

STAFF AND STUDENTS

Clive Gamble has been awarded the Rivers Memorial Medal for 2005 by the Royal Anthropological Institute, in recognition of his research contributions. This was first awarded in 1924, and previous recipients (mostly anthropologists) have included Haddon, Malinowski, Evans-Pritchard, Gluckman, Renfrew, Goody, and Strathern.

Clive Gamble has been invited to join the Research Committee of the British Academy .

Rob Imrie visited the Department of Geography, University of Aberystwyth on June 16th to fulfill his duties as external examiner of the masters degrees in Practising Human Geography and Space, Place and Politics.

Jill Fenton presented a paper from her research on contemporary surrealism in Paris at a postgraduate symposium organised by the AHRC Research Centre for Studies of Surrealism and its Legacies and held at Tate Britain on Monday 6 June 2005.

Felix Driver has joined the Council of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (2005-).

Felix Driver was a respondent to a lecture by Denis Cosgrove at the Victorian Europeans conference, Royal Holloway, 24 June

Tim Unwin gave an invited paper entitled "Managing ICT for development: partnerships in education" and chaired the discussion session on "Management" at the University of London conference on "Doing more with more: distance learning and e-learning strategy" held at Senate House on 27th and 28th of June.

Ed Derbyshire has joined the Editorial Board of the Journal of Asian Earth Sciences

Vandana Desai was an external examiner at Geography Dept, Lancaster University for a PhD on "Rural Micro credit and its Impact on rural Bangladesh - Case Study of the Grameen Bank" by Feseha Alemayehu on 23rd May 2005.

Katie Walsh is currently at the National University of Singapore as a 'visiting scholar' for two weeks in the Geography Department. She is using the opportunity to meet with researchers from several disciplines who are researching migration and globalisation

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Ed Derbyshire attended a meeting of the Working Group on Africa of the Natural Sciences Committee, United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO at the Royal society on 16 June.

PUBLICATIONS

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REVIEWS

Imrie, R. , 2005, Book review of *Bevan, M., 2002, Housing and disabled people: the art of the possible*, *The Policy Press, Bristol* , in *Children, Youth and Environments*, 15, 1, 389-391.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Clive Gamble has been awarded £235, 957 by AHRC under the Resource Enhancement Scheme for a project entitled 'The prehistoric stones of Greece : a resource from field survey'. The project will employ two research fellows and is linked to the British School at Athens . It will also involve environmental archaeology input from **Dr Nick Branch** and GIS support from **Dr Xingmin Meng**.

Rob Imrie has been awarded £37,000 from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (Taiwan) for a project entitled 'Active citizens and the role of community in the sustainable development of cities: a cross national perspective'. It will be carried out in collaboration with *Dr Chaolee Kuo*, based at the Graduate Institute of Urban Planning, National Taipei University , Taiwan.

Rob Imrie has been awarded a research grant (SG-40703) of £7142 from the British Academy for a project entitled 'The regulation of architects' practices'.

VISITORS/MEETINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT

Phil Crang coordinated the excellent AHRC framework seminar for the Landscape & Environment Programme ('Enchantment and haunting: creating landscape through performance') at Royal Holloway on 20 June, in collaboration with Drama and Music. Plenary speakers and workshop facilitators included Denis Cosgrove, David Lambert, Clive Gamble and David Gilbert.

Rob Imrie organised a 'taster day' for 42 A-level students from 16 schools, with Mary Fowler in Geology, on 29 June. The theme was 'Sustainable development: the management of the earth'. Other contributors included Tim Unwin, Danielle Schreve, Jay Mistry, and Elaine Turton.

Fiona White from the Institute of Commonwealth Studies will be in the Department for July and August as a research assistant to Jay Mistry on her Academy of Higher Education project.

CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

David Simon attended the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Geographers, 2-5 June, held at the University of Western Ontario as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. He presented a paper entitled 'Separated by Common Ground? Bringing (Post) Development and (Post) Colonialism Together' in the session on 'Power of Development Revisited' on 3 June.

David Simon was an invited guest at the annual conference of the Norwegian Association for Development Research, held at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, at Ås outside Oslo, from 20-22 June. He delivered the closing plenary lecture on 'Separated by Common Ground? Bringing (Post)development and (Post)colonialism together', and was discussant for a session on Landscapes of Post-conflict Reconstruction. Before returning, he managed to visit the new exhibition, Munch By Himself (which includes the recently-recovered 'The Scream'), at the Munch Museum in Oslo.

Scott Elias attended a meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska, 21-22 June, sponsored by the Joint Oceanographic Institute and University of Alaska. The meeting was a workshop to develop a grant proposal to continue research on sediment cores taken from the Bering Land Bridge regions of the Bering Sea.

Ed Derbyshire was at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris 21 and 22 June for meetings with the IGCP Secretariat, the UK Permanent Delegation to UNESCO, and the Deputy President of UNESCO's Executive Board, on matters concerning the IGCP and the International Year of Planet Earth.

Vandana Desai attended and gave a paper on "Transition in the NGO sector" at the Fourth Manchester NGO conference "Reclaiming Development? Assessing the contributions of Non-Governmental Organisations to Development Alternatives" from 27th - 29th June 2005.

Scott Elias visited Boulder , Colorado , 30 June, to meet with his co-author, John Hoffecker. Hoffecker and Elias are finishing writing a manuscript for a book entitled 'Human Ecology of Beringia,' to be published by Columbia University Press next year.

Tim Unwin visited Georgia from 14th to 23rd June at the invitation of Tbilisi State University and the Geographical Society of Georgia to undertake a review of research and teaching in Human Geography in the country, funded by The British Academy.

ANY OTHER NEWS

Summer Maintenance Works

- 1) From 1 July 05 - 5 Aug 05: re-roofing of Queen's Building, which will affect the back and Loading-Bay side of the building (outside of building and in the Quad). During this time there will be no parking in front of the building or in the Loading Bay. You should take extra care around areas where work is being carried out.
- 2) From 1 Aug 05 to 31 Aug 05: Disability Access Works will involve the replacement of the front door, the upgrading of the disabled toilet, and the upgrading of the lift. Access to the building will be via the Loading Bay doors. A temporary card swipe will be installed to allow out of hours access.
- 3) The external painted areas (i.e. wooden plinths) of Munro Fox will be done sometime in July. Painting in Queen's is still under negotiation!
- 4) SRIF3 works, if approved by HEFCE, are likely to commence in late July/August, but should cause little disruption to most of the department.
- 5) Other work around campus: currently works are taking place on Bourne (for up to 2 years), Runnymede Halls (upgrade), Wolfson (painting), and re-routing of data-cabling across campus. Work will begin directly on the 400 seat lecture theatre (opposite college shop), and not long thereafter the 100 seat lecture theatre outside Management. You should take appropriate care when negotiating these areas of the campus.