

Subject: The Forum Bulletin – Circular Economy workshop, development opportunity with Institute for Government and more

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## **IMPERIAL ACADEMICS DISCUSS THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

How to transition to a circular economy, a topic rising up the economic and climate agendas, was the focus of The Forum's latest policy workshop.

Dr Pelin Demirel and Dr Leila Sheldrick, both of the Dyson School of Design Engineering at Imperial, and researchers from across the College led discussions with partners from government, think tanks, charities and industry to address many of the strategic decision-making challenges faced as we transition towards a circular economy.

[Read the full story.](#)

## **FIGHTING PANDEMICS WHILE PROTECTING PRIVACY**

The Forum has published a new [Imperial Stories longread article](#) which takes a detailed look at the issues of COVID-19, contact tracing apps and protecting our privacy during pandemics. With commentary from Dr Yves-Alexandre de Montjoye of Imperial's Data Science Institute and Professor Esther Rodriguez-Villegas of Imperial's Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, this feature article explores whether improving privacy means losing effectiveness, and highlights the importance of learning and transparency as governments across the world seek to control virus in the coming months and years. Read the feature: [Pandemics and privacy](#).

## **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY WITH INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT – NEW DATES**

[The Forum](#) is pleased to offer two further policy engagement training sessions to be delivered online with the renowned [Institute for Government](#). The training will **deepen knowledge of areas covered in The Forum training** (working with Parliament, government and contributing expertise to policy) as well as offering a new session on **communicating your research and building your profile**. There are two options:

- **Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 June, 9.00-13.00** (you must attend both days)
- **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July, 9.00-13.00** (you must attend both days)

If you would like a place, please email [The Forum](#) with your preferred dates.

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## **UPDATES FROM POST**

The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology's (POST) Parliamentary Academic Fellowship Scheme Open Call is launching later this month. [Find out more.](#)

POST have release several new horizon-scanning pieces on COVID 19, covering topics such as [government data and information](#), [infrastructure](#), the [environment](#) and [education](#). [Find the full list here.](#)

You can view the [latest updates to POST's work programme, and contact information for all projects](#). Also find out [more information on what contributing to a POSTnote entails](#).

## **OTHER POLICY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES**

The Health and Social Care Committee's inquiry into **social care's funding and workforce** is accepting evidence until 5 June. [Find out more.](#)

The Joint Committee on Human Rights' inquiry into the **Health Service Safety Investigations Bill** is accepting evidence until 22 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Joint Committee on Human Rights' inquiry into **Mental Health Act reform** is accepting evidence until 22 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Commons Science and Technology Committee's inquiry into UK Science, Research and Technology Capability and Influence in **Global Disease Outbreaks** is accepting evidence until 31 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

### **GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS**

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and the Treasury's consultation on the **Climate Change Agreements scheme** closes on 11 June 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy's consultation on future support for **low carbon heart** closes on 7 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy's consultation on the **closure of the Non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive** closes on 7 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy's consultation on **carer's leave** closes on 3 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport's consultation on **expanding the dormant assets scheme** closes on 16 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs' consultation on **Bovine TB** closes on 26 June 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs' consultation on **environmental land management** closes on 16 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Environment Agency's consultation on the **Thames Estuary** closes on 30 June 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Transport and Office for Low Emission Vehicles' consultation on **Bristol Airport's designation as a 'coordinated' airport** closes on 26 June 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Transport and Office for Low Emission Vehicles' consultation on **the future of transport regulatory review: micromobility vehicles, flexible bus services and mobility as a service** closes on 3 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Transport and Office for Low Emission Vehicles' consultation on **ending the sale of new petrol, diesel and hybrid cars and vans** closes on 31 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Environment Agency's consultation on **river basin planning** closes on 24 September 2020. [Find out more.](#)

HM Revenue and Customs' consultation on the policy design of the **taxation of COVID-19 support payments** is accepting evidence until 12 June 2020. [Find out more.](#)

HM Revenue and Customs' consultation on the policy design of the **plastic packaging tax** is accepting evidence until 20 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

Ofwat's consultation on **regulatory reporting for the 2020-21 reporting year** closes on 24 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Treasury's consultation on the **Public Works Loan Board: future lending terms** closes on 4 June 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Treasury's consultation on the **Climate Change Agreements scheme extension** and reforms for any future scheme closes on 11 June 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Treasury's consultation on the **tax treatment of asset holding companies in alternative fund structures** closes on 19 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Treasury's consultation on the reform to **Retail Prices Index methodology** closes on 21 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government's consultation on the **energy performance of buildings** closes on 14 July 2020. [Find out more.](#)

NHS Digital's consultation on the clinical Safety of **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning** closes on 27 October 2020. [Find out more.](#)

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