

## Qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy, Architecture, Planning & Landscape , Newcastle University  
Award Date: 30 Jun 2010

Master in Science, MSc Social Research Methods (Human Geography) , University of Sussex  
Award Date: 31 Oct 2003

Bachelor of Science, Geography & Environmental Management , Northumbria University  
Award Date: 30 Jun 2001

## Employment

### Professor in Environmental & Landscape Planning

Academic (Teaching & Research) Professor  
Planning, Property and Environmental Management  
The University of Manchester  
1 Jan 2017 → present

### Editorial Board - Urban Forestry & Urban Greening

1 Jan 2020 → present

### Editor (Special Issues on GI/Greening Cities)

1 Jan 2019 → present

### Erasmus Mobility Scholar

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University  
Suzhou Industrial Park, China  
1 Dec 2016 → 1 Dec 2016

### Visiting Research Fellow

Centre for Environmental Planning & Technology (CEPT)  
India  
1 Jun 2014 → 30 Sept 2100

## Research output

### Understanding and assessing climate risk to green infrastructure: experiences from Greater Manchester (UK)

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**Planning with Landscape: Green Infrastructure to Build Climate-Adapted Cities**

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**The changing focus of England's Community Forest programme and its use of a green infrastructure approach to multi-functional landscape planning**

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**Can green infrastructure promote urban sustainability?**

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## **Press / Media**

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Ian Mell

18/01/21

1 Media contribution

**BBC RADIO MANCHESTER: The value of parks during Covid-19 lockdown**

Ian Mell

29/03/20

1 Media contribution

**Castlefield Viaduct: Manchester's new park in the sky could transform the city – but who will benefit?**

Ian Mell

9/08/22

1 Media contribution

**Covid-19: 'let's try and do something collectively that makes us all a little bit happier'**

Ian Mell

26/03/20

1 Media contribution

**ENSIA: What price tag would you put on a walk in the woods?**

Ian Mell

21/05/19

1 Media contribution

**Green Infrastructure Planning: In Conversation with Ian Mell**

Ian Mell

26/02/19

1 Media contribution

**Green space access is not equal in the UK – and the government isn't doing enough to change that**

Ian Mell & Meredith Whiten

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**London's Garden Bridge: city-centre haven or a bridge too far?**

Ian Mell

14/10/16

1 Media contribution

**London's Marble Arch Mound was a fiasco in a city losing so many green spaces – but pop-up parks can work**

Ian Mell

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**National parks are beautiful, but austerity and inequality prevent many from enjoying them**

Ian Mell

20/02/19

1 Media contribution

**PARKS, PLANNING, AND THE RESPONSES TO COVID-19.**

Ian Mell

14/04/20

1 Media contribution

**THE CONVERSATION: Coronavirus: urban parks can be a lifeline – if we respect lockdown rules**

Ian Mell

26/03/20

1 Media contribution

**THE CONVERSATION: Don't give up on ambitious green architecture – despite London's Garden Bridge folly**

Ian Mell

16/08/17

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**Urban greening and meaningful places**

Ian Mell

10/03/22

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