

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
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Bachelor of Science, Geography & Environmental Management , Northumbria University
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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

Examining the long-term impacts of Covid-19 on green infrastructure: reflections on changes in public perceptions and government action

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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

25/02/22

1 Media contribution

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

17/08/21

1 Media contribution

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.

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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

1 item of Media coverage

Urban greening and meaningful places

Ian Mell

10/03/22

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