

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter! Since the first edition of our newsletter in Spring much has happened around the MSc International Development. And while my colleague Katy Jenkins is on sabbatical in Semester 1, I would like to extend a special welcome to our new students. Please get in touch if you would like any more information about any of our activities or programmes.

Dr Oliver Hensengerth, Acting Programme Leader



Dr Katy Jenkins, Programme Leader

Student & alumni news

- We are extremely proud that Bashir Mustafa won the Social Sciences Postgraduate dissertation prize for his dissertation on *Foreign Aid: Effectiveness of UK Aid and Chinese Aid in Nigeria*
- Gareth Wilce has accepted a position at International Service based in York, the organisation responsible for delivering the government's flagship international volunteering programme, International Citizen Service
- Our placement programme is continuing successfully. Sonali Kar completed her dissertation on the links between permaculture and education in Tanzania, supported by COCO
- Madeleine Le Bourdon has started her PhD with Matt Baillie Smith and Darryl Humble. The focus is on non-formal education and citizenship, with CISV as a partner
- Lorna Pearce is now working as a volunteer for COCO, based in Newcastle.
- Anna Fordham has taken up a position at Barnardo's Domestic Violence Protection Project

High esteem for the MSc International Development team

Prof Matt Baillie Smith was one of the key authors of the World Disasters Report 2015 published by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, available here <http://ifrc-media.org/interactive/world-disasters-report-2015/>

Dr Katy Jenkins is now co-convener of the **Development Studies Association** Women and Development Study Group.

New institutional links and research projects

Dr Oliver Hensengerth has been awarded a 1-year **Newton Fund—British Academy Network Grant** (£9,900) with Prof Dao Xuan Hoc, Water Resources University, Vietnam, on 'Proactively Living with Floods: Developing New Approaches to Flood Management in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.'

Katy Jenkins has been awarded a **British Academy International Partnership and Mobility grant** (£29,886) for a three year project on 'Developing a participatory approach to understanding socio-environmental transformations and conflicts in the Atacama Desert, Chile: Gender, indigenous communities and large scale mining'. The project is held jointly with Dr Hugo Romero Toledo from the Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES) in Santiago, Chile, and involves working with colleagues from COES and four other Chilean in-

International invited lectures and project activities

In October 2015, **Dr Sarah Coulthard** participated in the final team meeting of the **£2 Million ESPA funded SPACES project in Durban**, South Africa. SPACES 'Sustainable Poverty Alleviation from Eco-system Services' is in its final year and is in full swing analysing data collected from over 2000 households in coastal Kenya and Mozambique. The SPACES project explores the relationship between coastal ecosystem services (the benefits that people receive from the environment) and human wellbeing. It aims to generate concrete recommendations about ways to sustainably use the coastal environment to reduce poverty and enhance wellbeing for particularly vulnerable and poor men, women and children living in coastal East Africa. See the website for more details: <http://www.espa-spaces.org/>.



Steve Taylor just completed a project on **Dalits, Overseas Migration and Inclusive Growth: A Comparison of Punjab and Kerala** (with Rajan, I.). Funded by The India Centre for Migration/Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (National Indian Government Department, this was the first commissioned project to examine Dalit (lowest social caste) migration overseas from India and relationship to development

- **Steve Taylor** spoke on 'Indian Migration and Development: A Caste Analysis', Invited Plenary to 41st All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India, December 2015
- In 2016, **Steve Taylor** will give a paper on 'Dalit Migration Overseas and Inclusive Growth: Kerala and Punjab', Invited Plenary to Migration, Diaspora and Development, International Conference of the Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism, Indian International Centre, New Delhi, February (with Rajan, I.)
- In October 2015, **Katy Jenkins** delivered the closing plenary at LAMMP's 2015 conference 'Beyond Good Business: Advocating for Women's rights in the context of natural resource extraction and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights'
- **Oliver Hensengerth** was invited as external expert to workshops in Ghana and Cambodia organised by the ESRC Project 'China Goes Global' in July and September
- **Katy Jenkins** will be an invited international panellist at the 2015 COES Annual Conference 'Urban and Territorial Conflicts: Contesting Social Cohesion' in November in Santiago, Chile
- **Oliver Hensengerth** delivered a talk at the Oxford University China-Africa Network in June on 'Chinese Hydropower in the Global South: Lessons from Bui (Ghana) and Kamchay (Cambodia)'
- **Nisha Thomas** is an invited speaker at the International Conference on 'Development Partnerships: The Role of International Volunteering' at National University Singapore, from 7-9 December 2015
- In May 2015, **Sarah Coulthard** was invited to write a piece on poverty-sustainability trade offs for the Ecosystem Services and Poverty Alleviation ESPA funding programme, which can be read in full online at: <http://www.espa.ac.uk/news-events/espa-blog/importance-tackling-trade-offs-search-sustainability>
- **Matt Baillie Smith** attended an invitation only UN Volunteering workshop in Bonn, bringing together the world's leading practitioners and scholars to agree the future directions of global volunteering research.

Programme highlights

- A diverse group of new students arrived in September, and we enjoyed a sociable curry night, one of more social events to come.
- **Dr Tej Purewal (SOAS, University of London)** gave a seminar on 'Girls' Education, Moral Policing and Neo-Liberalism in South Asia'
- Our new Twitter account is live and can be found at @NUIntDev. You can also follow us at @mbailliesmith, @drkatyjenkins, @drdarrylhumble, and @ohensengerth

For more information about our MSc International Development programmes, please go to <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/international-development-ft-dtfint6/>, or contact Dr Katy Jenkins, Programme Leader (katy.jenkins@northumbria.ac.uk). You can also visit the Centre for International Development website at <http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/cid>.

New publications

The last 6 months have seen some high impact outputs from the MSc teaching team:

- **Jenkins, Katy** and Rondón, G. (2015 forthcoming) "‘Eventually the mine will come’": Women anti-mining activists' everyday resilience in opposing resource extraction in the Andes' *Gender and Development*, part of a special issue focusing on 'gender and resilience' <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13552074.2015.1095560> [from 20th Nov]
- **Taylor, Steve**, Singh, Manjit and Booth, Deborah (2016) 'The ambiguity of Punjabi transnationalism: Caste and development within a transnational community,' in: S. Irudaya Rajan, V. J. Varghese, Aswini Kumar Nanda (eds.) *Migration, Mobility and Multiple Affiliations: Punjabis in a Transnational World*. Cambridge University Press, New Delhi, pp. 205-233. (In Press)
- **Taylor, Steve** (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.
- Hopkins, Peter, Olson, Elizabeth, **Baillie Smith, Matt** and Laurie, Nina (2015) 'Transitions to religious adulthood: relational geographies of youth, religion and international volunteering,' *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 40(3): 387-339
- **Coulthard, Sarah** and Britton, Easley (2015) 'Waving or drowning: An exploration of adaptive strategies amongst fishing households and implications for wellbeing outcomes,' *Sociologia Ruralis* 55(3): 275-290
- McGregor, Allister, **Coulthard, Sarah** and Camfield, Laura (2015) 'Competing interpretations: human wellbeing and the use of quantitative and qualitative methods,' in: Roelen, Keetie and Camfield, Laura (eds.) *Mixed Methods Research in Poverty and Vulnerability*. Palgrave Macmillan
- **Hensengerth, Oliver** (2015) 'Where is the power? Transnational networks, authority and the dispute over the Xayaburi dam on the Lower Mekong mainstream.' *Water International* 40(5-6): 911-928
- **Hensengerth, Oliver** (forthcoming) 'Water governance in the Mekong basin: Scalar tradeoffs, transnational norms and Chinese hydropower investment,' in P. Nyiri and D. Tan (eds.) *How Chinese Engagements are Changing Southeast Asia: People, Money, Ideas and Their Effects*. Seattle: University of Washington Press
- **Baillie Smith, Matt** (2015) Volunteering and Development Research: time for a rethink, Institute for Development Studies, <http://www.ids.ac.uk/opinion/volunteering-and-development-research-time-for-a-rethink>.

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