

Welcome to our Spring newsletter! Staff and students on the MSc International Development and MSc International Development with Philanthropy programmes at Northumbria University have had a busy academic year so far. This newsletter gives a flavour of some of the activities we've been involved in. If you want any more information about any of our activities or programmes, please get in touch.



Dr Katy Jenkins, Programme Leader

Student news

Following the launch of our new MSc placement, two students have taken up the opportunity to work with International Development organisations in developing a piece of research for their dissertation. Gareth Wilce is currently on placement at Traidcraft Exchange, developing work on better indicators for understanding household incomes of Fairtrade producers in Kenya, and Sonali Kar is on placement at COCO, looking at the link between sustainable permaculture projects and improved school enrolments in Tanzania.

Two students from last year's MSc cohort have this year embarked on PhDs.

- Phil Gibby is now a PhD student here at Northumbria, in the Centre for International Development, working on a PhD exploring value for money in the NGO sector).
- Fiona Calder has been awarded a PhD studentship at Sheffield University on water governance.

New institutional links

Staff have been developing teaching and research collaborations with prestigious overseas institutions:

- **Dr Katy Jenkins** met with colleagues at the Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, Universidad de Chile, in Santiago, to explore possible collaborations and staff exchange opportunities.
- **Dr Darryl Humble** visited the University of Kerala, Trivandrum and the Madras School of Social Work, Chennai to explore research partnerships and experiential learning opportunities for students from our department as well as staff CPD opportunities between institutions.
- In March 2015, **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** visited the Institute for Development Cooperation at Yeungnam University, Korea, where he discussed opportunities for collaboration and learnt more about Saemaul Udong and its role in fostering rural development in East Africa.
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** is developing research collaborations and funding bids with the Water Resources University and UNDP in Hanoi.

Staff News and Activities

Members of the MSc teaching team conduct cutting edge international development focused research, working with NGOs, governmental organisations and communities all around the world. See below for some highlights from this academic year:

- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** is currently working with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on its Global Review of Volunteering, a project exploring volunteering in 189 countries.
- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** is currently working with the European Commission/DEEEP on a research project analysing the experiences of educators promoting global citizenship and justice in global North and South.
- **Professor Steve Taylor** is currently leading a research project funded by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (Indian government) on 'Dalit Migration and Inclusive Growth and Development' in collaboration with the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala and Panjab University, Chandigarh. The project is the first of its kind.
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** is conducting research on the impacts of large scale mining in the Atacama Desert in Northern Chile, working with Dr Hugo Romero Toledo from the Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies on a FONDECYT project funded by the Chilean government. She spent two weeks in Northern Chile in October 2014, conducting interviews with women indigenous community leaders.
- **Dr Darryl Humble** was in South India in December 2014, conducting fieldwork exploring the ways in which NGOs in South India are involved in delivering non-formal education initiatives with disadvantaged communities. Interviews were held with a range of independent NGOs working on Dalit rights, gender and human rights issues.
- In January 2015, **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** and the Centre for International Development collaborated with the international NGO, VSO, to run an event at Westminster on the role of volunteering in promoting sustainable social change, attracting members of parliament and organisations including United Nations Volunteers and the INGOs Plan and Skillshare.
- **Professor Steve Taylor** has been elected to the editorial board of the journal Migration and Development.
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** has been elected to the Society for Latin American Studies Committee.
- **Dr Sarah Coulthard** is currently working with colleagues in India and Sri Lanka to disseminate findings from the recent WellFish project (ESRC funded £205,000). Published findings will be made available later this year on the Centre for International Development website.

International invited lectures and seminars

- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** delivered a keynote address to a conference on Global Learning in the 21st Century in Shanghai, where he shared his research on global citizenship and development with leading universities, educators and organisations including the British Council, March 2015.
- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** delivered lectures on development and citizenship at Chungbuk and Kyungpook Universities in South Korea, March 2015.
- **Dr Darryl Humble** delivered an invited keynote lecture to staff and students at the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, Trivandrum, South India, December 2014.
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** delivered an invited seminar to staff and students at the Universidad de Tarapacá in Arica, Chile, November 2014.
- **Professor Steve Taylor** was an invited keynote speaker at a 'Good Development Practice Policy Dialogue', hosted by the UNDP and Ministry of Home Affairs, in Hanoi, Vietnam, April 2015.

- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** addressed the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies global volunteering conference in Bangkok, November 2014.
- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** delivered a keynote address to an ESRC seminar series on 'Rethinking International Volunteering' at Strathclyde University, sharing findings from his research collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and work on volunteering between aid recipient countries.
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** was an invited speaker at the International Development Conference, Newcastle University, February 2015.
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** spoke at a workshop on 'Comparing Water Governance in India and China', Institute of Water Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, October 2014.

An award for Anwar!



Anwar Imam

We are delighted that the Departmental PG dissertation prize was this year awarded to Anwar Imam, who graduated from the MSc International Development in December 2014, for his dissertation on Social Safety Net Programmes in Bangladesh. Anwar is a Senior Civil Servant with the Bangladeshi government, and is responsible for overseeing social development programmes in Upazila, Bangladesh. Congratulations Anwar!

Programme highlights

It has been a stimulating and varied year for the MSc International Development and International Development with Philanthropy programmes. Students have enjoyed guest lectures from development practitioners, undertaken challenging group projects, and delivered engaging presentations. Here are some of the highlights:

- Independent consultant Abi Masefield delivered a guest lecture as part of the module 'Conflict, Aid and the Changing Geopolitics of Development'. Abi talked about her experience over 20 years of working in food and nutrition security, and provided an important critique of current thinking, policy and practice in the sector.
- Roderick Ackermann from Evalutility gave students on the 'Management and Practice in Development' module a fascinating insight into the world of Monitoring and Evaluation, drawing on his extensive experience of working with international agencies and organisations, including the UN and the EU, to develop monitoring and evaluation strategies.
- In 'Conflict, Aid and Changing Geopolitics', students took part in a role play that simulated cooperation and conflict in international river basins, using a polystyrene model of a river basin as prop. During the role play, students have to find ways to move from a conflict over water resources to a cooperative solution.
- Kate Mukungu, Chief Executive of Tyneside Women's Health, delivered a guest workshop on the Management and Practice in Development module, offering insights from her health and community development work in the UK and Namibia.
- Our recent MSc staff-student social involved a tasty curry and a sociable evening; a good time was had by all!

For more information about our MSc International Development programmes, please [click here](#), or contact Dr Katy Jenkins, Programme Leader (katy.jenkins@northumbria.ac.uk). You can also visit the Centre for International Development website <http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/cid>

Generating research impact in North East England

Dr Katy Jenkins, Dr Darryl Humble and **Professor Matt Baillie Smith**, have all been involved in a series of events entitled 'Tackling Poverty and Inequality: Learning from international practice for changing North East contexts', hosted by the Centre for International Development and IPPR North. This involves bringing together academics working on international development with community development practitioners from the North East of England, promoting dialogue, discussion and learning across diverse contexts in the global North and South. **Dr Darryl Humble** is also delivering a project working with Sunderland College to explore ideas around global learning with staff and to develop recommendations for the college moving forward. Both these initiatives are funded by HEIF.



Prof Baillie Smith delivering his keynote lecture at the first event

New publications

The last 12 months have seen some high impact outputs from the MSc teaching team:

Baillie Smith, M. (2015) (forthcoming), 'Global citizenship and development: from benevolence to global justice?' in Grugel J. and Hammett, D. (eds.) *The Palgrave Handbook of International Development*. Palgrave: London.

Baillie Smith, M. (2014) 'Development education, global citizenship and international volunteering' in V. Desai and R. Potter (eds). *The Companion to Development Studies*. Routledge: London.

Daw, T.M., **Coulthard, S.** and Cheung, W.W.L. (2015, in press) 'Evaluating taboo tradeoffs in ecosystems services and human wellbeing' *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*.

Hensengerth, O. (2015) 'Global Norms in Domestic Politics: Environmental Norm Contestation in Cambodia's Hydropower Sector,' *The Pacific Review* 28(3).

Hensengerth, O. (forthcoming) 'Multi-Level Governance of Hydropower in China? The Problem of Transplanting a Western Concept into the Chinese Governance Context,' in Edoardo Ongaro (ed.) *Multi-Level Governance: The Missing Linkages*. Bingley, UK: Emerald.

Jenkins, K. (2015) 'Unearthing Women's Anti-Mining Activism in the Andes: Pachamama and the "Mad Old Women"' *Antipode* 47(2): 442-460.

Jenkins, K. (2014) 'Women, mining and development: An emerging research agenda' *The Extractive Industries and Society* 1(2): 329-339.

McGregor, J.A., **Coulthard, S.** and Camfield, L. (2015, in press) 'Measuring what Matters – The Role of Wellbeing Methods in Development Policy and Practice'. *Working paper for the Overseas Development Institute*.

Singh, M. and **Taylor, S.** (2015) 'Bonded Labour in the Capitalist Agrarian Economy of Punjab' in Snehi, Y. and Baghel, L.S. (eds) *Modernity and Changing Social Fabric of Punjab and Haryana*, Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced Study.

Taylor, S. (2015) "'Home is Never Fully Achieved Even When We Are In It": Migration, Belonging and Social Exclusion within Transnational Punjabi Mobility'. *Mobilities* 10(2): 193-210.

Taylor, S. (2015) 'Ambivalent Transnationalism: Caste and Development within a Punjabi Transnational Community' in Rajan, I.S. and Varghese, V.J. (eds) *Migrations, Mobility and Multiple Affiliations: Punjabis in a Transnational World*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.

Taylor, S. (2014) 'Land, Migration and Identity: Changing Punjabi Transnationalism' in Rajan, I.S. (ed.) *India Migration Report 2014*, New Delhi: Routledge.

Taylor, S. (2014) 'The Diasporic Pursuit of Home and Identity: Dynamic Punjabi Transnationalism', *The Sociological Review* 62(2): 276-294.

Taylor, S. (2014) 'Religious Conversion and Dalit Assertion amongst a Punjabi Dalit Diaspora', *Sociological Bulletin* 63(2): 224-246.

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