

Geography Department News

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STAFF AND STUDENTS

Thomas Stevens has been made Visiting Professor at the University of Novi Sad, Department of Geography. This will involve increased collaborative research work on loess deposits in Serbia.

Katherine Brickell held meetings at Gothenberg University, Sweden on possible research collaborations with Scandinavian scholars working on Cambodia.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Katherine Brickell organized a Women in Geography Study Group (WGSG) reading weekend near Exeter on the theme of 'Feminist Perspectives on the Global Economic Crisis'.

Katherine Brickell was invited to participate in a 1-day workshop held at the Geffrye Museum, Hackney on the theme of 'Home, Migration and Community'. The workshop formed part of the AHRC Connected Communities Programme and was jointly held by Queen Mary, University of London, The Geffrye Museum, Centre for Studies of Home and Royal Geographical Society (with Institute of British Geographers).

Duncan McGregor attended the Institute for the Study of the Americas/Institute for Environment & Development International Conference Responding to Climate Change in the Caribbean, Senate House, 13/14 June. He took part in the panel discussion on Food Security: Agriculture and Fisheries.

On June 27/28, **Peter French** acted as external examiner for the Part 1a and 1b tripos in the

Geography Department at Cambridge University.

Vandana Desai has been appointed to the Advisory Panel of CREPA (Le Centre Régional pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement à faible coût) which is implementing a two year project funded by Conrad Hilton Foundation on sustainable water service delivery (SWSD) in the rural area of the Afram Plain Region in Ghana. She was invited to participate in the project launch and methodology workshop from 27th June to 1 July 2011 in Accra, Ghana.

Tim Cresswell addressed a selection of architects, planners, accountants, curators and others responsible for the new T2 extension of Oslo airport at the airport on June 14th.

OVERSEAS FIELDWORK/CONFERENCES

Members of the ICT4D Collective played a very active role in the WSIS Forum 2011 <<http://groups.itu.int/wsis-forum2011/Home.aspx>> held in Geneva between 16th and 20th May. Peter Drury (from Cisco), David Grimshaw, **Dorothea Kleine**, **Thao Nguyen**, Paola Uimonen (SPIDER) and **Tim Unwin** led a highly interactive workshop on ICT4D partnerships <http://groups.itu.int/wsis-forum2011/Agenda.aspx?event=event_60>, that built on the recent systematic review <http://www.gg.rhul.ac.uk/ict4d/workingpapers/DFID_ICT_SR_Final_Report.pdf> that members of

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NOTICES



Graduation Ceremony -
15th July

2011/12 Academic Year - Start
term - Monday, 19th September.

the Collective did for DFID on the development impact of ICT4D partnerships

<http://www.gg.rhul.ac.uk/ict4d/workingpapers/DFID_ICT_SR_Final_Report.pdf> .The Collective was also one of the 15 exhibitors at the Forum, with several partners disseminating information from our stand. Tim Unwin was Master of Ceremonies for the opening ceremony, chaired the High Level Dialogues on Working Together towards 2015 <<http://groups.itu.int/wsis-forum2011/Agenda/HighLevelDialogues.aspx>> and on Building Confidence and Security in Cyberspace <<http://groups.itu.int/wsis-forum2011/Agenda/HighLevelDialogues.aspx>> , and contributed to the FAO session on e-agriculture <http://groups.itu.int/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Bsjg_VgwoTk%3d&t abid=1801>

16-26 June 2011. Sara Fregonese was in Beirut conducting fieldwork for her British Academy small grant project “Views from the Holiday Inn: War, Landscape, and Memory in Beirut”. Sara conducted extensive archive research, photography and ethnography in the Minet el Hosn neighbourhood around the former Holiday Inn hotel, a once cosmopolitan area, gradually made part of civil war frontlines in the mid-1970s and since then living besides the post-war development process of the Lebanese capital. The project investigates the role of hotels as urban geopolitical sites and aims to produce an archive of the memory of Beirut’s former Holiday Inn.

Andrew Brooks gave a presentation at the 4th European Conference on African Studies, 15-18 June, Uppsala, Sweden, titled: ‘Dealers, Fixers, Customs and Corruption: Negotiating the Trade of Used Cars from Durban to Maputo’.

Thomas Stevens and Claire Gallant visited Serbia for a field trip to collect samples from the Stari Slankamen loess sequence. This section contains one of the

most complete Quaternary climate archives in Europe.

Tim Cresswell gave a keynote address to the meeting of the European Urban Research Association (EURA) in Copenhagen on June 25th. The talk was titled, ‘Citizenship in Worlds of Mobility’.

Tim Cresswell gave an invited public lecture at the University of Malmo, Sweden on June 22nd. His talk was titled, ‘On Turbulence’.

Steve Jones participated in WaterAid West Africa’s Sustainability Workshop for rural water services in Monrovia, Liberia, 1-3 June as part of his PhD collaboration with WaterAid Mali.

PUBLICATIONS

Bradley L. Garrett published an op-ed piece for Domus architectural and design magazine in the June 2011 issue titled “The fragmentation of urban exploration”, online <http://www.domusweb.it/en/op-ed/the-fragmentation-of-urban-exploration/>

Bradley L. Garrett published a response to Luke Bennett’s article “Bunkerology—a case study in the theory and practice of urban exploration” on *the Environment and Planning D: Society & Space* blog

<http://societyandspace.com/2011/06/10/shallow-excavation-a-response-to-bunkerology-by-bradley-l-garrett/>

. Bennett then replies <http://societyandspace.com/2011/06/10/exploring-the-bunker-a-response-by-luke-bennett-to-%E2%80%98shallow-excavation%E2%80%99/>

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Peters K (2011) Negotiating the 'Place' and 'Placement' of Banal Tourist Souvenirs in the Home. *Tourism Geographies* 13 (2) pp. 234-256 DOI: 10.1080/14616688.2011.569570.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Katherine Brickell won £3,770 from a British Academy Conference Support Grant for a 1-day conference to be held in Spring 2012 entitled 'Contemporary Challenges in Transitional Vietnam: Insights from Vietnam Studies in the United Kingdom'

Katherine Brickell, Vandana Desai and Katie Willis won £4,000 from the RHUL Research Strategy Fund (£4,000) for a project starting in July 2012 entitled 'Youth Spaces and Practices of Love in Mumbai, Ho Chi Minh and Taipei'.

David Lambert has been awarded funds to visit the Departments of History, Geography and Art History at Queen's University, Ontario, in October 2011. The funds (\$4836) have been provided through the University's International Visiting Scholars scheme.

Anyaa Anim-Addo attended the Society for Caribbean Studies (SCS) conference in Liverpool (29 June - 1 July), and was awarded the 2011 David Nicholls Postgraduate Prize for a paper submitted to the SCS on nineteenth-century shipboard cultures of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

Caroline Cornish has received a grant from the Geography Department to mount an

exhibition in collaboration with Kew Gardens and Open House London. The exhibition, which will take place September 17-18, will be an attempt to re-create the original Kew Museum. Thanks to David Simon, David Gilbert, and Felix Driver.

Caroline Cornish has been awarded the Irene Marshall Scholarship of £1325 for a research trip to India in October.

ANY OTHER NEWS

Leonhardt van Efferink publishes an interview with geographer Paul Routledge of Glasgow University on his website (www.exploringgeolitics.org). He talks about among other topics Alter-Geopolitics, nuclear disarmament and civil disobedience.

Congratulations to **Ian and Alison** who got married in Strathpeffer on the 25th of June and spent their honeymoon in Norway.

