



As the Board of Trustees for the IJURR Foundation (formerly Foundation of Urban and Regional Studies), we are getting in touch regarding some new initiatives and a long-overdue refresh of the Foundation's website and online presence.

In particular, we would like to hear a bit more about you: our alumni from any period of the Foundation's history. Over the 27 years since it was established, the Foundation has supported hundreds of outstanding scholars around the world. Some have gone on to work in academic positions, while others have moved into a diverse range of careers and positions.

We believe it is time to reach out to this rich network of alumni and find out more about the people supported by the Foundation, and where this support has helped to take them in their lives and careers. In due course, we will ask all alumni to provide some very basic information so that we can properly catalogue the incredible array of people who have succeeded in winning IJURR Foundation grants over the years. First, however, we would like to initiate a blog series, to enable us to share the stories of some of the people the Foundation has supported. This series is open to all alumni who have received any form of support over the past 27 years.

We would therefore like to invite you to contribute a short blog piece (500-750 words) on one of the following three broad topics. We are deliberately leaving it up to individuals to choose which of the topics they would most like to write about, depending on what they would most like to share. The three topics are:

- 1) What were some of the most significant findings of the research you undertook that was supported by the Foundation? If you have taken this research forward since your PhD, in what direction have you taken it and do you have any further insights to share?
- 2) What difference did the IJURR Foundation grant make to you at the time? Whether it was a Studentship or Writing-Up Grant, what effect did it have on your life or research that you might like to share?
- 3) Where has your career led you since you completed your IJURR Foundation/FURS-supported research? What led you to take the career decisions that you did, and how did/does your PhD research inform your career trajectory?

We would however love to receive a broad range of submissions from across the Foundation's 27-year history, so that we can share your wealth of experience and enliven the Foundation's website over the coming months and years.

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