

ESRC Centre for Research on Innovation &
Competition

The University of Manchester

A Guide for Visitors

Welcome to CRIC

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The Centre for Research on Innovation and Competition is an ESRC Research Centre established to create a centre of excellence in Manchester, at the interface of management and social sciences. Its ambitious aim is to contribute to the fundamental understanding of the complex issues that underline and link together innovation and competitiveness.

CRIC's work is based around an ongoing programme of work, which gives serious consideration to the comparative performance of the UK economy, relating this to the process of innovation. The research is multi-disciplinary and it considers innovation in various aspects, technological, organisational and motivational.

Research Staff list

Co-Directors

Professor Jeremy Howells – has written and co-authored several books on research and innovation. His interests include innovation and services, and outsourcing R & D. He is also a Senior Research Fellow of PREST, a post he holds on a half time basis with CRIC.

Professor Stan Metcalfe is Stanley Jevons Professor of Political Economy and Cobden Lecturer in the Department of Economics at the University of Manchester. His research interests include evolutionary economics and the modelling of evolutionary processes in relation to innovation, competition and economic growth. (secretary – tel: 0161 275 4824)

Professor Ian Miles is Research Director of PREST, the University of Manchester. His research interests include innovation studies, foresight and service sectors. (secretary – tel: 0161 275 5921)

Professor Alan Warde is Professor of Sociology at the University of Manchester. His recent projects have focused on food consumption, including a study of eating

out and an analysis of trends in household consumption in Britain.
(secretary – tel: 0161 275 7365)

Senior Research Fellows

Dr Mark Harvey – his research interests focus on the estate and its significance for influencing competitive environments and a comparative approach towards varieties of capitalism.

Research Fellows

Shu-Li Cheng – her interests include Labour market; Sociology and Economics of Education; Categorical data analysis; Monetary theory. She is currently working on “The Diffusion of Cultures of Consumption: a comparative analysis” project.

Davide Consoli – his interests include history of economics, industrial evolution, adoption and diffusion of technology.

Andrew James – his interests include the study of technology management issues in mergers and acquisitions as well as innovation and strategy in the aerospace and defence sector.

Andrew McMeekin – his work includes interests on environmental influences on innovation in UK companies and the influence of expectations about the future upon the innovation process.

Andrea Mina – his interests include co-evolution of knowledge, artefacts and institutions in the medical sector, health technologies markets, wireless technologies and market emergence.

Ronnie Ramlogan – he has various research interests, which include industrialisation and development, steel sector economics, economic growth and latterly complex adaptive systems and the process of innovation.

Sally Randles – her main research interests explore ‘competition’ and ‘competitiveness’ in the inter-locational and corporate contexts, evolutionary political-economy, scale, and spatial and economic development particularly with reference to cities.

Jason Rutter – his current research interests include electronic commerce, interaction, online sociability computer-mediated communication, humour research and computer gamers.

Dale Southerton – his current interests include convenience and the everyday management of time and space; new domestic technologies; social networks and senses of belonging; and the relevance of social class in understanding

consumption practices.

Bruce Tether – his research interest include theoretical and empirical studies of innovation and competition, particularly in service sectors, the measurement of innovation activity, and the relationship between innovation and industrial restructuring.

Yuichiro Uchida - His research deals with technological and trade specialisations in East Asia and the intensity of competition in East Asia.

Peter Urwin – his research involves the Social Rights over Resources in Europe and his academic background is in Labour Studies, Economics and Social Policy.

Elvira Uyarra – her interests include Economics: Evolutionary economics, industrial economics, innovation systems; Geography: geography of innovation, localised learning, clusters, industrial districts; regional innovation systems; Science, Technology and innovation policy; European integration: regional economic and social cohesion in Europe.

CRIC Information

CRIC's general office is usually open from 9am – 5pm. If you wish to attend CRIC outside of these times, please notify Sharon Hammond or Angie Lewis so that access can be arranged.

Administration

Ms Siobhan Drugan - Centre Administrator (ext 50451)

Miss Tricia Dennett - Centre Secretary (ext 57365)

Mrs Joyce Wilson - Accounts Clerk (ext 57377)

Mrs Sharon Dalton - Secretary (ext 54824)

Mr Ishtiaq Hussain - Web Administrator (ext 57804)

Computer Facilities/Email

If possible, please bring a laptop with you. There are limited computer facilities for email/internet access purposes. Please ask if these are required. If you require email facilities, you will need to visit the computer support unit of the Economics Faculty, which is on Dover Street (please see campus guide attached) where they will issue you with a username for the faulty fileserver.

Library Facilities

On arrival you will be issued with a letter, which you should take to the University

(John Rylands) library (no 18 on campus guide) where you will be provided with access and borrowing rights.

CRIC has its own small library, which can be used by visitors. If you take anything from this, please fill in the library logbook. A library database is available if you require a more detailed search. Please ask Tricia Dennett for more information.

Fire Precautions

Fire escapes will be signposted and labelled on each floor, the fire escapes are at the end of the corridors. Fire alarms are tested on Wednesday at lunchtime.

First Aid

There is a first aid box kept in room 6.02 CRIC Reception area, in the event of an accident. There is a list of emergency first aid contacts and locations on the notice board near the reception.

Car Parking

There are public car parks at Cecil Street, Booth Street (West) and Booth Street (East). Charges are £4.00 for a full day and £2.00 evenings and weekends.

Guidelines for Visitors to CRIC

We hope that your visit to CRIC is an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. The guidelines set out below are to ensure that your stay goes as smooth as possible.

Please do:

- Inform Siohban Trugan or Tricia Dennett if you invite any visitors to CRIC. Could you ask them to report to the main Reception of the Harold Hankins Building.
- Tea/coffee making facilities are located in the kitchen on floor 7. Alternatively you can bring in your own refreshments.
- Feel free to use the computer and email facilities in the Universities library's public cluster.
- Check the 'Key Diary Dates and Forthcoming Events' notice board on the wall in reception for information about forthcoming workshops/seminars etc.
- Ask about access to photocopying/fax/telephone facilities when you require them.
- Check the visitors post box in reception regularly (please ask on arrival for its exact location) as any correspondence for you will be left there.
- Write a brief CV of yourself so that we can distribute it to CRIC staff and other visitors. This should help everyone to get to know one another better.

- **Ask Siobhan Drugan or Tricia Dennett if you have any problems or queries relating to your stay.**

Please do not:

- Use other people's computers on desks.
- Invite visitors to the centre unless you have informed Siobhan Drugan or Tricia Dennett to expect them.

General Information

Accommodation



For details of accommodation, please visit the University Accommodation Office, or Manchester Student Homes, both of which are in the University Precinct Centre. Alternatively look at their web pages at:

<http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/accommodationoffice/>
<http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/mshcontact/>

Health

A Health Centre for advice is based at Waterloo Place, Oxford Road (near the University Precinct Centre).



Transport Around Manchester

Campus Travel at the Students' Union or Delta Travel in the Precinct Centre will be able to provide you with up to date travel information. Local bus and rail timetables area also available in the Student Advice Centre of the Students' Union.

Buses – Numerous bus companies operate services within Manchester and the surrounding areas. The main one is Stagecoach. There are enquiry offices at most terminals where you can ask for timetables and costs of journeys or you can make enquiries by telephone on **0161 273 3300**. Most local bus journeys begin or end in Manchester City Centre either at Piccadilly Bus Station or the Arndale Centre Bus Station, with regular services to the University. Services in the evening or very early in the morning are less frequent and if you wish to travel at these times do check the appropriate timetable. You can save money by buying a

'Saver Ticket'. You can get these at Piccadilly, a newsagent or other local shops.

Trains – National and local train services are available in the City Centre from the following railway stations:

Piccadilly
Victoria
Oxford Road

Do check from which of these stations your journey will begin or end. There is a Passenger Information Service available 24 hours a day by telephone **0161 832 8353**, offering advice on travel, timetables, costs etc. and most stations also have an enquiry office.

Coaches – The National Express coach service offers an extensive range of routes (often less expensive than travel by rail) and coaches depart from Chorlton Street Coach Station (near Piccadilly) in the City Centre. National Express also offers a discount travel scheme for students. Details can be obtained at the National Express Office (**0990 808080**) and also at Campus Travel at the Students' Union.

Taxis – Although travel by taxi in Manchester is not as costly as it is in London, it is still an expensive method of travel. Before you decide to make a journey by taxi, you should ask the driver for the likely cost of your journey and ensure that you have enough money with you.

Metro Link – This is a new tram system which links Bury (North of Manchester) to Altrincham (South of Manchester) via the City Centre streets. There is a link between Piccadilly Bus Station and Piccadilly Railway Station. The service is very frequent and enquiries can be made by telephone on **0161 205 2000**.

Maps & Campus Guide

Please find enclosed a Campus Guide and Precinct Centre Map, which will help you to find your way around the University of Manchester. CRIC is located in the Harold Hankins Building. To find CRIC, make your way to the Precinct Centre via the escalator on Booth Street West or the ramp on Oxford Road. CRIC's reception is located on the 6th floor of the Harold Hankins Building, entrance to which is opposite of the Legal Advice Centre (see maps on next page).



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Most of all – enjoy your visit to CRIC