

# THE AWARDS 2020

## Research Project of the Year: Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

<b>Institution name</b>	Royal Holloway, University of London
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Blood Bricks: Untold Stories of Modern Slavery and Climate Change from Cambodia
<b>Nominee/key personnel</b>	Professor Katherine Brickell, Professor of Human Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK; Dr Laurie Parsons, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK; Dr Nithya Natarajan, Lecturer in International Development, King's College London, UK; Dr Sopheak Chann, Lecturer, Faculty of Development Studies, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://www.projectbloodbricks.org">https://www.projectbloodbricks.org</a>
<b>Submission</b>	<p>'Blood Bricks' embody the converging traumas of modern slavery and climate change in our urban age. Moving from Cambodia's capital city, to the brick kiln, and back to the rural villages once called home, a team of UK and Cambodian researchers have newly evidenced how climate change is a key driver of debt in rural communities and the entry of adults and children into modern slavery in brick kilns.</p> <p>The project revealed these untold stories, and has amplified the experiences of brick workers in order to press for concrete action to eradicate modern slavery and address its root causes. The research (2017-2019), led by Royal Holloway, University of London, was jointly funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO). For more information about the project and its impact, see <a href="http://www.projectbloodbricks.org">www.projectbloodbricks.org</a> and @Blood_Bricks.</p>