STAFF AND STUDENTS

David Simon has been invited to become the first international member of the editorial board of the Nijmegen Institute of Comparative and Cultural Studies, the principal publication of which is book series *The Nijmegen Studies in Development and Cultural Change*.

On 17th February, David Simon acted as external examiner for the PhD thesis of Erik van Waveren (Geography, Univ. of the West of England), entitled Land Resource Distribution under Customary Tenure in Swaziland: a geographical analysis with special attention to semi-arid land.

Klaus Dodds has been invited to be on the ESRC's Commissioning Panel for a new research programme on new security challenges. He is the only representative from Geography.

Ed Derbyshire has accepted an invitation to join the leadership of IGCP Project 454 (Medical Geology), with effect from 1 January 2003, a project with special status under the IUGS.

Ed Derbyshire has accepted an invitation from UNESCO to lead the Scientific Advisory Group during the independent six-yearly assessment of the UNESCO-IUGS International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP).

Ed Derbyshire has accepted an invitation to serve on the four-member Management Team of the IUGS-UNESCO International Year of Planet Earth initiative, and to Chair the Scientific Programme Committee of the International Year.

Dr Luciana Martins has been appointed to a Lectureship in Luso-Brazilian Studies in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Culture at Birkbeck College, from September 2003.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

David Simon attended the editorial working group meeting of the Review of African Political Economy, held in Sheffield on 7 February.

David Simon attended the Trustees' meeting of the Canon Collins Educational Trust for Southern Africa, held in the House of Lords, on 13 February.

David Simon presented a seminar on 'Regional Development-Environment discourses, policies and practices in post-apartheid southern Africa’ in the School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex, 11 February.
David Simon provided a briefing on political-economic and development issues in South Africa to 60 Executive MBA students at Imperial College on 21 February, ahead of their forthcoming study tour to that country.

Klaus Dodds gave a lecture on Antarctica to the High Weald Geographical Association at Judd School in Tonbridge. 30 students and teachers were present 3rd February 2003.

Klaus Dodds gave a paper 'Flag waving, fieldwork and funding: The work of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey in Antarctica 1945-1962' to the Social Sciences and Humanities Polar Seminar series at the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge 10th February 2003.

In his role as external examiner for the MSc Environmental Change and Management at the University of Oxford, Tim Unwin presented a seminar on 25th February 2003.

Philip Crang presented a paper at the LSE in an international workshop on 'Globalisation of India and Indianisation of the Globe', organised by The Centre for the Study of Global Governance at the LSE and the ESRC's Transnational Communities Research Programme.

Vandana Desai gave a talk on "From Population Control to Reproductive Rights" to A level students at East Barnet School on 13th February 2003. The session was attended by 25 students.

PUBLICATIONS

Scott Elias has recently collaborated with North American archaeologist John Hoffecker on a paper in Evolutionary Anthropology. The title of the paper is 'Environment and Archaeology in Beringia.' It appeared in volume 12, pages 34-49.

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**Ed Derbyshire** hosted a meeting of the Management Team of the International Year of Planet Earth initiative in Hove on 8 and 9 January.


**Ed Derbyshire** convened and chaired the inaugural meeting of the Scientific Programme Committee of the International Year of Planet Earth initiative at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, 30 and 31 January.

**Ed Derbyshire** worked at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris 3-8 February. In addition to chairing meetings of the IUGS Committee for Research Directions and the Scientific Advisory Group for the assessment of the IGCP, he reported to the IGCP Scientific Board on the outcome of the last meeting of the Steering Group of the Chairpersons of UNESCO’s five intergovernmental programmes. He represented the IGCP at a meeting on future plans and resources for the UNESCO Earth Science programmes with the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr. K. Matsuura, and held a meeting with the U.K. Deputy Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Christine Atkinson, in order to discuss the UK role in the UNESCO Earth Science programmes.

Also, together with Mr. Matt Telfer (Postgraduate Research Assistant, University of Sheffield), he made a half-hour presentation to an open session of the IGCP Scientific Board on ‘CHANGESÍ (Carbon, Hydrology And Global Environmental Systems) as an example of formal collaboration and fund-raising by a cohort of cognate IGCP projects.

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**GRANTS**

**Klaus Dodds** has been awarded a British Academy grant of £8476 for a project on Race, citizenship and the overseas territories of the Falkland Islands and Gibraltar (1964-2002). Bridget Robison will be working on the project as the RA. This work was initially supported by a grant from the College's RSF.
The Department has been awarded an ESRC CASE studentship, in collaboration with the Science Museum, London, for a research project supervised by Professor Felix Driver and Dr Tim Boon, Head of Collections, entitled *The geography of enthusiasm: public history, museums and spaces*. The project is due to begin in September 2003.

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Frank Meddens presented a QUISS Seminar on 28th February entitled "Peruvian prehistory, agricultural yields and mediation with the gods".