Faculty of Social and Political Sciences

Annual Report 2007-2008

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Report by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences

The year was marked by further progress bedding in the structure adopted in 2004. At the governance level, the Faculty witnessed continuation of a trend in which decision-making was devolved to Departmental level. Day-to-day running of the three discipline-based Departments continued to be delegated to the Heads of Department, who chaired Departmental meetings once or twice a term, while the Centre for Family Research was run by its Director and Deputy Director, advised by a Management Committee. The Departments and the Centre report to the Faculty Board, which meets twice a term and has overall responsibility for the policy and direction of the Faculty.

The vital and flourishing state of the Faculty in 2007/08 was underscored by several new appointments, especially in the Department of Politics. These appointments, all as lecturers, included Dr Duncan Kelly, previously a Senior Lecturer at the University of Sheffield, Dr Devon Curtis, formerly a College Fellow at Cambridge, Dr Tomas Larsson, a recent graduate of Cornell University, and Dr Yu Liu, a recent graduate of Harvard University. All quickly became involved in the Department’s teaching and research, adding breadth and strength in a range of topical areas. The new Departmental Head, Professor Andrew Gamble, is to be commended for such successful recruitment.

One member of staff successfully applied for promotion in 2007/08—Dr. Patrick Baert was promoted to a Readership in Social Theory. We congratulate him warmly for this success in an increasingly competitive process.
As in the 2006/07 academic year, the colleges were successful in limiting the number of admissions to 120 students but the Faculty continues to struggle with uneven distribution among the departments, with the majority of students choosing to study Politics. Partly in response to this, and partly in response to the growing strength of the discipline-based Departments, changes to the Tripos regulations were agreed during the year. Beginning in October 2008, students will be admitted to the Politics, Psychology, and Sociology Tripos, and while being required to take first year courses in all the departments, will be free to choose their fourth paper from among a number of options, instead of being required to study Social Anthropology.

At the postgraduate level, the MPhils in Sociology and Psychology continued to be popular, with the Faculty intending to admit 30 graduate students for the MPhil in Sociology and 15 for the MPhil in Social and Developmental Psychology each year. The Faculty continued to plan for a new MPhil in Politics in 2008-09 with the aim of admitting 10-15 students in the initial year. As the year ended, the number of high quality applicants made the Department confident that it would easily reach this target.

The year was also marked by dramatic increases in the level of research activity, as indicated by both the number of professional publications, including books, articles, and chapters, as well as the number and size of the research grants funded. The Faculty not only exceeded its own demanding projections for research funding, but can also claim credit for sharper proportional increases than any other Department or Faculty in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Special thanks are due to Professor Jackie Scott for writing a compelling RAE case for the Departments of Sociology and Psychology for submission to the Sociology panel, and to Professors Andrew Gamble and Christopher Hill (Centre for International Studies) for their powerful submission to the Politics and International Studies panel.

Many members of staff deserve thanks for their services to the Faculty, particularly Dr Glen Rangwala (Director of Undergraduate Education), Dr Gerard Duveen (Degree Committee Chair and Director of the MPhil in Social and Developmental Psychology), Professor Melissa Hines (Director of Graduate Education), and Dr Brendan Burchell (Director of the MPhil in Modern Society and Global Transformations), all of whom helped to ensure that the undergraduate and graduate teaching programmes ran smoothly. We’d also like to thank the student representatives to the Faculty Board and other Committees: Joe Rinaldi Johnson, Alys Donnelly, and Ella McPherson (graduate) in Michaelmas 2007 and Gilla Shapiro, Halliki Voolma, and Frens Kroeger (graduate) in Lent and Easter 2008. The Library and IT staff continue to play an invaluable role in providing technical support and maintaining an excellent library service.

SPS is a well-run Faculty, fortunate to have a Faculty Administration staffed by very efficient and professional staff – Miss Fran Amos, Mrs Deborah Clark, Dr Mary Griffin, Ms Karin Haack, Mrs Joy Labern, Dr Lisa Marlow, Mrs Pavlina Minns, Ms Angela Pollentine, Mrs Isabelle Portzenheim, Mrs Odette Rogers, Mrs Sue Tostevin, Mrs Makiko Wimbush and Ms Norma Wolfe, among others. Dr Lisa Marlow admirably assumed the Teaching Administrator’s responsibilities temporarily during Pavlina Minns’ maternity leave, while Ms Angela Pollentine provided sterling service.
as Acting Administrative Officer to the Faculty in place of Dr Mary Griffin, who was temporarily seconded to the Department of Economics. Unfortunately, the Faculty was unable to retain the services of either Dr Marlow or Ms Pollentine, who moved to other positions in the University later in the year, while Mrs Portzenheim moved with her family to the United States.

Few members of the academic staff left the Faculty in 2007-08, but the most significant involved the retirements of Professor Christel Lane from the Department of Sociology and Professor Juliet Mitchell from the Department of Social and Developmental Psychology, and the departures of Dr Julian Oldmeadow for a permanent position at the University of York, and of Dr Gerard Duveen following the unexpected and sudden onset of a devastating disease which led to his untimely death early in the next academic year. The Faculty wishes Professors Lane and Mitchell, as well as Dr Oldmeadow, happiness and good health.

The last half of the academic year was marked by the development of plans to dissolve the Faculty at the end of 2008, at which time the Department of Politics will merge with the Centre for International Studies into a new Department of Politics and International Studies. That Department, along with the Departments of Sociology and of Social and Developmental Psychology will join the Centre for Family Research in a new Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology, and International Studies, making this the last Annual Report from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences!

William Brown (Chair of the Faculty Board)
Michael E. Lamb (Deputy Chair of the Faculty Board)

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**Academic Staff**

**Department of Politics**

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**Professor**
Professor Andrew Gamble (Head of Department)

**University Senior Lecturer**
Dr David Runciman (from 1st October 2007)
Dr Helen Thompson

**University Lecturers**
Dr Devon Curtis
Dr Duncan Kelly
Dr Yu Liu
Dr Glen Rangwala
Dr Pieter van Houten
Temporary Lecturers
Dr Tomas Larsson


Department of Social and Developmental Psychology


Professors
Professor Susan Golombok
Professor Melissa Hines (from 1st October 2007)
Professor Michael Lamb (Head of Department)
Professor Juliet Mitchell (retired 30th September 2008)

Readers
Dr Gerard Duveen (deceased 8th November 2008)
Dr Claire Hughes

University Lecturers
Dr David Good
Dr Jason Rentfrow

Temporary Lecturers
Dr Nicholas Gibson (from 1st September 2008)
Dr Julian Oldmeadow (until 31st August 2008)

Director of Research
Professor John Rust (from 1 April 2008)


Department of Sociology


Professors
Professor Georgina Born
Professor Christel Lane, Head of Department (retired 30th September 2008))
Professor Jacqueline Scott
Professor Göran Therborn
Professor John Thompson

Readers
Dr Geoffrey Ingham
Dr Lawrence King
Dr David Lehmann
University Senior Lecturers
    Dr Patrick Baert
    Dr Brendan Burchell
    Dr Darin Weinberg

Temporary Lecturer
    Dr Shireen Kanji (until 30th September 2008)

Research Staff

ESRC Post-doctoral Fellows
    Dr Tom Rice (Sociology)
    Dr Claire Woolley (Sociology) (until 31st March 2008)

ESRC Research Fellow
    Dr Véronique Altglas (Sociology)
    Dr Jude Browne (Sociology)

Leverhulme Early Career Fellow
    Dr Philip Parvin (Politics) (from 1st September 2008)

Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellows
    Dr Alex Mesoudi (Psychology) (until 31st August 2008)
    Miss Sevasti-Eleni Vezirgiannidou (Politics)

Newton Trust NUTO Fellows
    Dr Mirca Madianou (Sociology)
    Dr Emile Perreau-Saussine (Politics)
    Dr Deborah Thom (Sociology)

Nuffield Foundation Early Career Fellow
    Dr Jane Nolan (Sociology)

College Research Fellow
    Dr Juliet Foster (maternity leave until February 2008)

Senior Research Associates
    Dr Jonathan Heron (Joint CFR/Psychology/Psychometrics Centre) (from 1st April 2008)

    Dr Peggy Watson (Sociology)

Principal Investigator
    Dr David Lane
Research Associates
Ms Paula Cruise (Psychology) (from 22 November 2007)
Ms Sharon Neufeld (Psychology) (returned from maternity leave 1st September 2008)
Dr Catherine O’Brien (Sociology)
Dr Vickie Pasterski (Psychology)
Dr Anke Plagnol (formerly Zimmermann) (Sociology) (from 25th February 2008)
Dr Girts Racko (Sociology) (from 14th July 2008)
Mrs Debra Spencer (Psychology) (from 2nd January 2008)

Research Assistants
Ms Yee7San Teoh (Psychology)

Emeritus Members of the Faculty
Dr John Barber (Politics)
Dr Robert Blackburn (Sociology)
Professor John Dunn (Politics)
Dr Colin Fraser (Psychology)
Professor Geoffrey Hawthorn (Politics)
Dr David Lane (Sociology)
Professor Martin Richards (Psychology)

Affiliated Lecturers
Dr Fiorella Dell’Olio (Politics) (until 30th September 2008)
Dr Peter Dickens (Sociology)
Dr Rosie Ensor (Psychology)
Dr David Halpern (Psychology)
Dr Lawrence Hamilton (Politics)
Dr Emile Perreau-Saussine (Politics)
Dr Michael Rice (Sociology)
Professor John Rust (Psychology) (until 31st March 2008)
Dr Ruth Scurr (until 30th September 2008)
Miss Sylvana Tomaselli (Politics)

College Lecturers
Dr Mirca Madianou (Sociology)
Dr Véronique Mottier (Sociology)
Dr Emile Perreau-Saussine (Politics)
Dr Evaleila Pesaran (Politics) (from 1st October 2007)
Dr Deborah Thom (Sociology)
Miss Sylvana Tomaselli (Politics)
Dr Harald Wydra (Politics)

Affiliated Visitors
Professor Lieselotte Ahnert
Ms Lucía Antolin (from 15th August 2008)
Ms Clara Araújo (from 15th August 2008)
Dr Deborah Baumgold (until 31st July 2008)
Dr Renée de Kruif (1st October 2007-31st January 2008)
Ms Andrea Dillig
Professor Andrew Elliot (from 25th August 2008)
Dr Bruno Frere (1st October 2007-30th September 2008)
Ms Sônia Gondim (until 31st October 2007)
Dr Fares Jabr (until 5th September 2008)
Dr Anneli Larsson (from 10th October 2007)
Dr Jiyoung Moon (until 31st August 2008)
Professor Jesus Palacios (from 1st September 2008)
Mr Marcos Pereira (until 31st October 2007)
Dr Emilio Rabasa (from 1st July-30th September 2008)
Ms Elke Schuessler
Mr Jochen Steinbicker (from 1st October 2007-30th June 2008)
Dr Francesa Viano (from 1st April – 31st July 2008)
Dr Jose-Vicente Tavares-Dos-Santos (from 14th January-28th April 2008)
Professor Jie Wang (1st October 2007-28th February 2008)

Directors of Studies (not listed elsewhere)
Dr John Bew (Peterhouse)
Dr Barbara Bodenhorn (Girton)
Dr Mary Buckley (Hughes Hall)
Ms Anika Gaujà (Homerton)
Dr Nigel Kettleley (Wolfson)
Dr John Lawson (Girton)
Professor James Mayall (Sidney Sussex)
Dr Mette Erlstrup Sangiovanni (Sidney Sussex)
Dr Brendan Simms (Peterhouse)
Dr Julie Smith (Robinson)
Dr George Wilkes (St. Edmunds)

Support Staff

Faculty Administration
Ms Fran Amos (part-time Graduate Secretary)
Mrs Deborah Clark (Accounts Clerk)
Dr Mary Griffin (Administrative Officer) (returned on 15th September 2008 after one year’s secondment to Faculty of Economics)
Ms Karin Haack (temporary Graduate Secretary)
Mrs Joy Labern (Politics Secretary)
Dr Lisa Marlow (TLQ Administrator covering maternity leave (full-time until 31st March, part-time until 1st August 2008))
Mrs Pavlína Minns (TLQ Administrator) (returned from maternity leave 31st March, part time until 1st August 2008, full-time from 2nd August))
Ms Angela Pollentine (temporary Administrative Officer) (until 12th September 2008)
Mrs Isabelle Portzenheim (Research Grants Administrator) (until 14th February 2008)
Mrs Odette Rogers (Undergraduate Secretary)
Mrs Sue Tostevin (part-time Research Grants Assistant) (temporary additional hours from 1st March 2008 covering the pre-award Research Grants Administrator’s post)
Mrs Makiko Wimbush (part-time Receptionist/Secretary, mornings and part-time PA to Michael Lamb/Receptionist afternoons)
Ms Norma Wolfe (Personnel Secretary)

**Computing Staff**
Mr Kevin Bradley, Computer Officer (part-time until 31st October 2007, full-time 1st November 2007)
Mr Marcus Gawthorp (Computing Technician)

**Library Staff**
Mrs Janice Chambers, Deputy Librarian, (part time from 1st July 2008)
Ms Sarah Childs, Casual Student Library Assistant (from 8th October 2007-30th June 2008)
Mrs Ivana Chilvers (Senior Library Assistant)
Mrs Tomoko Harvey (part-time Junior Library Assistant until 29th February 2008)
Mrs Maria Jaramillo-Garrido, Part Time junior Library Assistant (from 17th April 2008 during term-time only)
Mrs Gillian Manning (part-time Library Assistant)
Mrs Janet Morgan (Library Assistant)
Ms Julie Nicholas (Librarian) (part-time from 1st July 2008)
Ms Jennifer Skinner (Library Assistant)

**Research Project Administrator**
Ms Ann Sinnott (Sociology) (Research Network Administrator and PA to network Director of GeNet)
Centre for Family Research

Director of Centre
Professor Susan Golombok

Deputy Director
Helen Statham

Reader
Dr Claire Hughes

Research Associates
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Dr Liz Chapman
Dr Claudia Downing
Dr Rosie Ensor
Dr Gail Ewing
Dr Tabitha Freeman
Dr Joanna Hawthorne
Dr Vasanti Jadva
Maggie Ponder
Dr Claire Snowdon
Dr Anji Wilson

Research Assistants
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Polly Casey
Lorna Jacobs
Alex Marks
Jenny Readings

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Lucy Blake
Irenee Daly
Zeynep Gürtin-Broadbent
Martha Hart
Eric Jensen
Tamara Kayali
Emeritus Professor
Professor Martin Richards

Distinguished Associates
Professor Judy Dunn
Professor Sir Michael Rutter

Administrator and PA to the Director
Ombretta Orsini (until 30th September 2008)

Research Secretary
Susan Bedford

Student Numbers, 2007-2008

Undergraduates:

- Part I: 111
- Part IIA: 119
- Part IIB: 109
- Total: 339

On the Register in October 2007:

Graduate:

- New PhDs: 24
- Total PhDs: 101
- M.Phil: Psychology: 16
- Total graduates: 165

Report by the Director of Undergraduate Education

The new undergraduates who began their studies in October 2007 were the last to be admitted to study Social and Political Sciences (SPS); those who begin from October 2008 onwards will graduate instead in Politics, Psychology and Sociology (PPS). The new name signals the three disciplines around which the Tripos is based, removing the
anomaly under which Psychology has remained a ‘hidden’ part of the degree. It is also part of a larger, substantive reorganisation of undergraduate teaching in the social sciences, in which students will be offered clearer pathways through the Tripos. The Faculty’s students have increasingly come to Cambridge with specific prior interests, and a clear sense of their own intended intellectual and professional development, and the organisation of the degree can accommodate both those who seek primarily to develop their understanding of one of the subjects taught within the Faculty, and those who wish to attain a broad education across all three disciplines.

In 2007-08, there were 339 undergraduate students studying SPS, of whom 112 graduated at the end of the year. 21 of the new graduates received 1st class results, one of whom – Helen Sharpe (King’s, Psychology) – achieved a starred first. 15 of the 1st class graduates were female. 78 students graduated with upper seconds, and 13 graduated with lower seconds. Across all three disciplines, there was a consistently high performance, with almost all students producing high quality work in their examinations, assessed essays and dissertations.

The end-of-year prizes and nominations were as follows. The nomination for the Gladstone Memorial Prize (for the most meritorious dissertation for Part II of the Economic, Historical and SPS Triposes) went to Ralph Hartley (Trinity Hall, Politics) for his outstanding dissertation *Edmund Burke, Jeremy Bentham and the language of political fictions*. The prize for the best overall performance in Part II Sociology or Psychology went to John Buckingham (Churchill, joint Sociology/Psychology). The Schmidt Prize for the best conceptual essay in Part IIA Politics was awarded to James Howat (Robinson, Politics) for writing to the question *Does economic growth give rise to democratization?*

A number of significant new papers were established in this academic year. In Politics, a final year paper on the politics of China and Southeast Asia, organised by Dr Tomas Larsson and Dr Yu Liu, opened up two major new fields of enquiry for students that have not been available before in Cambridge. A new final year paper in the politics of security and development, organised by Dr Devon Curtis, builds upon established teaching in the Department of Politics in the fields of international politics, modern conflict and political economy. In political theory, Dr Duncan Kelly organised a new final year paper on the ethics of political judgement, developing its themes by thinking through the history of political thought, contemporary political philosophy and practical cases.

In Psychology, an innovative new final year paper in gender development was organised by Professor Melissa Hines, looking at the causes and consequences of gender differences from biological, psychological and clinical perspectives. In Sociology, a second year paper was introduced under the stewardship of Dr Darin Weinberg offering students the opportunity to write extended essays on sociological concepts and on particular problems of sociological analysis.

Glen Rangwala
(Director of Undergraduate Education)
PhD Applications
On 1 October 2007 there were 101 students already registered for the PhD degree. In the admissions process, the Graduate Education Committee received 164 new applications and of these, 25 began the course, one of whom elected to study part time. One new PhD student transferred to HPS during Lent Term.

Of the 23 students from the previous year’s MPhils, three continued to the PhD (one from Modern Society, two from Social and Developmental Psychology).

MPhil applications
There were 133 applications in total for the MPhil in Modern Society and Global Transformations and 23 began the course. 21 completed the course. One student was allowed leave to defer submission of thesis. One student left the course unexpectedly. The highest overall average this year was 72.7. The mean this year was 67.1. Three students earned distinctions: Robert Duschinsky, Liang Guo and Jonathan Kennedy.

There were 50 applications in total for the MPhil in Social and Developmental Psychology and 16 people began the course. Two Erasmus students from Germany participated but did not do all elements of the course. The standard was high with an overall average mark of 68.8 and a range in marks from 62.9 to 73.2. There were five distinctions: Alexandra Bacopoulos-Viau, Humera Iqbal, Uttama Patel, Ivy Wang Wong and Anna Zapiti.

In summary:
A total of 165 graduate students were registered in 2007-8. Of these, 126 were PhD students (including 25 new PhD students (one of which later transferred to another department). The M.Phil in Developmental Psychology had 16 students and two Erasmus exchange students who did only part of the course. The M.Phil in Modern Societies and Global Transformation had 23 students.

MPhil Modern Society and Global Transformations

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GRADUATE PUBLICATIONS


Elizabeth Iskander


Lynn Kuok


Girts Racko


Megan Rivers-Moore


Inga Schowengerdt

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Chris Wright

Approved for the PhD in 2007-8

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BROSNAN, Caragh  The Sociology of Medical Education: The Struggle for Legitimate Knowledge in the Two English Medical Schools

BURRETT, Tina  Covering the President: Presidential Power and the National Television Media in Russia, 2000-2004


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IQTIDAR, Humeira  Changing Role of Muslim Fundamentalists in Pakistan

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TOHZUMI, Dai  An Intellectual Foundation for Postwar Japanese Democracy: A contextual and critical analysis of Masao Maruyama’s Political thought

UMLAND, Andreas  Post-Soviet 'Uncivil Society' and the Rise of Aleksandr Dugin. A Case Study of the Extraparliamentary Radical Right in Contemporary Russia

WILF, Einat  Global Actors and Global Politics: The Case of the World Jewish Congress Campaign Against the Swiss Banks

WILKINSON, Mark  Intra-Professional Specialist Differentiation in the UK Surgical Profession
The SPS Library enjoyed another busy and productive year with all services and resources well-used.

Circulation increased during this period, with a total of 53,866 loan transactions compared with 52,751 in 2006-07. There was a modest decrease in the number of active borrowers, 1438 compared with 1467 last year. The average number of users in the Library on sample days rose to 27 (20 last year), indicating the continuing importance of the Library as a place to study. The Library welcomes book suggestions and 23 requests were fulfilled. Books continue to be extremely important to the patrons and 1351 items were added to stock, taking the total book collection to 34,873. The Library continued to benefit from the credit scheme offered by Cambridge University Press and received 140 Press titles free.

In June the Faculty agreed to join the Journal Co-ordination Scheme with effect from the academic year 2008-09. According to this each Faculty/Department in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences would transfer the sum it now spends on journals into a fund from which journals would be acquired centrally. It is anticipated that the operation of the Scheme will enable wider electronic access to journals, de-duplication and savings resulting from the greater buying power of the Pooled fund.

Total photocopying this year was approximately 36000 copies. This represents a 24% decrease from last year. The trend in coming years will be away from photocopying and toward laser printer copying as more patrons copy information from online subscriptions, electronic reserves, and the internet. The library is planning for this reduced photocopying trend and is exploring the option of copiers that can print from the network.

The Library again participated in the eBooks@cambridge scheme, which continues to provide members of the University with access to an ever-growing number of electronic books. In response to an increasing number of patrons wanting to access the network with their own laptops, additional electric sockets and wireless access was installed. With the aid of HEFCE funding new chairs replaced the worn out chairs throughout the Library. The Library web pages underwent redesign as part of the redevelopment of the Faculty web site.

Intensive cataloguing by the Library staff enhanced the library catalogue, with 85% of book records now updated to full bibliographic format. The Reclassification project proceeded at a slower pace, however, the Library still aims to reorganise the book stock in summer 2008.

The Library welcomed two new members of staff: Janice Chambers as Deputy who is
responsible for day-to-day operational duties during the Librarians absence and has specific responsibility for research skills training. Tomoko Harvey as Junior Assistant who provides covers for some evening and Saturday opening hours. The Library staff attended courses during the year on a variety of topics, including, web technology, bibliographic standards, social networking and government of the university.

Finally, a special thanks to the Library staff who worked extra hours and undertook additional duties to cover continuing sickness absence. With their help there were only minimal interruptions to evening opening hours.

Julie Nicholas
Librarian

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Student Representation

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Undergraduate
This past year has been a successful year for the SPS students and Student Representatives, Gilla Shapiro and Halliki Voolma. The SPS student reps participated actively alongside the SPS Society in organizing speakers and orchestrating socials and events for the SPS student body. Of note, the student reps organized the annual Garden Party held in May Week at Emmanuel College that was enjoyed by staff and students of the department. To aide new students in Michaelmas, the student reps updated the Freshers Guide to include useful information and organized a fresher’s meet-and-greet where newcomers met their classmates from other colleges. In their participation upon various SPS committees, the student reps have lobbied in favour of acquiring a printer for the SPS library, maintaining the undergraduate student library budget, implementing a husting event and online voting for future representative elections, making the SPS faculty building more accessible to people with disabilities, and asking for paper organizers to notify students of essential course and useful summer reading. As well, due to a few student complaints, the SPS reps raised student aspiration to increase openness and feedback surrounding exam results and flexibility in paper choices in Part II. This year has seen some exciting changes to the SPS Tripos, and the SPS reps have overseen a change to Part I that will allow first year students a wider range of choices. With the implementation of the PPSIS Faculty in January 2009, SPS students will hopefully be able to better direct their Part II study through a singular or multidiscipline track. The 2008 student reps are looking forward to a smooth transition to their successors and wish the new incoming student representatives the best of luck in the upcoming year.

Gilla Shapiro
Halliki Voolma

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Graduate
The graduate community has been very active this academic year. Several projects started last year have progressed significantly, others have come to fruition. One of the most important successes is the Attic Project for the refurbishment of the graduate research space in Free School Lane. At the initiative of the graduate representative and others, a bid for funding was submitted and proved successful, providing funds up to a maximum of 50,000 pounds. The graduate community is thus looking forward very much to a comprehensive refurbishment of the Attic research space in 2009. Another focus of attention has been to extend and improve the provision of transferrable skills training. The graduate students were asked to give feedback on their contentment with the current programme and further requirements, and several new seminars have been introduced at their request. Further to this, as one of the outputs of the Graduate Affairs Working Group founded a year ago, a new mentoring scheme is now being introduced for graduate students in order to provide peer support on methodological issues, fieldwork skills, etc. This will address both the need for more methodological guidance voiced by many graduate students and the need for more networking between them. Social events like the weekly coffee breaks have been especially well received this year, and overall, the graduate community at SPS has made big further steps towards a cooperative and communicative graduate research culture.

Frens Kroeger
Faculty and Departmental Committees

Faculty Board
Chair: Professor Willy Brown (until 30th September 2008)
Deputy Chair: Professor Michael Lamb
Secretary: Administrative Officer:
Ms Angela Pollentine (until 15th September 2008)
Dr Mary Griffin (from 16th September 2008)

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Chair: Dr Gerard Duveen (deceased 8th November 2008)
Professor Willy Brown (covering sick leave)
Professor Michael Lamb (covering sick leave)
Academic Secretary: Dr Melissa Hines
Graduate Secretary: Miss Fran Amos

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Secretary: Ms Angela Pollentine (until 15th September 2008)
Dr Mary Griffin (from 16th September 2008)

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Chair: Mrs Sarah Squire
Secretary: Angela Pollentine (until 15th September 2008)
Dr Mary Griffin (from 16th September 2008)

Faculty Ethics Committee (Psychology):
Dr Gerard Duveen (deceased 8th November 2008)
Dr Melissa Hines
Dr Jason Rentfrow
Secretary: Mrs Odette Rogers

Faculty Ethics Committee (Sociology):
Dr Brendan Burchell
Dr Shireen Kanji
Dr David Lehmann
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Secretary: Ms Karin Haack

IT and Equipment & WWW Committee
Chair: Dr Pieter van Houten (until Lent 2008)
Dr Darin Weinberg (from Easter 2008)
Secretary: Mrs Joy Labern

Library Committee
Chair: Dr Devon Curtis
Secretary: Mrs Odette Rogers

Senior Academic Promotions Committee
Chair: Professor Willy Brown
Secretary: Ms Angela Pollentine (until 15th September 2008)
Dr Mary Griffin (from 16th September 2008)

Research Committees
Sociology/Psychology/CFR Research Committee
Chair: Professor Jackie Scott
Secretary: Ms Angela Pollentine (until 15th September 2008)
Dr Mary Griffin (from 16th September 2008)

Politics and Centre for International Studies Research Committee
Chair: Professor Chris Hill
Secretary: Professor Andrew Gamble
Professor John Dunn
Dr Jonathan Haslam
Dr Pieter van Houten
Dr Julie Smith
Dr Helen Thompson

Staff-Student Committee
Ex-officio Chair: Dr Glen Rangwala (from Lent 2007)
Secretary: Dr Lisa Marlow (until 1st August 2008)
Mrs Pavlina Minns (from 2nd August 2008)

General Purpose Committee
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Secretary: Ms Angela Pollentine (until 15th September 2008)
Dr Mary Griffin (from 16th September 2008)

Teaching, Learning & Quality Committee (Undergraduate)
(Teaching Committee)
Chair: Dr Glen Rangwala
Secretary: Dr Lisa Marlow (until 1st August 2008)
Mrs Pavlina Minns (from 2nd August 2008)

Directors of Studies Committee
Chair: Dr Véronique Mottier
Secretary: Dr Lisa Marlow (until 1st August 2008)
Mrs Pavlina Minns (from 2nd August 2008)

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Heads of Departments’ Overviews

Politics

Head of Department’s Overview

There have been a number of significant developments and changes this year.

John Dunn has formally retired, after more than forty years teaching politics in Cambridge, but we are very pleased that he will continue to be active in the Department, in both teaching and research. He has made an outstanding contribution over the years and will be impossible to replace.

Following extensive discussions in the School and the Faculty it was agreed that the Department of Politics and the Centre of International Studies should form a new Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) from January 2009. There will also be a major reform of the SPS Faculty and the SPS Tripos, which has been renamed PPS (Politics, Psychology and Sociology). The SPS Faculty is to be abolished and a new Faculty PPSIS will be created in January 2009. This will be a light touch Faculty, on the model of the Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology. Most decisions will be the responsibility of the Departments, and there will accordingly be separate administration for most functions. Regulations for the new Tripos and the new Faculty have been drawn up to establish clearer pathways through the Tripos which allow for more progression. There will be three disciplinary tracks - Politics and International Relations; Psychology; and Sociology; and a fourth multidisciplinary track, administered by Sociology, which will allow students to choose papers from more than one discipline.

These changes are the next step in the move towards more independent departments which the Faculty initiated in 2004. It is desirable for all three disciplines to be given greater autonomy if they are to develop their teaching and research, raise their profile as separate subjects, and compete effectively with social science departments in other leading universities. Combining Politics and the Centre of International Studies in a new Department will have numerous advantages. Cambridge has lacked a Politics and International Relations Department of the kind which is now present in most other leading universities. Cambridge has a long and distinctive tradition in the study of politics and international relations with a particular emphasis, going back over a century, on historical and multidisciplinary approaches to the study of political theory, political institutions and international politics. In contrast to other leading Universities in the UK and North America, however, the study of politics and international relations at Cambridge has been fragmented across several faculties and departments, and has lacked both a clear focus and a significant resource base. As a consequence the academic disciplines of Political Science and International Relations (IR) have never enjoyed the same profile at Cambridge as they have at LSE, Harvard and Yale, or at Oxford in recent decades. The number of students taking courses in Politics and International Relations, and the number of established posts is much lower than at any other major University in the UK. The new Department will seek to rectify this and develop for the first time at Cambridge an integrated undergraduate and postgraduate programme of Politics and
International Relations.

Agreement has also been reached on the future of the Professorship of Political Science. This Chair was originally endowed in 1927 by the Laura Spelman Memorial Fund for the teaching of empirical politics in Cambridge, but the Chair has always been held in the Faculty of History and the tradition of the Chair has generally been the teaching of the history of political thought. It has therefore been agreed that the Chair should be renamed the Chair of the History of Political Thought, and that its duties should include teaching the history of political thought for students in both History and Politics. The history of political thought has long been a vital component of the course in politics that is offered at Cambridge, and this agreement will safeguard the teaching of the history of political thought and help sustain the strong collaboration which exists between History and Politics in undergraduate and postgraduate courses in this area, most notably the MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History. A new joint Cambridge Centre of Political Thought will be established.

The Department continues to bear a very heavy undergraduate load. Its undergraduate FTE load in 2007/8 was 221, out of a Faculty total of 345, or 64 per cent. The new UTOs have settled in well, and a major contribution continues to be made by the Department’s College Teaching Officers. In addition we were able to welcome this year Eleni Vezirgiannidou as the Mellon Fellow in Environmental Politics, joint with CIS. Plans for the new MPhil in Politics are well advanced, and the Department received over 150 applications. We are aiming for a cohort in the first year of 15-20.

Other highlights in the year have included David Runciman’s invitation to give the Carlyle lectures in Oxford; Andrew Gamble’s inaugural lecture in April, and the receipt by Tomas Larsson of the APSA Politics and History Group prize for best dissertation.

The Department has also been successful jointly with CIS in receiving funding from the David and Elaine Potter Foundation for an endowed lectureship in Human Rights and Governance, with special reference to Africa. The person appointed will develop new teaching and research in this field, as well as leading the creation of a new Centre of Human Rights and Governance, which will be based in POLIS.

Professor Andrew Gamble
Head of Department

Social and Developmental Psychology

Head of Department’s Overview
Unlike previous years, this one saw few changes among the academic and teaching staff, as the Department continued to develop plans for both new and re-organised courses in each of the undergraduate years of study, as well as at the postgraduate
(MPhil) level. Only one new teaching officer was appointed: Dr Alex Mesoudi began as Mellon Foundation Teaching Fellowship tasked to develop interdisciplinary teaching on evolution. This year was also marked by considerable expansion in research activity and productivity, as documented by the long lists of publications reported below.

During the year, the work of the UTOs was again supplemented by the superb efforts of Professor John Rust and his Psychometrics Centre, Research Associate Dr Rosie Ensor, continuing Junior Research Fellow Dr Juliet Foster (Corpus Christi), continuing postdoctoral Fellow, Dr Vasanti Jadva (Centre for Family Research), and two new Post-doctoral Fellows in Child Forensic Psychology, Dr Carmit Katz (from the University of Haifa, Israel), and Dr Lindsay Malloy (from the University of California, Irvine). Professor Lamb continued as Head of the Department while serving as Deputy-Chair of the Faculty. He was ably supported by Ms Makiko Wimbush, who continued to serve as clerical assistant to the Department.

As the list of publications makes clear, members of the Department were extremely productive, with the majority of publications appearing in the most prestigious international journals. The productivity of the Department’s researchers was also evident at international conferences and workshops. Several reports by members of the Department also received considerable attention in the non-professional media. Excluding the research grants administered by the Centre for Family Research, external grants to the Department reached nearly £600,000 this year, with a large number of submissions awaiting the decision of Research Councils and other founder as the year closed.

An interim re-evaluation of the undergraduate Tripos led to a positive judgement from the British Psychological Society, allowing the Department to continue granting its students ‘graduate recognition’. The MPhil in Social and Developmental Psychology continued to provide post-graduate students with research-led teaching at the highest level, with a large cohort registered during the year. Meanwhile, the number of PhD students in the Department continued to grow as the newer members of staff begin to attract applicants of high quality.

The year ended with the retirement of Prof Juliet Mitchell, and the departures to permanent positions elsewhere of Drs Julian Oldmeadow and Alex Mesoudi, all of whom will be remembered with fond gratitude. Much more distressing was the unexpected departure on health grounds of Dr Gerard Duveen, a former departmental head and long time stalwart member of the Department. Sadly, Dr Duveen passed away soon after the close of the year, leaving a personal and intellectual void that will be impossible to fill. His departure and demise cast an enduring pall on an otherwise successful year for the Department.

Professor Michael Lamb
Head of Department

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Head of Department’s Overview
The Department of Sociology has maintained its distinguished record in teaching, research grants and publications, as well as in service to the wider professional community. Members of the Department have achieved an international orientation in all aspects of their research activity, underscoring their high international standing.

Teaching
Sociology in Cambridge continued to win national acclaim for its undergraduate teaching programme. Cambridge Sociology has ranked either first or second in the national surveys carried out by The Times and The Guardian for several years in a row. In 2007, we came first in The Guardian league table, and in 2008, sociology achieved the following ranks: 1st in the Times and Independent Guides and second in the Guardian Guide’s ranking. This exceptional record of success attests to Cambridge’s standing as one of the world’s pre-eminent institutions for the study of sociology.

The graduate community in sociology remains large and vibrant. The MPhil in Modern Society and Global Transformations continued to attract a large number of applicants – 23 in 2006-07 and 25 in 2008/09. In 2007-08, 56 students were doing PhD research in Sociology, constituting over 50 per cent of all graduate students in the Faculty.

Departmental Seminars
The Department continued its series of Sociology Seminars in 2007/2008 which were organized and chaired by Patrick Baert. We had a number of well-known visiting speakers, including Michael Mann, Mike Savage, Scott Lash and Sarah Franklin. The Seminars were well attended by staff and graduate students, and they provided a forum in the Department for the discussion of sociological research.

Publications
All members of the Department have been very active in research. Patrick Baert continued his work on Pragmatism which resulted, amongst other things, in a length critical exchange with Peter Manicas in The Journal of Critical Realism. Georgina Born’s recently completed ESRC project on Interdisciplinarity and Society has yielded an article and a book chapter. She additionally contributed to a book edited by Isaac Reed and Geoff Alexander on the topic of Methodological Principles in the Study of Cultural Production. Brendan Burchell’s research on work intensification and on distributed work resulted in several publications. Peter Dickens’ work on Society-Nature relations became published in a book on Cosmic Society. Towards a Sociology of the Universe, co-written with P. Ormrod. Geoffrey Ingham’s abiding interest in the study of modern capitalism resulted in a book on Capitalism, published by Polity Press in 2008. Shireen Kanji continued her work on poverty, inequality and gender and started a new project which focuses on mothers who are the main breadwinners in their household. Larry King published a number of journal articles and book chapters.
on various aspects of the transition in Russia and Eastern Europe, particularly its impact on mortality, among them a highly topical article (with D. Stuckler and C. Meissner) entitled ‘Can a Banking Crisis break your Heart?’, *Globalization and Public Health*, 2008. Christel Lane published some of the results of her study of global production networks in the clothing industry in an edited volume and a refereed journal. David Lane’s research on the outcomes of transition in Russia and Eastern Europe, informed by a focus on the role of classes and elites in the transition process, has resulted in a very large number of publications, including two edited books on *The Transformation of State Socialism: system change, revolution or something else?*, Palgrave 2007 and *Revolution in the Modern World*, together with J. Foran and A. Zivkovic, Routledge 2007 . David Lehmann continues to publish in the field of religion and popular culture and on fundamentalist and charismatic movements in both British and Latin American journals. Mirca Madianou is working on a new project on media and transnational identities. Véronique Mottier published two books: *Sexuality: A Very Short Introduction*, OUP 2008, and the co-edited volume *Pflege, Stigmatisierung und Eugenik: Integration und Ausschluss in Medizin, Psychiatrie und Sozialhilfe*, Seismo, as well as various articles/chapters on eugenics and on discourse analysis. Jane Nolan’s work on gender in the labour market in China was published in a volume on *Diversity Management in Asia*. Jacqueline Scott has continued to publish in the field of gender, life course and family change, generations/aging, as well as research methods. She was one of the editors of *Women and Work: Changing Lives and New Challenges*. Edward Elgar 2008. Göran Therborn’s many publications on capital cities as representations of power; and global processes of inequality (including a focus on family and gender) have appeared in several languages and countries. John Thompson continues to work on sociology of the media and modern culture (including an interest in communication technology and forms of political communication), and he is currently working on his second book on the publishing industry. Articles have appeared in Spanish and Portuguese. Peggy Watson does research in the area of health inequality and health care, with reference to Eastern Europe. Darin Weinberg continues to be interested in the sociology of health and illness and particularly of mental health and illness, as well as social exclusion and human rights. A fuller account of the research activities of members of the Department in 2007-08, together with details of publications, can be found elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Several members of the Department – Georgina Born, Brendan Burchell and Peter Dickens – appeared on/contributed to TV and Radio programmes, drawing on their expertise developed in recent research projects.

**Keynote/Plenary Addresses and Visiting Professorships**
Several members of the Department – including Patrick Baert, Georgina Born, Peter Dickens, Christel Lane, David Lehmann, Véronique Mottier, Goran Therborn, John Thompson – held Visiting Professorships or gave keynote speeches/plenary addresses at universities and conferences in different parts of the world, from the USA, Canada, Brazil and Belarus to Spain, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland, Ireland and Britain.

**Organisation of Major Conferences**
Others (co)organized major international conferences/symposia. These included a conference on ‘Music, Sound and Reconfiguration of Public and Private Space’
(Georgina Born in Cambridge); on ‘Strategic Elites and the European Union’ (David Lane, with Andrew Gamble, in Cambridge); and an international workshop on Coloured Revolutions (David Lane, in Cambridge). David Lehmann, together with some Cambridge colleagues, established a funded network on Religion and Secularism which has held several very successful meetings. Göran Therborn co-organised several workshops for participants of his international network on Capital Cities as Representations of Power, in Santiago de Chile, Budapest and Dakar.

Grants and Honours
Shireen Kanji was awarded a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship; David Lehmann received a grant of £85,0000 from the British Academy for a project on Multiculturalism in Latin America, as well as a grant of £25,000 from the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society programme, to set up a network on Religion and Secularism. Dr. Tom Rice gained a one-year post-doctoral ESRC Fellowship grant. Jacqueline Scott holds an ESRC grant of £3,264, 525 to organise the ESRC Gender Inequality Network. She additionally raised a grant from the EU of Euros 100,260 for research on Practising Gender Equality in Science. Goran Therborn’s project on Capital Cities and the Representation of Power has received funding from the EU INTAS programme, as well as some basic funding from FRN and SCAS in Sweden and from Cambridge University. John Thompson holds an ESRC grant (2005-08) to fund his project on Concentration and Innovation in the Book Publishing Industry’.

Georgina Born, in 2008, was awarded the Dent medal of the Royal Musical Association for her work on the sociology and anthropology of music. John Thompson, in 2007, was awarded the Medalla al Merito Universitario de la Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico

Professional Service Activity
Several members of the Department serve on domestic and foreign advisory and policy-making bodies, as well as on editorial boards of journals. Georgina Born was invited to become a member of one of the expert review panels of the European Research Council (2008-12) as well as the Chairman of the Social Sciences and Humanities Expert Panel, Wiener Wissenschafts- Forschungs- und Technologiefonds, Vienna. Christel Lane is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the German Sociological Research Institute SOFI at the Georg-August Universitaet Goettingen, as well as a member of the Executive Council of the Society for the Advancement for Socio-Economics and of the editorial board of Socio-Economic Review. David Lehmann was invited to serve on the editorial board of the Latin American Research Review. Véronique Mottier serves as a member of the Swiss national Expert Committee on Social Exclusion. Jacqueline Scott is a member of several important scientific advisory boards: of the ESRC Review on the Future of Longitudinal Studies; the British Household Panel Study; the ESRC Centre for Micro-Social Change; the European Social Survey.

Professor Christel Lane
Head of Department

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Centre for Family Research

Management Committee

Chair: Sarah Squire (President, Hughes Hall)
Angela Pollentine (Secretary)
Professor Judy Dunn (Social, Genetic and Developmental Psychiatry Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, London)
Professor Susan Golombok (Director)
Professor Michael Lamb (Faculty of Social and Political Sciences)
Professor Mavis MacLean (Centre for Family Law and Policy, University of Oxford)
Professor Jacqueline Scott (Faculty of Social and Political Sciences)
Helen Statham (Deputy Director)
Dr Darin Weinberg (Faculty of Social and Political Sciences)

It has been a relatively tranquil year at the Centre for Family Research with many of our studies well underway or reaching the stage of data analysis. The New Year brought the very welcome news that Maggie, one of the most longstanding members of the Centre, became Lady Maggie Ponder. Congratulations to Maggie and her husband Bruce who was knighted for his services to medicine. We held a retirement party for Maggie earlier this year to express our thanks for her enormous contribution to research on the impact of genetic illness on families. She will be missed not only for the excellence of her work but also for the air of calm that she bestowed on those around her. Claudia Downing and Joanna Hawthorne also left us this year after many years at the Centre but we are delighted that both remain involved in different ways. Liz Chapman has taken leave for one year to complete her clinical training and we hope that she will return next summer. Two of the younger research assistants have new positions in Cambridge, Lorna Jacobs at the Department of Psychiatry and Debra Spencer at the Department of Social and Developmental Psychology. Ombretta Orsini and Sue Bedford, both administrative staff, have also moved to other positions. We are grateful to all of them for everything they did to enhance the work of the Centre and wish them well in their future careers.

Congratulations are due to Eric Jensen for completing his PhD in record time. Eric was awarded his PhD for his research on media coverage of therapeutic cloning and has recently taken up a position at the Open University. Shirlene Badger has also submitted her PhD this year and is awaiting her viva.

Funding for PhD students is always difficult to obtain so we were delighted to receive a PhD studentship from the Laura Ashley Foundation.

The Centre has hosted several visitors this year: Dr Elisabeth Hildt from the University of Tuebingen to explore ethical issues relating to genetic testing and assisted reproductive technologies in the UK; Matteo Lei from the University of Parma to acquire theoretical knowledge in the area of parent-child relationships and
practical knowledge on the use of observational techniques in studying parent-child interaction; Stamatis Beltsos from the University of St Andrews to learn about observational techniques in family research; and Dr Ock Kyeung Hwang from the University of Seoul and the Korean Ministry of Education to work on children’s rights and the psychological development of disadvantaged children.

Our seminar series has continued to attract lively and interesting speakers including Dr Gillian Evans from Brunel University on educational failure and working class white children in Britain, Professor Ann Phoenix from London University Institute of Education on the transition to motherhood in a disadvantaged borough, Professor Janet Astingdon from the University of Toronto on language and children’s theory of mind, Dr Andrea Braverman from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in the US on surrogacy and Professor Richard Green from Imperial College London on ‘Why Transsexuals?’ We also held a seminar for SPS postgraduate students following a request by them for information about the work of the Centre.

In addition to the seminars, we initiated a series of methodology workshops this year. There is a huge amount of methodological expertise at the Centre and the aim of the workshops is to share this expertise with each other so that, for example, researchers who use a quantitative approach can learn about qualitative methods, and vice versa. Two workshops have been held so far. The first, on psychometric techniques, was run by John Rust, Tim Croudace and Susan Golombok. The second, on observational methods, was led by Claire Hughes and Rosie Ensor. Further workshops are planned for the future. Also on the methodology front, John, Tim and Susan were awarded an ESRC Researcher Development Initiative grant which is held at the Centre for Family Research but run in collaboration with the Psychometrics Centre and the Department of Psychiatry. The purpose of the grant is to hold training workshops in new techniques in psychometrics and data analysis for researchers from Universities around the UK. Dr Jon Heron from the University of Bristol is employed half-time on the project and three workshops were run by Tim Croudace and Jon Heron this academic year. Special thanks are due to Anji Wilson for organizing and cataloguing online our psychometric test collection and to Katie Earnshaw who organized our archives and journal collection. These two projects will be enormously helpful to the efficiency of the Centre in the years to come.

On a more social note, Irenee Daly married Donal Lafferty at Jesus College in June. We wish them every happiness for the future. Our Christmas party at the Hotel du Vin was enlivened by songs from Joanna, Anji and Lorna.

Poems as well as Scottish songs by members of the Centre and their partners accompanied the haggis at our Burns supper in January. We also continued our tradition of Friday morning coffee and cake, as well as our termly meetings concluding with drinks in the Snug.

Professor Susan Golombok, Director

Non-Traditional Families

A highlight of the year was winning the Fertility Society of Australia Award for the best presentation at the Annual Conference of the European Society for Human
Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) in Barcelona in July, a conference that was attended by thousands of delegates, mainly scientists and doctors, from around the world. We were especially delighted as this was the first time ever that the prize had been awarded to psychologists. The presentation was based on the 4th phase of our longitudinal study of families created by assisted reproductive technologies, funded by the US National Institutes for Health (NIH). The work was carried out by Lucy Blake, Polly Casey, Jenny Readings and Vasanti Jadva, and the presentation, entitled “Child development and parent-child relationships in surrogacy, egg donation and donor insemination families at age 7”, was given by Polly Casey. The team spent much of the year travelling around the UK to assess the families in the study and are looking forward to examining their findings in detail in the year to come. They also managed to combine visiting a family in Ireland with attending the British Psychological Society Annual Conference in Dublin. Laura Mellish, a Psychology student from Sheffield Hallam University, has joined the project for 9 months. Her help in coding data has been invaluable and it is a pleasure to have her with us. In addition to her role as coordinator of this project, Vasanti Jadva has been actively involved in writing grant applications this year and in writing up the findings of her PhD on sex differences in children’s development of colour preferences.

Tabitha Freeman and Shirlene Badger have been continuing their respective studies of (i) adolescents conceived by donor insemination, and (ii) young adults raised by single mothers from birth, both funded by the Nuffield Foundation. Data collection is nearing completion for both investigations and findings will be written up early in the next academic year. Two additional studies were completed this year based on data collected in the US. The first, conducted by Tabitha Freeman and Vasanti Jadva in collaboration with Wendy Kramer, founder of the Donor Sibling Register, examined the experiences of donor offspring searching for their donors and donor siblings, i.e. half-siblings born from the same donor. Two papers from this study are currently in press and a further paper is in preparation. The second, conducted by Vasanti Jadva and Shirlene Badger in collaboration with Mikki Morrissette, founder of the Choice Moms website, has focused on single women who have chosen to become mothers without a male partner. This group of single mothers differs in many ways from other single mothers, such as teenage single mothers or single mothers who have experienced separation or divorce, and thus the findings will help disentangle those aspects of single parenthood that place children at risk for psychological problems from those that do not.

Zeynep Gürtin Broadbent is in the final stages of her PhD research on infertility in Turkey. She has spoken about her work at the Centre for Gender Studies in Cambridge and at a conference on IVF at Humboldt University in Berlin. As a Founder and Co-Director, Zeynep has also been actively involved in the Cambridge Interdisciplinary Reproduction Forum, and in the organisation of a conference on bioethics funded by the Wellcome Trust and a conference on the embryo funded by the Centre for Research in Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH).

Liz Chapman has completed her clinical trial of a new condom and did a magnificent job in coordinating a visit from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to assess the trial. We were delighted to hear later in the year that FDA approval was granted.
Susan Golombok has been involved with a number of policy issues relating to the family this year. She gave evidence to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Human Tissue and Embryos Bill, became a Founder Member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission LGB Network and attended meetings held by the Department of Children, Schools and Families. She also gave a number of papers including a public lecture at the University of Newcastle; an invited paper to the Open University Psychology Society Conference on Images of Childhood; an invited lecture to the Wellcome Trust conference on Research Resources in Medical History, Edinburgh; an invited presentation to the Professional Association for Family Court Advisers and Independent Social Work Practitioners and Consultants; an invited presentation to the British Psychological Society Symposium on key books that have influenced key people; an invited paper to LGBT History Month; and an invited paper to the Ethics and Law Committee of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. Vasanti Jadva gave a paper on donor offsprings’ feelings about being donor conceived at the ESHRE conference in Barcelona. She also presented a paper on ethnic differences in parenting at the 8th International conference on Asian Youth and Childhoods in Lucknow, India. Tabitha Freeman gave a presentation on the experiences of donor conception offspring, parents and donors at the Cambridge Interdisciplinary Workshop on Reproduction, and a paper on the Frontiers Equality and Diversity Survey at the Frontiers Research Meeting in Heraklion.

Early Social Development and Families

In the past academic year this research team has been much more in the office than previously – transcribing and coding from videos made during the most recent wave of the Toddlers Up study when the children were 6 years old. We hope soon to have many interesting findings to report!

In terms of grants, the current financial climate is starting to pinch: two applications for funding follow-up waves of the Toddlers Up Study were turned down. However, on the principal of ‘try, try and try again’, we have recently submitted a third application, and a fourth is in preparation. And there has been one big success this year: in a very competitive field, Rosie Ensor was successful in her application for a 3-year British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship. This has enabled her to launch a new study in collaboration with Cambridge City Council’s Children and Young People Participation Service. Rosie will evaluate the success of a project that provides children with residential and fortnightly activities through detailed fortnightly observations of the 9 to 13 year olds on the programme, carefully matched with children who are siblings of the Toddlers Up sample.

A second new study that has begun is called ‘SEAL Worldwide’. The aim of this study (conducted in collaboration with colleagues in Italy, Australia and Japan) is to examine Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (hence SEAL) in 5 to 6-year-olds growing up in different cultures. Are there between country differences in children’s understanding of emotion and of belief? And do individual differences in task performance predict teachers’ ratings of children’s social strengths and difficulties equally well in different countries? Beyond the usual tokens of thanks to the schools taking part, we hope to set up a pen-pal network between participating schools – and
in this way contribute directly to children’s learning about other societies.

In terms of conference presentations, data on children’s cognitive development from the Toddlers Up study were presented at an international meeting held in Kyoto University, in Japan, as well as at a recent workshop held in Nottingham University to celebrate 30 years of research on theory of mind. In addition, a paper on social influences on young children’s executive functions was presented at the International Society for Social and Behavioural Development in Wurzburg, Germany. We have also published our findings in several journal articles (see publications below). Two themes emerge from these papers. One is the importance of examining the quality as well as the content of children’s conversations with others – in particular, connected conversations appear especially helpful in promoting children’s social understanding, perhaps because they involve a ‘meeting of minds’. A second theme to emerge concerns the interplay between family environment and children’s early executive functions (e.g., planning, working memory, inhibitory control). For example, individual differences in executive function appear to mediate relations between family socio-economic status and both children’s language skills and their problem behaviours.

**Genetics, Health and Families**

Research in health and families has had less of a focus on genetics this year but has continued to address questions from pregnancy to end-of-life care. Helen Statham’s EU funded study, Ethical Dilemmas in Genetic Diagnosis (EDIG), has explored aspects of prenatal testing in four European countries and has drawn to an end after three years of collaboration with colleagues in Germany, Italy, Israel and Sweden. The study ended with an international conference held in Frankfurt in September 2008 at which a book based on the study was launched (see publications). Helen’s particular interest, as reflected in the book chapter, was in the ethical aspects of the provision of care and how this varied across Europe. Helen’s study of the provision of late abortion, based at the University of Newcastle (with Drs Ruth Graham and Judith Rankin and Professor Steve Robson), informed the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee investigating scientific developments relating to the 1967 Abortion Act. Following a long-standing collaboration with obstetricians and neonatologists at the Rosie Hospital, Helen was asked to join a working party of the British Association of Perinatal Medicine drawing up guidelines for the palliative care of babies diagnosed prenatally with lethal malformations where the parents choose to continue the pregnancy.

Gail Ewing maintains a high profile in the important area of end of life care. In collaboration with members of the Palliative Care Team at Addenbrooke’s hospital and the Universities of Manchester and Lancaster, she has undertaken a number of studies. The hospital-based evaluation of palliative care provision in an acute hospital setting (with Drs Sara Booth and Dee Traue of the Addenbrooke’s Palliative Care Team) has been completed with data presented at the National Palliative Care Conference in April 2008 and a paper in press. Funding for the study of Early Support Visits by District Nurses (with Drs Margaret Rogers and Jane Griffiths, University of Manchester) ended in December 2007 and analysis is ongoing. A new study began in January 2008, funded by the Burdett Trust for Nursing, in collaboration with Dr Gunn...
Grande, University of Manchester and Professor Sheila Payne, University of Lancaster. This funding is for an initial qualitative study with bereaved family carers and hospice-at-home nursing staff to identify key components of end of life care and support. Data analysis is currently underway and further funding (to the same team) has been obtained from Dimbleby Cancer Care. Gail is a member of a Help the Hospices Working Group on Carers’ Assessment and of an International Task Force for Family Carers within the European Association for Palliative Care.

Martin Richards has continued to work on the history of genetic and reproductive technologies, currently focusing on the era of eugenics. This work is supported by a Leverhulme Trust Emeritus Fellowship. He was appointed Vice-Chair of the UK Biobank Ethics and Governance Council and remains a member of the Ethics and Law Group of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and the Cambridge NHS Trust Human Tissue Committee. As his publications show, he has been very busy co-editing and contributing to a number of collected volumes.

Claire Snowden has been conducting research on clinical trials with severely ill newborn babies and continues to divide her time between the Centre and the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Findings from current and previous studies have been presented at national and international conferences to audiences consisting of academics, patient groups and clinicians. Maggie Ponder and Helen Statham presented findings from the Genetics and Learning Difficulties Study to the Genethics Club, and Helen spoke at the 75th Anniversary Conference of Caritas in Brussels as well as at the ARC conference and the International Conference in Frankfurt that marked the ending of the EDIG study. Gail has presented a number of papers to a Help the Hospices Study Day on Carer Assessment, the National Forum for Hospice at Home Annual Conference and the Palliative Care Congress. Shirlene Badger gave invited presentations relating to her PhD research at the University of Cardiff, the University of Oxford, the University of Hertfordshire, the University of Warwick and the University of Maastricht in The Netherlands. Irenee Daly presented papers at the SPS Graduate Seminar Series and Jesus College Inaugural Graduates Conference.

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Social Science Research Group

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Stratification Research Conference

The Social Stratification conferences have been taking place annually for many years. They are designed to provide original research presentations, from a wide range of participants, in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. This year's conference maintained the tradition. After last year's visit to Stirling we returned to our traditional base in Clare College, though the organisation was again carried out by Paul Lambert (Stirling) and Bob Blackburn (Cambridge).
The theme of the conference was ‘The changing nature of social inequality: Gender, ethnicity, class and age’. There were 14 admirable papers with a general emphasis on methods together with interesting findings. The first afternoon was devoted to four valuable papers from the GeNet program (director Jacqueline Scott), followed by a reception and book launch (Women and Employment: Changing Lives and New Challenges, edited by Jackie Scott, Shirley Dex and Heather Joshi). As usual there was an attractive international element in the conference, with papers presenting original material from Sweden, Canada and Italy, as well as from Scotland and England. The quality and constructive nature of the papers and discussion was maintained throughout.

We are pleased to note that the proceedings from an earlier conference have been published (2007-8) in the International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy. Volume 28, No. 5/6, titled Work and Social Stratification edited by Bob Blackburn; Volume 28, No. 7/8, titled Processes of Social Inequality edited by Paul Lambert.

Jacqueline Scott

**ILM**

One of the most active groups in the SSRG is the Individual in the Labour Market Research Group (ILMrg) directed by Dr Brendan Burchell. The ILMrg has been meeting regularly since 2001 and has an active programme of meetings and social gatherings for teaching staff, post-docs and graduate students. Thanks to generous sponsorship from the Cambridge Journal of Economics we can cover costs of entertainment and travel for guest speakers, and provide services like business cards for members. Although still primarily an SPS-based group, we also have members from Geography, Economics and Management. The group had fortnightly meetings, usually a discussion of a reading, but also papers from third year PhD students and other guest speakers. The seminar given by Daiga Kamerade on employment and civic participation was particularly lively and well attended.

Individual members of the ILMrg had a productive year. Three of members submitted their PhDs in 2007-8: Girts Racko, Daiga Kamerade and Arianne De Hoog. Girts and Daiga join the growing number of members who have gone on to get academic jobs in the universities of Cambridge and Manchester respectively.

Many of the grad students in the ILM have been successful in presenting papers at conferences and getting published. For instance, Girts and Ben and Yi had papers published:


Finally, several member of the reading group have been refereeing for academic journals, and Ben has even won an award for Outstanding Reviewer at the British Academy of Management Conference.

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**ESRC Gender Equality Network (GeNet)**

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GeNet (ESRC Gender Equalities Network)

GeNet is an ESRC funded multidisciplinary research network that is co-ordinated by Cambridge but includes researchers from seven different universities (Cambridge, Oxford, City, York, LSE, Institute of Education, Essex). Its main aim is to produce new research about changing forms of gender inequalities. A new research associate - Dr Anke Plagnol joined the Cambridge team. Anke replaces Jane Nolan, who has taken up her early career Nuffield Fellowship, but who continues her affiliation with GeNet.

In 2007/8 there have been many research highlights from the network. In the third GeNet Newsletter (Feb 2008) we highlighted ways our research can inform the aim of the Equality and Human Rights Commission to achieve a fairer, more equal Britain. Progress can only be made if inequalities in paid work and unpaid work are addressed. Yet new analysis on women’s employment shows that while women’s employment prospects do seem to have improved over the years, this is only when they ‘act like
men’. That is, if they have short or no breaks from employment across childbirth and return to work full-time, as soon as possible. If women have longer breaks or return to a part-time job, in the more traditional ways, the occupational penalties have increased over time. So what can be done to encourage progress on equal pay?

Research by Deakin and his team (from the Judge Institute) indicates why the so-called turn to ‘reflexive regulation’ in relation to equal pay law is unlikely to be effective when collective bargaining has diminished and when shareholder activism is almost invisible regarding equality issues. Discrimination law needs teeth to stimulate further progress on reducing the pay gap. In the ESRC publication of State of the Nation: Britain in 2008 findings from GeNet were highlighted including how ‘the gender pay goes right the way to the top’ which shows that even when women were in top occupations with the highest wages they still experienced slower wage growth. For this elite group, gender wage differences can’t be blamed on women’s domestic responsibilities and time out of labour force, rather it is factors within the workplace that are generating gender bias in pay.

In 2007 GeNet sponsored two international workshops on divorce and fertility that brought together a range of experts interested in the links between changing demography and social policy. A GeNet seminar in the 2008 Social Science week (at Cambridge) looked at the ‘financial consequences of partnership splits’ and how these relate to the Law Commission’s proposed legal changes for cohabitation. These are hugely important issues for gender equality, not only in terms of the different economic implications for men and women, but also for the wellbeing of children. In March 2008 GeNet sponsored an international conference on gender class, employment and family (at City University). An edited book from the conference is forthcoming. Another Genet book - Women and Work: Changing Lives and New Challenges was launched at the SRG conference, in Sept 2008.

Professor Jackie Scott

Cambridge Socio-legal Group

The Cambridge Socio-Legal Group was established in 1997 as an interdisciplinary discussion forum concerned with promoting debate on topical socio-legal issues, including those with relevance to policy-making. It is hosted by the Faculty of Law (including Criminology), the Centre for Family Research, and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences. The Group serves to bring together people from different faculties across the University (Law, Criminology, Social and Political Sciences, Law, Psychiatry, Reproduction Sciences/Biology, Social Anthropology, Economics and others) as well as prominent socio-legal scholars from other institutions. The Group’s activities to date have revolved around an annual symposium, and on the production of books - including What is a Parent: A Socio-Legal Analysis (1999); Body Lore and Laws (2002); Children and Their Families: Contact, Rights and Welfare (2003);

The most recent book Death Rites and Rights (2007) edited by Belinda Brooks-Gordon, Fatemeh Ebtehaj, Jonathan Herring, Martin Johnson and Martin Richards revolves around the challenging ethical, religious, personal, social, legal, psychological, and medical complexities of death. Participants in the symposium thus explored the medico-legal issue of how death is defined by law, the legal rights of the dead from a jurisprudential perspective, how death is valued (in terms of compensation for death under tort law), the human right to die, criminal offences against the dead, historical funeral and mourning rites, contemporary and comparative customs and trends in death and dying, police investigations of death and homicide, and representations of death in different discourses.

In September 2007, there was a further symposium on Regulation and the State. The papers were fascinating, covering a range of matters relating to privacy, autonomy, regulating sex work, internet sex offenders and violence as regulation. The book will be out in late autumn 2008/early new year 2009 (again, published by Hart).

A symposium on ‘Money, property, relationships and separation’ was organised by Jo Miles (Law) and Rebecca Probert (Law, Warwick University) in April 2008. The project was inspired by the recent practice of the House of Lords to refer to empirical work in its decisions about financial provision on divorce and property ownership by cohabitants, or (perhaps more commonly) to make assumptions about – say – money management practices and what they might suggest about couples’ intentions regarding property ownership. This inter-disciplinary project brought together leading academics in the fields of law, economics, sociology, psychology and other social science disciplines to explore recent empirical findings bearing on all aspects of the family economy and what they may imply about appropriate settlements on relationship breakdown, both on divorce and on the separation of cohabitants. The workshop in April was very successful, stimulating excellent cross-disciplinary discussion of precisely the sort that the Group aims to promote. Two key aims of the project are to make this “parallel” social science research literature more visible to lawyers, judges and policy-makers, and in turn to alert social scientists to the legal relevance of their inquiries. To that end, the essays are currently being edited with a view, we hope, to their publication by Richard Hart as part of the ongoing Socio-Legal Group series. The workshop was generously supported by the John Hall Fund and Trinity College, which hosted the event.

The Socio-legal Group thus provides a focus for those in the University engaged in socio-legal research, and a basis for linking with the broader world of socio-legal scholarship in the UK and abroad. The Group also aims to encourage and supports its individual members to work collaboratively, thus fostering inter-disciplinary cross-fertilisations. To this end, the Group holds occasional seminars, at least one a term. In the academic year 2007-8, seminars included an open seminar about socio-legal issues relating to ‘vulnerability’ and what this means from different disciplinary perspectives, and a talk by Kathryn Hollingsworth (former Ph.D student in the Faculty of Law and now law lecturer at King’s College London) on ‘Children’s Rights in Youth Crime’. There was also a seminar on ‘The Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill: Implications for Safety’ led by Niki Adams (spokeswoman for the English
Collection of Prostitutes), and a talk from Mikey Dunn (Ph.D student Learning Disabilities Research Group within the Department of Psychiatry) focusing on the interface between the operation of the law and ‘vulnerability’.

New projects in the future may include socio-legal dimensions of the concept of home and its implications for housing; silence; vulnerability; birth rights and rites. Do please get in touch with one of us if you are interested in joining the Socio-legal Group.

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Dr Loraine Gelsthorpe (Criminology), Chair, Cambridge Socio-legal Group

Cambridge Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Ageing

Co-Directors Jacqueline Scott and Felicia Huppert

This virtual centre exists to bring together research from the social and natural sciences. In December 2007, with the assistance of the Research Services Division, Circa organised a Horizon Seminar entitled 'Live Long and Prosper? Ageing in the 21st century.' The purpose of the seminar was to bring together speakers from across the university to discuss ageing related issues. The questions considered included the following: What effect will an ageing population have on the individual, on society and on economies worldwide? Does it represent a 'demographic time bomb' or are there untapped opportunities to be explored? Sociology's contribution to this debate is mainly in terms of researching life courses processes and inequalities. Thus close research links exist between CIRCA and GeNet and the SSRG (in sociology) and the Well-Being Institute (in the Dept of Psychiatry).
At the University of Cambridge:
Dr Roger Barker
Prof Carol Brayne
Dr Guy Brown
Prof John Clarkson
Prof Felicia Huppert
Prof Kay-Tee Khaw
Dr Fiona Matthews
Prof Martin Richards
Prof Jacqueline Scott
Prof Richard Smith
Prof Lorraine Tyler

Outside Cambridge University:
Dr Aubrey de Grey
Dr Ross Mitchell
Mr Jim Oeppen
Dr Kerry Platman

The affiliations are all listed on the Circa website:
http://www.circa.cam.ac.uk/pages/people.html

Jacqueline Scott

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Cambridge Media Research Seminar

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The Cambridge Media Research Group began in 2003 and holds interdisciplinary conferences and a regular Cambridge Media Research Seminar, the latter meeting three or four times a term with visiting and Cambridge speakers. The Seminar is a forum for interdisciplinary exchanges among all those in the University researching media topics; it draws in faculty, graduate and undergraduate students from several Faculties and Schools as well as outside institutions and includes those from the social sciences, humanities and arts. The Seminar also serves as a point of contact and dialogue with others in the University researching film and new media, including members of the Screen Media and Cultures Group – a network that includes faculty and graduate students from English, Modern Languages, Social Anthropology, History, Art History and Architecture.

Due to research leave for two of the three main members of staff responsible for media sociology in the SPS Faculty, the Seminar was suspended during 2007-08, with the exception of one seminar given by the media anthropologist Dr John Postill, which was organised by media sociology graduate students Nicholas Boston, Ella Macpherson and Jonathan Ong.

The main activity of the group this year was the organisation of two major
international conferences. The first conference, ‘The Ethics of Media’, was organised by Dr Mirca Madianou in collaboration with Professor Nick Couldry (Goldsmiths’ College) and held at Cambridge’s Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) in March 2008. This was a very successful conference, and attendance was over-subscribed. It had a number of international speakers, including a keynote by Baroness Onora O’Neill and contributions by Professor John Durham Peters (Iowa), Professor Daniel Dayan (EHESS), Professor Barbie Zelizer (Annenberg School, Pennsylvania) and Dr Don Slater (LSE).

The second conference, ‘Music, Sound, and the Reconfiguration of Public and Private Space’, was organised by Professor Georgina Born and Dr Tom Rice (ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellow in Sociology), and was jointly funded by the British Academy, the Institute for Musical Research, University of London, and CRASSH; it was held at CRASSH in April 2008. It was also a highly successful event, and also oversubscribed, with more than double the applications to attend than could be accommodated. The conference was accompanied by a concert of sound art and music at Kettle’s Yard, on themes related to the conference, which drew an audience of 50 people. Speakers included Professor Nicholas Cook (RHUL), Professor Eric Clarke (Oxford), Professor Tia Denora (Exeter), Professor Jonathan Sterne (McGill), Professor James Lastra (Chicago), Professor Philip V. Bohlman (Chicago), Dr Martin Stokes (Oxford), and David Toop (London). Following the conference, visiting speakers led two graduate student workshops at CRASSH, which drew PhD students from several Faculties as well as visiting PhD students, and were warmly received.

Professor Georgina Born

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The Psychometrics Centre

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Members: Professor John Rust (Director), Dr Timothy Croudace (Research Director), Paula Cruise and Dr Jon Heron (Research Associates), Lucy Humphrey (Administrator), Xiao Li (Academic Visitor), Dr Jason Rentfrow, Dr David Good and Ian Florance (Associates), Professors Robert Sternberg, James Flynn and Nicholas Mackintosh (Distinguished Associates), Emily Savage-McGlynn (PhD student) and Alexandra Bacopoulos-Viau (Research Assistant).

The Centre completed its move from Cambridge Assessment in April 2008. During 2007-8 it held 3 research grants (1) from Pearson Assessment (£310,000) for the UK standardisation of the Ravens Progressive Matrices (report submitted in April 2008), (2) from ECPA, the French subsidiary of Pearson Assessment (£70,000) for the translation into English and the standardisation on the UK population of two French language personality tests, and (3) from the ESRC (£98,000) for a Researcher Development Initiative in Applied Psychometrics. The Centre also received a small grant (£5,000) from Pearson Assessment for a revision of the Wechsler Reading Comprehension Test.
Jon Heron and Tim Croudace ran three two-day training courses for academics and PhD students from universities throughout the UK as part of the ESRC Researcher Development Initiative. These were ‘Jumpstart Mplus’, ‘From data to paper using Stata’, and ‘Longitudinal data analysis’. The Psychometrics Centre website (http://www.psychometrics.cam.ac.uk) now provides an online resource for psychometricians training and developing tools in Mplus and Stata, the preferred software programs among psychometricians for data analysis.

Xiao Li contributed to our work on questionnaire translation carried out in collaboration with Beijing and Ren Min Universities in China. Jason Rentfrew assisted in the acquisition of the Qualtrics system that has been of benefit not just to the Centre but to the whole of SPS and rapidly adopted by students as the survey method of choice.

Paula Cruse and John Rust ran three five-day BPS professional training courses for HR professionals. These courses lead to the BPS Certificates of Competence in Occupational Testing (Level A and Level B). Level A is for ability testing and Level B is for personality testing. Courses ran in both Cambridge and London.


The Psychometrics Centre seminar series included invited seminars by Steve Woods, Ashton Business School (Meta-perceptions in personality measurement), Paul de Boeck, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, (Explanatory measurement: concepts and illustrations), Fiona Patterson, The City University, London (Great minds don’t think alike: Predictors of employee innovation at work) and James Flynn, University of Otago, New Zealand (The bell-curve revisited: Saving equality from the dustbin of history). The Centre also collaborated with Professor Flynn on the development and piloting of ‘Socrates’ a psychometric assessment of critical acumen in students.

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Staff Research Interests and Publications, 2007 - 2008

Department of Politics

Dr John Barber
State, society and religion in modern Russia; the USSR in World War II; Leningrad in the Stalin and Khrushchev eras.

Papers presented at conferences 2007:
'The CPSU in Leningrad 1953-64', Conference on The Khruschev Era, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, Birmingham University, 9 - 11 December.

Papers presented at conferences 2008:
'Contemporary Lessons of the Yalta Conference of February 1945', Conference on Interstate Relations in the Confederation of Independent States, Livadia Palace, Crimea, 9 - 12 February.

'Studying Islam in Russia: Family, Society and State', Conference on Urban Muslim communities and their relationship with the state, Novgorod, Russia, 30 May - 1 June.

'The Impact of World War II on Leningrad', Annual Conference of the Centre of Russian and East European Studies, Birmingham University, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, 6 - 8 June.

'The post-1917 Russian emigration in Britain', Conference on I. S. Shmelyov and Writers of the Literary Emigration, Alushta, Crimea, 23-26 September.

Dr Devon Curtis
African politics (especially Great Lakes region of Africa), power-sharing, civil war, international assistance and intervention, peacebuilding and post-conflict politics, the United Nations.

Publications:


Papers, conferences, research trips:
September 2007
Cape Town, South Africa,
China and Africa: Engaging the World’s Next Superpower
Workshop presentation: “China in the Democratic Republic of Congo”

November 2007
Nottingham University, UK
Conference presentation,
Paper: “South Africa’s Role as a Peacebuilder in Africa”
December 2007, Research trip
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

December 2007
Stellenbosch, South Africa
The Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities: Challenges for the UN and Africa
Workshop presentation: “Lessons learned and responses to conflict in Burundi”

January 2008, New York, NY
Bridging the Gap: An Exploratory Workshop
Program on States and Security, City University
Workshop presentation: The Transformation of Rebel Movements into Political Parties

April 2008, Potsdam, Germany
Whose Responsibility to Protect in Africa?
Conference presentation: “The African Union and Burundi”

May 2008, London, UK
Speaker, Asia-Africa Centre, SOAS
‘Hope in the Heart of Africa? China and the Democratic Republic of Congo’

June-July 2008,
Research trip: Burundi, Rwanda
Planning meeting: Uganda (Makerere University)

Grants and Fellowships:

Ongoing:
British Academy UK-Africa Partnership Grant: Principal Investigator
Title: “Rebel Movements and Post-conflict Peacebuilding in Africa”
Duration: October 2007-September 2010 (3 years)

Dr Fiorella Dell'Olio
Citizenship and Democracy in the EU, Immigration politics and Human Security, EU jurisdiction in JHA, Attitudes towards the EU and Immigration, Identity politics.

Professor John Dunn
Rethinking modern political theory; the historical formation and intellectual weakness of liberal and socialist conceptions of political value and political possibility; explaining the political trajectories of the varieties of modern states.


Retired from my Chair at the end of September 2007 and acted as Director of Research in the Department from October 1st to December 31st 2007, for purposes of the RAE.
Appointed Visiting Professor at Chiba University in Japan from April 2007.
Received the Sir Isaiah Berlin award for lifetime contribution to Political Studies in November.
Joined the editorial board of the journal Lua Nova in Sao Paulo in June.

Gave lectures at a conference in Sao Paulo, and at New York University Law School, the New School of Social Research and Columbia Universities in November, at the Max Planck Institut fur
Gesellschaftsforschung in Cologne and at an international conference on my work at the Academia Sinica in Taipei in December, at a conference in Lucca in March, and in Rome in April. Gave the inaugural lecture at the Centre for Citizenship and Democracy at the University of Southampton in March and the sixth annual Collegium Lecture at the Finnish Collegium for Advanced Studies in Helsinki in May.

Professor Andrew Gamble
Anglo-America and British politics; egalitarianism and public policy; Conservative political thought; neo-liberalism.


Gamble, A. 2008. Labour, the state, social movements and the challenge of neo-liberal globalisation. (with Steve Ludlam, Andrew Taylor & Stephen Wood). Manchester: MUP

April 2008:
Leonard Schapiro Lecture ‘The Western Ideology’ PSA Annual Conference, Swansea.
Inaugural Lecture ‘The Limits of Politics’


Dr Lawrence Hamilton
Various aspects of the history of modern political thought, contemporary political philosophy, political economy and South African politics: Rousseau, Marx, Weber and the origins of modern representative democracy; needs, rights, markets and political judgement; public debt and state sovereignty; and constitutionalism and land reform in South Africa.

Dr Duncan Kelly
The intellectual history of modern political thought and various issues in political theory, including ideas of freedom, representation, and the connections between the passions, personhood, and political judgement.

Took part in several major conferences in and around Cambridge, as well as presenting work at symposia on Republicanism in the 19th century in Oxford, on the 50th anniversary of Isaiah Berlin's 'Two Concepts of Liberty' in Durham, and discussing the future of intellectual history in Kandersteg, Switzerland.

Dr Tomas Larsson
Political economy of development; Southeast Asian politics; state formation; institutional development and change.


Prizes received 2008:
Walter Dean Burnham Dissertation Award of the Politics and History Section of the American Political Science Association.
Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Graduate Prize, for distinguished scholarship, Department of
Government, Cornell University.

Conference presentations 2008:
“Drugs make states, states make war on drugs: the rise and decline of the opium economy in the Golden Triangle.” Annual meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Studies UK, Liverpool, June 21-22.

Invited talks 2008:
“Weber on the Chaophraya: the history and politics of rural land rights in Siam/Thailand.” Presented at: Southeast Asian Studies Seminar, St Anthony's College, University of Oxford, February 21; South and Southeast Asian Studies Seminar, Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge, February 20; School of Social Sciences, Växjö University, April 29.

Post-graduate supervisee achievements:

Dr Yu Liu
Contemporary Chinese politics; Chinese revolution; political economy of transition; comparative democratization.

Periodic article

Academic talks 2008:
“The Maoist Discourses and the Mobilization of Emotions in Revolutionary China,” presented in May at Newnham College and Faculty of Asia Middle East Studies, Cambridge.

Dr Emile Perreau Saussine
History of political thought; liberal democracy and its critiques; philosophy of war and international relations; Christianity and politics.


Talks and Conferences 2008:
‘What is a Confessional State?’, Princeton, September.
‘Do you have to be a party activist to be a good citizen?’, Conference on citizenship, July.
‘Laïcité’ in France today, Conference on religion and politics’, June.
‘Le républicanisme de Quentin Skinner (Quentin Skinner's Republicanism)’, Centre d'études de la vie politique française (CEVIPOF), Sciences Po, Paris, March.
Dr Evaleila Pesaran
Processes of economic and political liberalisation in the post-colonial state; business-state relations; international political economy, and the political economy of Iran in particular

Papers presented 2008:
"Bazaar, Bonyad, and Iran's Encounter with Globalization", Princeton Environmental Institute, Princeton University, USA, April.
"From Al-e Ahmad to Ahmadinejad: Tracing Discourses of Anti-Westernisation in Iran", Seventh Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Toronto, Canada, August.

Other activities 2008:
Research Trip to Tehran, Iran, April 2008. Funded by the British Institute of Persian Studies, British Academy.

Dr Glen Rangwala
The politics and history of the Middle East; international organisation; political rhetoric.


Dr David Runciman
Late-nineteenth and twentieth century political thought; theories of the state; various aspects of contemporary political philosophy.

Dr Ruth Scurr
The French Revolution; history of social science; feminist political theory.

Dr Helen Thompson
The politics of the international economy; the authority and power of the modern state; the modern state and debt; raison d’état and the modern democratic nation-state.


Conference papers 2008:
Roundtable on Territory and Power in the United Kingdom, American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, August.

Miss Sylvana Tomaselli
Political theory and its history; philosophy; punishment, pardon, gratitude, patriotism and accounts of the nature of the self, sacred and profane love.


Dr Pieter van Houten
Comparative and European politics; regional and local politics; political parties; ethnic conflict; rational choice theory.


van Houten, P. 2008. ‘Minority rights in the Western Balkans’ (with Stefan Wolff, Ana-Maria Anghelea, Ivana Djuric). Report for the Subcommittee on Human Rights, European Parliament. In the past academic year, I made two trips to Kosovo (for research and to visit a university there) and presented a paper at a conference in New York.

**Miss Sevast-Eleni Vezirgiannidou**

International relations theory; climate change negotiations; regime effectiveness; environmental governance; the trade-environment debate.


Working Papers:

**Dr Harald Wydra**

Cultural approaches to politics, politics of Russia and Eastern Europe, democratization processes and democratic theory, political anthropology, symbolic politics, theorization of uncertainty in politics.


Reviews:

Invited Talks:
- ‘Democratisation as Meaning-Formation – Insights from the Communist Experience, given at the University of Cork, 7 February 2008.
- ‘Political Religion and the Logic of Sacrifice’, University of Cork 29 February.
- ‘Are Democracy and Governance compatible?’, the Summer School on Democracy and Governance at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, 30 June 2008.
- ‘Memory and Democratisation in Europe’, Talk given at the Australian National University, Canberra, 30 July 2008.
Research Activities:
Founding Editor of a new bi-annual peer-reviewed academic on-line journal *International Political Anthropology* ([www.ipa3.com](http://www.ipa3.com))

Visiting Fellowship at the Australian National University in Canberra, Research School of Social Sciences (July and August 2008)

Teaching at other institutions:
Three Lectures and workshop session on the ‘Social Aspects of Invention and Innovation’, for students from the Alta Scuola Politecnica Milano, in Lignano Sabbiadoro (Italy), March 2008.

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**Department of Social and Developmental Psychology**

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**Dr. Gerard Duveen**
Social representations

Publications:

**Dr Juliet Foster**
Social perspectives on mental health and ill health, especially in relation to the understandings of people diagnosed with a mental health problem, and in the implications of public and client understandings.

Publications:

**Dr Colin Fraser**
Social psychology of pay; values and attitudes; fairness and attitudes to work.

**Professor Susan Golombok**
(See listing under Centre for Family Research)

**Dr David Good**
The psychology of conversation; the impact of information and communication technologies on social communication and personal relations; conversational breakdown.

Publications:


Invited and refereed presentations:


Other activities:
Secondment to CMI Partnership Programme to jointly manage £1.5m of funding for work with MIT on educational development and partnership activities, and reporting of results to UK funding bodies.
Collaboration with the Royal Academy of Engineering on the extension of the London Engineering Project (£1.6m HEFCE funded initiative)
Collaboration with Profs P. Kutnick & J. Osborne of King’s College London to evaluate the Royal Academy of Engineering Best programme.

Dr David Halpern
UK domestic policy and strategy; the policy-making process; social capital; well-being; behaviour change.

John Heron
Examining developmental trajectories of depressive symptoms in childhood as well as the risk factors involved.


**Dr Melissa Hines**

Gender development; psychological functioning in individuals with disorders of sex development; hormonal influences on human brain and behaviour; interactions between social-cognitive and hormonal factors in human gender development.

**Publications:**


**Invited lectures 2007:**


**Invited lectures 2008:**


Host: “Androgen and human behaviour, Cambridge/Imperial College research network” meeting.

**Research grants:**


**Dr Claire Hughes**

(See listing under Centre for Family Research)

**Dr. Carmit Katz**

Techniques that enhance the ability of young abuse victims to describe their experiences.
Presentation:

Professor Michael Lamb
Michael E. Lamb’s research is concerned with social and emotional development, especially in infancy and early childhood; the determinants and consequences of adaptive and maladaptive parental behaviour, including child abuse; children’s testimony; applied developmental psychology; and the interface of psychology and biology.

Publications:

Presentations:


Research grants:
“Strategies for interviewing children who are reluctant to disclose abuse” (three years: £199,529) – The Nuffield Foundation (Principal Investigator); “Strategies for interviewing children who are reluctant to disclose abuse” (three years: £50,589) – The Isaac Newton Trust (Principal Investigator).

Dr. Lindsay Malloy
Children's disclosure of maltreatment, children's memory and suggestibility, forensic interview techniques, and children's involvement in the legal system as victims and offenders.

Publications:

Presentations:


**Dr Alex Mesoudi**
The experimental study of cultural transmission; evolutionary approaches to hum an culture; mathematical and computer models of cultural change.

Publications:

Organized a one-day symposium on 25 April 2008 entitled “Biology, Evolution and the Social Science Curriculum” at the Leverhulme Centre for Human Evolutionary Studies, University of Cambridge. Speakers from universities around the UK explored how biological/evolutionary ideas might be integrated into traditional social science undergraduate teaching. Approximately 100 people attended the event, which was supported by the Mellon Foundation, the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, the Royal Anthropological Institute and the University of Cambridge, Departments of Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, Social Anthropology and Social and Developmental Psychology.

Holder of Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship.

**Professor Juliet Mitchell**
Introducing a lateral paradigm – siblings and peers- into psychoanalytic theory and practice and considering this form a wider perspective within the Social Sciences. Gender differences from a psychoanalytic and social history perspective; changes in the contemporary western family with particular reference to issues concerning women and children.

**Dr Julian Oldmeadow**
The social psychology of stereotyping and intergroup relations; stereotypes and cultural world views; social status; social identity.

Causal attribution and stereotyping: Developing a new methodology for investigating stereotype formation
British Academy grant - £3823
Start – 1/01/08
End – 31/08/08
Together with Gerard Duveen, I secured a small grant to develop and test a method for investigating stereotype formation. The method attempts to simulate the process of observing social behaviour between members of different groups, talking about that behaviour, and forming stereotypes about the groups. In the experiment, sixty participants watched a short film in which two groups of shapes, circles and squares, move around the screen and appear to interact with one another. They were asked to narrate the film at different time intervals (immediately, after 15 minutes, and after two weeks) and under different communication instructions. We then coded their narrations looking for language that conveys information about the internal attributes and characteristics of the groups (i.e. stereotypes). By looking at the relationships between communication context (time, goals), language use, and trait inferences, we aim to examine how communication about group behaviour produces stereotypes. The results are still being analysed, but preliminary findings are promising and a larger grant application is in process to develop this work into a longer term research program.

Two PhD students from the Faculty (Lori Baugher and Arthi) were employed on the grant and carried out all the participant recruitment, testing, transcription and coding. They both did an amazing job, completing the project without a hitch and well within the proposed time frame.

Psychology & Society:
Several members of the department of Social and Developmental Psychology developed a new online journal for the dissemination of graduate research in social, cultural, and developmental psychology, called Psychology & Society. The main purpose of the journal is to provide an outlet for research conducted by graduate students during the course of their studies, both to gain experience in the publication process and to receive feedback from peers and colleagues. To this end, one of the novel features of the journal is an ongoing peer evaluation system in which readers are given the opportunity to evaluate and/or comment on articles published in the journal. With this system authors can track the number of readers accessing their article, get a sense of how the research is being evaluated, and benefit from comments and suggestions posted by readers. The first issue of the journal is expected to be launched in August, 2008.

www.psychologyandsociety.sps.cam.ac.uk

Postgraduate conference in psychology:
The 9th Annual Inter-University Postgraduate Conference on Constructions, Discourse and Representations was held on the 17th of May. This conference continues a long-established relationship between the Department of Social and Developmental Psychology at Cambridge and the London School of Economics and Political Science. This year the conference was held at the University of Cambridge in the Faculty of Law buildings on the Sedwick site, and was organised by some of our PhD students—Brady Wagoner and Irini Kadianaki.
The conference was a great success with over forty papers given by postgraduate students from six continents. In addition, two of our MPhil students—Seamus Power and Shahzad Shafqat—gave papers on their MPhil research. Wolfgang Wagner gave the keynote and Gerard Duveen, Sandra Jovchelovich, Ivana Marková, Eric Jensen, and Julian Oldmeadow chaired the sessions. It was generally felt that this year’s conference raised the bar on this annual event, a good indication of the health and vibrancy (and organisational skills) of the postgraduate community in social and cultural psychology.

Dr. Jason Rentfrow
Expression and perception of personality. Music psychology. Geographic variation in personality.

Publications:
Presentations:
Rentfrow, P. J. (2007), “The geography of personality: The emergence, persistence, and expression of basic traits”. Invited talk presented at the University of Cardiff, U.K.

Media Coverage:
The Rentfrow, Gosling, Potter paper was featured in: Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, Wired, Financial Times, Guardian, Telegraph, CBS News

Professor John Rust
Psychometric test development and its applications in clinical, educational and occupational settings; personality and ability testing; diversity issues in assessment.

Publications:

Presentations:
3rd Meeting of the European Society of Methodology in Oviedo, Spain in July 2008.
Three presentations at the Cambridge Assessment Network in April and May 2008. “How can we know that an assessment is valid?”, “Why is it important to standardise tests?”, and “How can test bias and adverse impact be addressed?”
Dr Patrick Baert
Social theory, philosophy of social science, sociology of culture.


Visiting Professor at Brown University. Gave a graduate class at Brown and gave a plenary talk at the Sixth International Conference on the Future of the Humanities in Istanbul.

Dr Robert Blackburn
Social inequality, including wealth and poverty, social stratification, gender and ethnicity; social processes reproducing inequalities; work, occupations and careers; theoretically appropriate research methods.


Dr Georgina Born
Sociology of culture and media: television, broadcasting and media policy; music; information technologies; cultural production and cultural institutions; intellectual property; media in the developing world; cultural theory; ethnographic method; social semiotics; modernism and postmodernism in art and music.


In 2008 I was awarded one of the main international prizes in musicology and music studies for my work in the anthropology and sociology of music: the Dent Medal of the Royal Musical Association. I was invited to become an Honorary Member of the Albanian Institute of Sociology, became the Media Officer of the Association of Social Anthropologists of the Commonwealth, and joined the Editorial Board of the journal Sociological Analysis.

This year I was invited to be a member of one of the expert review panels of the European Research Council (2008-12), acting also as Deputy Chair of my panel. I was also invited to become the Chairman of the Social Sciences and Humanities Expert Panel, Weiner Wissenschafts-
Forschungs- und Technologiefonds (WWTF), based in Vienna, Austria. In addition I was asked to be on the Advisory Board for the AHRC research project, ‘Tuning In: Diasporic Contact Zones at BBC World Service’, in the AHRC Diasporas, Migration and Identities Research Programme.

**Conference organization, lectures and other contributions:**
In April 2008 I organized a major conference at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Cambridge: ‘Music, Sound and the Reconfiguration of Public and Private Space’. The conference was highly successful, attracting an audience of over 100, and the papers will become an edited book. It was funded by grants from CRASSH and the British Academy.

I gave the following keynotes and plenaries: in November 2007, the final keynote for the British Film Institute conference marking 25 years of Channel Four; in June 2008 a plenary paper in the ‘Improvisation, Text and Media’ conference, McGill University, Montreal; and in September 2008 a keynote in the DREAM conference, University of Odense. I also made the following contributions:

2007:

2008:
- ‘European Dialogues in Musicology’ conference, Cremona, Italy: keynote paper.

**Dr Jude Browne**
Current research brings together empirical work in the social sciences with issues in contemporary jurisprudence and political philosophy. In particular I examine the lack of fit between normative theory and practice in terms of egalitarian social justice and reform.

**Dr Brendan Burchell**
Job insecurity; work intensification and stress in the workplace; gender, working conditions and health; interdisciplinary perspectives on the labour market; telework and communication over distributed working networks; restless leg syndrome.


Conferences and invited Papers:

“Hours of Work, Gender and the Quality of Employment in the EU”, INSEE, Paris, 22 May 2008.


“Flexicurity and inter-country variability in the relationship between job insecurity and psychological


“What criteria should we use to judge a work attitudes question for inclusion in a longitudinal study?”, WAM-net seminar, Magdalene, Cambridge, 28th April 2008.

Media coverage. The report on Gender and Working Conditions was released at a conference in Brussels in December 2007 and covered in many UK and overseas newspapers. I was interviewed on several radio programmes including Woman’s Hour (BBC radio 4).

Dr Peter Dickens
Society-nature relations; evolutionary thought and social theory; urban sociology.


Appointed Visiting Professor of Sociology, University of Brighton

Conference papers 2008:

‘Social Darwinism’. Contribution to NHK (Japan) TV Programme

Dr Geoffrey Ingham
Economics and sociology, especially the sociology of money; historical development of British capitalism; sociology of symbols of status inequality.


Dr Shireen Kanji

Dr Lawrence King
Political and economic sociology; especially the sociology of post-communist transition; sociology of development; comparative capitalism; globalization and public health.


Invited Presentations and Refereed Conference Papers 2007:
“Property Rights and Infant Mortality in Poor Countries.” At the Capital and Poverty conference at the University of Manchester, July 4.
“Mass Privatization and the Postcommunist Mortality Crisis” at the British Association of Slavic and Eastern European Studies, April 1”, Cambridge.

Invited Presentations and Refereed Conference Papers 2008:

**Professor Christel Lane**

Multinational companies: domestic embeddedness, globalization strategy and organisational change; global sourcing in the textiles and clothing industries: UK, US, Germany, Japan.


Refereed Article:

Conference/Invited Papers 2007:
Gave invited lecture on ‘National Capitalisms, global production networks: their interaction in two industries’, at the University of California, Los Angeles which was co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology and the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, December.

Conference/Invited Papers 2008:

**Dr David Lane**
The outcomes of transition in Eastern Europe and the former USSR; evolution of the economic elite in Russia; Russian financial services and banking, its evolution, structure, ownership and control. Elites, classes and social groups in transformation.


David Lane completed his Leverhulme project on the role of socio-economic groups in the transformation of Russia and Ukraine. A major part of this research was the publication by Palgrave-Macmillan of The Transformation of State Socialism: System Change, Revolution or Something Else? which included two of his papers: these are detailed below. In addition, he contributed to and edited a number of journal ‘special issues’ on Ukraine and EU politics, detailed below. As part of the European Union New Forms of Government initiative, he continued his work on civil society in the new member states and presented a paper of his finding to a Thematic Workshop of NEWGOV (New Modes of Government EU VI Framework) in Berlin. Supported by CEELBAS (Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies), he organized and gave a paper to an international workshop in Cambridge on ‘coloured revolutions’. Jointly with Stephen White, of Glasgow University, it is hoped to publish with Routledge a collection of the papers. A major activity was the organization, with Andrew Gamble, of the final conference of the British Academy network on Strategic Elites and European Enlargement. It is hoped to publish the papers from this collection in the next academic year. With John Foran, Andrea Zivkovic, he edited and contributed to a collection on: Revolution in the Modern World, published by Routledge. He also gave a number of lectures on his research which are detailed below.

Lectures and Workshops 2007:
‘Global Capitalism and the Transformation of Russia’, Harvard University, November.
‘The Social Bases of Reform and Anti Reform: A Comparative Study of Ukraine and Russia’, Department of Sociology UCLA (California) 6 December. A similar lecture at Stanford University, 4 December. The same lecture given at Institut fur Politikwissenschaft, Universitat Wien, 8 May 2008.
‘Attitudes of the Ukrainian Population to the ‘Orange Revolution’’, AAASS, New Orleans, 16 November.

Lectures and Workshops 2008:
Organized, with Andrew Gamble, an international conference on ‘European Union and world politics:
consensus and division’, the Sixth Workshop on Strategic Elites and the European Union, supported by
the British Academy and the Centre for Research in Humanities and Social Sciences, Cambridge, 28/29
March. My paper was entitled: Russia’s Transformation: The Rise of a World Power?
With support from Ceelbas (Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies), organized
international Workshop on Coloured Revolutions, held at King’s College, Cambridge, 30 April.
‘Introduction: Conceptualising Coloured Revolution’ and gave a similar paper at University of
Glasgow conference on ‘Rethinking the ‘Coloured Revolutions’ 2/3 May.

Dr David Lehmann
Religion and popular culture; Fundamentalist and charismatic movements in Latin America, Israel
and worldwide.

miraculous economics of religion: an essay on social capital”, Horizontes Antropólogicos , (Brazil), 27.

of Shas”, Citizenship Studies, 12, 3.
43, 1, 208-218.
Lehmann, D. (2008), “Gilberto Freyre: a re-evaluación continua” (an expanded version of the above in
Portuguese), Horizontes Antropológicos, (Brazil) 29, 369-385.

Activities:
During this period David Lehmann was involved in two projects: one of these consisted of research on
the spread of multicultural ideas in Latin America, and in that connection he conducted fieldwork in the
United States, Peru and Mexico; the other is a new Network on Religion and Secularism which he has
coordinated with Humeira Iqtidar, Emile Perreau-Saussine and John Barber. The network has held
seminars in Cambridge and one in London and a Workshop at CRASSH (Cambridge’s Centre for
Research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences). For further information see
www.thesecularismnetwork.org and www.davidlehmann.org

Grants:
Multiculturalism in Latin America: a study in the diffusion of ideas, (British Academy), (£85,000);
The Religion and Secularism Network (funded by the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society programme)
(£25,000). The full title of this project: A reappraisal of institutional arrangements for religious
regulation.

Other distinctions:
Appointed to the Editorial Board of the Latin American Research Review; invited to give the Keynote
speech at the annual National Meeting of Brazilian Social Scientists.

Dr Mirca Madianou
Sociology of media and culture; the social and political impact of mediated communication; media and
nationalism; media, migration and transnational identities; anthropology of media; comparative
ethnography;

Research
Currently Principal Investigator on the ESRC funded project on Migration, ICTs and Transnational Family
Life (2007-2010). This is a three year comparative ethnographic project that investigates the role of ICTs
(internet and mobile phones) in the context of transnational families and in particular the ability of Filipino
and Caribbean migrants in the UK to maintain primary long distance relationships. Dr Madianou and
collaborator, Prof. Daniel Miller (UCL), are currently examining how old and new communications
technologies facilitate or inhibit close relationships of love and care such as those between parents and
children or within couples. This is a multi-sited ethnography based in Cambridge and London, but also in
the Philippines and Trinidad.

**Conference Organisation**
In April 2008 Dr Madianou organized, together with Prof. Nick Couldry (Goldsmiths’ College, University of London), an international conference on Media Ethics at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH). The conference was possible with funding from CRASSH, Goldsmiths College and additional support from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences. The conference brought together social scientists, media specialists and philosophers who are applying general principles of ethics and moral philosophy to the areas of media, communications and representation. The keynote speeches were given by Baroness Onora O’Neill, President of the British Academy and Prof. John Durham Peters from the University of Iowa.

**Dr. Véronique Mottier**
Social theory; feminist political theory; hermeneutics, discourse and narrative analysis; gender, sexuality and ‘race’; welfare states and social exclusion; historical sociology and comparative eugenics.


Keynote address 2007:

Keynote address 2008:
“Genre et sexualité”, Journée de formation ‘genre et violence’, Renens, 18 September.

Other activities:
Completed a 10-year stint as co-Convenor of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Theory in January 2008; Core member of ESRC Discourse Analysis Network for methodological innovation 2008 (University of Essex); Member of the national Expert Committee on Social Exclusion (PNR51, Switzerland); taught one-week doctoral summer course in Discourse Theory and Methods, Lugano; part-time Professor in Sociology at the University of Lausanne.

**Dr Jane Nolan**
Work Orientations; Gender, employment and family; Expatriate Management in China.
Chapter in book


Awarded £149,900 for a Nuffield Foundation New Career Fellowship from 1st October 2007 to 30th
September 2010. The title of her project is An investigation of the social networks of foreign and local financial experts in Hong Kong and Shanghai. The study integrates theories from economic sociology, international migration and social network studies. It combines qualitative data on perceptions of networks with a quantitative analysis of network structures. She will work as the Principal Investigator on the project and Professor Malcolm Warner, of the Judge Institute of Management, will act as her mentor.

Dr Catherine O’Brien
From a social-psychological perspective: school bullying; peer devaluation; peer groups; social stigmas; appraisals; attributions. From a sociological perspective: distributed working; gender and working conditions in the European Union.

Dr Michael Rice
Developmental psychopathology; crime and punishment; literacy; survey research methods.

Professor Jacqueline Scott
Gender inequalities in production and reproduction; life course and family change; public opinion and social attitudes; generations and ageing; young people at risk; survey research methodology, longitudinal design and analysis.


Invited conference presentations 2007:
Changing Gender Roles, European Sociological Association, Glasgow.

Invited conference presentations 2008:
‘Gender Dimensions of Quality of Life’, Gender, Employment, Family and Class conference, City University; ‘Problems of Comparison in Gender Role Attitudes’, International Conference on Survey Methods (3MC) Berlin; ‘Qualitative Responses in Panel Data: Understanding the Quality of Life’, ESRC Methods Festival, Oxford.

Grants:
EU Practising Gender Equality in Science (PRAGES) €100,260.
ESRC Gender Inequality Network, ‘Gender Inequality in Production and Reproduction’, £3,264,525 (with indexation).
Collaborative Partner for Nuffield Foundation grant on ‘Time trends in parenting and adolescent problem behaviour’. Grant administered through University of Oxford.

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**Professor Göran Therborn**

Capital cities as representations of power. Global processes of inequality, and other global processes and comparisons, in particular of sex-gender-family relations. Contemporary radical thought and forces of possible change. Pathways into and out of modernity.


Invited keynote lectures/speeches 2007:
Dimensions of World Inequality, Mapping Global Inequalities conference, University of California at Santa Cruz, December 13; Latin America in historical and contemporary family systems, Univ. de Campinas, Brazil, November; Relations of work in gender relations of power, UERJ, Rio de Janeiro, November; Systems of family relations, Dept. of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Bath, November; Capital cities, Asian Studies and Urban Studies, UBC Vancouver, December 10.

Invited keynote lectures/speeches 2008:
Iconography of Power. Reading political ideologies in capital cities, Dept. of Political Science, Oxford University, February 12; Dimensions of Inequality, Växjö University, Sweden, March 19; Current trends of sociology, Dept. of Sociology, State University of Belarus, Minsk. April 14; Patriarchy, Centre for Gender Studies, Oslo University, June 2; Inequalities North and South, CLACSO panel at the ISA Forum, Barcelona September 5.

Conference panels and workshops (co-)organized:
Building just cities, Santiago de Chile, March 26-28; New urban explorations, two panels at the International Institute of Sociology Congress in Budapest, June 29; African capital cities, Dakar, September 22-23.

Summer school:
Modernity and capitalism in Eurasia, State University of St. Petersburg, July 7-11.

Research trips (on capital cities):
La Paz, March 30-April 2; Minsk, April 12-15; Moscow, July 12-15; Copenhagen, August 7-10; Abuja, Lagos, Dakar, September 14-25.

Research Grants:
‘Organizing and Representing Post-Communist Nations: The Role of Capital Cities’. Project Coordinator Göran Therborn, three local research teams, in Baku, Minsk, and Vilnius, led by A. Abdullayev, L. Titarenko, and A. Vosyliute, respectively. Financed by the INTAS programme of the EU, 1.11 2006-31.10 2008; ‘Capitals, Nations, and the World’, research project financed by basic funding from FRN and SCAS in Sweden and from Cambridge University.

**Dr Deborah Thom**

History of feminism and women's work; history of child psychology and social welfare; current project is on corporal punishment in Britain, the Empire and Europe.

Please see under entry for Centre for Family Research.
**Professor John Thompson**
Contemporary social and political theory; sociology of the media and modern culture; the social organization of the media industries; the changing structure of the book publishing industry; the social and political impact of information and communication technologies; the changing forms of political communication.


Awarded the Medalla al Merito Universitario de la Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico (2007).

Appointed to the Gerald LeBoff Visiting Professorship at New York University (2007-8), taught a graduate course at NYU on cultural fields and gave lectures at NYU, Columbia and The New School for Social Research.

Invited as a special guest of the Buenos Aires Book Fair (2008) to give a series of lectures to publishers and general audiences on the changing structure of the book publishing industry.

I currently hold an ESRC grant for research on ‘Concentration and Innovation in the Book Publishing Industry’ (2005-2008), for which I am the Principal Investigator. This project is a continuation of my research on the changing structure of the book publishing industry in Britain and the US. The first phase of the research was focused on the transformation of academic publishing – the world of the university presses and the college textbook publishers. The book based on this research, *Books in the Digital Age*, was published in 2005. Since then I’ve been working on the world of general-interest trade publishing. In 2007-8 I completed the fieldwork for this project, which involved interviews with more than 200 publishers, editors, agents, booksellers and authors in London and New York, and I am currently completing a book on the transformation of trade publishing and the making of bestsellers.

**Dr Peggy Watson**
The political sociology of post-communism with particular reference to: physical and mental health; the transformation of health care; feminism and the transformation of gender.

**Presentations**
‘Health Care Change in Poland’, Homerton Research Seminars, Homerton College Cambridge, April 29, 2008;
‘Citizenship and Health Care in Postcommunist States’, International Workshop, Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva, Israel, May 19-20, 2008; and

**Dr Darin Weinberg**
Sociology of Health and Illness, Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (with special reference to Addiction), Theory, Sociology of Science, Qualitative Methods, Social Exclusion, Human Rights.


Dr Claire Woolley
Life course transitions; young people's lives; gender equality; quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods approaches in the social sciences.

Research Grants:

Centre for Family Research

Ms Shirlene Badger
Sociology of health and illness particularly ethnographies of the clinic and laboratory, the social aspects of having a genetic disorder and participating in genetic research, the politics of obesity; kinship, identity, children/young people and family life.

Dr Elizabeth Chapman
Eating disorders in adults, psychosocial aspects of pain, palliative care, transplantation (heart, lung), psychological therapies for mental health problems (CBT and psychodynamic therapy).


Dr Claudia Downing
Research interests include the impact of late-onset genetic disorders on family processes such as parenting and communication, reproductive and other personal decision-making, end of life issues, qualitative methods.

Dr Rosie Ensor
Toddlers at risk of developing behaviour problems; family and peer relationships.


Dr Gail Ewing
Health services research: end of life care; symptom assessment, psychosocial support, outcomes for carers in bereavement.

Dr Tabitha Freeman
Gender, reproduction and the family; parenting and child development in different family forms; fatherhood and paternity; psychosocial and cultural aspects of new genetic and reproductive

Professor Susan Golombok
Parenting and child development in new family forms including lesbian families, solo mother families and families created by assisted reproduction procedures such as IVF, donor insemination, egg donation and surrogacy.

Golombok, S., Chapman, E., Potter, W., Papachronopoulou-Botassi, S., Dhawan, V. and Rust, J. (2007) Clinical trial of the comparative breakage and slippage rates of a synthetic polysoprene condom (Silk) and a control. Report to United States Food and Drug Administration.

Dr Joanna Hawthorne
Co-ordinator of the Brazelton Centre in Great Britain. Antenatal diagnosis and maternal anxiety; parent-infant relationships, especially in medical settings; infant development and early intervention; intervention with the Neonatal Behavioural Assessment Scale; parenting in neonatal units.

Dr Claire Hughes
Developmental psychopathology (in particular, disruptive behaviour disorders and autism) development
and individual differences in theory of mind and executive function, risk and resilience, longitudinal research designs.


Dr Vasanti Jadva
Parenting and child outcome in assisted reproduction families; gender development.

Eric Jensen
Sociology of new genetics, specifically emphasising science journalism, public understanding of science and biomedicine, democratic engagement with biomedical science and Socio-bioethics. PhD research on the topic of ‘Anglo-American press-coverage of therapeutic cloning’.

Mrs Maggie Ponder
Psychological and social aspects of having an inherited disorder; investigating service provision for people with inherited disorders; lay understanding of genetics.

Professor Martin Richards
Psychosocial aspects of genetic and reproductive technologies. Children and family life.


study of qualitative research with men with intellectual difficulties. Chapter in above.

**Dr Claire Snowdon**
Issues around involvement with randomised controlled trials (research has involved seeking the views of trialists, professional collaborators, patient participants and parents as proxies for babies involved in neonatal critical care research).


**Ms Helen Statham**
Psychological and social implications of prenatal diagnosis of fetal abnormality; pregnancy, termination of pregnancy and perinatal bereavement; psychosocial aspects of genetics; intellectual disabilities.


Obituary: Dr Gerard Duveen

(4 March 1951 – 8 November 2008)

On a warm July afternoon, a large gathering filled a garden at Corpus Christi College in Cambridge. However, this was not one of the usual college social occasions but the ‘living funeral’ of the College Vice-Master. Following the diagnosis of an untreatable cancer, Gerard Duveen held a party. An open invitation was circulated. Friends, family and academic colleagues came from far and wide to celebrate Gerard and to make their farewells. It is an old cliché that the principal actor is typically absent at a funeral or memorial, but not so for Gerard, a psychologist of everyday life, who created this unusual social occasion for us to say our farewells to him.

Gerard was a leading figure in social psychology who made major contributions to our understanding of cultural knowledge – social representations - and the role of such knowledge in the development of personal identity. He was a notable and influential teacher, especially of graduate students and, indeed, many of his past students came to that farewell gathering to express their gratitude to Gerard for his teaching and wise counsel.

Following a joint Philosophy and Psychology degree at Surrey (1974), Gerard did an M.Sc. in Rudolf Schaffer’s Department of Psychology at Strathclyde, before doing his Ph.D. at Sussex. His thesis title, “From social cognition to cognition of social life: An essay in decentration” focused on the topic that remained central throughout his
career. After some short term teaching and research posts, Gerard returned to Sussex as a Research Fellow associated with Barbara Lloyd, and their very successful and productive research collaboration produced a string of papers as well as two influential books, *Gender Identities and Education* (1992) and the edited volume, *Social Representation and Development of Knowledge* (1998).

In 1989 Gerard was appointed to a lectureship in the Department of Education in Cambridge and four years later the post was transferred to the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, where he remained until his death. He was a Director of Studies and later Vice-Master of Corpus Christi College.

In Cambridge, Gerard continued to work on the development of social representation, particularly focusing on the relationship between representation and identities. In many ways, Gerard’s thinking and teaching were much more part of the continental tradition than of mainstream Anglo-American psychology. His twin intellectual father figures were Jean Piaget and Serge Moscovici. Indeed, his chapter for the *Mélange en l’honneur de Serge Moscovici* was titled “*Genesis and Structure: Piaget and Moscovici*”. Gerard played an important role in bringing work from the French school to the attention of English speaking audiences and was responsible for a number of translations, especially of Moscovici’s work. In addition to membership of the editorial boards of a clutch of English language journals, he served both *Psychologie et Société* and *Rassenga di Piscologia*. A fluent linguist who published in French, Spanish and Portuguese – as well as English—he was as much at home in the academic corridors of Paris as of Cambridge.

A quiet and totally unassuming person, Gerard did not draw attention to himself or his work his own work. Academic promotion came late and he was appointed to a University Readership in 2004. His great strength, and indeed influence, was in the more personal context of post graduate teaching and research supervision.

Gerard did his share of academic Committee and administrative work, including a stint as Head of the Department of Social and Developmental Psychology, but his real passion was graduate teaching. He set up and initially did much of the teaching for the M.Phil in Social and Developmental Psychology, and always had a very active group of Ph.D. students. Some colleagues viewed Gerard as an academic administrator of the old school, characterised by quiet diplomacy rather than bureaucratic efficiency! He did come to use email but only when it suited him and was always very selective in responding to incoming messages. Many were ignored! Gerard’s office and college rooms were notorious for piles of paper that covered all horizontal surfaces.

Gerard could seem rather distant and reserved on occasion, but his friends and the students knew a very different person – warm and generous, not least with his broad knowledge of psychology. He could also be startling open and direct about the most difficult of topics, as he was in talking of his own illness and its inevitable consequence. He will long be remembered and missed.

Professor Martin Richards
Professor Michael Lamb