



## CURRICULUM VITAE

**NAME** CLARE CUMMINGS

**NATIONALITY** British

**LANGUAGES** English: Mother tongue  
Spanish: Working proficiency  
French: Working proficiency

### QUALIFICATIONS

- 2019 –** **PhD in International Development** (viva 14/03/2023), University of Manchester, Global Development Institute  
Thesis title: Understanding power, culture, and institutional change; an alternative approach political settlements analysis  
Supervisors: Prof. Sam Hickey and Dr Tom Lavers  
Funding: Economic and Social Science Research Council PhD Scholarship  
President's Doctoral Scholar award, University of Manchester
- 2018-2019** **MSc Research Methods with International Development** (Distinction),  
University of Manchester  
2019 Platt Prize for Outstanding Achievement
- 2011-2012** **MSc International Development Studies** (Distinction), University of Amsterdam
- 2005-2009** **BA Modern Foreign Languages** French and Spanish (2.1), University of Durham

### EMPLOYMENT

- Oct. 2023**  
**(until Oct. 2024)** **Lecturer**, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.  
Teaching and Research. Course convenor for MSc module Political Analysis of Development Policy and politics pathway lead for MSc module Development Fieldwork. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion champion.

Research focus: Use of transnational litigation to challenge environmental degradation in the global South.

**Mar. 2023 –  
Sept. 2023**

**Post-doctoral Research Associate**, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester,

Assisting research and publication of research concerning the comparative politics of state capability and effectiveness in Africa and Asia.

**Sept. 2020 –  
Feb. 2023**

**Book Reviews Editorial Assistant**, Journal for Development Studies

Administration of book review requests and publications.

**Sept. 2019 –  
Dec. 2022**

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester

Units taught: Politics and Governance of Development, MSc (2020, 2021 and 2022); Political Analysis of Development Policy, MSc (2020, 2021 and 2022).

**June 2014-  
June 2018**

**Research Fellow**, Politics and Governance Programme, ODI (formerly Overseas Development Institute)

Led desk-based and field research into developmental change in Africa and South Asia with a focus on public sector reform, the political economy of public service delivery, and urbanisation. Also led research into how development interventions can practically become more adaptive and politically astute. Responsibilities included budget and project management, securing funding, line management and research dissemination. Initiated the ODI urban research group; planning budget expenditure across research projects, coordinating event organisation and reviewing research outputs.

**Research Officer** (June 2014 – August 2017), Research Fellow (Sept. 2017 – June 2018)

**Sept. 2012-  
June 2014**

**Research Consultant**, Centre for Local Economic Strategies, Manchester, UK

Conducted primary and secondary research, project evaluations, impact assessment and policy analysis. Focused on social and economic development in north-west England and local government interventions.

## **CONSULTANCY COLLABORATIONS**

**Dec. 2021  
(ongoing)**

**Associate**, The Policy Practice

Collaborating on research into the politics of development policy and programming.

**Sept. 2019  
(ongoing)**

**Research Associate**, Politics and Governance Programme, ODI (formerly: Overseas Development Institute)

Supporting research and evaluation of governance programming.

**Mar. – May  
2023**

**Lead researcher** for a case study of Kenya's 2017 plastic bag ban. Project led by La Trobe University, Melbourne and funded by Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and The Asia Foundation (TAF) in the Philippines

<b>Mar. 2021</b>	<b>Consultant to the Partnership for Learning for All in Nigeria (PLANE)</b> – UK FCDO funded education reform programme in Nigeria.
<b>Oct. 2020 – May 2021</b>	<b>Research Team Lead for the Learning, Evidence and Advocacy Partnership (LEAP)</b> – DFID funded governance programme in Nigeria. Led case study research into DFID/FCDO’s governance programmes’ impact in Kano and Kaduna states.
<b>Aug. 2020</b>	<b>Research assistance</b> for the publication of: Kelsall et al. (2022) <i>Political Settlements and Development: Theory, Evidence, and Implication</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press.
<b>Jan. – Mar. 2019</b>	<b>Consultant to the Nepal Health Sector Support Programme (DFID)</b> , led by Options Consulting. Political economy analysis of public-private partnerships for healthcare in Nepal.
<b>Apr. 2020</b>	<b>Consultant to the ODI Lessons for Peace programme.</b> Reviewed World Bank ‘Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund’ brief on urbanisation.

## RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

### *Policy publications (selected)*

Piron, L.-H., **Cummings, C.**, Williams, G., Derbyshire, H. and Hadley, S. (2021) *Twenty Years of UK Governance Programming in Nigeria*. London: ODI, DAI, Palladium.

**Cummings, C.** and Babu Paudel, S. (2019) *The legitimacy of the State in Nepal’s Terai region: Do public services matter?* London: ODI.

**Cummings, C.** and Hart, T. (2018) *Political Economy Analysis of Health Financing in Federal Nepal*. London: ODI.

**Cummings, C.** and Obwocha, B. (2018) *At the Crossroads: The Politics of Road Safety in Nairobi*. London: ODI.

**Cummings, C.** and Kulutuye, S. (2017) *The Nigerian National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme: A Case Study of Kano State: What Can We Learn for Public Policy Reform?* Abuja: LEAP; London: ODI.

Tulloch, O., **Cummings, C.**, Ogunbayo, D. and Ore, C. (2017) *A Case Study of The National Health Act, Nigeria: What Can We Learn for Public Policy Reform?* Abuja: LEAP; London: ODI.

**Cummings, C.**, Langdown, I., Hart, T. and Matoso, M. (2016) *What Drives Reform? Making Sanitation a Political Priority in Secondary Cities*. London: ODI.

Lucci, P., Manour-Ille, D., Easton-Calabria, E. and **Cummings, C.** (2016) *Sustainable cities: internal migration, jobs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. London: ODI

Valters, C., **Cummings, C.** and Nixon, H. (2016) *Putting learning at the centre: adaptive development programming in practice*. London: ODI

Mason, N., **Cummings, C.** and Doczi, J. (2016) *Innovating for pro-poor services: why politics matter*. London: ODI.

**Cummings, C.** and Tahiro, A. B. with Rhissa, H., Hamet, F., Goumey H. and Mamane Noura, I. (2016) *Collective Action and The Deployment of Teachers in Niger: A Political Economy Analysis*, London: ODI.

Wild, L., Booth, D., **Cummings, C.**, Foresti, M. and Wales, J. (2015) *Adapting Development: Improving Services to the Poor*, London: ODI.

Peer-reviewed publications

Mallett, R., Hagen-Zanker, J., **Cummings, C.** and Majid, N. (2018) 'Livelihoods programming and its influence on secondary migration', *Forced Migration Review*, 58, Oxford: University of Oxford.

**Cummings, C.** (2015) 'Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurialism in Public Sector Reform', *Public Administration and Development*, 35:315-328.

**Cummings, C.** (under review) 'Understanding power, culture and institutional change: an alternative approach to political settlements analysis', *New Political Economy*.

**Cummings, C.** (revisions pending) 'Explaining institutional change in Nepal and El Salvador: a cultural political economy approach to political settlements analysis', *Journal of International Development*.

Book review

**Cummings, C.** (2022) 'Power and Informality in Urban Africa, Ethnographic Perspectives', *The Journal of Development Studies*.

Conference papers

**Cummings, C.** (2023) 'Using cultural political economy to understand power relations and institutional change', *The Development Studies Association Conference*, June 2023.

**Cummings, C.** (2023) 'How political settlements analysis reflects the politics of development studies', *The Politics of Development Studies Conference*, University of Manchester, January 2023.

**Cummings, C.** (2022) 'Banning mining in El Salvador: why environmental policy does not always follow business interests', *The Development Studies Association Conference*, July 2022.

**Cummings, C.** (2021) 'What is 'local agency'? Questioning how power and agency are conceptualised in political analysis and development practice', *The Development Studies Association Conference*, June- July 2021.

Piron, H.L. and **Cummings, C.** (2021) 'Twenty Years of UK Governance Programming in Nigeria', *The Development Studies Association Conference*, June- July 2021.

**Cummings, C.**, LaCroix, A. and McCullough, A. (2019) 'The basis of legitimating beliefs in conflict-affected areas: Studies from Nepal and Pakistan', *From Politics to Power? Rethinking the politics of development. Effective States and Inclusive Development conference*, University of Manchester, September 2019.

**Cummings, C.** (2018) 'The Fast and the Furious: Why road safety in Nairobi is more about politics than poor driving', *The African Centre for Cities conference*, University of Cape Town, February 2018.

**Cummings, C.** (2017) 'Settling in the city: how can urban economies support ex-combatants' return to civilian life?', *European Conference on African Studies*, University of Basel, June 2017.