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Mission and Aims

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.

Aims and Objectives:

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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The Institute

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Director's Review



Research

The Institute's planned expansion in funded research activity was successfully implemented with the award of two new large grants from the ESRC and DFID:

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In addition to funded research, staff at the Institute also obtained other prestigious grants and awards. Lars Waldorf led a successful School bid for an Andrew Mellon Foundation grant of £72,770 under its 'Sawyer Seminars on the Comparative Study of Cultures' programme. The seminar series will be on the theme '*Fratricide and Fraternité: Understanding and Repairing Neighbourly Atrocity*'. The Institute will be able to appoint a post-doctoral Fellow in connection with the project.

Dr Vlcek was awarded a Leverhulme Research Fellowship in order to pursue his new research interest in the role of Caribbean island economies in channelling off-shore investment into China. The funds enabled him to visit Hong Kong, the British Virgin Islands and Washington DC during July-August 2008.

Events

The Institute's events and seminar programme was enhanced with the launch of a new series on 'Commonwealth politics: current policy issues', organised by Professor Manor. Three one-day workshops were held, on 'Bangladesh: the caretaker government'; 'The crisis in Pakistan'; and 'Kenya after the elections'.

The largest event of 2008 was undoubtedly our participation in the 5th Pan-Commonwealth Forum international conference on 'Access to Learning for Development', organised jointly by the Commonwealth of Learning and the University of London as a joint celebration of the 150th anniversary of the University's External Programme. The conference attracted nearly 1000 participants and 300 presentations and keynote speakers included the Prime Minister of Uganda and Kamallesh Sharma, the new Secretary-General of the Commonwealth. The Institute hosted two Breakfast Seminars highlighting the research work of the Institutes of the School of Advanced Study, focusing mainly on the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Institute for the Study of the Americas, the Institute of Historical Research and the Institute of English. Professor Holland participated in the organisation of the 'Witness Seminars', oral history events featuring people who had participated in some of the University of London's 'University Colleges', which provided the first opportunities for higher education in British colonies during the post-Second World War period.

Our regular seminar and public lecture series on Canadian Studies, Caribbean Studies and Human Rights continued to attract wide participation (the first two in collaboration with the Institute for Study of the Americas). One of the most successful events was the Centre for International Human Rights public lecture by Albie Sachs in January 2008, 'Light on a Hill.' Albie Sachs, well known 'freedom fighter' against apartheid and now a Justice of South Africa's Constitutional Court, gave a passionate account (with the aid of a film) of how the work and the ethos of the new Constitutional Court is embodied in the design of the building. The Canadian and Human Rights seminars combined forces for the first time to host a very successful seminar on 'Stopping genocide: the will to intervene and the role of Canada'.

The CPSU's policy outreach programme expanded considerably, including a pre-Kampala CHOGM briefing in November 2007, and a series of workshops on the Environment, Law, Fisheries, Forestry, Policing, and Rwanda's move towards Commonwealth membership (with a second phase in Kigali itself). The CPSU's annual Summer Youth Conference, held in June 2008, looked at the theme of 'Defining a Youth Perspective for the Commonwealth in the 21st Century'.

Teaching

Numbers of students enrolled on the two Master's programmes fell substantially compared with 2006-7: the MA in Human Rights from 56 to 39 (a 30% drop) and the MSc in Globalization and Development from 15 to 9 (including a student deferred from a previous year) – a drop of 40%. The decline in the MA was due less to a fall in applications than to a decision to reduce admissions because of the problems of staff resources and quality assurance created by the record numbers of 2006-7. But the admissions process, never infallible, limited intake a little too severely. In the case of the MSc, applications declined and it proved difficult to recruit sufficient good quality students. Competition from the now much larger numbers of similar courses, and marketing problems can provide some explanation. But the teaching staff decided that the degree

itself needed re-branding and improving with respect to the range of options which could be offered. The MSc has therefore been suspended for 2008-09 pending a rethink on how to develop a more collaborative degree programme with other institutions, given the staff resources which might be available (see below).

The PhD programme remained strong, with total numbers enrolled rising slightly from 18 to 19. Particularly pleasing was a rise in the number of completions; four students submitted their theses for examination. Three were awarded, with the fourth awaiting her viva voce. A fifth student (the Dean of the Business School, Makerere University, Uganda) graduated after submitting in 2006-7.

Staffing

The Institute continued to suffer from further changes in both administrative and academic staffing, partly due to the expiry of temporary contracts and partly to the length of time taken to recruit a suitable Administrative Manager. It was not until March 2008 that a restructured administrative team finally took shape following the appointment of Alison Stewart (formerly Business Manager at The University of Melbourne) as permanent Administrative Manager in December 2007. The Institute now has a new Events and Publicity Officer (Troy Rutt), a Postgraduate Student Officer (Marcus Erridge) and a temporary Finance Officer (Jasvinder Kaur-Hunjan). Reception and postal services are now provided by OCS Ltd. through a University-wide contract.

With the expiry of Dr Bill Vlcek's contract in August 2008 the Institute lost its expert on international politics and international political economy. Bill was a core teacher on the MSc programme and also convened the Institute's contribution to the new School Social Science Research Methodologies course. Dr Peris Jones also resigned, after less than a year at the Institute, in order to return to Norway with his family. He was replaced by Dr Damien Short, formerly of Roehampton University, who will take over the Convenorship of the MA in Human Rights. Damien's main research interests are in indigenous peoples' rights (especially Australia and now Africa) and international justice in relation to genocides.

Richard Crook
12 October 2008

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
William Vlcek, PhD	Lecturer & Course Convenor of the MSc
Peris Jones, PhD	Lecturer
Lars Waldorf, BA, JD	Lecturer & Course Convenor of the MA
Angela Melchiorre, BA, MA	Assistant Lecturer
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Julie McCaffery, BA, MA	Deputy Information Resources Manager
Scott Finnie, MSc	Collection Development & Bibliographic Services Librarian
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Beth Sockett, BA	Graduate Trainee Library Assistant
Alison Stewart, BA	Administrative Manager
Troy Rutt, BA, MA	Events & Publicity Officer
Roberto Jaime, BA	Graduate Student Officer
Marcus Erridge	Graduate Student Officer
Jasvinder Kaur-Hunjan, BA, MSc	Finance & Resources Officer
Harpreet Virdee	Receptionist
Ania Rosciszewska	Receptionist

Academic Staff Activities

Richard Crook

Professor Crook completed his ESRC-Non-Governmental Public Action (NGPA) research on the influence of UK-based trans-national communities on development policy in their countries of origin by undertaking field work in Kerala, India at the end of March 2008. As Principal Investigator for the overall project he then submitted the Final Report to the ESRC at the end of June 08. He also delivered papers relating to the project to a National Council of Voluntary Associations Workshop in London, and to ESRC-NGPA Programme Workshops on 'Theory' and on the theme of 'Common and conflicting interests in public action between 'North' and 'South'. His work with the DFID-funded Research Consortium on 'African Power and Politics' (of which he is a member of the Management Board) involved a Workshop in Cape Town in May 2008, and he was appointed as Editor of the Consortium's Working and Discussion Paper series. He was also appointed to the Editorial Board of the new Commonwealth Local Government Forum's e-Journal of Local Governance. Within the University, he served on the Business Committee of the 5th Pan- Commonwealth Forum international conference on 'Access to Learning for Development', organised jointly by the Commonwealth of Learning and the University of London as a joint celebration of the 150th anniversary of the University's External Programme.

Publications:

2008: 'Customary justice institutions and local ADR: what kind of protection can they offer to customary landholders?' in: J.Ubink and K.Amanor (eds) **Contesting Land and Custom in Ghana: State, Chief and Citizen**, Leiden: Leiden University Press, 2008, Chapter 6.

2007: 'Transnational communities, policy processes and the politics of development: the case of Ghanaian hometown associations' **ESRC-NGPA Working Paper series, Research Paper no. 13**, http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/NGPA/publications/ngpa_wp13.htm

James Manor, Emeka Anyaoku Chair

At the end of December 2007, Professor Manor completed his two year tenure of the prestigious V.K.R.V. Rao Visiting Professorship at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, in Bangalore, India.

In January 2008 he commenced work on his major ESRC- funded study of the transparency mechanisms embedded in India's largest-ever poverty programme, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS). A first field visit established links to the World Bank and UNDP offices in New Delhi where parallel studies are being conducted, to India's Planning Commission, the Ministry of Rural Development and the Prime Minister's Office – plus two state governments in regions where detailed field research will be carried out. The research involves collaboration with Professor Robert Jenkins of Birkbeck College and Columbia University, USA; the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore; the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA); Dr Yogesh Kumar of the leading Indian NGO, Samarthan, and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Delhi.

Professor Manor was also very active in bridging the worlds of academic research and development policy and practice, most notably the completion of a report evaluating the programmes of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), and serving as a member of European Union delegation to India to discuss collaboration between India and the EU.

He delivered papers to the CPSU conference on carbon-trading and climate change, the University of Heidelberg, Jamia Millia Islamia University and the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in Delhi, and gave two public lectures at the London School of Economics on Indian political affairs.

Publications:

“Change in Karnataka over the Last Generation: Villages and the Wider Context” in G. Kadekodi, R. Kanbur and V. Rao (eds.) *Development in Karnataka: Challenges of Governance, Equity and Empowerment* (Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2008) pp. 37-62.

“Strategies to Promote Empowering Participation” in N. Jayaram and R.S. Deshpande (eds.) *Footprints of Development and Change* (Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2008) pp. 285-318.

“An Unlucky Secretary-General: Sonny Ramphal and a ‘Season of Caesars’ in Commonwealth South Asia” in R. Bourne (ed.) *Shridath Ramphal: The Commonwealth and the World* (Hansib, London, 2008) pp.142-55.

“Towards Interdisciplinarity in the Social Sciences” in S.L. Rao *et al.*, (eds.) *A Passionate Humanitarian: V.K.R.V. Rao* (Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2008) pp. 243-48.

Tim Shaw

Tim Shaw is Director and Professor at the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad, where he is a member of the advisory committee to the Summit Office for the Commonwealth Summit in late-November. He continues to serve on the Civil Society Advisory Committee to the Commonwealth Foundation & was active in animating Commonwealth Day in T&T on March 9. IIR hosts the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS) (www.acuns.org) at UWI from 4 to 6 June on ‘Small, Middle & Emerging Powers in the UN System’. Tim’s latest co-edited collection from Palgrave Macmillan is on [The Diplomacies of Small States: between vulnerability & resilience](#) (2009). He continues to edit book series for Ashgate & Palgrave Macmillan & is Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) (www.cigionline.org) in Canada.

Robert Holland

During the academic session Professor Holland served as Chair of the Institute’s Higher Degree Committee, and as the Institute representative on the Academic Policy and Standards Committee of the School. He was an Examiner for the MA in Imperial and Commonwealth History at King’s College London. Professor Holland continued to supervise six MPhil/PhD

students registered at the ICwS, and was External Examiner for doctoral theses in three Universities in the U.K. He was co-convenor for a large international conference on 'Palestine, Britain and the Empire, 1848-1948' held on the sixtieth anniversary of the British abandonment of the Mandate (May 14/15, 2008) in co-operation with King's College London and the British Empire Museum. Professor Holland was Facilitator and Chair of a Witness Seminar marking the 150th anniversary of the External Degree of the University of London, part of the 5th Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Education, on 14 July 2008, which was repeated in Hong Kong a week later with a lively local audience. He carried out a research visit to Cyprus in October 2007, and subsequently made a presentation on his current work in the University of Cambridge (November 15, 2007). Professor Holland remained on the Editorial Boards of *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth Studies* and *The Journal of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies*, and joined the International Boards of *The Cyprus Review* and *The Journal of Maltese History*. His research and writing during the session centred on a book for Penguin entitled *The British in the Mediterranean since 1800*.

Publications:

(with Diana Markides), *The British and the Hellenes: struggles for mastery in the eastern Mediterranean, 1850-1960* (paperback edition, Oxford University Press). A Greek-language edition is currently under preparation.

Editor (with Sarah Stockwell), 'Ambiguities of Empire: Essays in Honour of Andrew Porter', Special Issue of *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, Vol. 36, No. 3, September 2008.

'Patterns of Anglo-Hellenism: A 'Colonial' Connection?' in 'Ambiguities of Empire' (details as above), 383-397.

Editor (with Susan Williams and Terry Barringer), "'Freedoms at Midnight': The Iconography of Independence', Special Issue of *The Round Table*, October 2008.

Lars Waldorf

Lars prepared a successful bid to the Mellon Foundation, Sawyer Seminar Series, 2009-2010 (\$144,000) to organize a series on "Fratricide and *Fraternité*: Understanding and Repairing Neighbourly Atrocity", and was also awarded a School of Advanced Study Conference Fund, 2007 – 2008, which allowed him to attend the annual conference of the Socio-Legal Studies Association, where he presented a paper on how the International Criminal Court is changing human rights practices.

Lars was invited by the Rwandan government to speak on *gacaca* at an international conference in Kigali and also gave a presentation on *gacaca* for a panel at The Harvard Center for European Studies in Berlin. He then spent the summer of 2008 conducting fieldwork in Rwanda. While there, he also did a short consultancy for the Inter-church Organisation for Development Cooperation (ICCO) based in The Netherlands, producing an evaluation of three human rights NGOs in Rwanda.

At the Institute itself Lars continued to teach on the MA programme and was the course convenor for the MA in Understanding & Securing Human Rights.

Publications:

“Ordinariness and Orders: Explaining Popular Participation in the Rwandan Genocide,” *Genocide Studies and Prevention* 2:3 (Nov. 2007), pp. 267-269

“Rwanda” in Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, *Child Soldiers: Global Report 2008* (2008), pp. 288-290

Angela Melchiorre

In 07-08 Angela has been involved in a number of research and research facilitation activities. She presented a paper, entitled *Child marriage: ‘a life in the river where it drifted away’*, at the International Conference “Child and Youth Research in the 21st Century: A Critical Appraisal”. The Conference took place in Nicosia, Cyprus on 28 and 29 May 2008 and was organized by the International Childhood and Youth Research Network. Angela’s participation in the Conference was supported by the SAS Conference Grant.

In connection with her research, Angela also peer-reviewed a manuscript entitled “Reporting Politics: A Study of States’ Strategies when Reporting to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child” for the academic journal *Political Studies*.

In terms of research facilitation, she organised and hosted the first Meeting of the Advisory Panel of the Right to Education Project. The event took place at the Institute on 26 and 27 June 2008. The Right to Education Project is a collaborative effort involving ActionAid, the Global Campaign for Education, Amnesty International and a number of international experts (academics, practitioners, activists, educationalists) to provide strategic support to innovative advocacy and legal action on the right to education, while linking this to social mobilization around education rights. The Advisory Panel is composed of eminent specialists including among others David Archer (ActionAid International), Chris Colclough (Centre for Commonwealth Education), Sheldon Shaeffer (UNESCO Bangkok) and Nevena Vukovic-Sahovic (UN Committee on the Rights of the Child). The Panel met to devise the Project’s strategies for research, training, advocacy and outreach and concluded with the identification of ways to combine the strengths of different constituencies. A series of follow-up meetings is planned for April-May 2009 with a view to present the preliminary findings of the first research activity on indicators for the right to education. These meetings will involve also donors, NGO networks, academic circles and potential institutional human rights partners, thus extending the reach and the potential networking of the Project.

Centre for International Human Rights

The Centre and the Institute for the Study of the Americas submitted a successful bid for £198,000 from a development fund at the University of London to boost collaborative, multi-disciplinary research and teaching on human rights between our two Institutes.

The Centre ran a successful seminar series. For the first time, it collaborated with the Canadian Studies Programme to bring a leading genocide scholar, Frank Chalk, to the Centre to talk about Canada's role in intervening to stop mass violence. The Centre also hosted Justice Albie Sachs who spoke about the building of South Africa's Constitutional Court. Another high point was a book launch for Carina Tertsakian's new book on Rwanda's prisons, which brought an overflow crowd of more than 100 people to the Institute, including representatives of the Rwandan Embassy, DFID, and NGOs. One of the presenters that evening was Fergal Keane, former BBC correspondent for Southern Africa.

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The Mellon Foundation's Sawyer Seminars program was established in 1994 to provide support for comparative research on the historical and cultural sources of contemporary developments. The seminars will bring together all ten Institutes in the School of Advanced Study, with their formidable, international research networks, as well as a range of distinguished British and international scholars, to investigate neighbourly atrocities from an extensive range of thematic, disciplinary, methodological, geographic, and temporal perspectives.

The seminar series will be held during 2009-2010, and will cover the theme '*Fratricide and Fraternité: Understanding and Repairing Neighbourly Atrocity*'. It will comprise two one-day conferences and a series of ten half-day seminars, which will include formal presentations, responses and round-table discussions. It will be supported by a dedicated website providing access to conference and seminar papers. The seminar series will be open to the public and is expected to attract faculty, researchers and graduate students from around the UK, as well as policymakers and practitioners working in the areas of conflict, conflict-prevention, and post-conflict recovery.

Anyaoku Chair

Professor James Manor reflects on his activities as the Emeka Anyaoku Chair in the 2007/8 academic year.

On the teaching front, I have supervised the work of three research students at the Institute – from Jamaica, Bangladesh and Thailand (the last of whom is studying India). I have guided all three through the crucial process of upgrading to the status of fully-fledged doctoral candidates. I have also taught in a School of Advanced Study course for research students, dealing with (i) qualitative research methods, (ii) the conduct of semi-structured interviews, and (iii) South Asian cases. I have also taught in the Institute's MSc in Globalization and Development, and I have worked on designing a revised version of the MSc to be offered jointly by our Institute and the Institute for the Study of the Americas. There is also some prospect of an alliance of those two Institutes with Birkbeck College which would link us to a much broader and very interesting catchment area for mature students, some of whom would come from Commonwealth backgrounds. Negotiations with Birkbeck are underway, but in what I hope will be only the very short term, the structural separation of the School of Advanced Study and Birkbeck College makes that impossible.

At the end of December 2007, I completed my two-year responsibilities as the VKRV Rao Visiting Professor at the Institute for Social and Economic change, an important research centre in Bangalore, India.

I submitted two book-length manuscripts to publishers during the past year. The first has been co-authored with E. Raghavan, the South India Editor of the *Economic Times* newspaper. It is entitled *Broadening and Deepening Democracy: Political Innovation in Karnataka*. The text has been accepted for publication by Routledge and is in press. The second manuscript was co-authored with Njuguna Ng'ethe of the University of Nairobi and Marcus Melo of the Federal University of Recife in Brazil. It is entitled *Against the Odds: Politicians, Institutions and the Struggle against Poverty*. It analyses how three senior politicians (President Museveni in Uganda, former

President Cardoso in Brazil, and former Chief Minister Digvijay Singh in Madhya Pradesh state in India) played the political game in ways that reduced poverty. A decision on this text is expected very soon from a major university press.

I completed the final revisions of a paper comparing relations between civil society organisations and governments in Ghana and two quite different Indian states. The research for this paper was funded by a grant which Richard Crook obtained from the Economic and Social Research Council under its huge programme on “Non-Governmental Public Actors”, and it will be published in a volume containing papers from that project edited by Professor Crook. I also attended two conferences linked to this programme.

In the autumn of 2007, I completed work on a report synthesising the findings of six evaluations of the programmes of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF). My report, which reached very positive conclusions about this small but highly constructive UN agency, has been used by the UNCDF in their efforts to retain a pivotal role in local-level development within the overall programmes of the United Nations.

The most important item on my research agenda during this year has been a major investigation of the working of the formidable transparency mechanisms (to combat corruption) in the Indian government’s largest-ever poverty programme, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS). My research has been funded by a major grant from the Economic and Social Research Council. I spent two weeks in mid-2008 doing preparatory work for field research which will commence in rural areas of central India on 1 December 2008. During that visit, I also established links to the World Bank and UNDP offices in New Delhi where parallel studies are being conducted, to India’s Planning Commission, Ministry of Rural Development and the Prime Minister’s Office – plus two state governments in regions where field research will occur. I have been invited by the Ministry of Rural Development to lecture at a conference on this programme in New Delhi in January 2009. This research project includes, among collaborating institutions, the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative with which I also consulted during my visit to India.

Since that research on the NREGS focuses on transparency, I have – with ESRC support – developed ties to the Global Transparency Initiative which is coordinated by IDASA (the Institute for Democracy in South Africa) in Cape Town. I gave a talk there in May during a visit to Cape Town for a meeting of participants in the Overseas Development Institute’s “Africa Power and Politics Project”.

The hugely funded “Africa Power and Politics Project” has invited me to serve as the sole non-African specialist in their large team. My task is to bring ideas from studies of Asia (on which I specialise) into their analyses -- which are aimed at discerning ways to promote development which go “with the grain” of African culture and society. I have completed a major paper setting out Asian perspectives for this project.

In April 2008, I served as a member of a French-led European Union delegation to India to spend several days discussing possible collaboration between India and the EU with Indian government ministers and eminent national figures there.

During my visit to India in July 2008, I spent a week gathering evidence for an analysis of an important election in May in the state of Karnataka (on which I specialise). That paper, which was developed in collaboration with the National Election Study team, has recently been published.¹

I have organised several workshops involving large groups of researchers at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies during the past year – in collaboration, on different occasions, with the Political Studies Association, the School of Oriental and African Studies and the BBC World Service. The workshops have dealt with Bangladesh, India, Kenya and Pakistan. I served as the board Chairman of the Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit for much of this past year.

I also gave a talk at a CPSU conference on carbon-trading and climate change – and gave public lectures at the London School of Economics (twice), the University of Heidelberg and, in Delhi, at Jamia Millia Islamia University and the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies.

I have developed, in collaboration with Lords Desai and Parekh and the Nobel laureate R.K. Pachauri in New Delhi, a proposal to DFID to endow an independent fund to enable Indian social scientists to undertake policy-oriented research -- something which is now almost impossible for them due to the paucity of funds.

Postgraduate Programmes

PhD Students 2007-2008

Supervisors are indicated in ().

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

¹ J. Manor, "Letting a Winnable Election Slip Away: Congress in Karnataka 2008", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 11 October 2008.

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

Chiyuki Kozuka (Richard Crook)

An attempt to create a multi-party system and its impact on Democracy: a case study of Ethiopia 1991-2006

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

Kirriily Pells (Paul Gready)

Rights-Based Approaches to Post-Conflict Life with Children and Young People. A Case Study of Rwanda.

Ursula Stelman (Richard Crook)

Implementing "Community Development Plans" (CDPs) in the city of Kampala, Uganda - A case study of Nakawa and Kawempe Divisions: Exploring the processes and interactions between local government politicians, administrators and NGO's in transforming CDP's into action

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)

A critical IPE/New Regionalism perspective on the development impact of a multilateral regional finance and investment regime in the Southern African Development Community (SADC)

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
Thai Embassy	Ratanasiri Chotvitayakul
Commonwealth Scholarship	Riona Govender, Patrice Laird-Grant
A G Leventis Grant	Andreas Karyos

One student successfully defended their thesis and was awarded a PhD during the session:

James Akampumuza (Michael Twaddle, Tim Shaw)

Management of Contractual Process in the Privatisation of Uganda's Public Enterprises

MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights

	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
Applications	95	89	85	67	152
Total New Enrolments	32	56	38	45	53
(Home/EU Full-Time)	14	24	18	23	25
(Home/EU Part-Time)	10	18	12	8	15
(Overseas Full-Time)	7	10	7	12	6
(Overseas Part-Time)	1	4	0	2	7

For the 2007-08 MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights course there were 32 new students, of which 24 were from Britain and EU countries, and 8 were from overseas. Overseas students came from Australia, Barbados, Canada, Indonesia, Senegal and the USA.

Those students with scholarships and awards for the session included:

- British Council: Mathieu Ndiaye
- Chevening Scholarship: SM Gusrini Tambunan
- SAS bursary: Cassandra Cavallaro
- Friends of the Institute Bursary: Carolyn Merry and Nicola Jeffery

The results for the session were as follows (including part time students who completed their degrees in 2007-2008):

Pass with Distinction	0
Pass with Merit	12
Pass	16

MSc in Globalization and Development

	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
Applications		35	31	17
Total New Enrolments	7	15	16	5
(Home/EU Full-Time)	3	7	6	1
(Home/EU Part-Time)	2	7	6	3
(Overseas Full-Time)	2	1	3	1
(Overseas Part-Time)	0	0	1	0

2007-08 saw 7 new students join the MSc in Globalization and Development course, of which 5 were from Britain and the one each from Jamaica and the USA. Due to the small intake it was decided that this programme would be suspended in the 2008-09 academic year so that the course could be reviewed and re-packaged.

The results for the session were as follows:

Pass with Distinction	0
Pass with Merit	2
Pass	4

External Examiners, 2007-08

MA Human Rights

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

MSc Globalization and Development

Professor Peter Newell, Professor of Development Studies, University of East Anglia

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

Professor David Simon, Professor in Development Geography, Royal Holloway

Fellows

Senior Fellows

Richard Bourne

Richard's key contribution in 2007-8 was in developing the Commonwealth Fisheries Programme on behalf of the Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit, a major two year programme designed to combat depletion of marine fish stocks, promote the sustainable management of marine fisheries, and assist the long-term viability of coastal fishing communities in Commonwealth states. Initiated by the CPSU this has become a partnership involving the Commonwealth Foundation and the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, with funding from the Department for International Development and Australian Government (AusAid) and total funding of around £850,000. The CPSU is responsible for three study tours, administrative backup, and documentation.

Publications

"Shridath Ramphal: the Commonwealth and the World", a collection of essays I edited for Ramphal's 80th birthday, Hansib, 2008

"Lula of Brazil: the story so far", University of California Press and Zed Books, 2008

Influencing Commonwealth policy on health: the case of Para 55, the Commonwealth HIV/AIDS Action Group

Influencing the Pakistan Government on tobacco control: a study of the Pakistan Anti-Tobacco Coalition

Influencing Commonwealth policy on human rights: the case of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

Review of "Thomas Hodgkin: Wandering Scholar" by Michael Wolfers in the Round Table, issue 395 of April 2008

Phil Buckner

In 2007-2008 Professor Buckner again coordinated the joint Institute of Commonwealth Studies/Institute for the Study of the Americas Canadian Studies seminar series, which is primarily funded with a grant for the Canadian Department for Foreign Affairs. Seminars were given by Carol Moore (Open University), Earl H. Fry (Brigham Young University), George Toombs (an award winning Canadian journalist and author), Steve Hewitt (University of Birmingham), Frank Chalk (Concordia University), Jocelyn Letourneau (Laval University), and Chris Dummitt (Trent University).

A one-day conference was organised at Canada House on the theme of 'The Periphery Strikes Back: British Imperial History from a Canadian and Australian Perspective', attended by over 80 people. Professor Buckner presented a paper at the latter conference. He also attended the biennial conference of the American Association of Canadian Studies held in Toronto in October

2007 and the annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association in Vancouver in May 2008.

Publications

Edited and wrote preface, introduction and two chapters of *Canada and the British Empire* (Oxford: OUP, 2008). This is a companion volume in the Oxford History of the British Empire.

Wrote chapter on 'Sir Charles Tupper' in Ramsay Cook and Real Belanger, eds., *Canada's Prime Ministers: Macdonald to Trudeau* (Toronto: UTP, 2007).

Reviewed Tim Cook, *Clio's Warriors: Canadian Historians and the Writing of the World Wars* and Norman Hillmer and Anad Chapnick, eds., *Canadas of the Mind* in *British Journal of Canadian Studies*, 21, no.2 (2008).

Shihan de Silva

In 2008 Shihan was appointed to serve as a Member on the International Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Slave Route Project based in Paris and is also a founding member and adviser on the International Advisory Board for the Research Institute for the Study of Slavery and Indenture in Mauritius.

Shihan was appointed as an Adviser on the Editorial Board, *An Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora, African Diasporas & Transnationalism*, a Journal published by Brill Academic Publishers, and a Member of the Editorial Board, *Information, Society and Justice*, a Journal of the London Metropolitan University, and was a Guest Editor of *African & Asian Studies*, for a special issue entitled "Migrants and the Making of Indian Ocean Cultures".

Shihan followed these appointments with a nomination as a Key Figure in Creole Studies, University of Warwick. http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/research/cscs/key_figures. Her biographical profile was selected for Marquis Who's Who in the World, New Jersey, USA.

Shihan organised several events, and presented papers at these, throughout the academic year that included; Crossing Continental Borders: A Comparison of the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds", AMINA: A Human Rights Story from Yemen and Dynamics of African Migration across the Atlantic and Indian Oceans – all held at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies.

Shihan has also been involved in a project for the Sound Archives, British Library, London, interviewing, recording and documenting the history and contemporary status of Sri Lankan Baila music, song and dance.

Books, single authored volumes

African Identity in Asia: Cultural Effects of Forced Migration. Princeton, New Jersey: Markus Wiener Publishers (2008).

The Portuguese in the East: A Cultural History of a Maritime Trading Empire. London: I B Tauris Academic Publishers. pp.212. (2008).

Books, edited volumes

Uncovering the History of Africans in Asia. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, with Angenot, J-P (eds) (2008).

Articles in Books

Migrants and the Maldives: African Connections. In: *Uncovering the History of Africans in Asia*. Leiden: The Netherlands (2007).

Migrants and Mercenaries: Sri Lanka's Hidden Africans. In: *Uncovering the History of Africans in Asia*. Leiden: The Netherlands (2007).

Articles on Websites

Portuguese Imprimatur on Sri Lankan Language, Music and Dance. <http://www.reseau-asie.com>, Paris, France. (2007).

African Migrants as Cultural Brokers in South Asia.

http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=25659&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
Paris, France (2008).

Journal articles

Indian Oceanic Crossings: Music of the Afro-Asian Diaspora. *African Diasporas & Transnationalism*, Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, Netherlands (2008).

The Afro-Sri Lankans: A Forgotten Minority. *Journal of African & Asian Studies*, Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, The Netherlands (2007).

Portugal and Sri Lanka: Sociocultural Interactions and Language Contact. *Oriente* 17, pp. 3-18, Lisbon (2007).

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.

Jeggan Senghor

Jeggan is a member of the Advisory Board for the Africa Research Institute in London. The Institute was established in February 2007 as a non-partisan think-tank with the aim of promoting research on ideas that have worked in the continent and identifying areas where new ideas and approaches are required. Board members provide advice on aspects of the institution's work particularly on the substantive research programme.

In April 2008 he was commissioned by the Institute to prepare a study titled "Regional Integration and Africa's Poor", a draft of which was submitted early October 2008. After briefly discussing the evolution of regionalism as a development strategy in Africa the study examines integration/poverty relationships and the trade, foreign direct investment, and regional public goods effects on poverty reduction.

Since April 2008 Jeggan has been an adviser to the President/Founder of the African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET) in Accra, Ghana. The role of the ACET is to provide high-quality policy analysis and advisory services to African governments with the objective of achieving long-term growth and transformation of their economies. From its inception Jeggan has been advising the Founder on sundry matters that include finalising the establishing agreement and various management tools. Most noteworthy, between June and October 2008 he assumed responsibility to organize and manage the recruitment of core professional staff of economists for the Centre.

As General Editor of the Africa in Development Series of Peter Lang International Academic Publishers he also reviewed three book proposals submitted by academic researchers.

The Politics of Senegambian Integration, 1958 to 1994, Oxford: Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, February 2008. 335 pages.

Book reviews

A Political Economy of Health Care in Senegal by Maghan Keita, Leiden: Brill Publishers, 2007. Reviewed in *African Affairs*, vol. 107, no. 428, July 2008. pp. 487-488.

China and Africa by Chris Alden, London: Zed Books, 2007, Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, vol. 42, no. 1, 2008, pp.133-136.

South Africa and the Logic of Regional Integration by James Hentz, Bloomington: Indiana, 2005. Reviewed in *Journal of Third World Studies*, vol. XXV, no.2, Fall 2008, pp.243-246.

Marika Sherwood

Marika has been working with Kent Education, speaking at three 'twilight' sessions for teachers in September 2008. After a visit to the North and North-East of Ghana in 2005, she set up a charity, the Ghana Education Link, to aid schools/education. So far GEL has refurbished a teachers' accommodation block, provided slates for the kindergarten class and funds for uniforms for the poorest pupils in the village of Katiejeli. In Kpandai funds for a small library building have been raised; literacy classes for women have been started in Zuarungu-Mossi and are about to start in Kpandai and Mbowura. (There were almost no schools in the area until fairly recently.) Marika is also Consultant Editor for the World Black History Series for Heinemann.

Following the publication of her book, *After Abolition* by IB Tauris (summer 2007), it has been a very busy year. Marika gave talks/lectures on various aspects of Britain and slave trade/slavery to:

PROUD, the Black trade union at the Ministry of Justice
Swale Diversity House, Kent
Harris Museum & Art Gallery
Manchester Local History Library
Stanford Hill Prison, Kent
Finchley, Hampstead and Hornsey Fabian Society
University of Greenwich, Pembroke Lecture
University of East Anglia
University of Exeter
National Archives, Washington, USA

Other lectures/contributions to conferences:

'The First Pan-African Conference', at *Belonging in Europe: The African Diaspora and Work c.1400 – 1945*, ESRC/UCL Equiano Centre

'Black people in British History', Kent Black History Month

Inaugural Marika Sherwood Lecture, Equiano Centre, UCL

Workshop leader 'Change Agents, Campaigns and Advocacy' at *Mayor of London, Commission on African and Asian Heritage*

Closing Plenary at Conference *Seventy Years of the Black Jacobins*

Publications

'Africa's history' (comprising six articles), www.revealinghistories.org.uk (June 2008)

'Black School Teachers in Britain in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries', *History of Education Researcher*, No. 81, May 2008

So which of these ancestries do you claim when you say that you are 'British'?

www.WDWTWA.org.uk

'Britain, the trade in enslaved Africans and slavery',
www.setallfree.net/downloads/act_2007_Issue_16_%

'The inaugural Marika Sherwood Lecture, 22 November 2007', www.setallfree.net

'An introduction to the Black population, racism and Black organisations in the UK in the early 20th century' in *Reappraising the Social Sciences and Humanities from African Perspectives*, TALIF, Legon Ghana, 2008

'The British illegal slave trade 1808 – 1830', *British Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies.*, 31/2, 2008

'Krishna Menon, Parliamentary Labour Party Candidate for Dundee 1939-1940', *Scottish Labour History*, vol.42, 2007

'Teaching Black history: the struggle continues', www.irr.org.uk/2007/december/ha000008.html (November 2007)

(with Kim Sherwood), *Britain, the slave trade and slavery, from 1562 to the 1880s*, Savannah Press 2007

'Atlantic slave trade and slavery up to and beyond 1807/1833', *Slavery, Abolition & Social Justice 1490 – 2007*, www.slavery.amdigital.co.uk (September 2007)

'Manchester, Liverpool and Slavery', *North West Labour History Jnl.*, #32 September 2007

Mary Turner

The ICwS/ISA Caribbean Studies Seminar run jointly with Kate Quinn celebrated the abolition of the British Slave Trade when David Eltis (Emory) presented his new research findings on its statistical impact on the international slave trade. For 2007-8 the focus continued on presentations reflecting the Caribbean region including papers by David Howard (Edinburgh on counter-colonial politics in post emancipation Jamaica, Conrad James, (Birmingham) on history and myth

and the collapse of the Haitian/Dominican border and Michael Redclift, (King's London) on narratives of nature and globalisation in the Mexican Caribbean.

Other professional activities included attending the SCS conference in Edinburgh, distinguished by numerous transatlantic colleagues and writing a review essay for the New West Indian Review on Jamaican slavery.

Michael Twaddle

Michael Twaddle continued his researches into African and Caribbean history. He presented a paper on 'Transnational networks among East African Asians' to the International Conference on Labour and Social History in Vienna, Austria in November 2007, and spoke on other aspects of recent East African history to conferences for the Development Planning Unit of University College London and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in May and June 2008 respectively. During the session he was elected chair of Friends of Makerere University on the United Kingdom. He also continued supervising ICwS PhD students within his areas of interest and published an account of 'African history at SOAS and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies' on the Institute of Historical Research's website "Making History".

Susan Williams

Susan Williams concentrated this year on research for her book on the death of UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) in 1961, in the context of decolonisation, global conflict and the evolving Modern Commonwealth. This work took her to archives and interviews in the UK, US, Belgium, Sweden and Norway and laid the basis for forthcoming research in central and southern Africa.

Colour Bar: The Triumph of Seretse Khama and His Nation, Susan's book about the founding President of Botswana, is being made into a feature film by a US film company based in Los Angeles, which arranged to use Susan as a consultant. She continued to speak to reading groups and the media about the book, which was serialised in the October and November 2007 editions of *New African*.

With Robert Holland of ICwS and Terry Barringer, she co-edited and wrote the preface for *'Freedoms at Midnight': The Iconography of Independence*, which was published as a special volume by the *Round Table* in October 2008, following the success of a conference on this theme at ICwS. The volume contains an essay on iconography by Sir David Cannadine and a set of chapters looking at Independence Day 'moments' in former British colonies; it also draws comparisons with similar 'moments' in the French empire. The volume will be published as a book in 2009 by Routledge.

Susan served as an advisor and 'Talking Head' on British imperial history for a BBC4 programme called *The Thirties in Colour*, which was screened in July 2008. As part of the Pan-Commonwealth Forum in July 2008, she gave a seminar at ICwS to delegates from different parts of the Commonwealth, exploring the use of modern media and technology to enrich historical research.

Susan continued to write reviews for the *Independent* on books about Commonwealth history and literature, including *The Great Partition* by Yasmin Khan, *Indian Summer* by Alex von Tunzelmann, *The Decline and Fall of the British Empire* by Piers Brendon, *Alfred & Emily* by Doris Lessing, *The Jive Talker* by Samson Kambalu, *Miracle at Speedy Motors* by Alexander McCall Smith, and *Africa: Altered States, Ordinary Miracles* by Richard Dowden.

William Crawley and David Page (Media South Asia Project)

As Senior Fellows and Co-Directors of the Media South Asia Project, based at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, and under the overall academic supervision of Professor James Manor, Dr David Page and Dr William Crawley completed a scoping study on Media Policy and Law in South Asia with the assistance of four associate researchers in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. This scoping study (undertaken with financial assistance from the Society of South Asian Studies of the British Academy) sets out the state of the law in the four countries as it affects constitutional freedoms, the constraints imposed by emergency provisions and the role of the judiciary in interpreting them. It also examines the regulation of the media and progress towards freedom of information, which varies greatly from country to country. The study has identified a number of areas for future research and development which are of special relevance to the media in India, Sri Lanka and Nepal and in the South Asian region as a whole. It forms the basis of a project which is being discussed with the Ford Foundation in Delhi, to develop source materials on media law and policy in India Sri Lanka and Nepal, to work with academic institutions in these three countries in extending their course curricula in the field of media policy studies and promoting both academic, government and civil society expertise in this field. The project is being developed in association with the Alternative Law Forum in Bangalore and the Law and Society Trust in Colombo.

Dr Page and Dr Crawley have individually and together maintained and extended contacts with scholars, researchers and institutions in South Asia. A World Bank publication 'Broadcasting Voice and Accountability' towards which they had contributed briefing papers on the media in South Asia was published in June 2008. In May 2008 Dr Crawley participated in a workshop on the Role of the News Media in the Governance Agenda, held jointly by the World Bank Institute and the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Dr Page has been working with the BBC World Service Trust on a media research study in Bangladesh. Both he and Dr Crawley have been advising researchers on the Open University project 'Tuning In: Diasporic Contact Zones at the BBC World Service'.

Visiting Fellows

John Cowley

During the academic year 2007-2008 John Cowley undertook research and preparatory work for a series of seminars he is conducting in the current academic season.

Ron Dudai (Henry Chapman Fellow)

Ron organised and chaired a public event in the ICwS on “Dilemmas and Difficulties in the Work of Israeli Human Rights NGOs” and helped organise and give a paper at the ICwS conference “Hard Lessons: Rethinking Human Rights Advocacy”. Ron taught several guest classes, including on terrorism and on human rights reporting, in the MA courses. He conducted research on unofficial, civil society-led, transitional justice projects (to be published in *Localizing Transitional Justice*, edited by Lars Waldorf and Rosalind Shaw) and co-organised a Human Rights Practice stream, and gave a paper in, the Socio-Legal Studies Association Annual Conference 2008. He also conducted research on informers in the context of dealing with the past and transitional justice in South Africa and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Publications during this period:

- “The Long View: Human Rights and Humanitarian Activism, Past and Present”, *Journal of Human Rights*, 7(3), 2008, pp.299-309
- “A to Z of Abuses: ‘State of the Art’ in Global Human Rights Monitoring”, *Development and Change*, 38(6), 2007, pp. 1255-1265
- “Can You Describe This? Human Rights Reports and What They Tell Us about the Human Rights Movement”, in Richard Wilson and Richard Brown (eds.), *Humanitarianism and Suffering: The Mobilization of Empathy*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008) 245-264

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 the completion of the funded component of the project cataloguing the Institute's seminar papers from 1950-1990 and the development of library content in the Institute's virtual learning environment. Surveys of students and researchers have provided positive feedback on services and collections and also highlighted areas for further improvement. The Library entered the world of Web 2.0 with its own blog – which will be a useful tool for updating users on the coming moves.

Staffing

Yvette Bailey left in August to take up a new role of Procurement and Accounts Officer for the University of London Research Library Services based at the Senate House Library. Rodney Bill, previously at Bibliographic Services at the Senate House Library has been seconded to the Institute to replace her post.

Beth Sockett completed her Graduate Trainee year in August 2008 and is currently studying for a Masters in Library and Information Studies at UCL. Sheena Ginnings joined us as the Graduate Trainee for 2008/09.

Alan Hardy worked on the completion of the Institute Seminar Papers Project. During the year we were also grateful for the assistance as volunteers or on placements of Christina Tse, Andrew Turner and Shanta Row.

Library Development and Projects

Work on the Seminar Papers Project was completed, adding a good proportion of records for individual Institute seminar papers given prior to 1990 to the online catalogue, with thanks to the Vice Chancellor's Development Fund for providing funding for this project. Not all the papers were able to be catalogued within the scope of this project but work continues as and when day to day cataloguing permits. An important part of the project was a one day conference held on Friday October the 5th entitled *The Exchange of Ideas: A reflection on the history of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies seminar series*. Speakers included Professor Shula Marks; Professor Robert Holland; Dr Michael Twaddle; Dr Peter Lyon, Professor Michael Lee, and Dr Robert Crawford.

Work on developing resources in partnership with Ursuline High School was funded by Museums, Libraries and Archives London through "Strategic Commissioning", an initiative funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DSCF) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to support participation in museum and archive education. Teachers at Ursuline High School used resources from the West India Committee archive to develop lessons looking at Commonwealth (specifically West Indian) soldiers' experiences in the Great War. As its part of the project, the library developed a resource pack for schools, looking at apartheid in South Africa focusing on Ruth First, using material in her own papers as well as the Mary Benson collection.

Marking the Bicentenary of the Parliamentary Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, as well as the launch of the University of London Research Library Services (ULRLS) electronic catalogue

for archives and manuscripts, a one-day conference was held on the 15th of October entitled *Freedom and Liberty? The Archival Record and Caribbean Slavery, Abolition and Emancipation*. Part of the national Archive Awareness Campaign for 2007, papers looked at the West India Committee and the institutional defence of the slave trade, British-Jamaican slaveholder Simon Taylor and the lives of enslaved people as revealed in the Castle Wemyss papers, as well as the tracts on slavery and abolition collected by the West India Committee, and collections held by the National Archives, National Maritime Museum and Norfolk Record Office.

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.

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 organised and spoke at the second Australian and New Zealand Library and Archives Group workshop on Friday 9th May. The programme looked at collections of the National Archives, British Museum and Foreign and Commonwealth Historical Library Collection and included a themed panel on War and Conflict, where David Clover spoke on the Ashmead-Bartlett collection. The Library also hosted a SCOLMA seminar on the 14th November at which Dr Tim Lovering discussed the Rhodesian Army Archive Project based at the University of the West of England and the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum.

Use of the Library

During the year 8815 visits were made to the Library.

Researchers looked at a variety of topics, including:

Conflict resolution in South Africa and Sri Lanka; the social history of St Vincent; postal services in British Guiana; tourism in small island states; Anglo-Australian relationships; slavery and abolition; colonial police history; international trade and the developing world; crime and criminal prosecution in 18th century London and the West Indies; nutrition and child health in Papua New Guinea; kitchen gardens in the Caribbean; rail transport in West Africa; malaria control in Mozambique and Southern Africa; fisheries in Newfoundland; West Indian servicemen in the World Wars; the drug trade between Jamaica and the UK; relations between China and Tanzania in the 1960s and 70s; Indian Ocean migration; the Quit India movement; trade unions in South Africa in the 1920s and 30s; election violence in Kenya; Garifuna deportation from St Vincent 1795-1797; oil exploration in the Niger Delta; curriculum reform in St. Kitts and Nevis; the Chinese community in colonial Burma; film in New Zealand; the Malayan Emergency; clothing and material culture in the Pacific; Black Power; Indian indentured labour in the British Empire; and the Cyprus crisis of 1974.

Archives and special collections were used heavily, and continue to attract national and international visitors. It was pleasing to see continued high use of collections including the Political Archives collection, the Simon Taylor papers, the West India Committee collection, the Ruth First and Mary Benson papers and the collections of Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett and Stephen Tallents.

Collection Development

Accessions

Total volumes added to stock, excluding periodical issues	1756
Total volumes in library, excluding periodicals	199734

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:

Janet Allan; The Australian Human Rights Centre; Chris Birch; Richard Bourne; The British Medical Association; The Centre for New Zealand Studies; David Clover; The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative; Commonwealth Secretariat; Community Aid Abroad; Richard Crook; Scott Finnie; Guyana Publications, Inc; David Henderson; Robert Holland; Sara Joynes; Michael Lee; James Manor; Angela Melchiorre; Ian Sainsbury; Marika Sherwood; Krishnan Srinivasan; Richard Temple; Michael Twaddle; the University of the West Indies; Inge Veacock; and William Vlcek.

The Library was grateful for the ongoing support of the Canadian government's Depository Services Programme in making available Canadian official publications.

The Year Ahead

In Spring 2009 the Library will move to Senate House, initially being based on the ground floor of the North Block until the refurbishment work in Senate House is completed. The move will make available a much larger proportion of the collection on open access shelves which we hope will be of benefit to users. Much of the year will be taken up with preparations for the move. Other projects will take place including an archives cataloguing project providing access to the papers of the Catholic Institute for International Relations and a one-day conference as part of this project, looking at the role of NGOs in development and resources for the study of such NGOs.

Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit (CPSU)



The CPSU has had a busy year of growth and expansion. The think tank's high calibre work is increasingly being recognised by Commonwealth organisations and other partners.

We have continued to develop our exciting portfolio of projects centred on our 5 core programme areas. With the environment of increasing importance in policy debate, CPSU has two environmentally focused research projects. As part of our Commonwealth fisheries project, being run in conjunction with CHEC and the Commonwealth Foundation, we held a southern African fisheries consultation in Namibia in summer 2008. Study tours of the Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Caribbean to investigate solutions to declining fish stocks in the Commonwealth will also be taking place. Our forestry project looks at ways to develop 'pro-poor carbon finance' to ensure sustainable use of the Commonwealth's forests and support those dependent on the forests for their livelihoods.

Following the 2007 CHOGM communiqué, we are running a project on reform of international institutions along more equitable and representative lines. CPSU is working closely with ComSec on this issue and will produce a report ahead of the 2009 CHOGM in Trinidad and Tobago.

Other major projects this year include Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the Commonwealth and Commonwealth membership for candidate countries, such as Rwanda and Madagascar. The CSR project looks at policies to maximise benefits for business, governments and communities, using case studies of the tourism industry in Belize and mining industry in Botswana.

Over the last year CPSU has enhanced the number and quality of events, meetings and workshops it hosts as an important way to facilitate 'space' for policy debate around our work. These events included a two day workshop for our pro-poor forestry project, workshops in Kampala for the 2007 CHOGM and a conference in Kigali on Rwanda's move towards Commonwealth membership. We also have a growing network of organisations, events and forums which we contribute to. This includes the regular Commonwealth Ministerial Meetings, which CPSU produces analytical background briefing papers for.

The CPSU has been strengthened this year by the appointment of Dr Victoria teVelde from Acting Head to Director of the think tank. The think tank currently has 15 staff, a similar number to the Commonwealth Foundation or Commonwealth Business Council. Our high quality work on issues of relevance to Commonwealth policy makers and internal developments within the CPSU provide a solid foundation for further expansion of our activities in the coming year.

CPSU Policy Briefs Series:

- CPSU Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Briefing, Matthew Hulbert
- CPSU Commonwealth Youth Ministers' Briefing, Susanna Darch
- CPSU Commonwealth Law Ministers' Meeting, Dr. Bevlyn Olima
- CPSU pre-CHOGM Policy Brief (Edited by Dr. te Velde)

Published research:

- TeVelde, V. Review of Commonwealth Education Associations (London: Commonwealth Foundation) (report)

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.

<http://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.

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Events

The following conferences/workshops/symposia were held during the year:

ESRC - NGPA Programme research project on how non-governmental public actors involved in North-South networks influence policy processes and their outcomes

The Exchange of Ideas: A reflection on the history of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies seminar series

Professor Shula Marks, Professor Robert Holland, Dr Michael Twaddle, Dr Peter Lyon, Professor Michael Lee, and Professor Carl Bridge

Freedom and Liberty? The Archival Record and Caribbean Slavery, Abolition and Emancipation

Boycotting Israeli Academia: promoting human rights or restricting academic freedom?

Steven Rose (Emeritus Professor, Open University and Secretary of the British Committee for the Universities of Palestine), Lars Waldorf (ICwS)

Canadian Resource Management and Self-Government: First Nation Responses to Resource Development in the Deh Cho region

Carol J Moore, Open University

Commonwealth Charity Wine Tasting - in aid of the Trust for Africa's Orphans

A Tale of Two Nations: Canada and the United States at the Crossroads in 2007

Earl H. Fry, Brigham Young University, Utah

Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa: The Rhodesian Army Archive Project

Dr Tim Lovering, Research Fellow, University of the West of England

Bangladesh under the Caretaker Government

ICwS and SOAS

Crossing Continental Borders: A Comparison of the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds

Ordinary Heroes: securing human rights for persons with HIV/AIDS in Mali

Nabilaye Issa Touré, Association for Community Development and Support

'Light on a Hill' - Forging freedom and building the Constitutional Court in South Africa

Justice Albie Sachs

The Complexities of Complex Emergencies

Race, morality and rebellion: counter-colonial politics in post-emancipation Jamaica

David Howard, University of Edinburgh

Myth, History and the Collapse of the Haitian/Dominican Border: Chiqui Vicioso's Eva/sion/es
2007

Conrad James, University of Birmingham

Tropes of blankness and emptiness: narratives of nature and globalisation in the Mexican Caribbean

Michael Redclift, King's College London

Robber Baron: The Criminal Trial of the Last Canadian Press Lord, Conrad Black

George Tombs

The Revolution at 50: Cuban revolutionaries reflect

Justice Radio: Broadcasting the International Criminal Court's Work in Congo

Wanda Hall, Director Interactive Radio for Justice; Former Outreach Advisor, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC

A Message Delayed: the USA, Jamaica and Cuba (1898/1949)

Peter Hulme, University of Essex

Dilemmas and Difficulties in the Work of Israeli Human Right NGOs

Noam Hoffstater, Former Executive Director, Peace Now; Former Spokesperson, B'Tselem

Stopping Genocide: The Will to Intervene and the Role of Canada

Professor Frank Chalk

Reflections on Independence: British Policy in the Caribbean for the 21st Century

Sweaty and Uncombed: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Canadian Feminists, 1967-1977

Steve Hewitt and Christabelle Sethna, University of Ottawa

What History for what future of Quebec?

Jocelyn Létourneau, Université Laval

Face/Off: Hong Kong's Autonomy and Universal Suffrage

Phil.C.W.Chan, Senior Visiting Scholar in Political Science, Vanderbilt University

The Changed International System and Implications for the Caribbean in the 21st Century

Professor Horace Campbell, Syracuse University

Privacy and the Public Man: The Strange Story of the Mackenzie King Diaries

Christopher Dummitt, Trent University

Dynamics of African Migration across the Atlantic and Indian Oceans

Richard Pankhurst (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia), Shihan de Silva (ICws), Iain Walker (SOAS) and John McAleer (National Maritime Museum)

Accounts

INCOME	£UK Sterling
HEFCE Grants	226,434
Tuition Fees	258,111
Research Grants & Contracts	116,241
Other Income	58,265
Endowments from Trusts	70,174
Interest	775
TOTAL INCOME	730,001
EXPENDITURE	
Pay	
Academic Departments	299,036
Administration	164,783
Research Grants & Contracts	55,188
TOTAL PAY EXPENDITURE	519,007
Non-Pay	
Academic Departments	45,538
Academic Services	41,904
General Educational	17,623
Administration	85,940
Student & Staff Amenities	5,206
Premises	55,456
Research Grants & Contracts	103,356
Central Services	27,915
TOTAL NON - PAY EXPENDITURE	382,937
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENDITURE	901,945
Surplus / (Deficit)	-173,626

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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. 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 Fellowship and Visiting 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 Institute of Commonwealth Studies 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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