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DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

One of the highlights of our very busy programme of events was the special series of seminars for the Diamond Jubilee Year on the Queen and the Commonwealth, organised by one of the Institute's Senior Research Fellows, Stuart Mole. The inaugural seminar was attended by the Chancellor of the University of London, the Princess Royal, who spoke movingly about her own tours of the Commonwealth. The former Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, also spoke, celebrating the Queen's role as Head of the Commonwealth. Concluding the seminar, the Nigerian-born artist, Chinwe Chukwuogo-Roy, recalled her commission to produce an official portrait of the Queen as Head of the Commonwealth for the Golden Jubilee year of 2002. The seminar was followed by a reception at which the Princess Royal was able to meet current and former members of the Institute. This event was followed later in the academic year by two further seminars in the series. The first discussed media coverage of the royal family, while in the second, Sir Shridath Surendranath 'Sonny' Ramphal, recalled the Queen's contribution to Commonwealth during his 15 years as Secretary-General. In 2011-12, the Institute consolidated its deconolization seminar series into a termly workshop. This has proved highly successful in drawing together scholars from across the UK and beyond, whose work touches on this broad theme and ensures that the UK's network of researchers on the Commonwealth, Empire, and decolonisation have a ready-made forum for the dissemination of research, ideas and approaches.



The Institute celebrated a remarkable string of successes in securing external grant income. The largest of these was an AHRC Research Grant worth nearly £400k over three years to enable the Institute to compile an Oral History of the Commonwealth. The aim of the project is to make available in digital form the annotated transcripts of interviews with around 60 individuals who played a role in shaping the history of the Commonwealth since the creation of the Secretariat in 1965. The project will run for three years from September 2012, with Dr Sue Onslow joining the Institute from the LSE to act as its coordinator. In a separate award, the Institute secured an AHRC-funded collaborative doctoral studentship to work on the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation. The application was submitted in conjunction with the Commonwealth Secretariat, which will support the studentship. Other major grant successes included two awards from the ESRC: 'Expanding, Not Shrinking, Social Programmes', worth around £250k submitted by Professor James Manor; and 'Pushing the Boundaries: New Dynamics of Forced Migration in Latin America', worth around £200k, submitted by Dr David Cantor. The latter award identified Dr Cantor as a Future Research Leader and will see extensive new research conducted to understand better how states in Latin America respond to new patterns of transnational forced migration. Finally, the Institute was also the recipient of an AHRC networking grant to promote collaboration between the School of Advanced Study, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study in Shimla, and Yale University.

A key part of our work was the ongoing digitisation of the archive of the anti-apartheid campaigner Ruth First, the online resource for which was launched in a special symposium in June. Family, friends and colleagues of Ruth First gathered at Senate House on the 7 June 2012 to attend a day-long symposium in celebration of her life and work. The event featured dramatic and thought-

provoking presentations on the impact of First's work from individuals such as Barbara Harlow, Marc Wuyts and John Saul as well as more personal and moving accounts of the experience of life and work with her from the South African jurist and anti-apartheid campaigner Justice Albie Sachs, Gillian Slovo and Alpheus Manghezi. Over 150 attendees filled the Beveridge Hall to hear lectures, speeches and stories about First, activist, scholar, colleague, friend and mother. The project's international significance drew reporters and news journalists from around the world to attend the conference, including the South Africa Broadcasting Company (SABC) and the BBC World Service.

In October 2011 the Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit was re-launched as the Commonwealth Advisory Bureau (CA/B) at an event in Senate House at which both Justice Albie Sachs, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Lord Howell, spoke. Later in the month, there was a further re-launch event on the fringes of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth. The event brought together a number of distinguished speakers including the Australian High Court judge and member of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG), the Hon. Michael Kirby. The CA/B monitored the fate of the recommendations of the EPG later in the academic year with separate events which included presentations from two further members of the Group - Senator Hugh Segal and Sir Ronald Sanders. In March, the CA/B also organised a major event in conjunction with the Canadian High Commission on 'Preaching and practising: religious freedom and the charter of the Commonwealth'. The resulting report formed an important part of the debate for Commonwealth governments in considering how religious freedom can be promoted and assured in their states in line with the Harare Declaration.

Meanwhile, our MA in Understanding and Securing Rights had a bumper year for students, with a total of forty-eight students from the UK, mainland Europe, Asia and North America attending our classes. It is worth noting that our student satisfaction rates are incredibly high testament to the continuous hard work of our highly skilled teaching staff, with student satisfaction rates well above 90%.

In 2011-12, after some tough years, the Institute recorded its first operating surplus in five years. With the underlying increases in our core funding, and through attracting more students while continuously driving down costs, we are in the process - still ongoing - of establishing a sustainable financial basis from which the Institute can continue to thrive in future years and do justice to its remarkable heritage.

It is a continued pleasure to be the Director of this great Institute. We have outstanding staff and each page of this report details the application of their remarkable skills to their fields of study. I hope that you share my sense of pride at what we have achieved.

STAFF LIST

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Professor Philip Murphy
Director

Miss Daisy Cooper
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Professor James Manor
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STAFF PROFILES



PROFESSOR
PHILIP
MURPHY

2011-12 was a busy and exciting year. It began with the run-up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth. Along with Daisy Cooper, the director of the CA/B, I took part in the re-launch event for the Bureau on the fringes of this meeting. We also attended the People's Forum in Perth and the opening ceremony of the CHOGM itself. At a number of press conferences over the course of the CHOGM we were able to follow the controversies surrounding the release of the report of the Commonwealth's Eminent Persons Group and the decision to hold the next CHOGM in Sri Lanka. My own impressions of the CHOGM were recorded in an article published in the *Australian Spectator* the following month.

Throughout the year I gave papers on a range of themes at a variety of institutions. In September 2011, for example, I led a seminar on the history of the Commonwealth at the Secretariat's induction course for Commonwealth diplomats, held at Farnham Castle. In November, during a visit to Japan, I delivered seminar papers at the University of Tokyo and the Meiji Gakuin University. In January 2012, I spoke at the opening event of the Institute's Jubilee seminar series in the presence of the Princess Royal, and interviewed Chinwe Chukwuogo-Roy. Later that month, I delivered a lecture to the Advanced Command and Staff Course at the UK Defence Academy, Shrivenham, on 'The Commonwealth - Issues and Challenges'. This was attended by military officers from over 40 different countries. In March, I spoke at the CA/B's seminar at the Canadian High Commission on 'Preaching and practising: religious freedom and the charter of the Commonwealth'. Later that month, I gave oral evidence before the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee on 28 March 2012, as part of the Committee's enquiry into 'The role and future of the Commonwealth'.

The Jubilee celebrations led to particular media interest in the Commonwealth and the Queen's role within it. I gave radio interviews on the Commonwealth to journalists from France, Belgium, Australia and Japan. I also featured in the Radio 4 documentary series *The Art of Monarchy*, and was interviewed about the Jubilee celebrations on BBC World News. In July, Daisy Cooper and I published a CA/B pamphlet on the future of the headship of the Commonwealth. This attracted significant media attention in the UK and beyond, including a report on Radio 4's *Today* programme.

I have also kept up with a more conventional range of academic activities. I published a major essay on Britain as a great power in the twentieth century in the companion volume series of the Oxford

History of the British Empire, entitled *Britain's Experience of Empire in the Twentieth Century*. I also completed the manuscript of my monograph for OUP entitled 'Monarchy and the End of Empire: the House of Windsor, the British Government and the Post-War Commonwealth'. Two separate grant applications in my name to the AHRC - for the Commonwealth Oral History Project, and for a collaborative doctoral studentship - proved successful. I also continued to act as co-editor of the *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, and to perform a range of duties on behalf of the School of Advanced Study, including acting as Associate Dean and chairing the SAS Research Committee.

Publications

'Britain as a Great Power in the Twentieth Century' in Andrew Thompson (ed), *Britain's Experience of Empire in the Twentieth Century: Oxford History of the British Empire Companion Series* (Oxford, OUP, 2012), pp. 33-75.

(With Daisy Cooper) *Queen Elizabeth II should be the Final Head of the Commonwealth* (CA/B Opinions, July 2012)

The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History (five issues annually)



DR CORINNE
LENNOX

Dr. Lennox was responsible for the Securing Human Rights module of the MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights and for supporting students to find internship placements. She led the Geneva Study Tour in May 2012, which had among its highlights the UK's second Universal Periodic Review before the UN Human Rights Council. She also delivered several guest lectures at summer schools on minority rights and on development in the UK and Belgium.

As part of her sabbatical leave during the Summer term this academic year, Dr. Lennox made good use of a Knowledge Transfer Grant from the School to pursue research in India on caste-based discrimination and on human rights in Indian foreign policy. It was also a chance to learn more about a fascinating country that is becoming more and more central to international policy-making on human rights.

Dr. Lennox was able to share her research on the evolution of international norms on caste-based discrimination with academics and activists in India, and later in the UK. She was based in New Delhi for five weeks over April and early May 2012, where she built a new relationship between the School of Advanced Study/Institute of Commonwealth Studies and the Delhi-based Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), which hosted her. While based in the IIDS, she produced a new policy paper on non-discrimination

in access to health and education, which is being used as a resource paper for the IIDS is to develop recommendations to the relevant Indian government ministries on their national programmes for addressing caste-based discrimination in these policy areas.

Back in the UK, Dr. Lennox co-organised with Professor David Mosse and Dr. Luisa Steur, both at the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS, a conference on 'The Internationalisation of Dalit and Adivasi Activism', in June 2012. Also in the UK in August 2012 she hosted a group of eight civil society activists working on Dalit rights and other caste-affected groups for a workshop on norm entrepreneurship. Dr. Lennox is also pleased to have recently joined as a Trustee of the Dalit Solidarity Network-UK.

Dr. Lennox and Dr. Damien Short continued their collaboration on the forthcoming Routledge Handbook on Indigenous Peoples' Rights, due to be published in 2013. She also published a chapter on "Natural Resources Development and the Rights of Minorities and Indigenous Peoples", in *State of the World's Minorities and Indigenous Peoples 2012*, one of several collaborations with Minority Rights Group International in 2012. A chapter on "The role of international actors in norm emergence: supporting Afro-descendants' rights in Latin America", is forthcoming in *International Approaches to Managing Ethnic Diversity* (OUP, 2013), co-edited by Jane Boulden and Will Kymlicka.

Dr. Lennox has also continued work on the book jointly edited with Matthew Waites, University of Glasgow, on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in the Commonwealth: Struggles for Decriminalisation and Change, to be published by SAS in early 2013. The book is the first to focus on sexual orientation and gender identity in the Commonwealth and brings together country and thematic case studies from activists and academics across the Commonwealth.

Finally, Dr. Lennox has also been an active member of the COST Action IS0702: The Role of the EU in UN Human Rights Reform, coordinated by the Association of Human Rights Institutes. She has been leading on the policy outreach for the publication *Towards a Theory of Change: Human Rights and Development in the New Millennium* (Routledge 2013), to which she has also contributed a jointly authored chapter.

Dr. Lennox is also pleased to be leading on the Human Rights Consortium's projects on Caste-based discrimination and LGBTI rights, as well as working jointly on the Indigenous Peoples' and Minority Rights project.

Dr Short continued to convene the Institute's MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights and the 11/12 cohort was as successful as the previous years with 10 distinctions awarded.

Dr Short's collaboration with the Utrecht Human Rights Institute reached fruition in February with the publication by Sage of a special issue of *Memory Studies* based on his work on reconciliation initiatives.

Dr Short was awarded a School of Advanced Study Conference Fund 2011-2012, which allowed him to attend the British Sociological Association's (BSA) Annual Conference in April where he presented at, and co-convened, the now firmly established 'sociology of rights' stream. The stream was awarded on the back of an agenda setting ICWS workshop initiative in 2009, which has resulted in the study group publishing two Special Issues of the International Journal of Human Rights (IJHR) and an edited book *Sociology and Human Rights* (Routledge 2011) with another to follow in 2013(details below).

The work of his BSA 'sociology and rights' study group resulted in the award of a special issue of the internationally renowned BSA journal *Sociology*. The work on this special issue was completed in September 2012. The amount of submissions it received was a record for the journal, which is testament to the agenda setting nature of the study group's work. The publication of the Journal was marked by a successful launch event in Senate House in November.

In July, Dr Short was appointed Director of the School's Human Rights Consortium an immediately launched several new projects. These projects, the Ecocide Project, the Extreme Energy Initiative, Indigenous Peoples' Rights Project, emerged from a research project which investigated the impact of 'Tar Sands' mining on indigenous communities in Alberta, Canada. The first paper from this project appeared in the second special issue he edited for the IJHR in January 2012 and is already at number 9 in the Journal's all time 'most read' list.

Publications

With Jennifer Huseman, 'A slow industrial genocide': tar sands and the indigenous peoples of northern Alberta, *The International Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 16, No. 1, January 2012, 216-237

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DR
DAMIEN
SHORT

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Hynes, P. Lamb, M. Short, D and Waites, M. (Eds) (2012) 'Forward: New Directions in the Sociology of Human Rights', *International Journal of Human Rights*, December.

With Haifa Rashed 'Can a Lemkin-inspired sociology of genocide aid our understanding of the Palestinian situation?' *International Journal of Human Rights*, December.



DR
DAVID
CANTOR

During 2011-12, David continued to direct the Refugee Law Initiative (RLI) based at SAS, which leads and facilitates research and policy work in international refugee law. He secured Sebba Trust support for the role of Research Coordinator, which was fulfilled by Margherita Blandini. Dr Paresh Kathrani continued as RLI Refugee Law Practice Coordinator and Dr Violeta Moreno-Lax joined as RLI EU Law Research Coordinator. The RLI now also counts 16 Senior Research Associates, 18 Doctoral Affiliates, two Visiting Fellows, and a network of over 600 other scholars and practitioners.

In addition to two public RLI seminar series - one on International Refugee Law and the other on New Challenges in Refugee Integration - and a new and successful Short Course on refugee law, David ran two high-profile events during the year. In February 2012, the Refugee Law workshop for high-level government officials of 15 southern Commonwealth States took place. Funded by a grant from the FCO Human Rights section, it was attended by delegates from Asia, Caribbean, Pacific and southern and western Africa. By contrast, May 2012 saw an international roundtable on Country of Origin Information and Due Process run jointly with UNHCR and the IARLJ.

As Director, David represented the RLI at international conferences and advised States on refugee law. The RLI inaugurated its in-house Working Paper Series with the publication of six papers. David also concluded a contract with Martinus Nijhoff publishers to establish an International Refugee Law book series, of which he will be Editor-in-Chief. A range of other projects and events have been organised for the academic year 2012-13 - for details, please visit: <http://rli.sas.ac.uk>.

David published research pieces on the law of armed conflict and the European influence on asylum practices in Latin America, based on fieldwork in Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela. He presented his

work at various events, including the Canadian Refugee Studies annual conference and an expert workshop on displacement and transitional justice. He is currently finalising his Martinus Nijhoff monograph on returns of displaced persons in armed conflict.

In June 2012, David was awarded a major Future Research Leader grant by the ESRC for his project 'Pushing the Boundaries: New Dynamics of Forced Migration and Transnational Responses in Latin America'. Employing a multi-disciplinary methodology, this three-year project will investigate and influence the ways in which Latin American States utilise transnational structures and interventions to address new security and justice challenges arising from forced migration as a result of gang- and drug-related generalised violence, as well as increasing arrivals of 'extra-continental' migrants and refugees, many from conflicts in Africa and the Middle East.

During the course of the year, David was also awarded a small grant from ISA to develop a conference in 2013 on 'A Liberal Tide: Towards a paradigm shift in Latin American Migration and asylum policy-making?' Following an invitation from the Leverhulme Trust, he submitted a detailed application to its International Networks Grant scheme for the project 'Refugees and Humanitarian Action: The ICRC and Population Displacements', a collaborative project between the RLI, LSE, SOAS, Harvard and Berkeley.

David taught the Translating Human Rights into Law module on the MA at ICWS during the first term and enjoyed a sabbatical from teaching during the second term. He also taught on the SAS programme of research skills for doctoral students. He continued to participate as a UK expert for the Michigan-Melbourne Refugee Caselaw site and acted as a peer reviewer for eight international journals and publishing houses. David is a Royal Anthropological Institute Fellow, an IARLJ and IASFM member, and sits on the International Advisory Board of the UN-OCHA Humanitarian Studies Institute.

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FELLOWS' PROFILES

Professor Holland continued his research and writing relating to the modern history of the Mediterranean. In mid-December 2011 he attended a conference at the University of Cyprus concerned with contemporary foreign policy issues, including oil exploration in the eastern Mediterranean. In May he gave a paper at the University of Cambridge on Britain and the Civil War in Greece, 1944-50, and in June chaired a session at the conference in the ICS on Freedom of Information organized by Dr. Susan Williams and Dr. Mandy Banton. In early July Professor Holland made a research trip to Corfu Town, where he consulted the collections of the Corfu Reading Society and was able to see a special exhibition of the paintings of the island by Edward Lear. The highlight of his academic activities during the session was the publication his book *Blue-Water Empire: The British in the Mediterranean since 1800* under the imprint of Allen Lane/Penguin.



EMERITUS
PROFESSOR
ROBERT
HOLLAND



MR
RICHARD
BOURNE, OBE

During 2011-2012 I have been heavily involved in seeking to realise the aims of the Eminent Persons Group which, in 2011, controversially recommended that there should be a Commissioner of Democracy, the Rule of Law and Human Rights to implement these oft-stated aims. With a group of interested Commonwealth bodies I contributed a researched memorandum to the Commonwealth Secretary-General and members of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group of Foreign Ministers, setting out relevant options. I have also begun work on a history of Nigeria from 1914-2014 for my publishers, Zed Books, and have started on an international collaboration aiming to see how the imprint of European colonial empires is affecting the approaches of today's successor states.



DR
JAMES
CHIRIYAN-
KANDATH

James Chiriyankandath continued as editor of the *Journal of Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* in its 50th year of publication (<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/access/fccp-golden-anniversary.pdf>) and as an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Political Studies Association (Membership and Diversity).

He co-convened a panel on “Political parties and change in South Asia” at the 22nd European Conference for South Asian Studies, held at ISCTE-University of Lisbon, Portugal, from 25th to 28th July 2012. As well as presenting a paper at that panel, he also presented papers at a colloquium at the South Asia Institute at the University of Heidelberg in November 2011, the South Asia History Seminar at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, in January 2012 and in the Institute’s own Commonwealth Research Seminar series in May. The papers were based on his ongoing research on India’s ruling Congress Party and on the politics of Zionism and Indian nationalism in the 20th century.

In other activity he gave a presentation at a round table on India held at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in January 2012. He also contributed the section on South Asia in D.S. Lewis and W. Slater (ed.), *The 2012 Annual Register: World Events* (253rd ed., Ann Arbor, Mi., USA: ProQuest, 2012), pp. 293-308).

He was External Examiner for MSc. programmes in the International Development Department, University of Birmingham, in 2011/12 and continued supervising an MPhil. research student at ICWS.

Dr Crawley and Dr Page, as co- directors of the project on Media Law and Policy in Sri Lanka, supported by the Ford Foundation, have been working towards the completion of the project in its final year.

They have been in regular contact with members of the project research team in Sri Lanka. The principal research associate in Sri Lanka Ms Kishali Pinto- Jayawardena who is Deputy Director of the Law and Society Trust based in Colombo, twice visited India with Ford Foundation funding to consult and compare with Indian colleagues on current practice in the field of media training and education. Because of unforeseen delays arising from the political situation in Sri Lanka, the project was extended for three months at no additional cost . The resulting website www.mediareform.lanka.com is due to be operational by the beginning of October 2012.



Dr Crawley and Dr Page will be visiting Sri Lanka in September when they expect to be able to consult on taking the project forward. There are plans to publish books in both English and Sinhalese based on the project outcomes.

Dr William Crawley published several book reviews on South Asian topics in *Asian Affairs* the journal of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs, and presented papers or participated in a number of academic events and conferences, as below.

--‘Scoops and Scandals-cross currents in the Indian print and electronic media’, presentation at conference on The changing face of journalism in India, 12 September 2011 at University of Westminster.

--Panel discussion on Cultural hegemony vs. Linguistic diversity’ Researchers Night at Reading University 23 September 2011- linked by internet to participating institutions across Europe.

--Debate: jointly organised by the Commonwealth Advisory Bureau and the Commonwealth Journalists’ Association held on 17th October 2011 on the topic ‘Should Sri Lanka host the 2013 Commonwealth Summit? The case for and against’

--- He chaired two one day seminars organised by the Democracy Forum 1) ‘Pakistan: On the Horns of a Dilemma’ in association with the London School of Economics, on 10 March 2012 and 2) ‘The Role of Education in Combating Terrorism’ on 22 June 2012 in association with Kings College London. The seminars involved leading British academics and visiting key speakers from the USA, Pakistan and India. The events were widely reported in the Indian media.

Dr David Page co-authored a report on ‘The Media of Afghanistan: the challenges of transition’, which was published by BBC Media Action, the development arm of the BBC World Service, in March 2012 and is available on their website: http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/mediaaction/policybriefing/bbc_media_action_afghanistan_is_in_transition.pdf

The report was launched in Kabul in May and there have been subsequent launches in London, Washington and Stockholm.

Dr Page also authored an article entitled Language, Nationhood and Diaspora at the BBC Urdu Service 1940-2010, which will appear in an Open University publication on the BBC World Service which will be published in December 2012.



DR
WILLIAM
CRAWLEY

DR SHIHAN DE SILVA

Dr Shihan de Silva continues to serve on UNESCO's International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project (Resistance, Liberty and Heritage) and on the Editorial Boards of African Diaspora and Transnationalism (Brill, Netherlands), African Diaspora Archaeology & Heritage (Left Coast Press, California) and Information, Society & Justice (London Metropolitan University). She was also invited to join the Commonwealth Education Council.

Dr de Silva continues to be the Co-convenor of the Commonwealth Research Seminar Series. At the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, she organised events on Sidis of Gujarat (March 2012) and on Job ben Solomon: Islam, Slavery, Class and Change in Eighteenth Century Senegambia (October 2011).

In December 2011 and in June 2012, Dr de Silva delivered lectures in Canning House (Belgrave Square, London) on Africans within Portuguese Space in Asia and on the Portuguese-speaking communities in Sri Lanka. In July 2012, she gave three lectures in Sri Lanka: National Heritage Trust (Colombo), International Centre for Ethnic Studies (Kandy) and Ceylon Society (Australia) Colombo Chapter on the Lusitanian links with Lanka. During the last year, she also gave seminars and presented conference papers at the Royal Holloway, University of London, the School of Oriental & African Studies (London), Queen Mary & Wesfield College (London) on Afro-Asians and at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (London) on Connecting Cultures within the Commonwealth and Internationalisation and for the Leonard Woolf Society (London) on Leonard Woolf in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka.

Publications

Dr de Silva has contributed two articles to the Encyclopedia of the Sri Lankan Diaspora (National University Singapore, 2012), one on the Afro-Sri Lankans and another on Portuguese Burghers. She also contributed two articles to the World History Encyclopedia: Africa. (California: ABC CLIO 2011), one on The Estado da India - Portugal's Seaborne Empire and the other on Crossing Over: Cultural Transformation in Portuguese India. Her article on *Recruiting Africans to the British Regiments in Ceylon: Spillover Effects of Abolition in the Atlantic* was published in African & Asian Studies (Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, Netherlands, 2011). Her chapter on *Survival Against All Odds: Longevity of Sri Lanka Portuguese Creole is published in Language Contact: A Multidimensional Perspective* (Ed: K Ithemere. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012). Her article on *Luso-Asian Spaces: Portuguese-speaking Communities in*

Sri Lanka was published in *Information, Society & Justice* (London Metropolitan University, 2012). Her chapter on *Representation of the Portuguese Encounter with Sri Lanka: Culture and Hybridity* was published in *Writing East, Writing West* (University of Bristol, School of Hispanic and Latin American Studies 2012). She published a chapter on *Marginalised Histories: Africans in Asia* in: *Handbook on Diasporas* (Ed: J Miller. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012). Her chapter on *African Roots of South Asians* is published on *The Slave Route Project UNESCO: Program of Research and Study* (Eds: N Schmidt & P Lovejoy. Paris: UNESCO, 2012).

Paul Havemann's academic activities for the year 2011-2012 have consisted of:

- Presentation of a conference paper entitled *Indigenous Cultures v. Neoliberal Climate Change and Ecosystem Governance* to the Expert Seminar co-organised by the UN Expert Mechanism on Indigenous peoples Rights and Brunel University Law school in March 2012;
- Researching and writing a chapter for the forthcoming Routledge Handbook of Indigenous Peoples Rights edited by Damien Short and Corinne Lennox entitled *Mother Earth, Indigenous peoples and Neoliberal Climate Change Governance*;
- Revision of a chapter entitled *Indigenous Peoples' Human Rights* for the 2nd edition of Michael Goodhart (ed) *Human Rights : Politics and Practice* published by the OUP this year;
- Supervising dissertations for a cohort of (12) students in the MA Human Rights at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies.

PROFESSOR
PAUL
HAVEMANN



DR
HOWARD
JONES

Funded by a British Academy grant, Howard completed fieldwork in India, to update and expand a longitudinal study on livelihood diversification and migration in an India village. He gave a Seminar on Rural Finance and Microfinance at the University of Reading. He continued to Chair the Consortium Advisory Group (CAG) of the DFID funded Cross-Cutting Disability Research Programme, led by the Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre, University College London (UCL). He also continued to serve as a Trustee for Concern Worldwide UK, an international NGO focussing on relief and development programmes in Africa, Asia and The Caribbean. He co-authored a revised Report on Remittance Needs and Opportunities in India, published by GIZ and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, under the Rural Financial Institutions Programme.



PROFESSOR
MARY
ORR

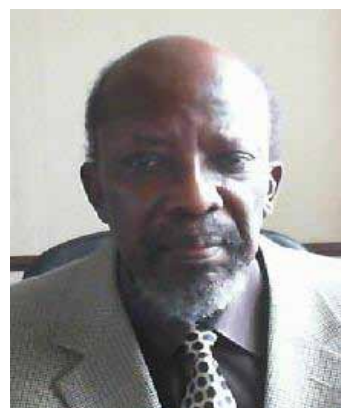
Professor Mary Orr's three-month ICwS Visiting Fellowship facilitated a concentrated period of research on the history of Ashanti, and the natural history of West Africa in the early decades of the nineteenth century for her larger Leverhulme Research Fellowship project, *A Remarkable Woman in Science: Sarah Bowdich (Lee) 1791-1856*. The wife of the African explorer T. Edward Bowdich (*Mission from Cape Coast Castle to Ashantee, 1819*) Sarah Bowdich not only joined him in Ashanti, but participated fully in their three-year preparations in Paris (at the Jardin des Plantes under Cuvier and Humboldt) for their second journey of scientific exploration to The Gambia, where Edward died in 1824. Drawing on the resources of the ICwS, Senate House and British Libraries, Mary Orr completed extensive new research on Sarah's contributions after 1824 to West African natural history and early 'anthropology', and on Sarah's highly critical views for the time of the British civilising mission, as described in her 'African' novels and short fiction.

An article completed during the Fellowship, *Reflections on a British "re-civilising" mission: Sarah (Bowdich) Lee's Playing at Settlers, or the Faggot House*, will appear in *International Research in Children's Literature* (December, 2012).

Mary returned to give a paper at the ICwS research seminar on 7 June 2012 entitled *Exploring West African Worlds: "Agay the Salt Carrier" (1831)*

by Mrs Bowdich (Lee), which generated lively debate. This paper is being revised for publication as part of a wider project looking at temporality and value at the intersection of arts and technology. The value of Sarah Bowdich's work is that it records economic, social, multi-ethnic and scientific details about Ashanti society that normally fell outside British Government reports.

Over the decades my intellectual pursuits have revolved around the subject of regional integration in Africa. Published and unpublished books, journal articles, book chapters, essays, and on-line think pieces have dealt extensively with many of the diverse aspects of this subject at different levels of analysis. In the reporting period this subject continued to occupy my attention. Two book chapters were published in edited multidisciplinary works on African development; a number of book reviews and peer reviewed manuscripts also focused on dimensions on regional integration. The second area of activity was the preparation of the comprehensive biography of Reverend John C. Faye, educationist, politician, clergyman and philanthropist; it is the lead contribution to the series on leading political personalities in the decolonization era in The Gambia which I launched in September 2011. Other inputs are under preparation by a team of seasoned researchers in the United States and the UK. Contributions to capacity building in African regional research institutions has been the third field of work; this mainly involves participating in internal policy-making organs, programme implementation, and offering independent advice.



DR
JEGGAN
SENGHOR

As ever, 2011-2012 was a very busy year. I was invited to discuss my book on Malcolm X's travels at a number of meetings both in the UK and the USA. My work on the first Pan-African Conference in London in 1900 also resulted in invitations, as did my work on pan-Africanism some 50 years later, by Kwame Nkrumah. It was very flattering to be invited by the CPP branch in the UK to give the 2012 'Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lecture'. I continued to convene monthly seminars on Black British History.

DR
MARIKA
SHERWOOD



PROFESSOR
MARY
TURNER

Professor Mary Turner co-organized with Dr Kate Quinn the seminar series *Caribbean Societies in Regional Context* and contributed to in house conferences including *A revolutionary life: Ruth First, 1925 - 1982* (7 June 2012) and *Secrecy and Disclosure: Freedom of Information and the Commonwealth* (14 June 2012).

A research trip to Cuba (March 24 - April 15) enabled her to maintain a long standing interest in Cuban social and economic developments and its continuing connections with the Anglophone Caribbean as well as renew contacts with colleagues at the Instituto de Historia. She continues to work on comparative studies of labour rebellions.

Dr Williams's new book, *Who Killed Hammarskjöld? The UN, the Cold War and White Supremacy in Africa*, was published by Hurst (UK), Jacana (South Africa), and Columbia University Press (USA). It was acclaimed globally and led to the creation in 2012 of a distinguished Commission of Inquiry: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/jul/18/inquiry-death-un-dag-hammarskjold-2>. The book was the subject of a BBC World Service programme and Dr Williams gave lectures in various fora, including the Universities of Oxford, London, and Gothenburg, and the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences, Gothenburg, as well as numerous interviews to print and broadcast media across the Commonwealth.

With Dr Mandy Banton, she co-organized an international conference in September 2011 on *Dag Hammarskjöld, the United Nations, and End of Empire*, which was a collaboration between ICwS, the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Sweden, and the United Nations Association Westminster Branch. Again with Dr Banton, in June 2012 Dr Williams co-organised a conference on *Secrecy and Disclosure: Freedom of Information and the Commonwealth*, on which they co-wrote a report for The Round Table.



DR
SUSAN
WILLIAMS

With Dr Shihan de Silva, she co-organised the Commonwealth Research Seminar Series, with regular seminars through the academic year.

Dr Williams was a focal Talking Head on Channel 4's documentary, *Edward VIII: The Plot to Topple A King*, screened in April 2012. She served as historical consultant for the making of a forthcoming movie based on Colour Bar, her book about Seretse Khama, the Founding President of Botswana (Penguin 2006).

DR
BALASUBRA-
MANYAM
CHANDRA-
MOHAN

Dr Balasubramanyam Chandramohan coordinated the Education Assembly/Workshop of Commonwealth Peoples' Forum at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth, Australia. This event attracted academics and civil society organisations involved in education from across the Commonwealth. He also represented the Association of Commonwealth Universities at the Pacific Region Consultation of Student Leaders in Sydney, which contributed to the formation of the Students Association at the Conference of the Commonwealth Education Ministers in Mauritius.

At the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, , Dr Chandramohan organised a workshop, funded by the Higher Education Academy on *Connecting Cultures and Internationalisation through Commonwealth Foreign Languages* (Podcasts on the School of Advanced Study website) and presented a Seminar on *From Malaysia to Mauritius: Tracking education and training as a theme in Commonwealth intergovernmental processes in 2009-2012*.

Dr Chandramohan continued his editorship of *Language Issues* the Journal of the National Association for Teaching English and Other Community Languages to Adults (a part-refereed and part-practitioner-focused journal) ISSN 0263-5833. The British Council sponsored the Winter 2011 special volume on International ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and distributed copies to its offices in the UK and overseas (45+ countries).

John Cowley's activities in the past year have centred upon research, writing and editing. An essay on the history of the biguine has been completed and translated into French; both versions will appear in a bi-lingual publication currently with a publisher. He presented a paper on *The role of discography in historical research - a French Antillean perspective* at the RMA Caribbean and Latin American Music Study Day at the University of Huddersfield (12 November 2011) and gave a resume of his work in progress at the Institute's Fellows meeting on 29 February 2012: with a summary of his essay *Mascarade, biguine and the bal nègre* and an introduction to Bahamian field recordings made by Alan Lomax in 1935. At the annual Sensoria Festival in Sheffield, on 25

DR
JOHN
COWLEY

April 2012, he gave an Introductory Talk at the showing of the Alan Lomax film *The Land Where The Blues Began*. Most recently he presented his paper on *Stokowski's South American Adventure - 1940* at the Latin American Music Seminar held at Senate House on 26th May. He continues work on revising his essay *Don't Leave Me Here: Non-Commercial Blues – The Field Trips, 1924-1960*, first published in 1993.

In 2011-12, Dr Peter Fraser continued the revision of Donald Wood's *British Barbice* and wrote reviews for the *Bulletin of Latin American Research and Transnational Literature*. Its main focus has been the intellectual biography of Arnold H Maloney, Trinidadian American scientist and public intellectual.

DR
PETER
FRASER

DR
YIANNOS
KATSOURIDES

Dr Yiannos Katsourides is finalising his book entitled *The History of the Communist Party in Cyprus: Colonialism, Class and the Cypriot Left*, that will be published by I.B. Tauris Publications in 2013. He currently holds the Early Career Fellowship of 2011-12 from the British School at Athens. The aim of this research is the comparative study of the right-wing parties in Greece and Cyprus in the post-1974 period employing archival research and in-depth interviews. He also teaches part-time classes at the University of Cyprus.

He published four papers:

1. 'Couch Activism' and the Individualisation of Political Demands: Attitudes, Perceptions and Political Behaviour in the Contemporary Cypriot Society. *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* (accepted publication forthcoming, 2013).
2. *Organizational Continuity and Electoral Endurance: The Communist party of Cyprus*. Co-authored with Antonis Ellinas, *West European Politics* (accepted publication forthcoming, 2013).
3. *Composition, Recruitment and Career Patterns of the Political Elite in Cyprus (1988-2010)*. *The Cyprus Review*, Spring issue, 2012, Volume 24, No. 1, pp. 15-37.
4. *Travelling against the Tide: The Cypriot Communist Left in the Post-1990 Era*. *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, Vol. 13, No. 2, June 2012, pp. 187-209.

He presented papers in the PSA 62nd Conference, Belfast, 3-5 April 2012 and the 22nd IPSA World Conference, Madrid, 8-12 July 2012.

His current research includes the extreme right in Cyprus, Euroscepticism in Cyprus party politics, political conflicts in Cyprus during the 1940s and 1950s and he is also an associate researcher in the project entitled *The influence of the current economic crisis on the elections for the European Parliament of 2009 in Cyprus and Greece* funded by the Cyprus Research Institute.

DR
ANDREA
ZIELINSKI

Dr Andrea Zielinski has been doing research as a Social Anthropologist in the field of Conflict Studies in disrupted societies and has had considerable research experience in the Middle East (Israel), Germany and Levante (Algeria, Tunisia).

Her work covers complex issues like Ethnicising Religions and The Role of Religion within the Process of political Transition. She worked on Religious Colonialism in Israel. Andrea currently works on uprising religious Fundamentalisms within the Process of Decolonisation in Gibraltar. This research led her towards Safety Issues and The Implementation of Human Rights into Local Traditions in UKOT.

Andrea currently lectures interdisciplinary at the University of Hamburg in Intercultural Education and Inter-religious Education. She was a consultant of the former German Foreign Office and the Scientific Services of the German Parliament. She now focusses on Human Rights and Civil Society.



EVENTS LIST

In 2011-12, the Institute for Commonwealth Studies convened 95 scholarly events, which included 423 different speakers. Through these lectures we welcomed 3,269 members of the public to the Institute.

Seminar Series:

1. Exploring West African Worlds: "Agay the Salt Carrier" (1831) by Mrs Bowdich (Lee)
2. Political tinkers, financial tailors, mercenary soldiers and spies: Waiting for UN Secretary-General Hammarskjöld at Ndola airport, Northern Rhodesia, 17 September 1961
3. A sensitive issue: Teaching history in Rwanda after genocide
4. Report back from the Commonwealth Summit in Perth
5. The Media and Disaster Relief: The Role of the British Press
6. From Malaysia to Mauritius: Tracking education and training as a theme in Commonwealth intergovernmental processes in 2009-2012
7. The Commonwealth Secretary-General - from Smith to Sharma
8. Politics and Media in post-9/11 Pakistan
9. Reporting on The Truth & Justice Commission of Mauritius
10. Rebuilding Sierra Leone's Evidence Base in the Post Conflict Period
11. Commonwealth Research Seminar Series: The Aga Khan Development Network
12. Commonwealth Research Seminar Series: What happened to 'garibi hatao'? India's Congress Party and the politics of poverty and Crimes of Passion or Signs of Resistance? Indian coolie women on colonial Malaya plantations.
13. Exploring West African Worlds: "Agay the Salt Carrier" (1831) by Mds Bowdich (Lee)
14. Feeding the Ghosts - George Hibbert, The West India Docks and the memory of British Slave Ownership
15. The Legacy of Atlantic Slavery: the Unfinished Business of Emancipation
16. An Introduction to the Black Presence in Renaissance Europe
17. Race, power and the media: An examination of the projected image of black history and culture and the devices that people have employed to revise the popular narrative
18. The Art of Being Black
19. Edward Swarthy alias negro: an African in Elizabethan England
20. Medieval Perceptions
21. Too long have others spoke for us
22. African, Not 'Black' History: Arguments for 'African'
23. Caribbean Creative Writing
24. Suriname: Moving from the Netherlands to Venezuela?
25. Kanaval - A People's History of Haiti
26. Memories of Equality: Oral History in Cuba
27. Slavery, emancipation, and the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company
28. The most completely political Negro: The convergence of George Padmore's pan-Africanism and Marxism in the West Indian Labour Revolts, 1935-1939
29. Decriminalising Homosexuality In The Caribbean: The Belize Case In Commonwealth Perspective And Beyond

30. East Indian Civil Society in the Pre-Independence Caribbean
31. Small Territories, Global Issues: Governance and Corruption in the Caribbean
32. The Cuban economy since the Revolution
33. The Politics of Economic Reforms in India Today
34. Are We Seeing the Best or the Worst of the Indian State?: A Public Debate
35. Trends in the Uttar Pradesh elections 2012
36. Indian Politics Today: The Political and Moral Economy of Corruption
37. Indian Politics Today: Pro-Poor Politics and Policy Making under the UPA
38. Indian Politics Today: The Politics of Protest
39. Queen and Commonwealth: A special relationship
40. Diamond Jubilee Seminar Series: The Monarchy, the Commonwealth and the Media
41. Anti-colonial scholarship: (re) discovering Jean Suret-Canale
42. 40th anniversary of the Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History
43. Talking Copyright: Is Copyright Fit For Purpose In An Age Of Free?
44. Global Economic Turmoil - Can BRICS offer a way out?

Human Rights Series

1. Indians of African descent: Identity and Music
2. Human rights abuses and the liability of transnational corporations operating in Colombia and Judicial Reform of the Colombian Judicial System
3. Job Ben Solomon: Islam, Slavery, Class and Change in Eighteenth Century Senegambia
4. Nigeria's 2011 Elections: Postscript and Prognosis
5. Women and the struggle for Justice in Colombia
6. Transitional Justice in Colombia and the Victims and Land Restitution Law
7. Higher education, environment, and human rights in Colombia today
8. Sidis of Gujarat: Maintaining Traditions and Building Communities
9. Moving on from Perth - the EPG reform agenda, Sri Lanka and the question of relevance
10. Panel Discussion: Celebrating this year's International Women's Day
11. Afro-Indians in Gujarat: Traditions, Identity and Culture
12. The Role of the Attorney-General in Drafting Effective Legislation
13. Swaziland: A Kingdom in crisis
14. 'Connecting Cultures' and internationalisation through Commonwealth Foreign Languages (CFL)
15. The realisation of Human Rights in India: A colossal challenge
16. The Ecocide Project: Ecocide is the missing 5th Crime Against Peace
17. UK Launch of the CA/B Policy Briefing for the 2011 Commonwealth Summit
18. Should Sri Lanka host the 2013 Commonwealth Summit? The case for and against
19. The role of the ICRC in protecting and assisting refugees and displaced persons
20. International Refugee Law Seminar Series: Article 1F(c) of the 1951 Convention: Denying refugee status because of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations
21. Armed conflict and refugee law: are courts getting it right?

22. The right to asylum in EU law
23. Comparative approaches to the Use of international human rights law in asylum cases in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States
24. The supervision of international refugee law
25. Queer Cases, Great Law: The Fast-Developing
26. Refugees, Law and Postcolonial Theory
27. Authority and Inclusion: Reconsidering the Meaning of Integration in a Fragmented Age
28. Refugee Centred Versus State Centred Approaches to Integration: Processes, Practices and Narratives
29. Employment: Integration, Exclusion and Human Rights
30. Changing Identities, declining protection: the securitisation of asylum and refugee policy in Europe
31. Integration: Global perspectives on the transition from being apart to being a part (of something)
32. Open debate with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees

Workshops:

1. Decolonization Workshop:
 - a) Colonial governors and the Attlee Government, Dr Michael Collins (UCL)
 - b) Reassessing Andrew Cohen, Professor Martin Evans (University of Portsmouth)
 - c) "Civilising Mission" the Cold War and anti-Anglo-Saxon perspectives: The French Socialist Party and the origins of the Algerian War 1945 - 1954 Dr Anne Isabelle Richard (University of Utrecht)
 - d) The non-European foundations of European cooperation. Empire and European cooperation in the interwar period' Dr Neil Fleming (University of Worcester)
 - e) The Monday Club and the End of Empire
 - d) Book launch: *British Missionaries and the End of Empire: East, Central and Southern Africa, 1939-64* by Dr John Stuart
2. Decolonization workshop
 - a) Session One: Development, Welfare and the End of Empire
 - b) Session Two: Rhodesia to Zimbabwe
 - c) Session Three: Decolonization and its aftermath
 - d) Book launch: The Oxford History of the British Empire companion volume *Britain's Experience of Empire in the Twentieth Century* edited by Andrew Thompson
3. Decolonization Workshop
4. ICwS and OSPA Witness Seminar: Economic Development in the British Commonwealth before and after Independence
5. ICwS and OSPA Witness Seminar: Indirect Rule - right or wrong?

Conferences and Lectures

1. Dag Hammarskjöld, the United Nations, and the End of Empire
2. A Dangerous Business: The Human Cost of Advocating Against Environmental Degradation and Land Rights Violations
3. Intersections of Rights and Laws: Environment, Livelihood, and Self-Determination
4. Discussing Commonwealth migration in 2012
5. Cultures of Decolonisation, c.1945-1970
6. A revolutionary life: Ruth First 1925-1982
7. Secrecy and Disclosure: Freedom of Information and the Commonwealth
8. The Internationalisation of Dalit and Adivasi Activism
9. The War of 1812: Memory and Myth, History and Historiography
10. Skeletons in Britannia's Closet? Reassessing British Documents on the End of Empire in the light of the 'Migrated Archives'
11. Monarchy, Republicanism and the Privy Council

Other events:

1. Book Launch: "Catastrophe - what went wrong in Zimbabwe?"
2. Australia Launch of the CA/B Policy Briefing for the 2011 Commonwealth Summit
3. Book launch: George Price, A Life Revealed: The Authorised Biography, Ian Randle Press (2011) by Godfrey Smith



HE Princess Ann opened the Jubilee Seminar Series 2012-13

COMMONWEALTH ADVISORY BUREAU

Key Achievements

The key achievements from August 2011 to July 2012 were as follows:

- A significant re-branding exercise resulted in the re-naming of the CPSU as the Commonwealth Advisory Bureau, and a new and consistent brand identity developed to reflect the authority and quality of our work.
- New website launched www.commonwealthadvisorybureau.org and average number of hits per month reached 815 by end July.
- Two Policy Briefings produced for the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and the 18th Commonwealth Conference of Education Ministers. (18CCEM) 2012, sponsored by Fortescue Metal Groups Ltd and Cambridge International Examinations respectively.
- A new monthly opinions series launched. 11 monthly Opinions were produced as well as two 'response' opinions.
- Funding received from the Commonwealth Foundation, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and the Canadian High Commission.
- Significant press coverage comprising 18 newspaper and website articles; 4 radio interviews and 1 TV interview.



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CA/B Policy Briefings Series

Working with NEXUS Strategic Partnerships (publishing house), CA/B secured sponsorship from Fortescue Metal Groups Ltd that enabled the publication of 1000 copies of our Policy Briefing for the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and a high-profile launch event

Two launch events of the CA/B 2011 Policy Briefing for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

1. The first launch event in London, UK on 6 September 2011 with high-profile speakers Justice Albie Sachs (veteran human rights and anti-apartheid campaigner) and Lord Howell (UK FCO Minister for the Commonwealth). The launch was attended by over 100 people, including over 30 government representatives many of which were at High Commissioner level.
2. The second launch event was in Perth, Australia on 27 October 2011 at the University of Western Australia. A diverse and prestigious panel including The Hon Michael Kirby (member of the Commonwealth Eminent Person Group), Professor Samina Yasmeen (Director of Centre for Muslim States and Societies, UWA), Ms Rhonda Parker (CEO, Australian Employment Covenant), and Mr Moses Chamboko (Spokesperson, Zimbabwe Information Centre, Perth), and was chaired by Lord Chidgey. The launch was attended by around 80 people. Working with NEXUS Strategic Partnerships (publishing house), CA/B secured sponsorship from Cambridge Examinations Board to produce 400 copies of our Policy Briefing for the 18th Commonwealth Conference of Education Ministers, 28-31 August, Port Louis, Mauritius. (Two launch events were held in August 2012).

CA/B Opinions Series

- The new monthly CA/B Opinions Series was launched.
- 11 monthly Opinions were produced between September 2011 and July 2012, as well as two ‘response’ opinions.
- Feedback indicated that both Opinion pieces produced before CHOGM (*To sustain the Commonwealth commitment to human dignity: reconsider the award of the 2013 CHOGM to Sri Lanka* by Professor James Manor; and *The Commonwealth in Denial* by Daisy Cooper) were included in the briefing pack for the Canadian Prime Minister for CHOGM. Positive feedback was also received informally from the UK government.
- The July Opinion piece, authored by Professor Philip Murphy and Daisy Cooper, and entitled *Queen Elizabeth II should be the final Head of the Commonwealth* received the highest number of hits of all our opinions (398 visitors on the day of release, with over half coming from Twitter). This led to interviews on Radio 4’s Today Programme (with a listenership of 7.18m), BBC Radio Scotland, BBC Radio Wales, and BBC 5 Live; a TV interview with Chinese station Phoenix TV; and newspaper articles in The Times, the Belfast Telegraph, and the Irish Independent.

Projects, events and publications

Commonwealth Principles and a Programme of Action on Embracing Civil Society - inception project
Funding received: £9,000 from the Commonwealth Foundation

From June-October 2011 CAB conducted an inception project. This included: a review of the responses to the Commonwealth Foundation regional consultations for the 2011 CPF; a UK-wide workshop; a review of a number of codes of conduct for civil society and guides for government-civil society interaction and a major new report produced by CIVICUS entitled “Bridging the Gaps: Citizens, Organisations and Dissociation”; and a review of the responses to a questionnaire sent to former and current members of the Foundation’s Civil Society Advisory Committee (CSAC).

The inception stage will inform a discussion paper for the Commonwealth Peoples Forum. The Discussion paper will set out the rationale for a set of Principles and a Programme of Action, some of the challenges and possible principles identified so far, and a section on Action Required. The 2011 Commonwealth Peoples Forum will be invited to discuss the paper and provide feedback. It is intended that the resulting Principles would be put forward for adoption at the 2013 Commonwealth People’s Forum (CPF), and then for endorsement by Commonwealth leaders at their Summit a few days later.

Negotiating with Apartheid

The project examined the role of the Commonwealth in the international campaign against apartheid South Africa. In particular, in the 25th anniversary year, it reviewed the part played by the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group of 1986 in seeking a negotiated end to apartheid. It explored the effectiveness of the group in having its proposals accepted by all the key parties, and the role of Nelson Mandela in advancing negotiations. It also assessed the value of the ‘negotiating concept’ developed by the group in the settlement eventually achieved five years later and the impact of the group’s report “Mission to South Africa” in invigorating the call for increased economic and financial sanctions. It sought to place

the Commonwealth initiative within the context of other international initiatives to promote negotiations - such as the meeting of business and ANC leaders in Senegal - and considered the implications of the deteriorating relations between the British Government (headed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher) and the rest of the Commonwealth which resulted. A witness seminar was held on 13 June 2011.

CMAG publication

The CA/B published the report *Review of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group: on the side of the people?* by Daisy Cooper, David Seddon and Tim Sheehy, ahead of CHOGM when CMAG reported on its own review. Whilst CMAG reform is once again incremental, it is hoped that the report will make an intellectual contribution to the future development of CMAG, particularly if an 'Arab Spring' type uprising occurs in a Commonwealth country.

February 2012 - 100 days of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group reform agenda - progress and priorities

Funding received: £8,000 from the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG) was established in 2009 to develop options for reform to reinvigorate the Commonwealth. The EPG submitted its report, including 106 recommendations to the 2011 CHOGM. Of those, the proposal for a Charter was accepted; the proposal for a Commissioner was referred to the Secretary-General and CMAG; 38 were adopted without reservation; 12 were adopted subject to consideration of financial implications; 43 were referred to a Task Force of Ministers to provide more detailed advice to Foreign Ministers for their meeting in September 2012; and 11 were deemed inappropriate for adoption. There is concern amongst civil society and others that momentum for reform may be lost and that some of the recommendations (adopted "subject to financial implications" or referred to Ministers "for detailed advice") may be 'kicked into the long grass.' This event reviewed progress on implementation, and identified priorities - and risks - moving forward. Specifically, the CA/B tabled a discussion paper on the possible mechanics and operation of the proposed Commissioner on Democracy, the Rule of Law and Human Rights. There were break-out groups looking at how to advance democracy proposals relating to election monitoring, a new Academy for Democracy and Election Training and the Secretary-General's mandate, as well as how to advance development proposals relating to trade and a possible Commonwealth Trade Ministers Meeting, climate change and HIV/AIDs. CA/B also invited a panel of High Commission representatives to talk about how their governments intend to help advance the Commonwealth reform agenda. The report of the event was submitted to the Secretary-General and CMAG, and the Task Force of Ministers.

March 2012 - Religious freedoms - workshop

Funding received: £2,000 from the Canadian High Commission.

The 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Perth received and approved a report from the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) to establish a 'Charter of the Commonwealth', drawing together principles from previous Commonwealth declarations in one consolidated document that is not legally binding. CA/B was commissioned by the Canadian High Commission to examine the extent to which Commonwealth nations protect religious freedoms. In turn, CA/B commissioned Dr. Nazila Ghanea to write a paper 'Preaching and Practising: Freedom of Religion and Belief in the Commonwealth' ahead of a workshop. Using this research,

the Canadian High Commission has reported that a reference to the protection of religious freedoms has been included in the draft Commonwealth Charter.

July 2012 - September 2012

Hosting of Tafadzwa Choto from Zimbabwe, on a Commonwealth Professional Fellowship

Funding received: £1,000 from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

In 1994, the Commonwealth helped to establish a plan for South Africa's new post-apartheid government. It is CA/B's belief that the Commonwealth could play a similar role in the case of Zimbabwe. CA/B hopes to establish an ongoing Zimbabwe Policy Programme, with most of the policy-relevant research conducted by Zimbabweans themselves, on placement at the CA/B through the Commonwealth Professional Fellowships scheme.

Tafadzwa Choto worked with the CA/B on a three month placement. During this time, she conducted desk research and consultations to identify the major challenges that Zimbabwe would face during its transition to democracy, and to identify areas for further research by other Fellows in future.

Tafadzwa is one of Zimbabwe's leading human rights activists. For more than 15 years she has played a leading role in the National Constitutional Assembly (NCA), in the Zimbabwe Social Forum and currently as Director of the Zimbabwe Labour Centre, which provides advice and support to workers in trade unions. Tafadzwa has been at the forefront of gender activism, as the women's chairperson at the NCA. As a consequence of her advocacy of human rights and democratic change in Zimbabwe she was beaten and arrested by the regime. Last year she was held with five others and charged with treason for attending a meeting on the events in Egypt. The trial lasted almost a year and although the Zimbabwe Six were found guilty of 'inciting public violence', national and international pressure, including from the Commonwealth, led to the prison sentence being suspended.

As a result of her work, CA/B has submitted applications to host two more Zimbabwean Fellows in 2013.

Advocacy

- CA/B provided a written submission to the UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Select Committee's inquiry into the future of the Commonwealth. On the basis of the written submission, Director CA/B Daisy Cooper and Director ICwS Professor Philip Murphy were invited to provide oral evidence.
- CA/B provided a written submission to the Commonwealth Foundation's consultation on the future of the organisation, which was warmly welcomed.
- CA/B Director contributed a chapter to the 2012 Commonwealth Yearbook.
- CA/B made two presentations to the newly formed UK All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on the Commonwealth, on: *Soft power or spent force? The Commonwealth in the 21st century: an overview of the modern Commonwealth, the Commonwealth reform agenda, and current issues* and *The 2013 Commonwealth Summit in Sri Lanka: what will it say about the Commonwealth?*
- CA/B issued a press release on 14th June 2012 calling on the UK government to use the Commonwealth network to advance international negotiations on issues such as the Arms Trade Treaty and the post-MDG agenda. As a result, the CA/B Director was invited to meet with DfID and Cabinet department colleagues to discuss the post-MDG agenda.

Events

- 13 June 2011 - Negotiating with Apartheid - Witness Seminar on the mission to South Africa of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group 1986.
- 06 Sept 2011 - UK launch of the CA/B Policy Briefing for the 2011 CHOGM
- 19 Sept 2011 - Global Economic Turnout: Can Brics offer a way out? (jointly with the Commonwealth Journalists Association, CJA)
- 06 Oct 2011 - What went wrong in Zimbabwe? Book launch and panel discussion.
- 17 Oct 2011 - Should Sri Lanka host the Commonwealth Summit? The case for an against (jointly with the Commonwealth Journalists Association, CJA)
- 27 Oct 2011 - Australia launch of the CA/B Policy Briefing for the 2011 CHOGM
- 07 Feb 2012 - *100 days of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group reform agenda - progress and priorities* - one-day conference
- 08 Mar 2012 - Preaching and Practising: Religious Freedom and the Charter of the Commonwealth

Media coverage

Significant press coverage comprising 18 newspaper and website articles; 4 radio interviews and 1 TV interview:

- CA/B was quoted in 8 newspaper and website articles for its CHOGM Policy Briefing chapter on Zimbabwe (Times South Africa; SW Radio Africa; Voice of America; Zimeye; The Independent; The Zimbabwean; World News Australia; The West Australian).
- The CA/B Director was quoted in 2 Australian newspapers in the run up to CHOGM (The Age and WA Today).
- The July Opinion piece, authored by Professor Philip Murphy and Daisy Cooper, and entitled *Queen Elizabeth II should be the final Head of the Commonwealth* received the highest number of hits of all our opinions (398 visitors on the day of release, with over half coming from Twitter). The piece led to radio interviews on Radio 4's Today Programme (with a listenership of 7.18m), BBC Radio Scotland, BBC Radio Wales, and BBC 5 Live; a TV interview with Chinese station Phoenix TV; and newspaper articles in The Times, the Belfast Telegraph, and the Irish Independent.
- Public Service Europe featured *A week in the life of Director, Daisy Cooper*.
- Public Service Europe, Huntington News, Jamaica Observer and Caribbean News Now cover CA/B's call for a 'robust and comprehensive Arms Trade Treaty'.

Social media

- Website: We started tracking web hits using Google analytics from 28 May. From 28 May to 31 July:
 - The website was visited a total of 1710 times.
 - The average number of web hits per month was 815.
 - The hits came from 78 different countries.
- Twitter: At the end of July 2012, we had 157 followers.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Financial Statement 2009-10 to 2011-12

	2009/10, £	2010/11, £	2011/12, £
	Actual	Actual	Draft Actual
Income			
HEFCE Revenue Grants	238,097	245,431	284,387
Publications Grants	8,413	0	3,000
Events Grants	8,101	7,055	25,966
Bursaries & Scholarships Income	8,500	0	17,000
Research Grants & Contracts	146,663	60,883	(45,832)
Grants	409,774	313,369	284,521
Tuition Fees	268,237	244,926	331,293
Writing Up Fees	3,958	3,844	2,670
Tuition Admin Charges	0	500	1,250
Academic Fees	272,195	249,271	335,213
Conference Income	725	539	998
Events Income	0	20,284	4,738
Seminar Income	0	0	10
Pay Recoveries	26,162	3,363	0
Non Pay Recoveries	5,935	2,305	2,209
Catering Income	1,062	1,321	0
Rent Receivable	6,056	5,934	2,960
Photocopying Income	295	0	0
Consultancy Income	6,883	1,837	9,000
Royalties	0	796	0
Postage Packing and Courier Income	0	0	14
Donations Received	133	100	0
Donations eligible for matched funding	0	50	0
Publications Sales	17	308	93
Project Income	0	7,000	3,930
Other Operating Income	47,267	43,837	23,952
Endowment Income	76,678	123,936	82,731
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Input VAT Release	39	11	3
Credit Balance releases	0	0	24,074
Finance Income	39	11	24,077
Total Income	805,953	730,423	750,493

Financial Statement 2009-10 to 2011-12

	2009/10, £	2010/11, £	2011/12, £
	Actual	Actual	Draft Actual
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	495,315	491,280	536,273
Consultants Fees	5,730	4,875	0
Professional Fees	0	0	720
Research assistant fees & expenses	60,482	41,790	14,630
Professional Fees	66,212	46,665	15,350
Room/Hall Hire	(160)	401	208
Furniture & Fittings	0	57	0
Security	91	0	0
Audio Visual	0	0	850
Insurance	0	197	350
Estates Expenditure	(69)	655	1,408
Seminar & Conference Expenditure	1,506	12,241	468
Bursaries & Scholarships	11,000	3,000	19,250
Ceremonies Expenses	0	1,886	2,653
Prizes	0	1,113	100
Hardship Grants	1,500	679	500
Bought in Teaching	13,275	2,160	2,467
Examiners Fees	0	22,642	16,892
Authors Fees	0	1,000	0
Speakers Fees	150	40	0
Publication Production	0	87	222
Academic Expenditure	27,431	44,848	42,551
Library Collection Development	59	147	243
Publishing Services	2,000	5,070	1,171
Design Costs	0	90	212
On Line Services	0	120	0
Library Expenditure	2,075	5,427	1,627
IT Support Services	277	1,594	1,702
IT Equipment	125	120	167
Software Licences	133	56	79
IT Consumables	173	107	0
IT Expenditure	708	1,878	1,948

Financial Statement 2009-10 to 2011-12

	2009/10, £	2010/11, £	2011/12, £
	Actual	Actual	Draft Actual
Telephones	1,487	1,385	864
Catering	5,969	8,383	18,273
Hospitality	540	831	2,711
Travel & Subsistence	44,006	34,533	40,140
Photocopying Cards	215	0	0
Photocopying Services	1,554	915	2,783
Printing	553	1,056	2,190
Stationery	1,471	3,565	567
Publicity	4,479	9,780	9,024
Exhibitions	379	0	0
Promotional Goods	160	252	2,050
Postage	2,247	1,729	2,728
Courier Charges	93	0	89
Copyright Licence Fees	0	2,952	0
Donations Paid Out	120	0	0
Subscriptions	567	75	0
Conference Attendance	597	845	483
Admin Expenditure	64,436	66,320	81,926
Bad Debts	(7,903)	(1,393)	7,343
Finance Expenditure	(7,903)	(1,393)	7,343
Total Expenditure	648,206	655,699	688,426
Internal Income and Expenditure			
Service Charge Income	0	0	20,512
Project Funding from Dean's Development Fund	0	32,764	108,914
Internal Income from within the University	0	0	9,732
Internal Income	0	32,764	139,158
Central Charges	47,386	28,018	23,430
Service Charges	55,690	48,892	44,591
Network Charges	39,600	42,108	24,935
School Finance Team	0	17,000	13,265
Internal Subscriptions	0	10,962	11,135
School Central Charges	35,334	33,265	72,222
Internal Charges	178,632	180,244	189,577
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(20,886)	(72,757)	11,647

MA STUDENTS

Student Numbers Compared MA Understanding and Securing Human Rights

Mode	2010-11	2011-12
Home Full-time	17	19
Home Part-time	13	15
EU Full-time	2	2
EU Part-time	0	2
Overseas Full-time	6	10
Total	38	48
Writing up	3	3
Grand total	41	51



RESEARCH STUDENTS

Melina Agathangelou

Europeanising Foreign Conflicts: A case study of how the European Union exerts influence on the frozen Cyprus-Turkey and Bosnian Serb Republic-Muslim Croat Federation conflicts

Supervisor(s): Robert Holland

Mariya Ali

Impact of Islamic Law on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Child: the Plight of Sexually Abused Children

Supervisor(s): Damien Short

Joseph Baidoe-Ansah

The Impact of Military Coups in Africa with Special References to Ghana, 31st December 1981 to 7th January 1992.

Supervisor(s): Leo Zeilig

Ratanasiri Chotvitayakul

Information Technology in India's Policy Making

Supervisor(s): James Manor

Eleni Christou

Readings of Colonial Insurgency: the British media and EOKA 'Terrorism', 1955-1959

Supervisor(s): Robert Holland

Nicholas Connolly

Human Rights: Forcing the Corporate Hand

Supervisor(s): Damien Short

Georgia Dimari

The Greek-Turkish Dispute over Cyprus, 1970-1974: Regional Conflict Diplomacy or Interlocking Domestic Policy Debacle?

Supervisor(s): Robert Holland

Kiran Hassan

Media in post Musharraf Pakistan: Democracy, identity, agency and resistance

Supervisor(s): James Manor

Antigone Heraclidou

Education in Cyprus during British Colonial Rule, 1931-1960

Supervisor(s): Robert Holland

Karen Hunte

The Political Socialisation of The British Caribbean Population
Supervisor(s): Corinne Lennox / Damien Short

Jennifer Huseman

Unmasking the North American Holocaust: An Analysis of the Ongoing
Genocide of Native North Americans.
Supervisor(s): Damien Short

Chiyuki Kozuka

An Attempt to Create a Multi-Party System and its Impacts on Democracy:
A Case Study of Ethiopia, 1992-2006
Supervisor(s): Damien Short

Patrice Laird-Grant

The Effects of Jamaica's WTO Obligations on the Jamaican Agricultural
Sector
Supervisor(s): James Manor

Chamila Liyanage

Leviathan Revisited: Nation-State against Transnational Terrorism:
Searching the Third Pillar of Counter Terrorism - Comparative Study
of the Post 9/11 Counter Radicalization Strategies in Australia and the
United Kingdom
Supervisor(s): Philip Murphy

Jennifer Melvin

Playing the subjective: Applying Forum Theatre to Post-Genocide
Reconciliation in Rwanda
Supervisor(s): Damien Short

Emmanuel Odoemene

Development without borders: Engaging faith-based organisations for
social development in the Niger Delta
Supervisor(s): James Manor/Damien Short

Peggy Oyibo

Protracted social conflict in the Niger Delta of Nigeria and how this is
managed.
Supervisor(s): Damien Short

Paulo Rigueira

Globalisation and the Internal Reconfiguration of Sovereignty: Euro-American Perspectives on Self-Determination Claims

Supervisor(s): Damien Short / Corinne Lennox

Charles Rukwengye

From the Organisation of African Unity (AOU) to the African Union (AU): a transition from non-intervention to the right to intervene. A case study of Uganda's interventions in the Great Lakes Region, 1986-2009

Supervisor(s): Philip Murphy

Andrew Southam

British World Influence in the 1970s

Supervisor(s): Robert Holland

Abess Taqi

The Feasibility of Democratic Development in the Middle East with Special Reference to Iraq and Lebanon.

Supervisor(s): James Chiriyankandath

Marilena Varnava

Britain and American Foreign Policy Concerning Cyprus, 1973-1980

Supervisor(s): Robert Holland

Jing Xu

The Relationship between Centralisation and Human Rights in China During the Transition Period of Social and Economic Reform.

Supervisor(s): James Manor

This was another busy year for the Library with high use by students and researchers of both print and archive collections. The Institute of Commonwealth Studies Library moved at the start of the academic year to its new home on the 6th floor of the Senate House Library.

Staffing

Jane Kirby was employed again to catalogue archives collections, completing work on the records of the Commonwealth Journalists' Association

During the year we were grateful for the continuing assistance of Pat Larby, as a volunteer, compiling the Register of Research in Commonwealth Studies and Theses in Progress in Commonwealth Studies. Other volunteers worked on creating box lists of archive collections through the year and many thanks to George Brierley, Vivienne Aggett and Jezreel James.

Library Development and Projects

Thanks to grants from the Scott Trust Charitable Fund and the Friends of Senate House Library (SHeLF) we were able to employ an archivist to sort, arrange and catalogue the records of the Commonwealth Journalists' Association (CJA), which was formed in 1981, to bring journalists together from across the Commonwealth, to provide training for journalists in developing nations, and to promote the freedom of the press and an independent press across the Commonwealth.

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 now only available online and is one of the most consulted items on the School of Advanced Study institutional repository, SAS-Space.

The Librarian, David Clover, presented a paper at the European Libraries and Archives in African Studies (ELIAS) conference in Basel entitled Lifting up the lid: increasing access to Southern African history through two digitisation projects, discussing the experiences of the digitisation projects of the Ruth First Archive and of the Societies of Southern African seminar papers, and also at the 2012 Society of Caribbean Studies Conference on the early "special relationship" between the University of London and the University College of the West Indies.



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An exhibition in the Library Membership Hall was held to coincide with the symposium on Ruth First, the exhibition concentrating on her journalism within South Africa. Another exhibition was displayed in the Jessel Room on Eric Williams - Making of Trinidad & Tobago to support a conference organised by the Institute for the Study of the Americas. A small exhibition was presented to the Princess Royal on her visit to the Institute in January. Items from the collection were also used in the Senate House exhibition on Rudyard Kipling.

Use of the Library

Researchers looked at a variety of topics, including: the military on Pakistan; economic development in Nigeria; Australian Aboriginal politics; class and caste in India; the defence of Australia in WW2; Indian nationalism; Cameroon's membership of the Commonwealth; the support of the British left for Labour movements in Trinidad; the British Guiana and West Indian Exhibition of 1885; slavery in Antigua; the operations of the Pakistani secret services; the role of women in the Black Power movement in the Caribbean and trade in the Commonwealth.

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 Keith Hancock papers; the Baruch Hirson collection; the papers of CLR James; the Moyne papers on the West India Royal Commission; the Ashmead-Bartlett collection; the Ferguson papers; the Castle Wemyss papers; the Sandbach Tinne and Co collection; the Taylor family papers; the papers of Sir Stephen Tallents; the West India Committee collection; the papers of Sir Ivor Jennings; the Michael Crowder papers; and the Ruth First collection. Also widely used were the Commonwealth Political Archives collection (with over 1000 items viewed and particular interest in Grenada, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe).

Collection Development

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: Tanha Habib and BRAC; the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Graham Mytton; Eve Pollecoff; Progressio; and Gabriella Wass

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

Work will continue to improve and enhance access to and to promote archive collections. Funding is being sought for a number of projects to support cataloguing and digitisation of archive material. Special efforts will be made to collect material published in and about the Gambia and produced by LGBT advocacy and activist groups from Africa and the Caribbean.



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