Dr Sam McColl is a Senior Lecturer in Physical Geography at Massey University, New Zealand. His expertise is in understanding the causes and consequences of landslides in mountain environments. Dr McColl arrives on 2\textsuperscript{nd} May and will be located in the Tower Building.

He has a particular interest in the role that climate change plays in driving instability in mountain environments, particularly in locations where glacier recession and permafrost thaw lead to instability in valley sides, with direct or indirect impacts on people living in these environments.

He will be working with a number of colleagues in Geography and Environmental Science to develop projects and publications around the theme of geohazards and risk, as well as delivering workshops on surveying techniques (including drone and Structure-from-Motion photogrammetry). With colleagues in Geography and in Law, he will explore opportunities to collaborate on the legal aspects of climate change impacts, where, for example, there is growing interest in litigation cases brought by mountain communities against energy companies, and where there is potential to explore the notion of restorative justice for those who have contributed little to climate change, but who are most impacted by it.
Dr Luyao Che is currently a lecturer in International Economic Law at the prestigious China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing.

As a global scholar she will be working closely with colleagues in CEPMLP and other disciplines of the School on her research plans. These plans centre on the changing dynamics of world trade law where China is increasingly assuming the role of a rule-maker. During her time in Dundee, Dr Che will be running a master class and a workshop and speak at the annual ISSR forum.

Dr Che arrives on 11th June and will be located in the Carnegie Building.
Dr Rodger Payne is Professor of Political Science at the University of Louisville in the United States. His work focuses on US foreign policy, multilateralism, and international security. He has a particular interest in President Donald Trump’s ‘America First’ doctrine and its impact on multilateralism.

While at Dundee, Dr Payne will work with Professor Kurt Mills, Politics and International Relations, as well as colleagues in Law and elsewhere, examining the impact of ‘America First’ on the multilateral human rights regime, asking questions such as: Does the America First strategy pose a serious threat to vital institutions, the rule of law, and the status of longstanding human rights norms? Can these agreements endure without American leadership or a firm U.S. commitment to their importance? This builds directly on Professor Mills’ work on resistance to human rights norms and institutions by international actors, as well as research conducted by colleagues in Law on International Law and Human Rights. It is hoped that a workshop will be convened to bring together a wider group of scholars from across Scotland to examine these issues in more depth.

Dr Payne arrives on 25th May and will be located in the Scrymgeour Building.
Professor Stephen Stec lectures in the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at Central European University, where he teaches advanced Masters’ courses on Environment and Security, International Environmental Law, and Environmental Governance.

Professor Stec is a lawyer by profession and has taken part in the negotiation of several multilateral environmental agreements, including the Aarhus Convention. He is a co-recipient of the Rule of Law Award. He regularly publishes in the fields of human rights and sustainable development, environmental and energy security, nexus assessment, environmental governance and the rule of law, and corporate accountability. He co-wrote the Aarhus Convention Implementation Guide and authored a guide to UNEP’s Bali Guidelines on Rio Principle 10. Among his recent consulting projects, he has helped develop an environmental governance assessment framework for the 28 EU Member States under a European Commission framework contract and has analysed governance arrangements related to the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in several river basins for the UN Economic Commission for Europe.

At Dundee he is looking forward to collaborating with staff and students on: current issues in environment and security; writing an article on the Escazú Agreement for the Journal of Environmental Law; developing ideas for an academic conference commemorating Aarhus +20; comments and analysis on the Global Pact for the Environment; and follow-up to his article on the humanitarian limits to sovereignty. Prof Stec arrives on 7th May and will be located in the Scyrmgeour Building.
Dr Robert VanWynsberghe's research is rooted in an abiding interest in human action and social change. His work has been especially influenced by the social movement theories of resource mobilisation, new social movement, and frame alignment as well as efforts in social psychology to link attitudes, beliefs, and context to behaviour change. Most recently, the social philosophies of pragmatism and practice theory are beginning to inform important pedagogical gaps, which he addresses in designing socially conscious classrooms.

Dr VanWynsberghe's research utilises these ideas in understanding sustainability as a global social movement. This conceptualisation assumes meaningful partnerships among classrooms, communities, and citizens. His collaborations with Professor Khan, Associate Dean for Research, School of Education and Social Work will explore how new thoughts, new educative situations, new ways of acting, and new rewards can coalesce into individual and collective action for a better society.

Dr VanWynsberghe arrived in March and is located in the OMS Building.