So the Department is in week 9 of lockdown and has been closed since 16th March.

But, the business of CRERC has not stopped as staff and students have adapted to teaching and learning remotely. Here’s a snapshot of what’s going on.

**MSt goes Virtual**

Thanks to the new software-based conference room Zoom, the residential teaching for both cohorts was successfully transferred online, and embraced well by students:

“I thought the ‘Virtual’ nature of the sessions was handled very well, including the use of Zoom and the format of the sessions. I also enjoyed the pub breakout calls – not easy to replicate the in person experience of the residential sessions online, but these came close!” Cohort 2019-21 student feedback

Further online sessions are planned for early June.

Our second years have also been able to continue with their dissertation research. Luke Hamilton-Jones has been lucky enough to still access the data he needs even if PPE was required. Here he is at a private historic archive in central London.

Also the **CRERC Data Book** has been completely revised and is available via the Land Economy Intranet and Moodle.
MSt admissions 2020

The application deadline for admission for the 2020-22 cohort has been extended by ICE to 15th June, and the team are currently shortlisting candidates for virtual interviews. One important aspect of the process is that ICE will now accept language certificates that have been gained online, but other than that the application process is the same as usual.

Virtual Research Seminars

Thies Lindenthal is organising a series of bespoke online sessions, for more details see:  https://www.seminar.re/

The Cambridge Real Estate Research Club 2021

Our rescheduled event will now take place at Clare College on 6th May 2021. A programme and booking form will be available later in the year.

And finally, congratulations to Helen Bao for publication of her new book, *Behavioural Science and Housing Decision Making*

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