner working 'in the field' in each case study area for both public and private sectors. He has gone back as a researcher to understand, through an applied qualitative analysis, the process by which recent planning strategies in these places has emerged and what their effects might be. The study analyses the practice of planning as place-based governance: what planning does, what it can and cannot do, and who gains and who loses through its multiple processes.

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Shivali Fifield (PhD, Urban Studies, University of Glasgow)

'Can community workshops support participants to think about healthier and greener lifestyles?' (1 October 2015 – September 30 2019)

Shivali's prior professional career has involved tackling the impacts of poverty and inequality, working cross-sector in the fields of substance misuse, mental health and homelessness in London and Glasgow. Drawing on her experience of developing and utilising integrated approaches to complex problems and facilitating individual and community resilience through user-led services, her current research involves exploring 'green' narratives through an action learning project with a community group in Wallacewell, North East Glasgow. The aim of her research is to establish the role that deliberative workshops can play in strengthening individual and community assets in the form of carbon literacy, and nurturing narratives that support sustainable and healthy lifestyles with low income households.

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Jack Donaghy (PhD, Urban Studies, University of Glasgow)

'Professionalising the Private Rented Sector' (1 October 2015 – 30 September 2018)

Jack's research is focused on the concepts of 'professionalism' and 'amateurism' within the private rented housing sector in the UK. At all levels, Government has expressed a desire to professionalise the private rented sector, but precisely what it means to have a highly professionalised private rented sector has changed over time, and its meaning in current policy discourse is unclear. Investigating the effectiveness of the Scottish Government's strategies for increasing professionalism, Jack explores what the repercussions may be of professionalism and amateurism for tenants, landlords and regulators, considering the extent to which achieving a highly professionalised PRS may help or hinder efforts to make the PRS 'work' for tenants.

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MRes Research

Olivia Sharkey (MRes, School of geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow)

‘Geographies of squatting and occupation in Liverpool’ (1 October 2015 – September 30 2016)

Olivia’s research revolves around the question of how certain ‘redundant spaces’, chiefly buildings like disused banks, are being creatively (and sometimes borderline illegally) reworked by various groupings with politicised spatial agendas.

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Tent camp at night, Bucharest, September 2014. Copyleft, Michele Lancione.



Destruction of old houses by developers, Bucharest, January 2015. Copyleft, Michele Lancione.

Projections

Following a considerable amount of change during 2015 to aspects of the USF composition, governance and operations, the anticipation is that 2016 will be a period of ‘bedding in’, inducting the new Trustees, fine-tuning the new governance arrangements, establishing the exact role and responsibilities for the DoO, and then starting to develop a more long-term perspective on how the USF can improve and expand its mission with respect to academic urban studies (particularly on a more global stage) and the direction of our research investments. Historically, prior to circa 2014, much of the USF’s charitable grant awarding was devoted to ensuring the development of urban research at the University of Glasgow, reflecting the origins and ongoing maintenance of the USJ. We intend to maintain this support through a Glasgow University ‘Legacy’ award in recognition of the long-standing mutually beneficial relation between Glasgow University and USJ/USF, and, to that end, the USF board has determined to secure a circa 50/50 investment split between GU and non-GU investments for the period 2013-2017, but with funding within GU now guaranteed and overseen by the USF at University rather than at Department/School level as previously. However, as noted previously in the Handbook, in accordance with USF’s increasingly international vision, a greater proportion of funding will now be allocated to awards ‘external’ to Glasgow from 2018, with ‘legacy funding’ commitments to urban research in GU being set at between 10% and 20% of annual planned investment spending. Thus, the funding allocation will significantly diversify and indeed internationalise over the coming years.

In the immediate short-term, there are specific tasks to be undertaken in 2016 with respect to managing the existing charitable activities – notably as the new cohort of Postdoctoral Research Fellows (‘external’ to the University of Glasgow) begins its urban research – and in coordinating the 2016-2017 running of the International Fellowship and Seminar Series competitions. What will also arise is future planning of how we ‘close’ certain of our charitable activities, in terms of final monitoring of achievements/performance of (most importantly) the Postdoctoral Research Fellows, the final financial negotiations around these positions (notably if the Fellows have left their positions early to take up posts elsewhere in the next stage of their career development [an entirely predictable and *good* outcome]) and, more broadly, what kind of relationships can be maintained with Fellows after they have left the immediate orbit of the USF. Looking further ahead, following the USJ’s planned renegotiation of the financial terms of its publishing deal (likely with SAGE) and hence donation to the USF, a new period of strategic financial planning of USF charitable activities will commence in 2018. Preparation for this new period of activity should hence come to the forefront of the USF’s thinking during 2016-2017.



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