

IEL report

- 開催日 Date & Time: 29 July (Wed.), 5.30-7pm (1.5 hours)
- タイトル Title : PhD Student Life in the Times of the Coronavirus
- 主催 Coordinator : Bekzod Zakirov and Maximilien Berthet
- 参加人数 Attendance : 12 人
- 報告 Report : The purpose of the IEL was to provide a platform for PhD students (and prospective PhD students) in different countries to exchange difficulties and advice on academic life during the coronavirus period. Students joined from several countries via Zoom, including Japan, the UK, Austria, China and Cambodia. The IEL was divided into three parts: (i) self-introductions from the guests, and a discussion on “normal” PhD life; (ii) a discussion on how the coronavirus has affected the academic life of PhD students; and (iii) free discussion to exchange advice and develop solutions. The event was quite successful, providing an opportunity for students to expand their network and relieve worries from their PhD. We realised that some common issues faced by PhD students around the world are: reduced access to conferences and networking; mental health issues; a different relationship with the academic supervisor; and reduced access to international opportunities.

Please attach a photo showing the IEL.