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Mission:

To engage in, promote and co-ordinate research and postgraduate teaching in the social sciences and humanities concerning the Commonwealth and its constituent parts in both their historical and contemporary settings.

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To be the UK's national and international centre of excellence for policy-relevant research and teaching on Commonwealth studies, focusing on the following themes: North-South relations, global peace and security, development, good governance and human rights, civil society and the historical context of the post-colonial 'British world'.

To encourage informed scholarly and public debate through the provision of research seminars, conferences, workshops and public lectures, and publication of their proceedings.

To organise and participate in national and international scholarly and policy networks within and beyond the Commonwealth.

To open up new areas of interdisciplinary research and debate.

To provide specialised library and archival resources and advice to academics and others with Commonwealth interests.

To assist scholars from Commonwealth countries to carry out research in London and the United Kingdom and to participate in the Institute's programmes through its Fellowships.

To engage in comparative study of the countries, regions, associations and companies of the Commonwealth and other areas of the world.

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Director's Review



The Institute's main research activity during 2006-7 continued to be based on its ESRC Non-governmental Public Action Programme grant for work on 'South-North non-governmental networks and policy processes'. This project involves a team of six researchers from the Institute working on how non-governmental associations with transnational links influence governmental and international policy processes and their outcomes. The cases are drawn from a range of countries (India, Pakistan, Ghana, Rwanda, Malaysia and Canada) and include organisations such as the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Partnership Africa-Canada (concerned with the Kimberley Process), Sisters in Islam, Penal Reform International, PRIA in India, and Ghanaian hometown associations in London. The year culminated with an International Workshop in London, funded by the ESRC and the Commonwealth Foundation, which brought together 60 researchers, policy makers and the NGPAs themselves to discuss the policy implications and lessons of the research.

Our plans to continue expanding our funded research in areas of 'good governance' and development received a substantial boost through our successful participation in an international consortium bid to DFID for the DFID Research Programme Consortium on 'Power, Politics and the State in Africa: how to develop political institutions which work for the poor'. The project, which is worth £3.75 million over five years, is led by the Overseas Development Institute and includes partners from University of Marseilles, University of Florida, Ghana, Niger and South Africa. Applications were also submitted to the ESRC for grants in the fields of 'access to information' and the Employment Guarantee Scheme in India, transitional justice and land rights in Rwanda, and to DFID's Governance and Transparency Fund for a project on the role of the South Asian mass media in six South Asian countries.

In the field of human rights, staff publications of note included Nazila Ghanea's *Does God Believe in Human Rights?* on the theme of religious intolerance, and articles by Lars Waldorf on censorship and the media in Rwanda. There were also significant publications in the area of governance and development including Richard Crook's recently completed DFID research on land law and access to justice, *The law, legal institutions and the protection of land rights in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire*, James Manor's *Aid that Works*, Tim Shaw's *Commonwealths and Global Governance*, and Bill Vlcek's piece on Caribbean offshore financial centres in the *Round Table*. Satyabrata Rai Chowdhuri, one of our Senior Research Fellows, published *Leftism in India 1917-1947* to much critical acclaim; the book was described by Lord Meghnad Desai as one that will be a 'standard reference work' for a long time to come. The success of Susan Williams' *Colour Bar: The Triumph of Seretse Khama and his Nation* was confirmed with the appearance of the paperback version in 2007.

Our 65 events, which included seminar programmes on Human Rights, Canadian and Caribbean Studies and research and policy workshops and lectures, covered an enormously wide variety of topics from grass roots activism in post apartheid South Africa, and reporting human rights abuses in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, to the 'Calypso Collective' and West Indian rhythm and a one day workshop on the history and politics of cricket to coincide with the Cricket World Cup. Highlights of our one day events included the moving 'Cultures and Memories of Confinement in South Africa' in May 2007, 'Indian politics today', and 'Freedoms at Midnight: the iconography of independence' in June, which brought together a distinguished international group of historians.

The CPSU continued its policy briefing series with a very useful session for the Commonwealth Womens' Affairs Ministers. Longer conferences included the regular Commonwealth Scholarships Commission Alumni Network on Governance Conference in March 2007 and the CPSU's popular Summer School for Young People in July, which represents a unique attempt to involve young people from outside the academic and policy communities in thinking about issues arising from the modern Commonwealth.

The Institute's teaching programme enjoyed another very successful year, with numbers on the MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights increasing again to 56, the MSc rising to 15 and the PhD programme levelling out at 18. We are very grateful to the Friends of the Institute who generously donated two full fee Master's degree Bursaries (one for an overseas student and one for a home student) which are designed to help students who combine academic excellence with evidence of outstanding practical contributions to the work of development or human rights in the Commonwealth. The Bursaries were awarded to two applicants for the MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights students, Carolyn Merry and Nicola Jeffery, who started the course in September 2007. Carolyn has worked for *Medicins Sans Frontières* as a nurse in a variety of conflict and post-conflict areas including Sierra Leone, Liberia and Afghanistan, and with asylum seekers in Kuala Lumpur. Nicola, a law graduate, has worked with a number of humanitarian NGOS in India, Japan and Tibet.

The enormous pressures placed on our administrative resources by the preparations for the HEFCE review of the School in May 2007 were compounded by continuing uncertainties throughout the year over our staffing levels and more losses and staff changes, both administrative and academic. Our temporary Administrative Manager, Coralie Mattys, who had taken over in very difficult circumstances, left to much regret at the end of May and her replacement, Tracy Banton, left after only four months in post. We also lost our Marketing and Development Officer post in July when Dee Burn left to take up the position of SAS Marketing Manager, and our Events Officer left at the end of August. On the academic side, the Human Rights MA programme lost both of its key staff, with Nazila Ghanea-Hercock going to a University Lectureship at the University of Oxford, and Paul Gready to a well-deserved Chair at the University of York. They have been replaced by Lars Waldorf, an expert in transitional justice in Eastern and Southern African who has spent many years working in Rwanda, and Peris Jones, an expert on HIV/AIDs issues in South Africa who joined us from the Norwegian Institute of Human Rights. On the positive side, Bill Vlcek was appointed to a temporary lectureship in International Politics and James Manor of the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, replaced Richard Crook as the new Emeka Anyaoku Professor of Commonwealth Studies in April 2007. James is an internationally recognised expert in the politics of South Asia and in international development and security more generally, and will strengthen the Institutes' ability to present a much broader coverage of Commonwealth development issues.

Professor Richard Crook
December 2007

Staff

Richard Crook, BA, MA, PhD	Director
James Manor, BA, DPhil	Emeka Anyaoku Professor in Commonwealth Studies
Tim Shaw, BA, MA, PhD	Emeritus Professor in Commonwealth Studies
Michael Twaddle, MA, PhD	Emeritus Reader in Commonwealth Studies
Robert Holland, BA, DPhil	Professor of Imperial & Commonwealth History
Paul Gready, BA, MA, PhD	Senior Lecturer & Course Convenor of MA
William Vlcek, PhD	Lecturer
Lars Waldorf, BA, JD	Lecturer
Angela Melchiorre, BA, MA	Lecturer
David Clover, BA, DipHum, DipLibr, MA	Information Resources Manager
Julie McCaffery, BA, MA	Deputy Information Resources Manager
Scott Finnie, MSc	Collection Development & Bibliographic Services Librarian
Yvette Bailey	Acquisitions Officer
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Dee Burn, BA, MA	Marketing & Development Officer
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Academic Staff Activities

Richard Crook

Professor Crook was appointed Director of the Institute in August 2006 and continued to hold the Emeka Anyaoku Chair in Commonwealth Studies until March 2007. As Director, he was involved in substantial administrative, financial and academic restructuring during the year, and led the Institute's submission to the HEFCE Review of the School in May 2007. Outside the University he served on the Development Studies RAE panel and on the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission Advisory Panel.

On the research side, he continued to work on and direct the Institute's ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme project, carrying out fieldwork in Ghana and organising the final international workshop in London in September 2007: '*The impact of transnational non-governmental public actors (NGPAs) on policy processes and policy outcomes: translating advocacy into sustainable policy engagement*'. He was also successful in obtaining a DFID Research Programme Consortium grant of £3.75 million as part of a team led by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London on the theme of '*Power and politics in Africa; discovering institutions which work for poor people*'. The research will be carried out by a team of researchers drawn from ICWS, ODI, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, University of Florida (USA), CDD Ghana, LASDEL Niger, SHADYC University of Marseilles and the South African Institute of International Affairs. He also presented papers to the Accra conference on 'Contesting land and custom in Ghana: state, chief and the citizen' organised by the University of Leiden and the University of Ghana (September 2006), to the Law and Society Association international conference in Berlin (July 2007) and to the Association of Commonwealth Studies as keynote speaker (May 2007).

Professor Crook continued to contribute to the Institute's teaching programme, teaching a course for the MSc Globalization and Development degree (Unit 1 'Policy issues in human development') and supervising doctoral students. He also designed, in collaboration with Professor Thane of IHR, a new social science research methods course for Masters programmes and first year doctoral students, to be launched in 2007-8. This initiative is aimed at gaining ESRC recognition for the School's doctoral programmes.

James Manor

See Anyaoku Chair entry.

Tim Shaw

Tim Shaw is Director of the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad. He went to Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Kampala last November where a Routledge monograph on the Commonwealth was launched at Makere University Business School. He also hosted a Royal Roads University Residency in Kampala and served as Visiting Professor at Makere University Business School and Mbarara University of Science and Technology. He has recently published refereed articles in *Global Society*, *International Studies Review* and *Third World Quarterly*. He helped to animate Commonwealth Day roundtable in Uganda in advance of the Summit and has recently been appointed Senior Fellow at Canadian International Grains Institute.

Robert Holland

During the session Professor Holland continued to serve as Chair of the Institute's Higher Degree Committee and as the Institute's representative on the Academic Policy and Standards Committee of the School. His chairmanship of the Award Committee for the Trevor Reese Book

Prize in Imperial and Commonwealth History came to a climax with the presentation event (and seminar) in the Institute on 9 November, 2006. Professor Holland taught an optional course on 'Ending the Empire: the British Experience' for the M.A. in Contemporary British History in the Institute of Historical Research. He supervised five MPhil/PhD students in the ICS. Outside the Institute and School, Professor Holland continued as a selector for the Northcote and Australian Bicentennial Scholarships and Fellowships administered by the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies at King's College London. He acted on the Steering Committee of the 'Projection of Britain Project' within the British Universities' Film and Video Council (now brought to a conclusion), on the Editorial Boards of *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* and *The Journal of Modern Greek and Byzantine Studies*, and was a referee for a major application to the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Towards the end of the session he was invited to join the International Editorial Board of *The Cyprus Review*.

On the conference organization front, Professor Holland co-convened two very successful events during the year. 'Britain and Cyprus Today' on April 18, 2007 was jointly held with London Metropolitan University, funded by the A.G. Leventis Foundation and Katsourris Brothers Limited, and brought together academics, public servants (including the High Commissioner for Cyprus), businessmen and figures in the arts to discuss the expanding range of interactions between the two countries sharing memberships of both the Commonwealth and the European Union. The 60th anniversary of Indian and Pakistan independence, and the 50th for Malaya and Ghana, provided the occasion for 'Freedoms at Midnight: the iconography of independence' which took place on 30 June, 2007 and focussed comparatively on the organization, contexts and meanings at various levels of 'Independence Days' during decolonization. This event was co-organized with Dr. Susan Williams (Senior Research Fellow, ICS) and brought a large audience to 28 Russell Square. The proceedings will be published in a Special Issue of *The Round Table: The International Journal of Commonwealth Affairs* in 2008.

Professor Holland was also a discussant and presenter at a number of large international conferences. He was on the concluding panel of 'The Emergence of Modern Greece' held at King's College London on September 7-9, 2006. He spoke at the conference held in Athens (October 4-8) on the history of the British School in that capital, with which the School of Advanced Study in London has an on-going tie. Later in the same month he attended a workshop of the British World network (closely connected with the ICS) in the University of Texas at Austin, giving a presentation on 'Britishness in the Mediterranean'. On February 26, 2007 he gave a paper on his current research to the Modern Greek Studies seminar at King's College London; on 27 April he was an invited speaker to the Department of History and Global Studies Institute at the University of Minnesota; on 23 May he made a presentation to the Greek-Turkish Encounters Group of King's College London and the School of Oriental and African Studies on themes of massacre and inter-communal relations at the end of the nineteenth century; and on 3-6 June he attended a conference in Athens, opened by the current Prime Minister of Greece, on the centenary of the birth of the distinguished Greek statesman in the twentieth century, Constantine Karamanlis, giving a talk on Cypriot issues during Karamanlis' political career.

Professor Holland continued to lead the research project in the ICS funded by the A.G. Leventis Foundation and the Cypriot Ministry of Education. With Dr. Klearchos Kyriakides (Univ. of Hertfordshire) progress was made towards completing a Cyprus volume for the British Documents on the End of Empire, long based within the ICS. The highlight of the year, however, undoubtedly came when the book which has emerged from the project (*The British and the Hellenes: Struggles for Mastery in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1850-1960*), written with Dr. Diana Markides (Senior Research Fellow, ICS) jointly won The Runciman Award for 2007. A well-attended award ceremony was held in London under the sponsorship of the National Bank of Greece on 7 June, 2007. A paperback edition of the book will appear with Oxford University Press in February, 2008.

Michael Twaddle

Michael continued to represent the Institute as a member of the management committee of the Centre of African Studies at SOAS and of the publication grants committee of the Institute of Historical Research. Connections with University College London and the Institute of Education continued through examining duties and other ties. Michael continued his membership of the editorial boards of the journals of *African Affairs* and *History in Africa* published by the Royal African Society and the African Studies Association respectively. He continued to be a member of council of both the Association of Commonwealth Studies and the Royal African Society, of which he is currently a Vice-President. He was elected chair of the Friends of Makerere University in the UK (FOMUK).

Within ICwS, he continued to supervise several research students during the year, transferring one of them into Rob Holland's capable care at its close. He also continued to run the 'History of the British Colonial Service between the Second World War and Independence' research project at the Institute.

Paul Gready

Paul is one of the two founding editors of a new journal, *Human Rights Practice*, the first issue of which is to be published in 2008. This journal seeks to initiate a genuinely international conversation between academics and practitioners on human rights practice.

He currently serves as a member of various advisory groups on human rights and development. For example, he is a member of the Amnesty International (Dutch Section, Special Programme on Africa) Editorial Advisory Committee overseeing the production of an economic, social and cultural rights practitioner handbook, and a participant in the expert analysis of the Novib (Oxfam) study on lessons learned from its partners' rights-based practice. As well as working with Professor Crook on the ESRC-NGPA research programme, with responsibility for case-studies in Rwanda, Paul continued to convene the MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights. His major publication in 2006/7 the No-Nonsense Guide to Human Rights was received to much critical acclaim.

William Vleck

Bill joined the Institute in September 2006 as Lecturer in International Politics to teach one of the core units of the MSc in Globalization and Development. He also covered the duties and responsibilities as Convenor of the MSc for the academic year 2006/2007.

During the year he had articles published in *European Foreign Affairs Review*, *European Security*, and *The Round Table* and book reviews published in *The Round Table* and *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*. He also completed and submitted a book manuscript titled *Offshore Finance and Small States: Sovereignty, Size and Money* to Palgrave Macmillan for publication in their International Political Economy series. Further research activities involved presenting papers at the International Studies Association Conference in Chicago, February 2007; the European Union Studies Association Conference in Montréal, May 2007; and he was invited to present a paper at the seminar *International Competitiveness of Small Vulnerable Economies*, jointly hosted by the Institute and *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*. In addition to lecturing on the MSc course at the Institute, Bill provided a guest lecture on 'Actions and consequences: the EU against the financing of terrorism' to students of the course on 'The EU as a global player' at the Institute of Political Studies of Bordeaux, France (Sciences Po Bordeaux).

Lars Waldorf

Lars Waldorf joined the Institute in October 2006 as a lecturer on international human rights law for the MA in Understanding & Securing Human Rights, replacing Nazila Ghanea.

Lars ran Human Rights Watch's field office in Rwanda in 2002 and 2003 and covered genocide trials at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in 2001. Before that, he was a civil rights lawyer in the United States for nine years, including five years with the US Department of Justice. He was a Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program in 2004 and is a Project Leader at the World Policy Institute (New York). He previously taught at The New School and Harvard. He has been a consultant for USAID and the Austrian Development Agency as well as for several human rights NGOs.

In the 2006-7 academic year, Lars published a book chapter and a book review, and presented papers at the Rockefeller Foundation (Bellagio), International Center for Transitional Justice, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and University of Connecticut. He did a short consultancy for the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, which will result in a chapter in the World Report 2008. He also edited the English-language edition of the bi-weekly *International Justice Tribune*. He is currently writing a book on Rwanda's community genocide trials (*gacaca*) with a grant from the United States Institute of Peace.

Angela Melchiorre

This year Angela has mainly focused on her MA teaching activities and PhD research. For the MA in Human Rights she has expanded her course to issues such as 'The practice of field operations', 'NGO legitimacy, accountability and stakeholder participation', and 'NGO strategies for the advancement of economic, social and cultural rights'. In this area of her activities, Angela has also further developed the network of London- and Geneva-based organisations cooperating with the Institute through lectures, internships and the annual Study Tour to Geneva. These include, among others, the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Islamic Relief, and Stonewall. She has been involved in networking and consultancies for and with various international bodies. In particular, she has been a key participant in an online discussion organised by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Division for the Advancement of Women (UNDESA-DAW) on "Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child". In connection with this event, she has also submitted a paper entitled 'Minimum age for marriage: protecting or discriminating against the girl child?' to the related Expert Group Meeting hosted by the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence, Italy, 25-28 September 2006. Lastly, Angela has also been informally asked to present her PhD preliminary findings to a private meeting with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva.

Publications

Staff

Richard Crook

2007, *The law, legal institutions and the protection of land rights in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire: developing a more effective and equitable system*, IDS Research Report no 58, Brighton, Institute of Development Studies

2006, *Pluralisme juridique, différends fonciers et protection des droits fonciers: comparaison entre le Ghana et la Côte d'Ivoire*, Notes et Travaux du GIDIS-CI, Abidjan, numéro special 2006, pp.3-6

2006, *Développement de systèmes alternatifs de règlement de différends au Ghana: exemple de la Commission pour les Droits de l'Homme et la Justice Administrative*, Notes et Travaux du GIDIS-CI, Abidjan, numéro special, 2006, pp.126-147

Paul Gready

2007, "Medical Complicity in Human Rights Abuses: A Case Study of District Surgeons in Apartheid South Africa", *Journal of Human Rights*, 6/4, pp.415-32

2006, *No-Nonsense Guide to Human Rights*, New Internationalist/Verso (co-authored with Olivia Ball)

Rob Holland

2006, *The British and the Hellenes: Struggles for mastery in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1850-1960*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, (co-authored with Diana Markides)

2006, "The Historiography of Late Colonial Cyprus: Where do we go from here?" in *Britain in Cyprus: Colonialism and Post-Colonialism 1878-2006*, H.Faustman and N.Peristianis (eds), Mannheim, Bibliopolis

2006, *Nationalism, Ethnicity and the Concert of Europe: Crete, 1898-1906*, Heraklion, Historical Museum of Crete

James Manor

2007, *Aid that Works: Successful Development in Fragile States*, ed., Washington D.C, The World Bank

2007, "Introduction: Synthesising Case Study Findings" in Manor (ed.) *Aid that Works*, pp.1-36

2007, "The Direct Support to Schools Programme in Mozambique" in Manor (ed.) (co-authored with F. Kulipossa) *Aid the Works*, pp.145-172

2007, "Decentralized District Planning and Finance in One Mozambican Province" in Manor (ed.) (co-authored with F. Kulipossa) *Aid the Works*, pp.173-198

Tim Shaw

2007, *Commonwealth: Inter and Non-State Contributions to Global Governance*, London, Routledge

2007, "From Terrorism to Human Security in Africa" in *Understanding Global Terror*, C.Anderson ed., Cambridge, Polity, pp.130-150

2007, "Two Ugandas and a 'Liberal Peace'? Lessons for Uganda about Conflict and Development at the Start of a New Century" in *Global Society*, vol 21, no 4 (co-authored with Pamela.K.Mbabazi)

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2007, "Lessons from/for BRICSAM about North-South Relations at the Start of the 21st Century: Economic Size Trumps All Else in *International Studies Review*, vol 9, no 4 (co-authored with Andrew.F.Cooper and Agata Antkiewicz)

2006, *A Decade of Human Security: Global Governance and New Multilateralisms*, Aldershot, Ashgate (co-editor with J.Maclean and David.R.Black)

William Vleck

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- 2007, "Surveillance to Combat Terrorist Financing in Europe: Whose Liberty, Whose Security?" in *European Security*, vol 16, no 1
- 2007, review of *Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing: A Model of Best Practice for the Financial Sector, the Professions and Other Designated Businesses*, 2nd ed. (London: Commonwealth Secretariat, 2006) in *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, vol 96, no 388
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- 2006, review of Susanne Soederberg, *The Politics of the New International Financial Architecture: Reimposing Neoliberal Domination in the Global South* (London & New York: Zed Books, 2004) in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, vol 35, no 1

Lars Waldorf

- 2007, "Censorship and Propaganda in Post-Genocide Rwanda" in Allan Thompson, ed., *The Media and the Rwanda Genocide*, London, Pluto Press
- 2007, *Conspiracy to Murder*, *African Studies Review*, vol 50, no 1

Fellows

Phil Buckner

- 2007, 'Sir Charles Tupper' in Ramsay Cook and Real Belanger, eds., *Canada's Prime Ministers*, Toronto, University of Toronto Press
- 2006, 'Nationalism in Canada' in Don H. Doyle and Marco Antonio Pamplona, eds., *Nationalism in the New World*, Athens and London, University of Georgia Press
- 2006, *Canada and the British World*, (co-edited with R.Douglas Francis), Vancouver, University of British Columbia Press

Shihan de Silva

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- 2007, A Forgotten Minority: The Afro-Sri Lankans. *African and Asian Studies*, no.6, pp.227-242
- 2007, Portugal and Sri Lanka: Sociocultural Interactions and Language Contact, *Oriente*, no.17, pp.3-18
- 2006, Trading on a Thalassic Network.: African migrations across the Indian Ocean, *International Social Sciences Journal*, no.188, pp.215-226
- 2006, Music and Memories: Oral Traditions from an Indian Ocean Island, *Musiké*, no.3, pp.25-42
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- 2006, *Les afro-sri lankais: liens et racines*. *Cahiers des Anneaux de la Mémoire*, no.9, pp.171-188
- 2006, Foreword to *Habshi Amarat: African Elites in India*. Eds: K Robbins and J McLeod. Hyderabad: Mapin Publishers.

David Killingray

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- 2007, 'African civilians and the era of the Second World War, c.1935-1950', in John Laband, ed., *Civilians in wartime Africa: from slavery days to Rwandan genocide*, Westport, Greenwood Press, pp.139-168
- 2007, 'Black people in Britain', in Klaus Bade, Pieter C.Emmer, Leo Lucassen, Jochen Oltmer, eds, *European migration since the 17th century: an Encyclopaedia*, Ferdinand Schöningh and Wilhelm Fink, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press
- 2007, 'Kent and the abolition of the slave trade: a county study, 1760s-1807', *Archaeologia Cantiana* CXVIII, pp.107-125
- 2007, 'An African hermeneutic: Quobna Ottobah Cugoano and slavery 1787', *Anvil. An Anglican evangelical journal for theology and mission*, vol 24, no 2, pp.105-127
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Jeggan Senghor

- 2007, *Towards Africa's Renewal*, London, Ashgate (co-editor with Nana.K.Poku)
- 2007, review of *A Life Looking Forward: Memoirs of an Independent Marxist in Review of African Political Economy*, vol 34, no 12
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Marika Sherwood

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- 2007, 'The Nefarious Trade' in *History Today*, March 2007
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- 2006, 'Introduction' to Shiraz Durrani, *Never be silent: publishing and imperialism in Kenya, 1884-1963*, London, Vita Books & Mau Mau Research Centre (N.Y)

Kripa Sridharan (Chapman Fellow)

- 2007, *Regional Cooperation in South Asia and Southeast Asia*, Singapore, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- 2007, *Political Science: An Introductory Text*, Columbus, McGraw-Hill

Victoria te Velde-Ashworth

- 2007, Velde-Ashworth, te Victoria "Towards a human rights approach for the Commonwealth: an assessment of pledges made and the follow-up by the Commonwealth" (London: CHRI) *Background paper*
- 2007, Velde-Ashworth, te Victoria "Respect and Understanding: nurturing inter-faith debates within the Commonwealth - Harnessing the faith dimension in the Commonwealth" (London: CPSU/Commonwealth Foundation) (fReport)
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2006, Velde-Ashworth, te Victoria “*Commonwealth Enlargement in the Middle East: Bridging religious divides?*” Discussion paper presented at the Royal Commonwealth Society

Andrew Williams

2007, *Failed Imagination?: The Anglo-American New World Order from Wilson to Bush*, Manchester University Press

Susan Williams

2007, *Colour Bar: The Triumph of Seretse Khama and His Nation*, London

Research Prizes

Professor Rob Holland and Dr Diana Markides, respectively member and Senior Fellow of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, won (jointly with another book) the prestigious Runciman Award for 2007 for their book, *The British and the Hellenes: Struggles for Mastery in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1850–1960* (Oxford University Press: 2006), an outcome of the Hellenism and the British Empire project at the Institute funded by the AG Leventis Foundation and the Ministry of Education in Cyprus.

Research Grants

Department for International Development (DfID)-Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Research Programme Consortium, research grant for ‘Power, Politics and the State: how to develop political institutions which work for the poor’, £29,175, awarded for Inception Phase to Prof Richard Crook and Prof James Manor.

Anyaoku Chair

James Manor joined the Institute as the second Emeka Anyaoku Professor of Commonwealth Studies on April 1st 2007. He has taken over the supervision of some of the Institute's doctoral students and of the MSc degree in Globalization and Development. He has also made final preparations for the publication of two books which he has co-authored: the first a study of the machinations of politicians in Brazil, Uganda and India in pursuit of poverty reduction; and the second a study of political transformation in the Indian state of Karnataka between 1972 and 1989. He has also made research trips to Ghana, India, Kenya and Zambia, and is completing two assignments which end in late 2007 -- as the V.K.R.V. Rao Professor at the Institute of Social and Economic Change in Bangalore, India, and as Chair of the International Advisory Board of the Commonwealth policy Studies Unit. He has worked with the United Nations Capital Development Fund on an assessment of their development programmes in eight less developed countries. He has attended academic conferences in September 2007 on Non-Governmental Public Actors at the Institute, and on Indian politics at Columbia University.

Postgraduate Programmes

PhD Students 2006-2007

Supervisors are indicated in ().

James Akampumuza (Michael Twaddle, Tim Shaw)
The Management of Privatisation in Uganda Since 1982

Mariya Ali (Nazila Ghanea)
Impact of Islamic Law on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: The plight of sexually abused children

Demetris Assos (Robert Holland)
Makarios: A study of anti-colonial leadership, 1950-1960

Ratanasiri Chotvitayakul (Richard Crook/James Manor)
Information Technology in India's Policy Making

Pamela Ditchburn (Robert Holland)
The History of Tiger Kloof 1904-1956: A London Missionary Society Educational Institution in Southern Africa.

Justin Foxworthy (Tim Shaw)
Red Coltan: Global governance and human security and development in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Julian Francis (Robert Holland)
Why did Rhodesia feel the need to declare UDI in 1965?

Wilfred Golman (Paul Gready)
Law and HIV/AIDS: Essence of law in addressing spread of HIV/AIDS in Papua New Guinea

Riona Govender (Paul Gready)
RBA to health systems: an examination of antiretroviral delivery in India and South Africa

Andreas Karyos (Robert Holland)
EOKA, 1955-59: The Military Aspect of the Cyprus Revolt

Patrice Laird-Grant (James Manor)
The Effects of Jamaica's WTO Obligations on the Jamaican Agricultural Sector

Shantanu Majumder (James Manor)
Decay of Secularism: a study of the main liberal party in Bangladesh in the Post-independence era, 1971-2006

Angela Melchiorre (Nazila Ghanea)
The 'Right' Balance: the Minimum Age for Marriage and the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Kirrily Pells (Paul Gready)
Rights-Based Approaches to Post-Conflict Life with Children and Young People. A Case Study of Rwanda.

Nelson Takon (Richard Crook)
Oil Resources-related Conflict in Bayelsa State of Nigeria: Is it a product of 'minority question' politics by other means?

Brendan Vickers (Tim Shaw)
South Africa and the Politics of the Doha Round: From middle power to developmental state.

Fiona White (Paul Gready)
Social Movements and the Consolidation of Democracy in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Anastasia Yiangou (Robert Holland)
The Remaking of Cypriot Politics: The Experience of the Second World War

Those students with scholarships and awards for the session included:

Arts & Humanities Research Council	Demetris Assos
Canon Collins	Riona Govender
Commonwealth Scholarship	Wilfred Golman, Riona Govender
Dhaka University	Shantanu Majumder
ICwS Scholarship	Shantanu Majumder (partial)
Nelson Mandela Scholarship	Riona Govender
SAS Bursary	Kirrily Pells

MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights

	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
Applications	89	85	67	152	135
Total New Enrolments	56	38	45	53	51
(Home/EU Full-Time)	24	18	23	25	21
(Home/EU Part-Time)	18	12	8	15	15
(Overseas Full-Time)	10	7	12	6	12
(Overseas Part-Time)	4	0	2	7	3

For the 2006-07 MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights course there were 56 new students, of which 42 were from Britain and EU countries, and 14 were from overseas. Overseas students came from Cameroon, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Uganda and the USA. The new students joined 12 continuing part-time students from 2005-2006.

Those students with scholarships and awards for the session included:

- Arts & Humanities Research Board: Diana Maggiore
- Arts & Humanities Research Council: Matt Birkinkshaw, Louise Donnelly, Herm Kay, Eleanor Tomlinson and Patrick Taylor
- Chevening Scholarship: Shankhar Nath Achikari and Nancy Sunarno
- Ford Foundation: Ranjit Mahapatra
- Fulbright Scholarship: Lisa Marchal
- ICwS Scholarship (partial): Gabriela Quevedo
- SAS bursary: Joanna Campion

The results for the session were as follows (including part time students who completed their degrees in 2006-2007):

Pass with Distinction	2
Pass with Merit	7
Pass	27

MSc in Globalization and Development

	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
Applications	35	31	17	20
Total New Enrolments	15	16	5	15
(Home/EU Full-Time)	7	6	1	8
(Home/EU Part-Time)	7	6	3	5
(Overseas Full-Time)	1	3	1	2
(Overseas Part-Time)	0	1	0	0

2006-07 was the fourth year of the MSc in Globalization and Development course and there were 15 new students, of which 7 were from Britain, 3 were from other EU countries, and 5 were from overseas. Overseas students came from Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The new students joined 7 continuing part time students from 2005-06.

Those students with scholarships and awards for the session included: Richard Stapely Education Trust – Donald Doherty.

The results for the session were as follows:

Pass with Distinction	3
Pass with Merit	3
Pass	7

External Examiners, 2006-07

MA Human Rights

Dr Nigel Eltringham, Lecturer in Anthropology & Convenor of the MA in Human Rights, University of Sussex

Dr Michael O’Flaherty, Reader in Human Rights & Co-ordinator of Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham

MSc Globalization and Development

Professor Robin Luckham, Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex

Dr Fiona Adamson, Lecturer in International Relations, University College London

MPhil/PhD upgrade and PhD dissertation examinations

Professor John Lonsdale, Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge

Dr Kenneth Ingham, Emeritus Professor of History, University of Bristol

David Simon, Professor in Development Geography, Royal Holloway

Alumni News

Tamsin Alger (MA Human Rights, 2005)

Tamsin is the Manager of the Time Together Refugee Mentoring Project.

Olivia Ball (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Olivia is an adjunct lecturer at the Centre for Human Rights Education at the Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia.

Lionel Blackman (MA Human Rights, 2005)

Lionel's duties in 2006/7 included acting as Vice- Chair for the Solicitors' International Human Rights Group. He is a Visiting Lecturer at London South Bank University and is a Senior Partner with Lionel Blackman Solicitors.

Bridget Burrows (MA Human Rights, 2004)

Bridget is a Communications Officer for the Horn and East Africa Branch of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD).

Elizabeth Campling (MA Human Rights, 2001)

Elizabeth is a Project Officer for European Dialogue based in London, and works on projects in Eastern Europe and Russia.

Jean Candler (MA Human Rights, 2004)

Jean works as a rights-based approaches and advocacy adviser for Concern Worldwide based in Ethiopia.

Jasmina Catovic (MA Human Rights, 2006)

Jasmina works as an Immigration Caseworker for P. J. Ward Solicitors who are a Legal Practice based in Brighton specialising in Immigration, Nationality and Refugee Law.

Natasha Catterson (MA Human Rights, 2003)

Natasha works as a solicitor for Fisher Meredith Solicitors in the Immigration and Asylum Department.

Sarah Chandler (MA Human Rights, 1996)

Sarah is a Consultant for S.Chandler Consulting where her work includes facilitation and training in Human Rights Education. Sarah has worked as a facilitator on the International Human Rights Training Program for Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education which was based in Montreal. Sarah has also acted as a coordinator on the Lillooet Restorative Justice Program (including developing and delivering training for youth in Canada's Youth Criminal Justice Act from a rights-based perspective in School District 74), and as a facilitator for child rights awareness focus groups province-wide in British Columbia, Canada. Sarah currently volunteers with British Columbia Human Rights Coalition, the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children and with KAIROS Canada.

Neil Clarke (MA Human Rights, 2003)

Neil works as the Africa Programmes Officer for Minority Rights Group International.

Lizzie Creer (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Lizzie works as a Trusts and Statutory Fundraising Officer for the British Red Cross.

Amber Cripps (MA Human Rights, 2004)

Amber is currently working in Mongolia for Asral NGO as Project coordinator of their Handicraft project for unemployed women, producing felt products. Amber is also a consultant for Alliance of Religions and Conservation and has written a handbook on engaging the Buddhist Community in

environmental protection.

Sara Davies (MA Human Rights, 2006)

Sara works as a Communications and Fundraising Coordinator for the Gaia Foundation.

Rachel Day (MSc Globalisation and Development, 2005)

Rachel is a Senior Programme Officer at the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Giulia Di Mattia (MA Human Rights, 2006)

Giulia is currently participating in an internship as the assistant to the Campaign Coordinator at Amnesty International in Luxembourg.

Natalie Drew (MA Human Rights, 1997)

Natalie works as a technical officer and mental health and human rights focal point for the World Health Organisation.

Anna Dunn (MA Human Rights, 2004)

Anna works as a teaching assistant in a secondary school.

Jahangir Durrani (MA Human Rights, 2000)

Jahangir is a Protection Officer for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Joanna Ewart-James (MA Human Rights, 1999)

Joanna is managing the Human Rights portfolio and the Social and Environment Advocacy portfolio for the Sigrid Rausing Trust.

Aisha Gazdar (MA Human Rights, 2001)

Aisha is the Managing Director of Films d'Art which is based in Karachi, Pakistan.

Geraldine Gilbert (MA Human Rights, 2004)

Geraldine works as an administrative and events assistant for 'Forum for the Future', which is a sustainable development charity.

Mimi Gorani (MA Human Rights, 2003)

Mimi is a Project Coordinator for the United Nations Development Plan in Sudan where her work provides support to the national strategic planning process project and provides support to the public service, decentralisation and capacity building project.

Meerat Kaur (MA Human Rights, 2003)

Meerat is the International Civil and Human Rights Advocacy Directorate Manager at United Sikhs.

Emily Keeble (MA Human Rights, 2005)

Emily is a researcher at Synergy Global Consulting where her work focuses on business engagement with human rights.

John Kellock (MA Commonwealth Area Studies, 1990)

John is Head of Communication and External Relations at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

James Kember (PhD, 1976)

James is the New Zealand Ambassador to Vietnam.

Azim Ahmad Khan (MA Human Rights, 2005)

Azim is the Academic Director at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, USA.

Catherine Lajoinie, nee Jessop (MA Human Rights, 2005)

Catherine is a Programme Manager for the Middle East.

Esther Lieu (MA Human Rights, 2006)

Esther works as an Emergency Administrator for Save the Children UK.

Julie Littlefield (MA Human Rights, 2006)

Julie works as a Public Policy and Education Department Administrator at WaterAid.

Aran MacKinnon (PhD, 1996)

Aran is Professor of African History and Director of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of West Georgia, USA.

Jayshree Mangubhai (MA Human Rights, 2005)

Jayshree is a consultant Human Rights researcher for various organisations in India, where she is based, focusing on generating research for advocacy on Dalit women's rights issues.

Cristina Michels Suárez (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Cristina is employed as a Human Rights Officer with the UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti, called MINUSTAH.

Tamsin Mitchell (Ma Human Rights, 2005)

Tamsin works as an Africa/Americas Researcher/Campaigner for International PEN's Writers in Prison Committee.

Karen Moore (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Karen works both as a Volunteering Programme Manager and Humanitarian Education Projects Assistant for the British Red Cross.

Charmaine Murray (MA Human Rights, 2005)

Charmaine works as an Inclusion Officer for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers for the London Borough of Camden.

Katrin Oddsdottir (MA Human Rights, 2007)

Katrin is currently engaged as a creative thinker with an advertising agency in Iceland.

Roisin Overton (MSc Globalisation and Development, 2006)

Roisin is currently employed as an Employment Solicitor/Caseworker Supervisor at a London Law Centre.

Catherine Perez Phillips (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Catherine returned from sabbatical leave spent in Colombia to return to her position as a Fundraising Officer for Medical Aid for Palestinians. In July 2007 Catherine left this position for Anti-Slavery Trust International where she now works as a Trust and Major Donor Fundraiser.

Alison Pickup (MA Human Rights, 2001)

Alison is currently studying the Bar Vocational Course and also works part-time as an Immigration caseworker.

Charles Rukwengye (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Charles is Director of the Africa Policy Research Network which is based in London.

Philippa Sackett (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Philippa is the Asia Regional Partnership Development Coordinator for ActionAid International.

Rita Samson (MA Human Rights, 2003)

Rita is employed as the Project Coordinator of Disability Rights Promotion International which is based at York University in Toronto, Canada.

Dorcas Sanders (MA Commonwealth Area Studies, 1990)

Dorcas is the Learning Officer for North Hertfordshire Museums Service.

Julia Seifer-Smith (MA Human Rights, 2004)

Until May 2007 Julia was employed as the Regional Coordinator of the Local Initiative for Violence Elimination in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. Julia successfully applied to law school in Summer 2007 and will be enrolling on the J.D. Program at the CUNY School of Law in New York from September 2007.

Gordana Stankovic (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Gordana works as a European Programme Coordinator at the Society for International Development.

Ivon Van Heugten (MA Human Rights, 2007)

Ivon did a placement at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) and worked as a lawyer for Clifford Chance.

Ivor Wells (MSc Globalisation and Development, 2007)

Ivor completed the MSc on a part-time basis and whilst studying worked as an International Relations Officer for the London Borough of Lewisham.

Michael Williams (MA Human Rights, 2004)

Michael is currently training to be a Solicitor, where he will qualify in September 2008.

Olivia Wills (MA Human Rights, 2002)

Olivia works as a Social Policy and Planning Officer for UNICEF in Mozambique.

Fellows

Senior Fellows

Richard Bourne

In 2006-7 Richard focused on research as part of the ICS-CPSU team examining non-governmental public action for the ESRC programme. His three case studies were on the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (based in New Delhi), the Pakistan Anti-Tobacco Coalition (based in Islamabad) and Para 55, the Commonwealth HIV/AIDS campaign (based in London). Drafts of the relevant research papers were discussed at workshops in New Delhi and Islamabad in February 2007 and at the ICwS in the summer.

Following the unexpected departure of Alan Perry as Head of the CPSU in January he found himself filling in as mentor to the Unit until the appointment of Dr Victoria te Velde as Acting Head in June, 2007. During the interval the Unit was completing its work on Commonwealth Clubs in English secondary schools, publishing its Policy Brief prior to the meeting of Commonwealth Ministers responsible for women's affairs, and progressing projects on youth engagement, gun culture in selected cities, fish stocks and fishing communities, and water security. As secretary to the promotion committee for the independent Ramphal Centre for Commonwealth Policy Studies he commissioned essays in honour of Sonny Ramphal's 80th birthday, to be published in 2008.

He maintained his non-Commonwealth interest in Brazil, as a Leverhulme Emeritus Fellow. He visited Brazil in September 2006 for the presidential election, and completed his political biography, "Lula of Brazil: the story so far" at the end of the year. It will be published by the University of California Press, Berkeley, in May 2008 and by Zed Books, London, in July 2008.

Phil Buckner

Phillip Buckner again acted as the director of the joint ICS-ISA Canadian Studies programme. In 2006-2007 the programme consisted of eight seminars, a book launch, a one-day symposium and a conference on 'Re-Thinking Canadian History', all funded by the Canadian High Commission. Professor Buckner also continued to serve as a director of the Foundation for Canadian Studies in the United Kingdom. He participated in a variety of Conferences and gave one of the concluding commentaries at the conference on 'Re-Thinking Canadian History'. He published an article on 'Nationalism in Canada' in a book on *Nationalism in the New World* (University of Georgia Press, 2006) and on 'Sir Charles Tupper' in *The Prime Ministers of Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2007), and edited with R. Douglas Francis, *Canada and the British World* (UBC Press, 2006). He also edited and wrote several chapters for the companion volume in the Oxford History of the British Empire on *Canada and the British Empire*, which is due to appear in February 2008.

Shihan de Silva

Shihan de Silva has concentrated on laying the foundation for a forum to discuss Indian Ocean Migration. She organised a conference on "Indian Ocean: Cultures in Contact" in July 2006 at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and another on "Migrants and the Making of Indian Ocean Cultures" in July 2007 at the School of Oriental & African Studies. She has also been working on a book - *Portuguese in the East: Cultural History of a Maritime Trading Empire* (London: I.B. Tauris Academic Publishers, 2008). She has been the guest editor for several special issues of academic journals – *De l'Afrique à l'Extrême-Orient (Cahiers des Anneaux de la Mémoire, France)*, *The African Diaspora in Asia: Historical Gleanings (African & Asian Studies, Brill, Netherlands)*. *Invisible Africans: Hidden Communities in Asia (African & Asian Studies, Brill, Netherlands)* and *Sounds of Identity (Musiké, International Journal of Ethnomusicology, The Hague, Netherlands)*. These volumes, published in 2006 and 2007, contain articles on the history and sociology of Africans in Asia. She serves on the Advisory Board of a journal - *African Diaspora* – published in Netherlands by Brill Academic Publishers.

She presented papers as follows: "Malay Navigators and Culture Crossings in the Indian Ocean" (Conference on Indian Ocean: Cultures in Contact, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 14 July 2006); "An Afro-Asian Community in an Indian Ocean Island : Cultural Retentions" (Conference of the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom, School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London, 11-13 September 2006); "African Migrants as Cultural Brokers in South Asia" (International Symposium on Cultural Interactions Resulting from the Slave Trade and Slavery in the Arab-Islamic World organised by UNESCO and held in Rabat and Marrakech (Morocco), 17-19 May 2007); "Migrants and the Maldives" (Conference on Migrants and the Making of Indian Ocean Cultures held at the School of Oriental & African Studies on 11 July 2007). In April 2007, she attended a press conference in Nantes (France) to launch the special volume of a journal - *Cahiers des Anneaux de la Mémoire – De l'Afrique à l'Extrême-Orient* - which she had coordinated and edited. She has been invited to give the Keynote Lecture at a conference on Identity Conflict and Integration among the African Diaspora in the Orient, to be held at the Max-Planck Institute, Germany.

David Killingray

David continued with his prolific research and publications programme on the history of the slave trade, and the African experience in the U.K.

Jane Parpart

Jane was based in Victoria, British Columbia for most of last academic year so did not make as much use of the Institute as she has in the past. However, she was based in London at the LSE Gender Institute for the summer term, so was able to use the Institute to help with finalizing her chapter: "Silenced Visions of Citizenship, Democracy and Nation: African MPs in Rhodesian Parliaments, 1963-1978," in Sabelo Ndlobu-Gatsheni and Jesse Benjamin's *Re-thinking and Re-imagining Nationalism in 21st Century Africa* (forthcoming).

Jane also used her base at the Institute to help with her chapter: "Masculinities, Gender and Violence in the Making of Zimbabwe," in Jane L.Parpart and Marysia Zalewski, eds., *Rethinking the Wo/man Question in International Relations* (Zed Books, 2008).

Jane enjoys having access to the Institute's library and the Fellows room, and the chance to enjoy meeting with other Fellows. This is an important part of her intellectual life.

Satyabrata Rai Chowdhuri

Satyabrata's main preoccupation this year was to complete a second edition of his book *Nuclear Politics: Towards A Safer World*, which will be available in Mid 2008 by Palgrave Macmillan. Satyabrata also continued to work on his forthcoming books *UN Peacekeeping In Civil Wars* and *Leftism in India 1917-1947*.

In addition, Satyabrata took some classes in India, and continued to contribute editorial articles and papers, the most recent of which is *The Unfolding Asian Drama*

Jeggan Senghor

For Jeggan C. Senghor the period 2006/2007 has been very productive. In the first place he co-edited a 340-page book titled *Towards Africa's Renewal*, with Nana K. Poku, John Ferguson Chair and Professor of African Studies at University of Bradford. The book was published by Ashgate Publishers in June 2007.

Jeggan's own chapter contribution in the book is entitled 'Institutional Architecture for Managing Integration in the ECOWAS Region'. The experience in co-editing the book is captured in a short article, 'Understanding African (Under) Development: Sectoral Perspectives' prepared by him for our own *Commonwealth Matters*.

Another book manuscript titled *The Politics of Senegambian Integration 1958–1994* was completed during the period and is now in press; it will be presented in the next reporting period.

Two book reviews were published by Jeggan. The review of Samir Amin's book *A Life Looking Forward: Memoirs of an Independent Marxist* came out in *Review of African Political Economy*, vol. 34, no. 12, June 2007 and that on Ebrima Ceesay's *The Military and 'Democratisation' in The Gambia: 1994-2003* in *Africa Development (CODESRIA)*, vol. XXXI, no.,4, 2006. A third, on Maghan Keita's *A Political Economy of Health care in Senegal*, was prepared for African Affairs and will be published in 2008.

Ashgate Publishers requested Jeggan to peer review two manuscripts submitted for publication, namely, *Ending Africa's Wars* and *Fulfilling Africa's Promise: Essays on Poverty, Livelihoods and Governance* (June 2007). Another publishing house, Peter Lang International Academic Publishers (Oxford), invited him to serve as Series Editor for a new Africa in Development series which it introduced in May 2007. He has composed the Advisory Board and already received some interesting manuscript proposals.

Jeggan continues to share ideas in short think pieces one of which, titled 'Emancipating the Slave Psyche', was published in *The Point* newspaper and *Africa Week Magazine* on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade.

Marika Sherwood

Marika continued to edit the *Newsletter* of the Black and Asian Studies Association (BASA), which appears three times a year, and served as BASA's Secretary and then Vice-chair. In these capacities she participated in a number of discussions with the DfES and the DCMS and acted as advisor to Kent Archives and the Chatham Dockyard Museum for their grant applications to the HLF. After a two trips to Northern Ghana and discussions with the Ghana Library Board and the Education Ministry, Marika set up a charity, the Ghana Education Link, to provide teaching materials for a number of schools which have none at all, and to set up a library and train a librarian.

Marika spoke at the following conferences: the Annual Conference of the History of Education Society: 'In this curriculum I don't exist'; South East Regions - Global Dimensions: 'A multi-ethnic approach to the curriculum'; the Third Annual Conference of Liverpool and Merseyside: 'Liverpool, Slavery and the Slave Trade'; Historical Association, Teach 3 - 19 Steering Group: workshop on 'inclusion issues'; Conference on Indian Ocean: Cultures in Contact (held at the ICwS in July 2006): 'Krishna Menon, Parliamentary Candidate for Dundee 1939-1940'; 2006 Annual Conference of the Historical Society of Ghana: 'Kwame Nkrumah and the West Indians'. She published a number of articles: "The African Diaspora in Europe" in the *Encyclopaedia of the World's Minorities* (Routledge: 2006); "Introduction" (with Kathy Chater) to Shiraz Durrani's, *Never be silent: Publishing and imperialism in Kenya, 1884-1963* (Vita Books & Mau Mau Research Centre: 2006); "The Pigou Family Across Three Continents" in *Proceedings of the Huguenot Society* (vol 28, no 3, 2005); "An Emperor in exile, Part 2: Ethiopia and Black organisations in the UK 1935-36", *BASA Newsletter* (no 43, September 2005); "In this curriculum I don't exist" (www.history.ac.uk/education). As editor of *BASA Newsletter*, she released a special issue on *Claudia Jones* (no 44, 2006). Marika has been awarded a travel grant by the British Academy for research on British involvement in the slave trade and slavery after 1807. The resulting book will be published by IB Tauris in 2007.

Mary Turner

Mary together with Kate Quinn have continued to run the joint ICwS-ISA Caribbean studies seminar programme which this year expanded to include, together with seminars and book launches, a conference on Caribbean literature dealing with the Trinidadian writer Earl Lovelace, organised by Bill Schwarz (Queen Mary). The ICwS and ISA collaborated with the Mayor of London and the Trinidad High Commission in sponsoring the Eric Williams memorial lecture

series inaugurated this year by Professor Colin Palmer (Princeton) whose presentation "Eric Williams Profile of Leadership" linked Williams' political career and his pioneering "Capitalism and Slavery" to this year's commemoration of the Slave Trade Abolition.

The seminar also commemorated, in a more personal/ public way the life and work of the distinguished West Indian political activist, author and publisher John LaRose (1927-2006) Speakers included Professor Gus John (Strathclyde University) but the seminar constituted a communal celebration of John's life and work.

The seminar was also privileged to launch a definitive scholarly work, edited and with contributions by John Cowley, long-standing Fellow at ICS who has followed up a pioneering historical study "Carnival, Camboulay and Calypso in the making" (Cambridge U.P.1996) with "West Indian Rhythm: Trinidad Calypsos on world and local events" in co-operation with the Classic Calypso collective and complete with recordings.

Speakers included visiting overseas scholars: David Eltis (Emory) connected us with on-going national commemorations of the Slave Trade by presenting his exciting recent findings on the impact of the 1807 British abolition from his cutting edge long term researches: and Colin Palmer (Princeton) discussed his new analysis of the 1953 British coup in colonial Guyana. Seminars also included presentations on trans-national Jamaican families (Paul Thompson and Elaine Bauer, Essex): internal security problems in the Dominican Republic (David Howard, Edinburgh) and Peter Halward (Middlesex) and Charles Arthur (Haiti Support Group) contributed a well informed and lively debate on Haiti's future prospects.

Mary took part in the Society for Caribbean Studies conference, held this year at London Metropolitan University and between events was engaged in reviewing- including a review essay the new West India Guide (forthcoming) and closing out on-going projects dealing with different aspect of slave resistance in the Americas.

Andrew Williams

Andrew Williams continued his Editorship of *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Studies*, this year for the first time in a six-issue format. Themed issues have included 'Australia and the Commonwealth World' (August 2006) as well as issues that concentrated on historical, development and more general collections of articles. Forthcoming issues will include one concentrating on Nigeria (October 2007) and another on 'Commemoration and Remembrance in the Commonwealth' (December 2007). 2008 will see issues addressing the Commonwealth and the Middle East and in the Caribbean. He continues to teach international relations at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, where he is Director of Research and Deputy Head of School. In 2007 he published: *Failed Imagination?: the Anglo – American New World Order from Wilson to Bush* (Second Edition), Manchester U.P., 2007 as well as writing two articles on 'Why Don't the French Do Think Tanks (accepted by the *Review of International Studies* for publication in 2008 and 'Iraq: (Some) of the Lessons of History'. He is now working on a volume for Routledge entitled 'Conflict and Development', with Roger Mac Ginty as co-author. He has given lectures at various universities, including those of East Anglia and Wyoming as well as attending the International Studies Association meeting in Chicago in February 2007.

Susan Williams

Susan's research this academic year focussed on three strands of Commonwealth history relating to decolonization: in Botswana, in India and Pakistan, and in Mozambique. The first strand involved the paperback publication by Penguin in June 2007 of *Colour Bar. The Triumph of Seretse Khama and His Nation*, following the success of the hardback in 2006. This generated a second round of excellent reviews in Africa and the UK (for example in *The Sunday Times*: 'Williams's greatest success in this brilliant biography is to show how Khama's personal struggle for acceptance and tolerance was mirrored throughout Britain's African colonies in their battle for independence'). The Botswana launch of *Colour Bar* took place in Gaborone in September, at which Vice President Ian Khama gave a speech; the launch was the lead item next day on the

BTV television news. The book was the subject of a programme on Australian radio (ABC), when Susan discussed Botswana's history with Professor Thomas Tlou, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Botswana. She gave a seminar paper at the University of Botswana and presented further papers on Botswana at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London. Susan's second strand of research took her in February to the Nehru archives in New Delhi, where she investigated the role of Edwina Mountbatten in the partition of imperial India; outputs included articles in the press and a forthcoming review article in *The Round Table*. The third strand of Susan's research centred on the life and work of Graça Machel and on the background to Mozambique's membership of the Commonwealth; this was the start of a major study and will lead to the publication of a book in 2010.

Additional activities included the co-convening, with Robert Holland, of a one-day conference in June at ICWS – 'Freedoms at Midnight: The Iconography of Independence', which looked at the ceremonies surrounding the transfer of power from Britain to newly-independent nations. Robert and Susan have started to co-edit the conference papers for a special edition of *The Round Table* (to be published in 2008). Susan maintained her media profile, by writing various articles on Commonwealth-related issues for the UK press, including the *Guardian*, *Independent* and *BBC History Magazine*, and by contributing her expertise to television. As historical consultant to Sally Head Productions, who bought the option on the film rights to her book, *Colour Bar*, she advised on their plans to film a television drama of the book. In December 2006 (with repeats in 2007), BBC4 screened *Abdication. A Very British Coup*, which is based on Susan's book, *The People's King*, analyzing the role of the Dominions in the abdication of Edward VIII; she was the historical consultant and appears in the documentary as the chief authority. Susan was also interviewed in depth for a BBC4 documentary about a woman film-maker's travels across the British Empire in the 1930s (to be screened in 2008).

Fellows

John Cowley

John made a number of seminar presentations during 2007, beginning in February with a launch in Post-of-Spain, Trinidad of the 10 CD boxed-set and book *West Indian Rhythm: Trinidad Calypsos on world and local event featuring the censored recordings, 1938-1940*; released in November 2006 by the German company Bear Family Records. While he was in Trinidad, John's paper entitled 'Carnavalesque and Caribbean History: an underutilised resource' was given at the University of Trinidad & Tobago. During March, on his return to England, he repeated this at a seminar on research techniques for historians at the University of Liverpool. In his second Liverpool paper 'Black music, topicality and social history,' John demonstrated how recordings can be used as sources for research. This theme of recordings as historical documents was reiterated in his 'Chants, Carnival Bands and Conflict' presented at the Institute for the Study of the Americas seminar 'Music, Text and Politics in the Caribbean and its Diaspora,' held at the a few days later. During the same month, with his colleague Richard Noblett, John also gave a paper in the Caribbean Seminar Series at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, which served as a launch for *West Indian Rhythm* in London. Another paper on this project 'Content, context, and compilation' was given at the Latin American Music Seminar, at the Institute for the Study of the Americas in May. Finally, John's study of 'Recorded Caribbean music in Europe' was his contribution to the round table on 'Black music on the European record market, c. 1900-1955' for the CHARM/RMA Annual Conference On 'Musicology And Recordings,' at Royal Holloway in September.

Victoria Te Velde- Ashworth

Over the last year Victoria has published several papers and taken on the role of Acting Head of the Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit. Besides working on various project proposals on a wide range of Commonwealth policy relevant issues, she oversees a number of Research Associates who work on diverse topics of Commonwealth relevance. She also edits the CPSU Policy Brief Series. Victoria's own main areas of interest and research are Interfaith & Social cohesion in the

Commonwealth, UN reform and the Commonwealth, Mozambique in the Commonwealth and Membership of the formal and informal Commonwealth.

Visiting Fellows

Rudo Chitiga

Rudo collaborated with Oxfam GB and Open Society Foundation to develop guidelines for increasing civil society participation and influence in the Africa Union. This work is aimed at building civil society capacity to take advantage of the spaces that have been opened up by the Africa Union. She is currently collaborating with the Southern Africa Trust to develop a strategy to build the capacity of civil society to influence policy in Southern Africa. She is also collaborating with the Commonwealth Foundation to explore ways of creating an enabling environment for social enterprises in developing countries of the Commonwealth. A case study of social enterprises in Uganda has been prepared and will be presented at the Commonwealth People's forum in Uganda later this year.

Sebastiana Anna Etzo

Sebastiana was based at the Institute between September 2006 and April 2007. During her stay she worked on her research proposal on *Urban grassroots movements in post-apartheid South Africa: understanding citizenship discourses*. The aim of the study is to explore and reach a comprehensive understanding of emerging new social actors and their own understanding of being citizens in post-apartheid South Africa.

She wrote an article, forthcoming in *Meridione* on "Le contraddizioni di una democrazia «elusiva»: lotte urbane e cittadinanza nel Sudafrica post-apartheid" (*The Contradictions of an 'elusive' democracy: urban struggles in post-apartheid South Africa*) where she analyses the emergence of urban social movements in present day South Africa as a response to public policies and as expressions of a more inclusive citizenship. Sebastiana also took part in the Human Rights Seminar series on *Grassroots Activism and Democracy in Post-Apartheid South Africa*, organised by the ICwS, presenting a paper on "Realising Socio-Economic Rights in Post-apartheid South Africa: Social Movements in the Johannesburg Metropolitan Area".

Amera Raza (Dame Lillian Penson Fellow)

Amera's current research consists of a comparative study of the experience with democracy of India and Pakistan. Noting that the two countries, having started with similar social and political background, have taken different political routes since independence, the study is based on interviews with expatriates and citizens of the two countries and the results being in the process of being tabulated and analysed. It is expected that the results of the study will shed light on the problem of democratisation in India and Pakistan.

Affiliated Organisations

The following are some of the organisations with which ICwS collaborates:

Academic Council on the United Nations System
African Studies Association
Association for Canadian Studies in the United States
Association of Commonwealth Universities
Association of Research Centres in the Social Sciences
Black and Asian Studies Association
British Association of Canadian Studies
British Association of South Asian Studies
British Australian Studies Association
British Council
British International Studies Association
Commonwealth Consortium for Education
Commonwealth Foundation
Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
Commonwealth Journalists Association
Commonwealth Lawyers Association
Commonwealth Local Government Forum
Commonwealth Organizations' Group
Commonwealth Scholarship Commission
Commonwealth Secretariat
Council of Commonwealth Societies
Council for Education in the Commonwealth
Democracy Collaborative (University of Maryland)
Development Studies Association
Goodenough College
European Association of Development Research & Training Institutes
European Consortium of Political Research
International Studies Association
International Consulting Economists Association
Menzies Centre for Australian Studies, Kings College London
Organisation for Social Science in Eastern and Southern Africa
Royal Commonwealth Society
Standing Committee on Library Materials on Africa
Standing Committee of National and University Libraries
Society of Caribbean Studies

Library and Information Resources

Highlights of the year include completion of the ULRIS Online Archives Catalogue and the provision of access across the ULRIS to the new *Slavery, abolition and social justice, 1490-2007* digital resource, including the papers of the Castle Wemyss Estate contributed by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies Library. We have made good progress with cataloguing the Institute's seminar papers from 1950-1990 and have seen increased use of these.

Staffing

Ian Cooke left in May, to take up the role of Lead Content Specialist: International and Political Studies at the British Library. Julie McCaffery, who was Resources Development Librarian, has replaced him as Deputy Information Resources Manager. Her previous role has been reviewed, and re-named Assistant Librarian (Serials and Reader Services) and is currently filled by Sally Littlejohn, who comes to us from the London Borough of Redbridge.

Monique Charles completed her Graduate Trainee year in August 2007 and has started a new post as Membership and Circulation Assistant at the Senate House Library. Her replacement will be Beth Sockett, who has an undergraduate degree in English Literature and History from Queen Mary College, University of London.

Lisa Jenkins, who had previously been a volunteer in the Library, was employed as Project Officer on the Seminar Papers project in January and worked on this project until August. During the year we were also grateful for the assistance as volunteers and on placements, Julia Bell, Lucy Clark and Tina Reynolds.

Library Development and Projects

Collaboration with other libraries is vital to provide a broad and accessible base for research support throughout the country. The Library maintained its relationship with, held office in, and contributed to projects developed by groups such as SCOLMA (Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa), BACS LARG (British Association for Canadian Studies Library and Resources Group), the Committee of London Research Libraries in History, the Society for Caribbean Studies and the University College and Research Special Interest Group of CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals). Library staff helped organise and spoke at the first meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Library and Archives Group. Ian Cooke continued to edit the BACS LARG gateway to resources for Canadian Studies "Access Canada" <http://www.canadian-studies.net/accesscanada>, and continued as Deputy Editor of African Research and Documentation.

David Clover continued as editor of the Society for Caribbean Studies Newsletter. During the year the Library hosted meetings of these organisations, and visits from staff from the National Library Service of Belize and the Nordic Africa Institute. The Library hosted a number of SCOLMA Seminars

With thanks to Pat Larby, the *Register of Commonwealth Research* continues to be updated, providing a statement of current PhD and MPhil research throughout a number of UK universities, and recording completed research. *Theses in Progress in Commonwealth Studies* is available in print and via the Institute website.

Work commenced on the Seminar Papers Project, adding records to the online catalogue for Institute of Commonwealth Studies Seminar papers prior to 1990, with thanks to the Vice Chancellor's Development Fund for providing funding for this project.

The ULRIS online Archives Database was launched in May. All our listed archive collections are now listed on this database at collection level, and a good number at item or file level, providing

increased access for researchers. This year we completed item level descriptions for the Ruth First and Simon Taylor papers. This catalogue can be found at:
<http://archives.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/default.aspx>

As part of the library's outreach activities, library staff took part in a number of academic conferences. David Clover presented papers at the 2006 British Australian Studies Association conference and the 2007 Society for Caribbean Studies conference.

Use of the Library

During the year 9734 visits were made to the Library.

Researchers looked at a variety of topics, including: the Jamaican music industry; economic and governmental reform in Ghana; nineteenth-century commercial law in British Hong Kong; the representation of Australia in England 1901-1939; penal settlements in Norfolk Island 1825-1855; the role of mixed-race Jamaicans in the abolitionist movements;; social capital of Greek Cypriots in London; medical history of Kenya; Biafra; the environmental history of New Zealand; the Royal Commonwealth Society and the modern Commonwealth; sexuality and gender in British Caribbean slave societies; the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission; irrigation in Ceylon; women's employment in post-colonial Ghana; Walter Rodney and Franz Fanon; the constitutional history of Burma; Malaysian politics; and cricket in colonial and postcolonial India.

Archives and special collections were used heavily, and continue to attract national and international visitors. It was pleasing to see continued use of the Political Archives collection, as well as multiple users interested in the Simon Taylor papers, the West India Committee collection, the Ruth First papers and the collections of CLR James, Richard Hart, Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett and Stephen Tallents.

Collection Development

Accessions

Total volumes added to stock, excluding periodical issues	1908
Total volumes in library, excluding periodicals	197531

In addition to continued purchases the Library is fortunate to receive donations of books and periodicals both newly published and of historic value, as well as archive and manuscript materials. Donations were gratefully received this year from many people and organisations including:

The Caribbean Council; Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE); the Commonwealth Secretariat; David Clover; Cyprus High Commission; the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Library; Asimwe B. Godfrey; Robert Holland; Imperial College London; Institute for the Study of the Americas; Michael Lee; Barry Lowe; Graham Mytton; Gabriël H Oosthuizen; *The Roundtable*; Victoria Sanford; Mizanur Rahman Shelley; Marika Sherwood; Krishnan Srinivasan; Main Library, University of the West Indies, St Augustine

The Year Ahead

Preparations continue for the long overdue move to Senate House. Due to space restriction in our current premises, during this year we will be moving some lesser-used parts of the collection to repository storage. We will continue the Seminar Papers Project and a day-conference is planned to mark this project in October 2007. Also in October, as part of the national Archives Awareness Campaign, the Library is hosting a conference entitled "Freedom and Liberty? The Archival

Record and Caribbean Slavery, Abolition and Emancipation”, to mark the launch of our archives catalogue and to recognise the bicentenary of the abolition of the British Atlantic slave trade.

Library users will be surveyed in August 2007 and we plan to act on the results of this survey. Other developments include our contribution to the Institute’s Virtual Learning Environment, development of our website, the launch of a newsletter and a new liaison project with colleges of the University of London.

Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit (CPSU)



Introduction

The past year has seen two key issues really come to the fore in Commonwealth circles. These can best be summed up as climate change and youth engagement. The Commonwealth which consists of 53 member states includes 25 small island developing states and 14 Least Developed Countries (LDCs). These countries are particularly susceptible to the negative impact of some of the major trends we are witnessing today. The impact of globalization, the rise of inner city violence, the continued spread of HIV/AIDS, the effects of global warming, rising seas levels and droughts have all impacted heavily on Commonwealth states.

The Commonwealth has got a responsibility to act to help tackle some, if not all of these issues. In certain areas it also has an added advantage. The Commonwealth provides an excellent forum for the exchange of best practice and resources, because of its shared language and values - and often historical, cultural, legal and administrative traditions too. CPSU utilises this in order to network across the Commonwealth and pool together intellectual resources, ensuring the commitment to and real-life achievement of Commonwealth values.

While the Commonwealth has done much valuable work in terms of good governance and democracy building, we need some new initiatives to address some of the very major issues that affect the Commonwealth and the world at large.

The main issues for the people and governments of the Commonwealth are the priorities for the CPSU. The Unit works on issues of globalisation, democracy, civil society and human rights, with persons and agencies around the Commonwealth. CPSU projects are changing the way people think, for instance: about making elections fairer, recognising the needs of indigenous peoples and assisting developing and small island states to make the most of electronic commerce.

We conduct research studies to help policy makers in over a quarter of the world's countries. Currently we have projects running on Gun Culture, Commonwealth Membership, UN Reform, Corporate Social Responsibility, Fisheries, Youth Engagement, and Water-related Conflict and Security. With projects such as these, CPSU puts the policy choices before the Commonwealth into sharper focus, exploring options and suggesting new directions.

Leadership

It has been a rather bumpy ride for the CPSU over the last year in terms of leadership. In April 2006 Alan Perry took over as Head of the CPSU from Daisy Cooper who was Acting Head for a 3 month stint. Seven months later Mr. Perry resigned in January 2007 after which the position of Head of the CPSU was left unfilled for 6 months. During this time the Chair Prof. James Manor and Richard Bourne worked hard to keep the organisation ticking over. In July 2007 Dr. Victoria te Velde took up the post of Acting Head. The successive string of new Heads followed by the absence of a head for half a year has meant the CPSU not been as high profile as it could have been. The challenge for the new Acting Head is to raise the profile of the CPSU, increase the number of outputs and bring in new projects and related funding (see "Looking Ahead" below).

Staffing

Staffing at the CPSU is directly linked to projects. In addition to this, the CPSU has a strong policy of taking on volunteer interns, as this is one way of actualizing our commitment to youth engagement and helps to inject a youth perspective into all our work. We appreciate the time that these people give us and hope to offer a stimulating, dynamic and educational environment in which they can gain some work experience. Many of our interns have ended up working for the CPSU following their internship period.

Over the last year staffing has been as follows:

Dr. Victoria te Velde, Acting Head (Interfaith & social cohesion, Commonwealth Foundation Funding). Other projects being pursued are phase two of the Commonwealth and the UN Development system, FCO lunchtime series, Overseas Territories & human rights capacity building, Mozambique in the Commonwealth and The Reconstruction of Zimbabwe's economy.

Richard Bourne (ESRC Non-governmental Public Action and Interfaith & social cohesion funded by the Commonwealth Foundation)

Homera Cheema (Gun Culture in Selected Commonwealth cities, funding being pursued)

Susanna Darch (Putting Youth Engagement into Practice, funding being pursued)

Nageela Yusuf, Associate Fellow (Water security in the Nile Basin, unspent Commonwealth Science Council funding being used, plus new funding being pursued)

Veronica Broomes (Assisting Commonwealth country governments to formulate relevant investment policy frameworks for economic development and sustainability, funding being pursued)

James Williams (CPSU Summer Youth Conference, annual project funded by University of London)

Emmanuel Neusiri, (Community Forestry and Sustainable Development in the Commonwealth, funding being pursued)

Deryn Holland, (Commonwealth Clubs in secondary schools in England, Department for Education and Skills funded project)

Dr. Helena Whall, Associate Fellow, Women's Affairs Ministers' Meeting: Policy Brief

Rachel Love, Intern organising on Pre-CHOGM Seminar, November 2007

Jeff Atkinson (Oxfam International/Oxfam Australia), Non-governmental Public Action on 3 month Practitioner Fellowship funded by ESRC.

Projects

The case for a civil society support system in Commonwealth cities for the alleviation of gun related crime and culture

The main concept of the project is to provide a system to strengthen civil society structures in Commonwealth cities where a culture of gun crime is prevalent. In order to prevent further exacerbation of this gun culture, the CPSU has been examining how to address the problem from a grass roots community level, by using and establishing resources of civil society in conjunction with local government and police. The aim is to make a tailor made programme in tune with the political, social and economic environment of that respective community by using capacity

building workshops and the training of local staff. The partnering of organisations in the UK with organisations in Commonwealth cities, where the project will be operational, is the key dynamic element of the project. In addition to this we are also undertaking a literature review of the sociology behind young offenders and links between gang culture, crime, drugs and an analysis of masculinities. Furthermore, the CPSU is keen to avoid using a symptomatic solution to gun crime and wants to tackle the type of gun culture which creates a demand for the use of small arms. The project is designed to run for two years; during this time the CPSU will be chief facilitator between these partnerships to support training of staff and to hold two major international conferences in London. This project aims to use the roads already laid down, as a foundation creating new mechanisms for civil society out-reach. As the Commonwealth is not a geographical bloc it can, from a civil society angle, curb the excesses of a *globalisation of crime*, especially in the urban centres where it is operational.

Interfaith Dialogue and social cohesion

The aim of the project was to explore the potential of CAs, as international networks which involve people from different cultures and backgrounds, to promote inter-religious and inter-cultural understanding and how they could take on an engagement with religious identities. The project had two outputs. A seminar was held at the ICS in London on 26th July, and a report provided policy recommendations for improving social cohesion through interfaith dialogue. The speakers were from the different faith communities and included Lord Janner (President of the Commonwealth Jewish Council. [Project completed August 2007]

UN Development and the Commonwealth

The UN, the Commonwealth, the world's governments and development institutions have all committed to reaching the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. Many Commonwealth countries are still a long way off being able to meet these targets. The Commonwealth could be doing more to put the MDGs at the centre of the development debates and policies. The Commonwealth is also well placed to support and inform the UN on the issue of the reform of the UN development system. The lack of progress in this area stems partly from a lack of consensus among UN Members. A Commonwealth caucus could be forged to help move the reform process forward. These are the two main areas of focus for the ongoing CPSU project on UN development and the Commonwealth.

Youth Engagement

The developing "Putting Youth Engagement into Practice" project has grown out of the collaborative work of CPSU, CYEC and RCS, with support from the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Commonwealth Foundation and the Commonwealth Youth Programme over the last 4 years.

At the time of the 2002 Coolum summit, it was felt that the Commonwealth was losing touch with young people and that there were two levels of concern; firstly that there is a need to mainstream youth participation into the policy and practice of Commonwealth Associations, and secondly that there is a need to establish practical ways for all international organisation to involve young people. *Putting Youth Engagement into Practice: A Toolkit for Action* written by Steve Mokwena and edited by Susanna Darch, (published by Commonwealth Secretariat: November 2006) provides the opportunity for this work to be brought back into focus and take it to the next level.

The project will support civil society organisations across the Commonwealth, in their respective countries, to use the *Toolkit for Action*. The project aims to develop relevant practical methods of youth engagement for civil society organisations at both the project and organisational level; to develop skills and knowledge of issues of youth engagement amongst a range of civil society organisations and individuals; and to disseminate learning and skills to wider civil society organisations and Commonwealth structures.

Water Security

Climate change and population growth have resulted in an increase in demand for freshwater for personal and industrial consumption. This demand will continue to increase and in regions where the source of freshwater is shared, such as in international basins and trans-boundary rivers, there is a potential for violent conflict to secure such resources for the benefit of a single nation. It is therefore necessary to find incentives to encourage cooperation over transboundary freshwater, and it would be most useful to develop a method by which the wider array of benefits that can be found in a water basin can be distributed more fairly amongst riparian states, and various stakeholders within these states. The Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit has been conducting extensive research looking at water related benefit sharing and working to identify how this relatively new area of policy and research can be put to practice in the Commonwealth.

Corporate Social Responsibility in Commonwealth countries

This project seeks to understand and identify opportunities for governments to leverage relevant elements of CSR in TNs in a way that will strengthen government private sector partnerships.

Principal objectives of this study are:

- To investigate the present level of awareness of CSR/IB in Commonwealth countries.
- To assist Commonwealth governments to develop appropriate policies to promote economic development and to foster responsible practices by trans-national businesses.
- To support Commonwealth governments in promoting investment through the adoption and implementation of responsible business practices.
- To understand and document any variations in application and implementation of CSR by trans-national businesses in their developed country offices and subsidiaries/branches in developing countries of the Commonwealth.

It is envisaged that findings from this project will benefit governments in developing countries of the Commonwealth, especially ministries responsible for finance, economic development, business investments, environment and entrepreneurship. The resulting case studies and practical suggestions could assist them to build a broad platform on which national investment policy frameworks can be placed.

Non-governmental Public Action

The CPSU has been working with the ICS on a two year research programme, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, designed to analyse factors leading to success or failure in public policy advocacy, particularly for transnational South-North civil society coalitions. Richard Bourne has been examining the work of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (now based in New Delhi), the Pakistan Anti-Tobacco Coalition, and Para 55, the Commonwealth HIV/AIDS campaign group. With research assistants he organised two review workshops in New Delhi and one in Islamabad in February 2007, and a workshop in London at the ICS (for the Para 55 draft) in July. The studies have focused on problems of finance and staying power in NGO coalitions, the relationship between policy and implementation, and the strengths and weaknesses of the Commonwealth as a framework. There are major policy implications, affecting the structuring of campaigns as short- or long-term enterprises by NGOs, and whether governments should pay heed or international donors provide financial or other support.

Jeff Atkinson worked on a number of case studies including two campaigns in which Oxfam was involved in South Asia - one on the rights of garment workers in Sri Lanka, and the other on the position of the Indian Government in WTO trade negotiations.

Commonwealth Clubs in secondary schools

This two year project ended in October 2006 and was managed by Deryn Holland. It aimed to set up as many as 100 'out-of-school' clubs in secondary schools in England. An end-of-Project Report has been sent to the RCS and DfES. The RCS will be taking this project forward to a possible second phase.



CPSU Summer Conference

The 2007 CPSU Summer Conference For Young People was held at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies from 2 – 4 July. The annual conference was initially developed as an off-shoot of a three year CPSU Civil Society Project (2002 – 2005) and is part of a broader Commonwealth initiative to educate and engage young people in the organisation's activities.

Most of the initial goals were reached, namely attracting a capacity audience, informing a new generation of students about the Commonwealth, and promoting the CPSU and its work in the process. Delegates brought a wealth of experience and variety to the event which made for some very interesting discussions. The CPSU Summer Conference for Young People has grown over the years with around 50 delegates, 3 days running this year. The conference will continue to reach a wider audience through the various media we use.

Conferences and Workshops

CPSU seminars and workshops held in the past year include:

- The CPSU Annual Summer Youth Conference
- Seminar on Commonwealth Women's Affairs Ministers' Meeting
- Seminar on the election of a new Secretary General for the Commonwealth
- Seminar on the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Meeting

Publications

The CPSU runs the CPSU Policy Briefs Series. In the past year the CPSU has published three more Briefs in this series.

- CPSU Commonwealth Women's Ministers' Meeting, Dr. Helena Whall
- CPSU Commonwealth Education Ministers' Briefing, Kimberly Ochs
- CPSU Commonwealth Youth Ministers' Briefing, Frank Sodeen

The following two Briefs have been commissioned and are forthcoming in October 2007

- CPSU CHOGM Briefing, edited by Dr. Victoria te Velde
- CPSU Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Briefing, Matthew Hulbert

In addition to the above Briefing papers, the follow publications have been produced.

Te Velde-Ashworth, V. and Richard Bourne (2007) Respect and Understanding: nurturing inter-faith debates within the Commonwealth - Harnessing the faith dimension in the Commonwealth (London: CPSU/Commonwealth Foundation) (forthcoming report)

Steve Mokwena edited by Susanna Darch (2006) Putting Youth Engagement into Practice: a Toolkit for Action (London: Commonwealth Secretariat)

Bourne, Richard (2006) Membership of the Commonwealth: Note for the Committee chaired by the Hon P J Patterson

Looking Ahead

The CPSU has an exciting and challenging year ahead. The main priorities are two-fold, namely, to increase the number of funded projects and to raise the profile of the CPSU.

Building up the number of funded projects will allow the CPSU to expand and develop its projects. The CPSU is already in the process of establishing distinct research and policy programmes.

The first programme being set up is the **Water & Environment Programme** which encompasses a Water Security Project, a Fisheries Project and a Forestry Project. We are also looking to set up a Climate Change & Small Island States project to complement this programme.

The other programmes the CPSU is establishing are a **Governance Programme** (e.g. UN/Commonwealth Project, Governance Network, and Commonwealth Membership), **Communities & Civil Society Programme** (Gun Culture Project, Youth Engagement Project, Faith & Social Cohesion) **Economic Development Programme** (e.g. CSR project and Zimbabwe economic reconstruction project, Odious Debt project).

The second priority for the coming year will be to raise the profile of the CPSU and its programmes. We are doing this in a number of ways:

- updating and revamping the CPSU website and introducing new content and functionality
- adding an electronic registration option to allow us to build up our new mailing list

In addition to raising the virtual presence of the CPSU, we will continue to produce our well esteemed Policy Brief Series. The Acting Head is currently seeking funding for this valuable Series for 2008/9.

The CPSU will also be holding a range of seminars throughout the year.

The CPSU plans to have a strong presence at CHOGM 2007, as well as holding various Pre- and Post CHOGM events back in London.

Commonwealth Professional Organisations with Licences for the Institute



The **Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)** is a non-partisan, international NGO working for the practical realisation of human rights in the countries of the Commonwealth with its headquarters in New Delhi, India. The London Office holds a license with the Institute and is based at Russell Square where its principal function is to liaise with Commonwealth institutions and associations. During the year, as part of a Pre-CHOGM National Civil Society Consultation at the Commonwealth Secretariat, London staff took part in drafting a civil society position paper with selected Committee of the Whole (COW) Ministers. The London Office submitted recommendations to the Northern Ireland (NI) Office in regard to a public consultation process about the powers of the NI Human Rights Commission, using the Paris Principles and examples from Commonwealth jurisdictions. It also contributed to a paper on the Commonwealth Secretariat's human rights record on the occasion of its 40th anniversary during the summer. The CHRI London Office attended and participated in a number of conferences during the year. CHRI continues to host interns from the MA in Human Rights programme.

www.humanrightsinitiative.org



The **Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)** exists to maintain and promote the rule of law by ensuring that an independent and efficient legal profession serves the people of the Commonwealth. A survey depicting information about the institutional members of the CLA, conducted by the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), was launched at the 14th Commonwealth Law Conference in September 2005. This jubilee conference celebrated 50 years of Commonwealth Law Conferences, the first of which was held in 1955. The theme of the conference was 'Developing Law & Justice' and delegates from forty-three Commonwealth countries, and nine non-Commonwealth countries, attended the event. The CLA was represented at the launch of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Centre - Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) - in December 2005 in recognition of the association's assistance during the inception project proposal phases earlier in 2005. The CLA met with representatives from the law societies and bar associations of Nigeria, Uganda, Tanganyika and Swaziland in February 2006. This was part of a project run by the Law Society of England and Wales.

www.commonwealthlawyers.com

Events

The following events were held during the year:

How Globalization Works

Martin Wolf CBE

The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs

Aspects of Domestic Water Consumption in Australian Cities

Professor Patrick Troy

Poetry Reading

Chris Wallace-Crabbe, Emeritus Professor in the Australian Centre at the University of Melbourne

Poetry Reading

David Gilbey, Charles Stuart University, NSW, Australia

The Trevor Reese Memorial Prize for books

The Prize was awarded to Andrew Porter for his book *Religion Versus Empire? British Protestant Missionaries and Overseas Expansion, 1700-1914*

Book Launch: *Leprosy and Empire: A Medical and Cultural History*

Rod Edmond

Book Launch: *Canada and the British World*

Phillip Buckner

Book Launch: *What are you doing here? The Question of Australians in London*

Dylan Nichols

ICEA: *Pakistan: Economic Prospects*

This event was hosted by the International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA)

Open Evening (21st February 2007)

The Institute of Commonwealth Studies hosted its annual Open Evening where prospective applicants learned more about the programmes on offer and had a chance to explore the facilities of the Institute.

Beyond Boundaries: An Exhibition of Cricket Art

Organised by the Institute at the Art Worker's Guild, an exhibition of cricket work was displayed by the contemporary Trinidad and Tobago artist, Wendy Nanan

One-Day International Cricket Seminar

This workshop focused on key issues surrounding the growth and development of international cricket – from colonial roots to the modern game and beyond

Governance in the Commonwealth: Respecting Difference and Promoting Understanding

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission: 3rd Annual Alumni Network Conference on Governance

ICEA: *The Balkans: International Aid and Development*

This event was hosted by the International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA)

Informal One-Day Workshop on India's Politics

Speakers included Paul Brass (University of Washington), James Manor (Institute of

Commonwealth Studies) and Gurharpal Singh (University of Birmingham)

Britain and Cyprus Today

This conference addressed the end of 300 years of Ottoman rule in 1878 and the outcomes of the British administration that followed.

'Machiavelli and Third World Poverty'

Dean's Seminar Programme – Professor James Manor

ICEA: Can India solve its Power Crisis?

This event was hosted by the International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA)

Launch of the Policy Brief for the Commonwealth Ministers Responsible for Women's Affairs Meeting

The launch of the CPSU policy brief provided a unique opportunity for members of Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth Foundation, civil society organisations, partner agencies, academics and students to come together in an informal capacity to focus on gender equality and empowerment in the Commonwealth and pertinent issues arising from 8WAMM

Scoping workshop on fish stocks, fishing communities and the Commonwealth

This workshop considered current sea fisheries issue from a Commonwealth perspective; industrial and illegal over-fishing, regulation, reducing commercial fish stocks and climate change, impacts on traditional fishing communities, the law of the sea, and the scope for Commonwealth action

ICEA: Latin America and China: Developing Strategic Links

This event was hosted by the International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA)

Workshop on Para 55: a case study in ESRC research

This workshop was created to share research findings on the work of the Commonwealth HIV/AIDS Action Group. The workshop offered an opportunity to comment on the findings and to listen to people involved at various stages in Para 55, and others with an interest in HIV/AIDS policy issues

'Freedoms at Midnight': The Iconography of Independence

Commonwealth History Conference

This one-day conference came appropriately in the sixtieth anniversary year of the establishment of India and Pakistan, and the fiftieth anniversary of independent Malaya and Ghana. Presentations and discussion examined comparatively the experience of 'Independence Days', with their natural propensity to look backwards over the imperial past and forwards to a post-colonial society, from the seminal change of 1947 through to the transition in Hong Kong during 1997

Annual Summer Conference for Young People

Hosted by the Commonwealth Policy Study, this conference provides delegates with a general introduction to the Commonwealth, before it examined two key areas; Climate Change and the Millenium Development Goals (MDG's)

'Campaigning for Enosis under Archbishop Makarios II of Cyprus – inherited tradition or traditional innovation?'

Commonwealth History Seminar

ICEA: The Economics of Opium: Implications for Drugs Reform

This event was hosted by the International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA)

Launch of the Round Table Special Issue on the Caribbean

This event was co-hosted by the ICwS and the Round Table. Britain's oldest international affairs

journal will be carried a special issue for 2008 entitled: "International Competitiveness of Small Vulnerable Economies" with special focus on the Caribbean. The aim of this seminar was to sensitise the Caribbean public in the UK, policy practitioners and academics that are undertaking research on the Caribbean to this very relevant issue

The Colour of Our Skins

This lecture was co-hosted by the ESRC Genomics Forum and the ICwS. A public lecture, based on Wilmot James' forthcoming book 'Chase Away the Darkness: Biology and African Society'.

Launch of the New Issue of Atlas

Atlas is an international book of new writing, art and image, and is advised by a panel of internationally acclaimed prize winning writers and editors

Promoting respect and understanding: nurturing inter-religious initiatives within a Commonwealth Association context

Commonwealth Association

'The impact of transnational non-governmental public actors (NGPAs) on policy processes and policy outcomes: translating advocacy into sustainable policy engagement, September 11th -12th, 2007

International Workshop for the Institute's ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme research project, funded by the ESRC and the Commonwealth Foundation.

Centre for International Human Rights (CIHR)

The Centre promotes research on several cutting-edge issues in human rights. The Centre sponsors a public speaker series and occasional conferences, which bring together academics, human rights defenders, and the public to debate a wide range of pressing human rights issues.

CIHR Events:

Book Launch: *The No-Nonsense Guide to Human Rights*

Dr Paul Gready and Olivia Ball

Understanding Amnesty International

Stephen Hopgood

Workshop on Cultures and Memories of Confinement in Southern Africa

Speakers included Jocelyn Alexander (University of Oxford), Sarah Longair (Birkbeck College), Annie Coombes (Birkbeck College). The discussant was Professor Shula Marks, former Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies

Seminars series

The following seminars were held during 2006-07:

Series

Australian Studies
Canadian Studies
Caribbean Societies in Regional Context
Human Rights
Standing Conference On Library Materials on Africa

Organisers

Professor Carl Bridge & Dr Ian Henderson
Professor Phillip Buckner
Professor Mary Turner
Dr Paul Gready & Ms Angela Melchiorre
Ms Terry Barringer

Accounts

INCOME	£UK Sterling
HEFCE Grants	220,482
Tuition Fees	323,648
Research Grants & Contracts	228,749
Other Income	158,301
Endowments from Trusts	74,190
Interest	1,586
TOTAL INCOME	1,006,956
EXPENDITURE	
Pay	
Academic Departments	319,065
Administration	136,752
Premises	9,780
Research Grants & Contracts	27,599
TOTAL PAY EXPENDITURE	493,196
Non-Pay	
Academic Departments	81,618
Academic Services	56,646
General Educational	50,662
Administration	61,442
Student & Staff Amenities	1,894
Premises	85,908
Research Grants & Contracts	146,460
Central Services	30,815
TOTAL NON - PAY EXPENDITURE	515,444
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENDITURE	1,008,639
Surplus / (Deficit)	(1,683)

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The Institute has links with universities in the Commonwealth, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the Commonwealth of Learning, the Association of Commonwealth Studies and with other major agencies active in Commonwealth Studies. The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (London office) and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association are based at the Institute. Each year an increasing number of Commonwealth academic visitors make the Institute their base for varying lengths of time and are networked to other UK universities. Through its Chapman and Lillian Penson Fellowships, the Institute has been able to assist a number of scholars from Commonwealth countries to complete research in London and participate in its intellectual life. By providing facilities, library resources and short-term fellowships the Institute has contributed to the production of many works on the Commonwealth. Of the growing number of people who use the library and seminar facilities of the Institute, about 40 per cent are academic staff and graduate students of London University; the rest are from UK, Commonwealth and other universities, non-governmental organisations, diplomatic institutions, media and other companies, and think tanks.

The main focus of the Institute lies in the social sciences and humanities, primarily through the disciplines of politics and international relations, area studies, law, history and library studies. Its thematic focus is now increasingly on issues of contemporary policy in the Commonwealth, particularly North-South relations, global peace and security, development, good governance and human rights, and the politics of civil society associations. Our staff currently specialise in the South Asian, African, Mediterranean and Caribbean regions of the Commonwealth.

Being based in the capital city, the Institute is also able to provide a unique environment for the presentation and testing of research on the Commonwealth, its regions and states before varied and highly specialised audiences drawn from the academic, business and diplomatic communities, including the Commonwealth professional associations, Commonwealth Secretariat, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Commonwealth Foundation, Department for International Development (DFID) and non-governmental organisations and think tanks. In any given year, the ICwS organises approximately 100 seminars, roundtable discussions, conferences, symposia, workshops, and public lectures. Many of the papers presented at seminars and conferences are later published in leading academic journals or edited volumes, including the two journals that have been edited out of the Institute: *The Round Table* and *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*.



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