

Welcome to our Autumn 2016 newsletter!

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 about the MSc programme, please do get in touch, or come along to one of our postgraduate open days.

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International Development team maintain their strong international profile

The MSc International Development teaching team continue to develop a wide range of international activities, and their expertise is recognised internationally in diverse arenas. See below for a selection of high profile recent activities and grant successes:

- **Prof Matt Baillie Smith** has been invited to join the steering committee for VSO's evaluation of their DfID funded International Citizen Service programme.
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** is Co-Investigator on a Global Challenges Research Fund joint NERC-ESRC-AHRB grant , led by Newcastle University's School of Civil Engineering and Geosciences, on "Building **RE**silience to **M**ulti-source Flooding in Southeast/South **A**sia through a **T**echnology-informed **C**ommunity-based approach" (REMATCH)
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** contributed to a study by the International Energy Agency entitled: "Boosting the Power Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa: China's Involvement." The publication can be downloaded here: <https://www.iea.org/publications/freepublications/publication/partner-country-series---boosting-the-power-sector-in-sub-saharan-africa---chinas-involvement.html>.
- **Prof Steve Taylor** has just finished a project for the India Centre for Migration (Indian Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs) on 'Dalits, Overseas Migration and Inclusive Growth' – a study of Dalit migration from India overseas and the impact of this upon development within India (states of Punjab and Kerala).
- **Dr Sarah Coulthard** is part of a team led by Exeter University who have been awarded a new (ESRC-NERC-DfID) ESPA synthesis grant on 'Insights into Resilience and Wellbeing: Research Frontiers for Sustainable Development'.
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** published an article on the South China Sea conflicts in The Conversation (<http://theconversation.com/vietnam-is-struggling-to-unite-its-mekong-neighbours-against-china-63969>), republished in Newsweek (<http://europe.newsweek.com/vietnams-struggle-against-china-496588?rm=eu>) and translated for the Japanese Newsweek site (<http://www.newsweekjapan.jp/stories/world/2016/09/gaasean.php>).

Programme highlights

It's a bumper year for students on the MSc programme, and we're delighted to welcome such a strong and diverse cohort of students, with students from countries including Nigeria, USA, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Jordan and the UK.

We're also delighted to welcome **Dr Mark Griffiths** and **Dr Hanneke Mol** to the Department and to the MSc teaching team! Mark and Hanneke have both been appointed to three year Vice Chancellor's Fellowships, and will be contributing to teaching on the MSc International Development.

The semester has got off to a great start, delivering an enhanced programme, including new modules informed by the team's research activities. We're looking forward to another busy year ahead. Below, you can see some of the highlights so far from this semester:

- Staff and students enjoyed a sociable evening and got to know each other over drinks and a pizza for this semester's staff-student social.
- Visiting scholar Dr Philile Mbatha, from University of Cape Town, South Africa, ran a workshop on sustainable livelihoods and conservation conflict – the case of Kosi Bay South Africa. Students designed detailed livelihood portfolios based on subjects from Philile's recent research. During her six weeks in the Department, funded by a British Council Newton Fund travel grant, Philile also gave a Centre for International Development research seminar for staff and students.
- Students participated in a workshop on 'Becoming a Global Graduate and Using Social Media Effectively' as part of the MSc programme's employability activities.

Recent Publications

Baillie Smith, M. (2016) (ed. with Amy Skinner, Eleanor Brown and Tobias Troll). *Education, Learning and the Transformation of Development*, London: Routledge (Routledge Rethinking Development Series)

Baillie Smith, M. (2016) 'Global Citizenship and Development: from benevolence to global justice?' In J. Grugel and D. Hammett (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of International Development*. London: Palgrave.

Baillie Smith, M. and **Jenkins, K.** (2016) 'Civil society activists and vulnerability in South India: the relational politics of life history methods and development research' *Social and Cultural Geography* DOI: 10.1080/14649365.2016.1216157

Griffiths, M. (2016) 'Writing the body, writing Others: a story of transcendence and potential in volunteering for development' *Geographical Journal* DOI: 10.1111/geoj.12200

Griffiths, M. & Brown, E. (2016) 'Embodied experiences in international volunteering: power-body relations and performative ontologies' *Social & Cultural Geography* DOI: 10.1080/14649365.2016.1210670

Griffiths, M. (2016) 'From heterogeneous worlds: western privilege, class and positionality in the South'. *Area* DOI:10.1111/area.12277

International Invited Talks, Seminars and Conference Papers

- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** presented an invited paper on 'Rethinking volunteering, cosmopolitanism and development' to a workshop in London on the Spaces and Temporalities of Cosmopolitanism as part of the European Research Council funded YouCitizen project, October 2016.
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** has been invited to participate in a workshop in Shanghai jointly organized by Northumbria's Prof Edoardo Ongaro and Fudan University on 'Toward multilevel governance (MLG) in China: Coping with complex public affairs across jurisdictions and organizations', 27 November 2016.
- **Dr Katy Jenkins** is an invited speaker at the GLOCON Conflicts over Land and Global Change Symposium at Freie Universität Berlin, 1st and 2nd December 2016.
- **Professor Matt Baillie Smith** presented his research and co-convoked a workshop at the International Association of Volunteer Effort in Mexico City. Working with colleagues from Sweden and Honduras as part of the Volunteering in Conflicts and Emergencies Project (www.rcrcvice.org), Matt spoke about strategies for co-producing research between academics and practitioners and presented findings on volunteers' experiences of conflict in Myanmar, Afghanistan and Honduras, November 2016.
- **Dr Oliver Hensengerth** presented at Development Studies Association conference at Oxford University on 'Hydropower conflicts in the resource frontier: how local communities resist Chinese hydropower projects', in September 2016
- **Dr Siobhan Daly** presented a paper on 'Engendering Philanthropy: Towards a New Theory and Practice?' at the ISTR conference at Ersta Sköndal University College, Stockholm, Sweden, 28 June - 1 July, 2016

Institutional links and collaborations

- **Dr Katy Jenkins** visited the Universidad Católica de Temuco, in Temuco, Southern Chile in October 2016, for a two day workshop as part of her British Academy International Partnership and Mobility grant, with Dr Hugo Romero Toledo. The workshop focused on methodologies for conducting research with indigenous communities and involved colleagues from Chile, Peru, Mexico and the UK.



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