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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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Institute's Review

2009 marked the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICwS). It also saw the Institute building upon its success in expanding both its external research funding and its events programme. Professor Manor, in collaboration with Professor Robert Jenkins of Birkbeck College and institutions in India and South Africa, continued his work on the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded project 'Enforcing transparency: enhancing poor people's access to information in India'. The research focuses on India's National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), which uses IT and social audits at village level to ensure that poor people know about their rights. The Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit (CPSU), in collaboration with the Commonwealth Foundation, continued its DFID-funded research on 'Marine Fisheries Management and Coastal Zone Communities in the Commonwealth', and was successful in gaining additional funding for the South Asia study tour which will examine the management of fish stocks and the impacts of over-fishing in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. Towards the end of 2008-9 the CPSU, in collaboration with the Electoral Reform International Services (ERIS), was successful in gaining funding of just under £50,000 from the Commonwealth Secretariat to conduct a study into democracy in the Commonwealth. The project report was published for the November 2009 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Trinidad and Tobago. 2009 is timely for the report as it was 18 years after Commonwealth leaders signed the 1991 Harare Declaration which embodies the Commonwealth's commitment to democracy – at 18 years old, the commitment has 'come of age'.

Our regular seminar and public lecture series on Canadian Studies, Caribbean Studies and Human Rights continued to attract wide participation. A new series on Black Britain was successfully launched in 2008-9 and is set to continue in 2009-10. Three one-day conferences were organised by the Institute in collaboration with the new Human Rights Consortium: in December, 'Hard Lessons: Rethinking Human Rights Practice'; in March, 'Reconstructing Rwanda: 15 Years After Genocide. A Tribute to Alison Des Forges'; and in May, 'Recovering Stolen Generations, Land, and Culture: Indigenous Rights & Transitional Justice'. All conferences were very well attended.

Angela Melchiorre and Kirrily Pells successfully organised a two-day conference in June to mark the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child entitled 'Easier Said Than Done: 20 Years of Children's Rights between Law and Practice'. The conference was organised in conjunction with the UCL Institute of Child Health and the Institute of Education. Professor Manor continued his series on 'Commonwealth politics: current policy issues'. Two one-day workshops were held in June, 'The Indian General Election: The Outcome and its Implications' and 'The Origins and Implications of the Adoption by the Commonwealth of then Harare Principles in 1991'. The CPSU's annual Commonwealth Summer Youth Conference, held in late June, focused on the lofty issue of 'How can we change the world?', examining the question from an international, civil society and individual level. The three-day event managed to include nine sessions with 24 speakers, and a reception at Westminster Hall. Extensive preparations were also underway for a series of major events to mark the Institute's 60th anniversary. These commenced in October 2009 with a speech by the Commonwealth Secretary-General.

2008–9 witnessed significant changes in staffing. Professor Richard Crook retired as director of the Institute in December 2008. His replacement, Professor Philip Murphy from the University of Reading, took up his post at the beginning of September 2009. In the intervening period Professor Warwick Gould, director of the Institute of English Studies, served as acting director of the Institute.

Professor Rob Holland retired at the end of March 2009 after working for the Institute for just over 31 years. Among the MA staff, there were two departures: Angela Melchiorre left to take up a post with the NGO, ActionAid, and Lars Waldorf took up a senior lectureship at the University of York's Centre for Applied Human Rights. They were replaced by two new lecturers in human rights: Corinne Lennox and David Cantor. The human rights team at the Institute was further augmented by the appointment of Par Engstrom to a post shared with ISA and funded by the School's Human Rights Consortium. Coinciding with the 60th anniversary year and preparations for the move to Senate House, these appointments represented a major phase of renewal for the Institute.

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Staff

Richard Crook, BA, MA, PhD	Director
Warwick Gould, BA, PhD, FRSL, FRSA, FEA	Acting-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
Lars Waldorf, BA, JD	Lecturer & Course Convenor of the MA
Damien Short, LLB, MA, PhD	Lecturer in Human Rights
Angela Melchiorre, BA, MA	Lecturer in Human Rights
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Academic Staff Activities

James Manor, Emeka Anyaoku Chair

During this academic year, James Manor supervised six research students within the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. Two were new, two achieved upgrades from MPhil to PhD candidate status, and two proceeded with their field work having achieved that status earlier. He also taught in sessions on research methodology for research students from across the University of London.

Professor Manor was active in organising several events during the 2008/9 academic session. Of note in particular were three workshops. One brought together analysts of the 2009 Indian general election. A second examined the complex politics of Bangladesh during the extended rule by an army-backed 'caretaker' government. A third analysed the implications of the historic Harare Declaration by the Commonwealth Heads of Government in 1991. The then Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Emeka Anyaoku, was the principal speaker at that workshop.

Professor Manor engaged on two fronts with the 'excellence consortium' at the University of Heidelberg – specially funded by the German government to promote research linking Europe and Asia. He took part in a series of three workshops which considered Western and Eastern perspectives on 'citizenship'. The first was held in Heidelberg during this academic year, and prepared the ground for successor conferences in the following year in South Korea and then India. Professor Manor presented a synthesising paper at these conferences and helped recruit scholars from Britain and Asia to the project.

Professor Manor co-organised (with a Heidelberg colleague) a major international conference at the end of this academic year to reassess the study of the politics of developing countries. (This was a successor conference to one that he had organised in Berlin on the same topic 20 years earlier.) Contributors were recruited from Britain, Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America, but (as had been the practice in Berlin) not from North America – since analysts there tend to dominate the literature. The papers presented were of a high standard and are being assembled in an edited volume.

Throughout this year, Professor Manor acted as one of the two global coordinators of a major assessment by the United Nations Development Programme of its work on decentralisation and local government. This enabled him to recruit numerous academic colleagues from Asia, Africa and Latin American to conduct single-country field studies for the assessment. This was research facilitation on a grand scale, and enabled researchers to compare insights from their studies of various countries – something that would not otherwise have occurred.

In May 2009, Professor Manor spent a week in Cambodia advising a consortium of EU donor agencies on their efforts to support the government's experiment with democratic decentralisation in that country. This trip opened up two major opportunities for international research facilitation.

First, while in Cambodia, he met with a small team from Sweden which was establishing a new (very lavishly resourced) institution to commission, fund and coordinate research on a global

scale on democratic local government, called the International Centre for Local Democracy. He advised them on their strategy and was subsequently invited to join their international advisory board. This prepared the way in the spring of 2010 for a major international conference on the topic in Sweden, at which he gave the keynote lecture. It will also yield opportunities for Professor Manor to recruit researchers from across Britain and the Commonwealth to various projects, and to attend important international conferences. The first of these will be organised in Uganda in October 2010 by the United Nations Capital Development Fund.

After his week in Cambodia, Professor Manor visited Bangkok where he discussed local democracy and participatory development with officials at the Asia regional offices of the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Capital Development Fund. As a result of those discussions, he has been invited by the World Bank to undertake a consultancy, to co-author a paper explaining to development practitioners working on participatory development how to carry out political economy analyses. That paper will be presented at an international conference in Asia in 2010 to be attended by researchers nominated by Professor Manor.

Professor Manor's principal research project throughout this year was a study, under a major grant from the Economic and Social Research Council, of India's largest anti-poverty programme: the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS). He spent several weeks in late-2008 doing field research in rural areas of the underdeveloped Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, studying the implementation of the NREGS there. (His field work was paralleled by a similar exercise in another major Indian state by his co-investigator.)

After completing that field research, he engaged in intensive dialogues in New Delhi with India's Ministry of Rural Development (which oversees the NREGS), the Planning Commission and the Prime Minister's Office. Those dialogues persuaded the Ministry to introduce two key changes in its implementation strategy, to eliminate opportunities for malfeasance by bureaucrats.

Thereafter, in early 2009, he was invited to give a lecture at a major international conference on the NREGS in New Delhi, organised by India's Ministry of Rural Development. He also lectured on the topic in Delhi at Jamia Millia Islamia University and at India's leading centre for political studies, the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies.

This Centre is also the home of the National Election Study (NES), the most formidable exercise in electoral studies in Asia. During this academic year, he also lectured there on his earlier field research on a state-level election in Karnataka (a major South Indian state on which he specialises) – partly as preparation for the NES study of the upcoming Indian general election of 2009. Professor Manor was invited to join the NES team for the general election and spent several weeks in May/June 2009 in New Delhi and two southern states, as part of their collective effort.

Upon returning to England, he organised a workshop in London in June 2009 to bring together analysts of the general election for a preliminary examination of the topic. He wrote a paper assessing the impact of the anti-poverty programmes on the re-election of the government that had created them. The final version of that paper was presented at a subsequent conference at SOAS in September 2009 which resulted in a book that is currently in press.

The end of this academic year saw the publication of a book which Professor Manor co-authored. It analyses the political transformation which occurred in a major Indian state between 1972 and 1989. The book was co-authored with the best analytical journalist in South India with whom Professor Manor has worked closely for 30 years: E. Raghavan and J. Manor, *Broadening and Deepening Democracy: Political Innovation in Karnataka* (Routledge, New Delhi, 2009).

Tim Shaw

Tim Shaw is Director & Professor at the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad. He recently published articles on the Commonwealth in *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics and Third World Quarterly*; in Clapp & Wilkinson (eds) *Global Governance, Poverty & Inequality*; and in Scholte (ed) *Building Global Democracy?* His imminent co-edited collections are on *Africa & International Relations in the 21st Century*, Ashgate Research Companion to *Regionalisms & Inter-American Cooperation at a Crossroads*. He continues to edit a book series on International Political Economy (IPE) for Ashgate Publishing and Palgrave Macmillan, and to serve as visiting professor in South Africa & Uganda.

Robert Holland

During the session Professor Holland chaired the Institute's Higher Degree Committee, and was Institute representative on the Academic Policy Standards Committee of the School of Advanced Study. He supervised four M.Phil/Ph.D students, two of whom obtained the doctorate during the academic year. Professor Holland served on the Examining Board for the M.A. in Imperial and Commonwealth History at King's College London, and during November 2008. He chaired the Jury for a doctoral examination at the European University Institute in Florence. On the research front, he continued with his Mediterranean Studies project based in the ICwS. He worked at Malta's National Library for two weeks in October. The Cyprus Government awarded a grant of £6,000 towards Professor Holland's research programme at the end of 2008. He continued to serve on the editorial boards of *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* and *The Journal of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies*. Professor Holland retired from the Institute's staff at the end of March 2009.

Damien Short

Damien joined the institute in September 2008 from Roehampton University as a senior lecturer in human rights. Damien assumed responsibility as convenor of the Institute's MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights.

In his first term in post he was awarded a School of Advanced Study Conference Fund 2008–2009, which allowed him to attend the first annual conference of the *International Network of Genocide Scholars* in Sheffield, January 2009. Damien presented a paper on the question of genocide against indigenous peoples in Australia. The paper was well received and resulted in an invitation to contribute to a Special Issue of the *Journal of Genocide Research* for publication in 2010.

In January Damien was also approached by the *Soil Association* to be an expert consultant on their Ethical Trade Taskforce, which he duly accepted.

In February 2009 Damien co-convened a new *British Sociological Association* study group on 'Sociology and Rights', which planned a workshop on the subject for October 2009 and arranged for the proceeds to be published as a *Special Issue of the International Journal of Human Rights* in 2010.

In May Damien presented at the ICwS' *Recovering Stolen Generations, Land, and Culture: Indigenous Rights & Transitional Justice* conference. The presentation resulted in an invitation to present at a similar event in Utrecht University in June.

Following the Utrecht conference Damien was invited to join a bid for a Special Issue of *Memory Studies* based on the conference proceedings. This was successful and work is now underway on the issue for 2012 publication.

Publications

Short, D, 'Sociological and Anthropological Approaches', in Goodhart, M (ed) *Human Rights Politics and Practice*, Oxford University Press (2009)

De Vitto, D. Short, D and Gill. A. 'Rape as Genocide: The Group Individual Schism', *SUR: International Journal of Human Rights* December (2009)

Angela Melchiorre

In the academic year 2008-2009, Angela concentrated her activities on the two main areas of her research: children's rights (with a focus on child marriage) and the right to education.

In the first case, she led, coordinated, and presented at a very successful international multidisciplinary conference celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The event was organised by the Centre for International Human Rights at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, in cooperation with the Institute of Education and the Institute of Child Health (both also parts of the University of London) and was supported by a Knowledge Transfer Grant of the School of Advanced Study.

In the second case, she was invited as keynote speaker or leading expert at three events organised by civil society organisations and academic institutions, once again fostering broader exchanges and transfer of research outputs. These included those convened by the Institute; *Hard Lessons: Rethinking Human Rights Practice* and 'The Right to Education at 60', a roundtable organised in cooperation with the Institute of Education. Angela spoke a workshop on *Quality Education* organised by Save the Children UK. Angela is also a member of the Right to Education Project's Advisory Panel.

In addition, Angela supported her colleagues in the organisation of human rights events at the Institute and continued to be peer reviewer for a number of academic journals. These included 'Local Government Level Restorative Adjudication: An Alternative Model of Justice for Children in Bangladesh' for the *Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance*, 'Addressing Accountability for Grave Violations of Children's Rights' for the *Journal of Human Rights Practice* and submission of a book review for 'Thinking Children', C.Cassidy (London - New York: Continuum, 2007) in the academic journal *Childhood: a journal of global child research*.

As in previous years, most of Angela's time was spent teaching on the MA in Human Rights and leading the annual Geneva Study Tour. In July 2009, Angela left the Institute to join the Right to Education Project/ActionAid International as Research Coordinator.

Postgraduate Programmes

PhD Students 2008-2009

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

Charles Ankisibah (Richard Crook)

Institutionalising Customary and State Participation in Land Allocation and Land Use Planning in Ghana

Ratanasiri Chotvitayakul (James Manor)

Information Technology in India's Policy Making

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?

Riona Govender (Paul Gready)

RBA to health systems: an examination of antiretroviral delivery in India and South Africa

Antigone Heraclidou (Robert Holland)

Education in Cyprus during British Colonial Rule, 1931-1960

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

Jennifer Melvin (Damien Short)

Playing the subjective: Applying Forum Theatre to Post-genocide reconciliation in Rwanda

Kirrily Pells (Paul Gready)

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

Edem Selormey (Richard Crook)

New Information Technology, Civic Participation and Government Accountability in Ghana

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

Andrew Southam (Robert Holland)

Not so bad as it seems": Patterns of British Diplomatic Influence in the 1970s

Nelson Takon (Richard Crook)

Oil Resources-related Conflict in Bayelsa State of Nigeria: Is it a product of 'minority question' politics by other means?

Those students with scholarships and awards for the session included:

Thai Embassy

Commonwealth Scholarship

A G Leventis Grant

Ratanasiri Chotvitayakul

Charles Ankisibah, Edem Selormey

Andreas Karyos

Four students successfully defended their theses and were awarded a PhD during the session:

Pamela Ditchburn (Robert Holland)

The History of Tiger Kloof 1904-1956: A London Missionary Society Educational Institution in Southern Africa

Demetris Assos (Robert Holland)

Makarios: A study of anti-colonial leadership, 1950-1960

Brendan Vickers (Tim Shaw)

From Middle Power to Developmental State: The Political Economy of South African Trade Diplomacy in the Doha Development Round

Anastasia Yiangou (Robert Holland)

The Remaking of Cypriot Politics: The Experience of the Second World War

MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights

	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
Applications	92	95	89	85	67
Total New Enrolments	45	32	56	38	45
(Home/EU Full-Time)	19	14	24	18	23
(Home/EU Part-Time)	14	10	18	12	8
(Overseas Full-Time)	11	7	10	7	12
(Overseas Part-Time)	1	1	4	0	2

For the 2008-09 MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights course there were 45 new students, of whom 31 were from Britain and EU countries, and 12 were from overseas. Overseas students came from Canada, India, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, Sierra Leone and the USA.

Those students with scholarships and awards for the session included:

- Chevening Scholarship: Sidhartha Gautam
- Ford Fellowship: Manu Tyagi
- AHRC Studentship: Saphia Crowther
- CONYACT (Mexico): Helietta Gonzalez-Hernandez

The results for the session were as follows (including part time students who completed their degrees in 2008-2009):

Pass with Distinction	2
Pass with Merit	6
Pass	2

MSc in Globalization and Development

There were no new enrolments on the MSc in 2008-09, following a decision made in the previous academic year to suspend the programme pending a review. One student completed and passed, and there are currently two remaining students who have only their dissertation to complete, which we expect them to submit in September 2009.

External Examiners, 2008-09

MA Human Rights

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

Dr Catriona Drew, Lecturer in Human Rights and International Law, SOAS

MSc Globalization and Development

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

Dr Diego Sánchez-Ancochea, Lecturer in Latin American Studies, ISA / Oxford

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 was heavily involved in the Commonwealth Fisheries Programme, the large-scale project funded by DFID and AusAid which is concerned with the sustainable management of marine fisheries and the well-being of traditional fishing communities. This programme was initiated by the Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit (CPSU), and has been conducted in conjunction with the Commonwealth Foundation and Commonwealth Human Ecology Council. Assisted in the CPSU by Homera Cheema, he led study tours with regional civil society experts in November 2008 (to Tanzania, Mozambique and Mauritius, and then to Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Samoa) and in January-February 2009 (to St Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago and Belize). With Homera he was responsible for presentations on the Programme at the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation) Committee on Fisheries in Rome in March 2009, and in Manchester in July.

As chairman of the board of the Round Table, the Commonwealth journal of international affairs, he took an active part in planning a series of centenary activities due to start in late 2009, and to run through until July 2010. These include five joint lectures with the Royal Over-Seas League, which was also born in 1910, and six conferences. In 2009 the Round Table obtained support from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to provide field trips for six young scholars, studying in the UK, who wished to obtain research material in other Commonwealth countries. As a tribute to the work of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, and the Round Table's long-serving former editor, Peter Lyon, the journal's publisher has endowed an annual Routledge-Round Table studentship for a Master's student at the Institute. The first was awarded to Esther Njenga, from Kenya.

Richard has been commissioned to write a contemporary history of Zimbabwe by Zed Books, London, one of the three publishers of his *Lula of Brazil: the Story So Far*

Publications

Edited reports of three Commonwealth Fisheries Programme study tours to Indian Ocean African countries, to the South Pacific, and to the Caribbean
(www.commonwealthfisheries.org)

Edited, with Mark Collins, "From Hook to Plate: the State of Marine Fisheries – a Commonwealth Perspective", published by the Commonwealth Foundation

Review of "Globalization, Development and the State: the performance of India and Brazil since 1990" by Jørgen Dige Pedersen in the Round Table, issue 400 of February 2009

Phil Buckner

In 2008-09 Professor Buckner again co-ordinated the joint Institute of Commonwealth Studies/Institute for the Study of the Americas Canadian Studies programme, which was funded with grants from the Canadian Department for Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In October 2008 he co-organized with the Menzies Centre for Canadian Studies a panel discussion on 'British Investment and the Creation of Canada and Australia' with presentations by Bernard Attard (Leicester University), Andrew Dilley (Aberdeen University) and Andrew Smith (Laurentian University).

In November 2008 a seminar was given by Marie Vautier (University of Victoria) on 'Autobiographical Fictions, Religions and Transcultural Writers: Canadian novels of the 1990s' and in March 2009 a seminar by William Jenkins (University of York, Toronto) on 'Diasporas and Collective Memories: The Irish in North American Cities in the late 19th and 20th Centuries'.

In May 2009 the Canadian Studies programme helped to sponsor the conference on Truth and Reconciliation Commission held at the ICwS and paid for the keynote speaker, Jane-Dickson Gilmore (Carleton University). In May the programme also co-sponsored a symposium on 'The Queen's Other Realms: The Crown and Its Legacy in Australia, Canada and New Zealand, at which presentations were given by Peter Boyce (University of Tasmania), Frank Borgiono (King's College, London), Phillip Buckner (ICwS), and Andrew Sharp (Birkbeck College).

In June 2009, a half-day seminar was held on the theme of 'Canada and the Cuban Revolution' with presentations by Lana Wylie (McMaster University), Cynthia Wright (York University, Toronto), Paul Rodriguez (University of Havana), and John Kirk (Dalhousie University). In September 2009, Professor Buckner organized a three-day conference on the theme of '1859 Revisited: The Conquest of Canada in Historical Perspective', at which 45 papers were given by scholars from Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe. Two volumes of essays presented at the conference are now with the University of Toronto Press.

Professor Buckner gave a presentation at the symposium on 'The Queen's Other Realms' in May 2009. He also attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association in Ottawa in May 2009, and the conference on 'From Borderland to Backcountry: Frontier Communities in Comparative Perspective' at the University of Dundee in July 2009.

Shihan de Silva

Shihan has been busy this year organising a conference at the Institute *Migrants and Diversity: Understanding Trends & Traditions* in September 2009. A book launch at the Institute for Shihan's latest publications *African Identity in Asia: Cultural Effects of Forced Migration* and *The Portuguese in the East: A Cultural History of a Maritime Trading Empire* attracted a large and distinguished number of guests.

Shihan has been active amongst both the domestic and international press, giving interviews to newspapers and on radio, as well as delivering a keynote lecture at London Metropolitan University entitled *The Silent History of Africans in Asia* and *The Intangible Heritage of Peoples Displaced Across*

Continents: A Case of Afro-Asians in the Indian Subcontinent at a conference held at the Hornimann Museum organised by the Adivaasi Arts Trust.

Shihan has taken on a number of roles during the 2008-09 academic year; rapporteur of the UNESCO International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project, elected as member of the Scientific Committee for *Centre d'Etudes des Mondes Africains* (CNRS), and continues to serve on the editorial boards of *African Diaspora & Transnationalism* and *Information, Society & Justice* submitted for publication and also reviewing for the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* Matthias Weinreich's book "*We are Here to Stay*": *Pashtun Migrants in the Northern Areas of Pakistan*.

Publications:

Articles in Books

Persisting Portuguese Linguistic Impressions in India and Sri Lanka. In: *Portuguese in the Orient*. Ed: Gaston Perera. Kandy, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (2009).

Journal articles

Cross-cultural Influences on the Language of the Sri Lankan Malays. *African & Asian Studies* 8(3): 204-221, Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, Netherlands (2009).

East India Company in Sumatra: Cross-Cultural Interactions. *African & Asian Studies* 8:222-238, Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, Netherlands (2009).

Crossing Boundaries: Africans in South Asia. *Africa Spectrum* 3: 429-438. Hamburg, Germany (2008).

Public Lectures/Conference Papers/Presentations

Abolition in the Atlantic Ocean: Effects in the Indian Ocean. Institute of Historical Research Imperial & World History Seminar Series. 2nd November 2009.

Abolition in the Indian Ocean: Effects from the Atlantic Ocean. Institute of Commonwealth Studies Research Seminar Series. 28th October 2009.

Africans Migrants in Asia: Displacement and Diversity. Conference on "Migrants & Diversity: Understanding Trends & Traditions" held at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 23rd September 2009.

Asia's Africans: Forgotten Histories. A Public Lecture at the Museum of London Docklands, 14th May 2009.

Afro-Asians: From Invisibility to Visibility. A Conference on African Images organised by the Museum of London, Docklands & African Studies Association UK held at the Museum of London, Docklands, 25th April 2009.

African Soldiers in the Ceylon Regiments. A Public Lecture at the National Army Museum, Chelsea, London, 26th March 2009.

Portuguese in the East. Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 12th March 2009.

African Identity in Asia. Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 12th March 2009.

African Diaspora in Asia. UNESCO International Scientific Committee Meeting, Paris, France, February 2009.

Signalling an African Past: Music of a Creole Community in an Indian Ocean Island. School of Oriental and African Studies, Department of Music, 18th November 2008.

Africans in Asia: Visible and Invisible. School of Oriental and African Studies, Centre for African Studies, 30th October 2008.

Forced African Migration and European Commerce in Sumatra: Evidence from East India Company Records. School of Advanced Studies, University of London, 16th July 2008.

Uncovering the African Presence in Southeast Asia. Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 9th July 2008.

David Killingray

Professor Killingray has continued his research and writing on a number of topics during the past year. Although diverse, dealing with Africa, the Black diaspora in the Atlantic world, British religious history, and English local history, they do inform each other in numerous ways. He completed a book on African soldiers in the Second World War, to be published by James Currey in 2010, continued writing a biography of Dr Harold Moody and the League of Coloured Peoples, along with work on African writers in Britain, and transcribing and editing the diaries of a West African businessman for 1899-1925. During the academic year 2008-9 he was visiting professor of local history at Kingston University, and on the Advisory Committee of several publicly funded research projects: 'Rhodesian Army Archive Project', British Empire and Commonwealth Museum, Bristol and University of West of England, 2007-9; 'Building on History: The Church in London', Open University/King's College London, 2008; and the 'Victoria County History of Kent', University of Greenwich, 2007-. He also served as internal examiner for two PhD theses.

Recent publications and papers include:

'Black evangelicals in darkest Britain, 1760s-1930s', in *British Evangelical Identities Past and Present*, Vol. 1, ed. Mark Smith (Paternoster, Carlisle, 2008), pp.128-42.

'The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon movement: Revival in the West Midlands 1875-90?', in K. Cooper & J. Gregory, (eds.), *Revival and Resurgence in Christian History* (Blackwell, Studies in Church History, vol. 44, 2008), pp. 262-74.

Entries in Richard M. Juang and Noelle Morrisette, eds, *Africa and the Americas: Culture, politics, and history*, 3 vols. (ABC Clio, Santa Barbara, CA, 2008): Vol. 1, 'Britain: People of African origin and descent', (pp. 196-200), 'Colonial armies in Africa' (pp. 290-3); Vol. 2, 'The League of Coloured Peoples' (pp. 682-3), and 'Dr Harold Moody' (pp. 770-1).

“'A good West Indian, a Good African, and, in Short, a Good Britisher'": Black and British in a Colour-Conscious Empire, 1760-1950', *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, 36, 3 (2008), pp. 363-81, also published in Robert Holland and Sarah Stockwell, eds, *Ambiguities of Empire* (Routledge, London, 2009).

'Rights, land, and labour: Black British critics of South African polices before 1948', *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 35, 2 (2009), pp. 375-398.

'Grassroots politics in West Kent since the mid-eighteenth century', *Archaeologia Cantiana*, CXXVIII (2009), pp. 33-54.

Papers were given to a number of seminars and conferences, e.g. (1) 'Getting into print: Black writers in Britain, 1770-1950'; (2) 'The impact of immigrant communities on British local history', conference on 'Local history in Britain after Hoskins', Leicester University, July 2009; (3) 'Thomas Brem-Wilson – Pentecostal pioneer in London and Ghana, 1865-1925', Africa History seminar, SOAS, 2009; (4) 'Rethinking the Pan-African Conference 1900', BASA conference 2009); (5) 'How global was the history of the First World War?', roundtable paper to International Conference on the First World War, Imperial War Museum, London, September 2009.

Jeggan Senghor

Research capacity building activities:

To accompany his purely academic pursuits during the reporting period Jeggan Senghor has been deeply involved in capacity building activities in African regional research institutions. The continent has always had a dearth of private non-profit independent research institutions; as a result policy-making and analysis are often based on unreliable and inadequate data. To deal with this problem a number of initiatives have been launched by African researchers and academics in recent years. Jeggan's involvement in the start-up activities of one of them, the African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET, Accra, Ghana), was noted in the last ICwS report. He continued to provide advice and to undertake diverse trouble-shooting tasks for the fledging institution.

Jeggan has also put his experience in institution-building at the disposal of the new Centre for Research on Policy Analysis, Dakar, Senegal. As the name indicates this institution is to undertake research on issues related to political economy and regional integration in Africa. Jeggan was formally appointed a Senior Adviser in which capacity he provides professional advice and guidance particularly on infrastructural matters, programme development and resource mobilization.

Jeggan continued to provide technical support services to the Africa Research Institute, London, on whose Advisory Board he serves.

A different type of institution with which Jeggan has been involved is the Mano River Union (MRU) in West Africa. This sub-regional body is made up of Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia and Sierra Leone – all of them emerging from conflict of one kind or another. As a result of these conflicts institutionalized cooperation in the MRU now is at its lowest. For its revitalization and to strengthen capacities in its secretariat Jeggan has drafted a project proposal and implementation is to begin in the next reporting period.

Two research projects developed in the course of the year are on non-state actors and regional integration in Africa, first, at the level of the regional economic communities and, second, in the continent as a whole. A team of researchers in the UK and in African research institutions is being put together to carry out the research.

As General Editor of the Africa in Development Series, Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, Jeggan peer reviewed two book manuscripts and supervised them through to final publication (see below). Five other manuscripts are in different stages of processing.

Published Articles:

“Regional Integration from Above: Reflections on the State as a Dominant Actor,” *New Path: African Forum for Intellectual Thought*, vol. 4, no. 1.

Book reviews:

Democracy in Senegal: Tocquevillian Analytics in Africa by Sheldon Gellar, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, Reviewed in *Journal of Third World Studies*, vol. XXVI, no.1.

Beyond State Failure and Collapse: Making the State Relevant in Africa by George K. Kieh, Lanham: MD, Lexington Books, 2007, 293 pages. Reviewed in *Journal of Third World Studies*, vol. 26, no.2.

Peer reviews of manuscripts:

The Politics of Language and Nation Building in Zimbabwe, Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, Oxford (November 2008).

Do Zimbabweans Exist? Trajectories of Nationalism, National Identity Formation and Crisis in a Postcolonial State, Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, Oxford (December 2008).

As a member of the Editorial Board of the African Administrative Sciences (CAFRAD, Tangier, Morocco) Jeggan peer reviewed the following articles submitted for publication:

- The Need to Evolve from Adaptive to Anticipative Administrations in Africa: An application of organizational theory
- Ethics and Accountability in Nigeria’s Public Service: An Historical Overview
- Knowledge Management for Organizational Development: Best Practices

Marika Sherwood

2008-9 was a slightly less hectic year. Marika Sherwood's involvement with educational issues in northern and north-east Ghana continued. She visited a number of schools and met with the Education Officers in two Districts (Counties). She expressed her disquiet about progress in an article in the monthly journal *New Africa*, which is widely read there. She also re-instituted a seminar series which she ran many years ago, the monthly Black Britain Seminar Series, which began again in January 2009. When Professor Murphy agreed that these could be run 'in conjunction with the Black & Asian Studies Association (of which she is still vice-chair) the series was re-named 'Black & Asian Seminars'. Due to lack of time, Ms. Sherwood's involvement with Kent education diminished and she only managed to speak at one meeting, 'The world on your doorstep' in September.

It gave her great pleasure to work with the young people in Notting Hill making a film on Claudia Jones; she attended a number of meetings to discuss her work, was interviewed for the film and spoke on Claudia Jones at the Notting Hill Roots: Community & People Conference in March 2009.

In October, during Black History Month, she gave a talks on 'Africans in Britain' in Faversham Library; on 'Claudia Jones' in Wandsworth; 'The 1900 Pan-African Conference' in Waltham Forest; 'Africans in Britain – a two thousand year history', at Canterbury Library; 'BME [Black and Minority Ethnic] Communities in Kent' in Maidstone County Hall.

Ms. Sherwood was one of the discussants at the two films on 'Black London' shown at the SERTUC film club in May 2009. She gave a lecture to the Black British History undergraduate course at the University of Nottingham.

During the year she contributed to these conferences:

October: 'Liberating the African Past', at *Reclaiming African History*, London Metropolitan University;

November: 'The effect of the trade in enslaved Africans and colonialism on West Africa' at *Colonialism, Slavery, Reparations and Trade: Remediating the 'Past'?*, SOAS

December: 'The Pan-Africanist movement in the 20th century', conference organised by the *Comité International Joseph Ki-Zerbo*, Ougadougou, Burkina Faso

April: 'William G. Allen in Britain', *Liberating Sojourn 2: Transatlantic Abolitionist, 1845-1860*, University of Liverpool

April-May: 'Two Pan-Africanist political activists emanating from the University of Edinburgh: John Randall and Richard Akinwande Savage', *Africa in Scotland, Scotland in Africa*, University of Edinburgh

June: The Forsters and Forster & Smith: their trade and shot/long-term influence on Anglophone West African from c. 1817', *Brokers of Change: Atlantic Commerce and Cultures in the 'Guinea of Cape Verde'*, University of Birmingham

Publications 2008-9

'Have we progressed since the Lawrence Enquiry?', summer issue, *Race Equality Teaching*, 27/3 2009

'A tale of two Ghanas', *New African*, June 2009

'George Padmore and Kwame Nkrumah: a tentative outline of their relationship' in Fitzroy Baptiste & Rupert Lewis (eds.), *George Padmore: Pan-African Revolutionary*, Ian Randle Publications, 2009

'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*, Sub Saharan Press, Accra Ghana, 2009

'Miseducation and Racism', *Ethnicity and Race in a Changing World: A Review Journal*, Feb. 2009 (also on www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk)

'The struggle continues', *BASA Newsletter* #52, September 2008

David Taylor

David Taylor joined the Institute as a Senior Research Fellow on 1 February 2009. His academic interests range across South Asia, Pakistan and India especially. In May he gave a paper on the recent Indian elections to a workshop at the University of Heidelberg, and in the same month participated in a Witness Seminar on Bangladesh in 1971, organized by two other ICwS Senior Research Fellows, William Crawley and David Page, on behalf of the BBC World Service and the Open University. He is currently working on a four-volume collection of papers on Islam in South Asia, to be published by Routledge. He also works with the Aga Khan University on their development plans in East Africa and London.

Mary Turner

The ICwS Caribbean Studies programme addressed two broad periods: pre- and post 19th century emancipation and 20th century independence and revolution. Topics related to both island and mainland territories and for the first period included Anthony MacFarlane (Warwick) discussing issues of sovereignty raised by the 1673 slave conspiracy in Colombia's Cartagena, Laurence Brown (Manchester) re-defining the Eastern Caribbean's post emancipation regional migration networks as essentially trans-national and Diana Paton (Newcastle) and Maarit Forde (ISA) together reviewed the legal history and social significance of popular Obeah beliefs and practices. In the modern period Peter Fraser (London Met) critiqued the political ideas of Trinidadian Marxists 1930-50 while Clem Seecharan and Steve Cushion (London Met) dealt respectively with Cheddi Jagan's efforts to implement communism in Guyana, 1946-66, and the crucial role played by island wide strikes in Cuba (1955) and their impact on the trade union movement in securing working class support for Fidel Castro. Victor- Bulmer Thomas (ISA) reviewed Haiti's 19th-20th century economic development to establish when and why it declined into the least productive Caribbean territory and a presentation by Peter Hallward (Middlesex) commented on by Paul Sutton (London Met) brought its economic and political fortunes under Aristide up to date.

Other professional activities include attending the Society of Caribbean Studies Conference at the Wilberforce Institute, Hull University and SAS based seminars and conferences. A review essay "Two attorneys and an Overseer" appeared in the *New West India Guide* Vol.82, Nos.3-4, pp.265-70.

Michael Twaddle

Michael Twaddle continued his studies into African history, working particularly on preparing a translation into English of Paulo Mukasa's history of Uganda in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in the Luganda language, *Kakungulu Omuzira wa Uganda*, together with introduction and footnotes. He gave a number of presentations on the more recent history of Uganda, including one to the Development Planning Unity at UCL, and he organized a number of other meetings in London on more recent events in Uganda as chair of the Friends of Makerere University in the United Kingdom, several of them jointly with ICS

Susan Williams

This year Susan Williams visited Zambia, South Africa, Belgium and Sweden to conduct research for a book on the death of United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld in a plane crash in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) in 1961. The book investigates the significance of his death in the context of decolonisation, global power shifts, and the white supremacist movement of southern and central Africa.

In March 2009, Dr Williams signed a contract with the American film company Perfect Weekend, giving them the option on the film rights to her book *Colour Bar. The Triumph of Seretse Khama and His Nation*, about the founding President of Botswana (Allen Lane 2006; Penguin paperback 2007). She was appointed historical consultant to the movie, which will be filmed in Botswana and the UK. She also gave talks about the book to reading clubs and other groups.

'Freedoms at Midnight': The Iconography of Independence, co-edited and with an overview by Dr Williams, Professor Robert Holland (ICwS) and Terry Barringer, was published in October 2008 as a special volume of the *Round Table*. They expanded this volume for publication as a book by Routledge in October 2009, by adding further chapters and appendices.

In March 2009 Dr Williams gave the Address to the Annual Dinner of the Cambridge University Commonwealth Society, on the theme of 'Growing up in the Modern Commonwealth'. In May she gave a seminar to the Department of Modern History at the University of St Andrews, looking at links between British rule in Botswana and Kenya.

Dr Williams continued to write reviews for the *Independent* on books about Commonwealth history and literature, including: *Africa: Altered States, Ordinary Miracles* by Richard Dowden; *Baking Cakes in Kigali* by Gaile Parkin; *The Settler's Cookbook* by Yasmin Alibhai-Brown; and *An Elegy for Easterly* by Petina Gappah.

Dr Williams participated in plans at the Commonwealth Secretariat and ICwS to develop a lecture series to mark the joint 60th anniversary of the modern Commonwealth and ICwS.

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, Dr David Page and Dr William Crawley received a grant from the Ford Foundation in Delhi over two years (2009-2011) for a study of Media Policy and Law in Sri Lanka.

The Jamia Millia Islamia University in Delhi has received a grant for a related project on media law and policy in India. The aim of both projects is to develop source materials on media law and policy, to work with academic institutions in these three countries in extending their course curricula in the field of media policy studies and promoting academic, government and civil society expertise in this field. The principal researcher for the ICwS Sri Lanka project is Kishali Pinto-Jayawardena. The grant for the project is specific to Sri Lanka but aims to retain the wider south Asian perspective incorporated in the earlier scoping study, with Lawrence Liang of the Alternative Law Forum in Bangalore playing a consultative role. In setting up the project Dr Page and Dr Crawley [visited Sri Lanka in February 2010 for consultations with project associates and potential stakeholders in universities and civil society institutions. Both individually and together, they maintained and extended contacts with scholars, researchers and institutions in the UK and South Asia. Both Dr Page and Dr Crawley participated in the Open University project 'Tuning In: Diasporic Contact Zones at the BBC World Service'. Dr Crawley assisted in convening a witness seminar held in at the Open University in May 2009 on BBC reporting of the events leading to Bangladesh's independence in 1971. The latest volume in the India-Pakistan 'Cross Border talks' series edited by Dr Page – a volume on cricket entitled 'Shadows across the Playing Field' – was published in 2009.

Visiting Fellows

John Cowley

John Cowley presented two papers: '*Oh! Cette Musique: French Antillean Jazz under the German Occupation of Paris,*' at the Latin American Music Seminar held by the Institute for the Study of the Americas in November 2008, and 'From the 'Paris of the West Indies' to the Antillean Pompeii: St. Pierre, Martinique, at the time of its decimation in 1902,' at the Caribbean Societies Seminar, for the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, in January 2009. He continued his research into French Antillean musical performance in Paris between the two World Wars.

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

The Institute of Commonwealth Studies Library move took place over a two week period from the 26th of August. The Library is now located within the Ground Floor Library, North Block, Senate House, entrance being through the Small Hall area.

As a result of the move we were able to place a significant proportion of the Commonwealth Studies collection on open access in the remainder of the Ground Floor Library area. This totals approximately 1,450 linear metres of open access – being nearly half of the total collection. The remainder of items are held on closed stack and available on request, either in a new basement store or at the depository in Egham.

The Teaching Collection is located in Room NG22, which also houses a small ready reference collection and a slimmed down and re-housed collection of recent journal issues

Staffing

Julie McCaffery left the Library in May to take maternity leave and is now mother to the delightful Astrid. Sally Littlejohn was Acting Deputy Information Resources Manager until the Library move.

Jane Kirby joined as in December 2008 on the joint project with the Institute for the Study of the Americas cataloguing the archives of the Catholic Institute for International Relations.

Sheena Ginnings completed her Graduate Trainee year in August 2009 and is currently studying for a Masters in Library and Information Studies at UCL.

During the year we were grateful for the assistance as volunteers or on placements of Pat Larby, Richard Wilson, and Paris O'Donnell.

As a result of the move and completion of the convergence process staff have been redeployed as follows:

- David Clover: Commonwealth Studies Librarian, Senate House Library (SHL)
- Sally Littlejohn: Social Sciences Librarian, SHL (maternity cover for Julie McCaffery)
- Scott Finnie: Bibliographic Services; SHL
- Rodney Bill: Bibliographic Services: SHL

Library Development and Projects

Owing to the hard work of 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.

We were pleased to receive a Vice Chancellors Development Fund grant to enable the employment of an archivist to catalogue the archives of the Catholic Institute for International Relations, held at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and Institute for the Study of the Americas.

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 third Australian and New Zealand Library and Archives Group workshop, which had themes of exploration and travel and labour and trade unions. The Librarian presented a paper to the Institute's Black History Seminar Series and also chaired CILIP events on Policing Library Users (UC&R/ISG) and Book Aid International (ILIG/UC&R).

Use of the Library

During the year 8,967 visits were made to the Library.

Researchers looked at a variety of topics, including: African American music in the UK and Europe; street-working children in Bangladesh; the British Empire exhibition; Truth and Reconciliation Commissions; South African sport; the colonial judiciary and East Africa; the Jamaica Progressive League; education policy in Northern Rhodesia/Zambia; pro-poor forestry; the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company in post-emancipation Caribbean; emigration to Australia; international relations theory and New Zealand's defence policy; the pre-colonial Oyo empire (1600-1836); women and resistance in 1950s South Africa; the Empire Marketing Board; health rights, sexuality and law; nationalism in Sri Lanka; banking in South East Asia; corporate taxation in Uganda; British slave ownership 1800-1838; language and bilingualism in Gibraltar identity; Commonwealth censuses; African cities and migration; aid to Lusophone Africa; Chinese indentured labour in South Africa; the Indian Swadeshi movement; the international trade in used clothing; Bahamas postal history; Guyana's youth culture; the expulsion of Ugandan Asians; Empire and sport in the Edwardian era; 1950s Zanzibar; women in Ghanaian nationalist politics; Leonard Woolf and colonialism; landscape in New Zealand; volcanic hazards, vulnerability and risk; changing role of International (Commonwealth) Scholarships; migration and remittances; 20th century cultural history of Bombay; Jamaican women of colour as property owners during colonial slavery 1750-1850; the rise and decline of the Bharatiya Janata Party; Australian agricultural trade liberalisation; and AIDS in Southern Africa

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 Baruch Hirson papers and the collections of Stephen Tallents, Sir Keith Hancock, and Sir Ivor Jennings.

Collection Development

Accessions

Total volumes added to stock, excluding periodical issues	1,559
Total volumes in library, excluding periodicals	201,293

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:

Richard Bourne; Antoinette Burton; Centre for International Governance Innovation; A J Christopher; the Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit; the Commonwealth Press Union; the Commonwealth Secretariat; Richard Crook; Martin Daly; Scott Finnie; Rob Holland; Elizabeth Jackson; Law and Society Trust, Sri Lanka; Michael Lee; David Lowenthal; Geoff Lunn; Peter Lyon; James Manor; National Library Singapore; James Robertson; Thillaiampalam Selvaratnam and Sinnapoo Apputhurai; Shihan de Silva; Sri Lanka High Commission; Richard Temple; Michael Twaddle; the University of the West Indies; William Vleck; Lars Waldorf; and Arif Zaman

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

We look forward to settling into our temporary home on the Ground Floor of Senate House and preparations for our final move into the upper floors on the completion of the current phase of refurbishment work. We plan to maintain and continue to develop services based on user feedback.

As well as the completion of the catalogue for the Catholic Institute for International Relations collection we intend to work through existing collections and to add digitised handlists to the ULRIS archives catalogue where full catalogues do not exist. This will help readers to know what is included in archive collections and allow them to request items and files in advance of their visit. We will also take this opportunity to improve lists and the housing of materials as we work through the collections.

Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit (CPSU)



The CPSU continued to expand and develop during 2008-09 across a range of projects. There was significant progress in communication and marketing which has been pivotal for its wider recognition as a Commonwealth think-tank. During this year the CPSU, directed by Dr. Victoria te Velde, was supported by three Research Associates (Dr. Veronica Broomes, Emmanuel Nuesiri and Dr. Bevlyn Olima), Senior Fellow (Richard Bourne), Coordinator for the Commonwealth Fisheries Programme (Homera Cheema) and Communications Officer (Mike Smith). Throughout the year, the CPSU also took in interns through the organisation CAPA. The list of projects, research and other activity include:

- Commonwealth Fisheries Programme
- International Institutional Reform
- Governance Conference for Scholars
- Summer Youth Conference
- Democracy in the Commonwealth
- Policy Briefs
- Published Research
- Marketing and Communication

Commonwealth Fisheries Programme

This was the biggest programme in which the CPSU participated in co-operation with the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC) and the Commonwealth Foundation. The Commonwealth Fisheries Programme undertook the majority of its work in this year as it conducted three study tours: Indian Ocean (November 2008), South Pacific (November 2008) and Caribbean (January/February 2009). Each of the study tours were coordinated from our London office and carried out over a period of 12-14 days. They visited three countries with a delegation of between six and nine people consisting of academics, fisheries experts and local practitioners. The study tours consisted of interviews, consultations and field trips and provided an insight into some of the key issues facing fisheries management in developing countries as well as fisher livelihoods. In addition to collating the evidence base, the CPSU co-ordinated fisheries experts who contributed to a book-report (which has now been called *From Hook to Plate: The State of Marine Fisheries A Commonwealth Perspective*).

After the main body of the study tours was completed, the findings were presented at the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) at the Food Agricultural Organisation in Rome (March 2009). The CPSU also held a side event in the wings of the main plenary session where representatives from 15 commonwealth countries attended and participated in a discussion. The CPSU in conjunction with CHEC also presented the findings of the tour at the Commonwealth Human Ecology

Council session, at the International Human Ecology Conference at Manchester University (July 2009).

International Institutional Reform

The IIR project looked at increasing recognition of the need to reform the world's international institutions, established to build political and economic order in the aftermath of World War II. The focus of the project was to make these institutions more relevant to contemporary challenges and better reflect the modern world. This was examined from a Commonwealth perspective, such as representation of small states and the participation of emerging economies in International Financial Institutions. In March 2009 CPSU ran the *Southern African Consultation 2nd March 2009, Pretoria*. This consultation brought together representatives from Southern African countries and other regional stakeholders to discuss reform of international institutions from a Commonwealth and Southern African perspective. The CPSU produced a working paper entitled 'The Commonwealth and IIR: Towards a Commonwealth Consensus'.

Governance Conference for Scholars

This conference has been an annual CPSU event coordinated in conjunction with the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission. The three-day conference was attended by postgraduate and PhD students taking part in the Commonwealth Scholarship programme. Representatives from Commonwealth governments, think tanks and civil society organisations were invited as guest speakers. The conference is unique as it provides an opportunity for scholars to present their own research. The CPSU used the theme of International Institutional Reform for the conference and produced a report with the findings.

Summer Youth Conference

The CPSU has hosted the Annual Summer Youth Conferences, largely serving Masters students, since 2005. These aim to engage young people on contemporary Commonwealth themes such as good governance, sustainability and development. The conference also acts as an introduction for students to the Commonwealth.

The 2009 Commonwealth Youth Conference focused on the issue of 'How can we change the world?'. The event ran from 29th June to 1st July in London and examined the question at an international, civil society and individual level. The three-day event packed in nine sessions with 24 speakers including the Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth, the High Commissioners for St Lucia and for Trinidad and Tobago and the Shadow Secretary of State for International Development.

The 2009 event was kindly sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission and Routledge.

Democracy in the Commonwealth

The Democracy in the Commonwealth report makes 12 key recommendations on how the Commonwealth can reform to enhance the way it promotes democracy in member countries. One of these recommendations, the need to strengthen the role of the Commonwealth Ministerial

Action Group to deal with the full range of serious or persistent violations of democratic principles, is being taken forward by the Commonwealth.

Policy Briefs

Education Ministers' Briefing – June 2008

Tourism Ministers' Briefing - November 2008

Finance Ministers' Briefing - October 2008

All available at: www.cpsu.org.uk/index.php?id=19

Published Research

- *Indian Ocean Study Tour Report*
- *South Pacific Study Tour Report*
- *Caribbean Study Tour Report*

All available on the Commonwealth Fisheries Programme website:

www.commonwealthfisheries.org

- *International Institutional Reform Report: A South African Perspective* by Dr. Bevlyn Olima
- *Global Environmental Governance: Consideration for a New Way Forward for the Commonwealth* (Working Paper Series) by Nageela Yusuf
- *Triple Wins: Foreign Direct Investment for Development* (Potential for Commonwealth countries to maximize economic and community benefits from inward investment negotiations—case studies of Belize and Botswana) by Dr. Veronica Broomes

All available on the CPSU website: www.cpsu.org.uk

Marketing and Communication

A communications officer was appointed in August 2008. This meant improved marketing of events and research activities targeted to the right audience. Key resource tools developed have included: a new website, an updated brochure and the launching of a quarterly CPSU newsletter. All these have contributed to building up the CPSU contacts database to over 2,500 names.

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. Its headquarters are in New Delhi, India. The London office holds a license with the Institute and moved its base of operation to Senate House from Russell Square when the former moved in August 2009. The principal function of the London office is to liaise with Commonwealth institutions and associations. During the year, the London office began an extensive program of work into Freedom of Information in small states, specialising in Malta. CHRI's work on small states also carried over into a large DIFD funded project aimed at building human rights capacity in the UK's Overseas Territories. CHRI London is working in partnership with the Commonwealth Legal Education Association and the Commonwealth Foundation on a series of projects building human rights in the South Atlantic and Caribbean. CHRI initiated a project examining media freedom laws in the Commonwealth. This project supported the advocacy work being done in the run up to the 2009 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting which focused on Human Rights Defenders. In the autumn of 2009, CHRI made a submission to the Commonwealth Senior Law officials Meeting on the creation of a Commonwealth expert group of policing.

<http://www.humanrightsinitiative.org/>

Events

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

Routes to Freedom: Migration and the Construction of Emancipation in the Eastern Caribbean

Speakers: Laurence Brown (Manchester University)

Globalisation and Contemporary Caribbean Literature

Cuba 1955: the year the working class joined the revolution

Steve Cushion (London Metropolitan University)

What can be salvaged from the Ugandan Peace Process?

Dr Phil Clark (University of Oxford)

Book Launch: Administering the Empire, 1801-1968: A Guide to the Records of the Colonial Office in the National Archives of the UK

Speakers: Mandy Banton (ICwS)

Human Rights, Loyalty & Cosmopolitan Solidarity

Michele Lamb (University of Essex)

Tripping on his own Banana Peel: Cheddi Jagan's "Struggle" for Guyana's Freedom, 1946-66

Clem Seecharan (London Metropolitan University)

Politics of Privatisation in Uganda

Hard Lessons: Rethinking Human Rights Practice

Autobiographical Fictions, Religions, and Transcultured Writers: The Text in the World in Canadian/Quebécois novels of the 1990s

Marie Vautier (University of Victoria)

From the 'Paris of the West Indies' to the Antillean Pompeii: St. Pierre, Martinique, at the time of its decimation in 1902

John Cowley (ICwS)

Colonial Rule and Spiritual Power: Obeah, the State and Caribbean Culture

Diana Paton and Maarit Forde (Newcastle University)

The Negro Welfare Association

Hakim Adi (Middlesex University)

Food Security

Patrick Holden (Director of the Soil Association)

Gender, ethnicity, and class in 20th-century Suriname: a case study of Grace Schneiders-Howard
Rosemarijne Hoeft (Leiden University)

Lost to Africa, world revolution and the United States of America or cultivating the West Indian garden? George Padmore, C.L.R. James, Oliver C. Cox and Eric Williams, 1930s to 1960s
Peter Fraser (ISA)

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Speakers: David Clover (ICwS)

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INCOME	£UK Sterling
HEFCE Grants	257,956
Tuition Fees	290,300
Research Grants & Contracts	391,883
Other Income	141,764
Endowments from Trusts	59,564
TOTAL INCOME	1,141,467
EXPENDITURE	
Pay	
Academic Departments	353,982
Administration	137,450
TOTAL PAY EXPENDITURE	491,432
Non-Pay	
Estates Expenditure	4,324
Academic Expenditure	26,665
IT Expenditure	46,766
Admin Expenditure	123,572
Research Grants & Contracts	256,466
Central and Cross Charges	184,220
Other expenditure	12,866
TOTAL NON - PAY EXPENDITURE	654,878
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENDITURE	1,146,310
Surplus / (Deficit)	-4842

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