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REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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. In the 2008 RAE Sociology at Cambridge came in 11th equal place in the list of 59 units assessed. Our grade profile was as follows: 20% or work was graded at the 4* level ('world-leading'), 30% at 3* ('internationally-excellent'), 30% at 2* level ('internationally-recognised') and 20% at 1* level ('nationally recognised'). This was a pleasing result given that the entry was somewhat constrained both by our small numbers and our need to put in a combined entry with Social and Developmental Psychology.

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 2008, sociology achieved the following ranks: 1st in the Times and Independent Guides and second in the Guardian Guide’s ranking. In 2009, Sociology was ranked first by the Times and Independent and 2nd by the Guardian. 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 with 25 enrolled in the programme for 2008/09. In 2008-09, 61 students were doing PhD research in Sociology. Many of our students have secured highly competitive research scholarships from the ESRC, Gates Foundation, and Cambridge Overseas Trust.

Departmental Seminars
The Department continued its series of Sociology Seminars in 2008/2009 which were organized and chaired by Patrick Baert. We had a number of well-known visiting speakers, including Duncan Gallie, Tony Bennett, Vikki Bell, Gary Fine and Robin Mansell. 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. A fuller account of the publication outputs can be found elsewhere in the Annual Report, but it is worth highlighting here some of the many books that have been published this year including: From Marxism to Postmarxism (Therborn, 2008); Merchants of Culture: The publishing Business in the 21st Century’ (Thompson, 2008); ‘Women and Employment: Changing Lives and New Challenges’ (Scott, et al eds. 2008); Nation, identities and television in contemporary Greece (Madianou, 2008 (In Greek)); National Capitalisms, Global Production Networks’ (C. Lane, 2009); Capitalism, (Ingham, 2008) Youth Culture in Modern Britain (Fowler 2008).
Media and Press
The research of Department has received considerable publicity this year, with radio interviews on youth (Fowler); considerable press coverage for work on post-communist mortality crisis (King and Stuckler) and international news coverage on job insecurity and the credit crunch (Burchell) and a Guardian podcast on gender and recession (Scott). Members of the department have played an active role in ‘outreach’ activities including giving public lectures at the Cambridge Festival of Ideas and the Cambridge Alumni Weekend.

Research Grants
The Department continued its stellar record in winning research grants and contributing to this important stream of university income. In aggregate our active grants total to about £4m.

Particularly pleasing is the success of our early career researchers, including Shireen Kanj’s Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship; Jane Nolan’s Nuffield Foundation early career reward; Kathrn Tanner and Pia Schober’s ESRC Post-doctoral awards. Among our University teaching officers, David Lehmann has an AHRC project on secularism and a British Academy project on multiculturalism; Jackie Scott has an EU project on practicing gender equality in science, as well as an ESRC project on Gender Inequalities in Production and Reproduction. Mirca Madianou, a Newton Trust lecturer, has an ESRC Project on migration, ICTs and the transformation of transnational family life and Peggy Watson, as senior research fellow has a British Academy grant on mental health and civil society in Transnational Europe. Our Emeritus staff remain research active and David Lane has a British Academy project on countries in transition and Bob Blackburn an ESRC project on gender occupational segregation.

Honours & Professional Service Activity
The collective professional service of the department is too numerous to list. However, it is worth highlighting some of the major honours that departmental members have received. Professor Born was awarded the Dent Medal of the Royal Musical Association; Jacqueline Scott was elected an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences; David Lehmann was a Fellow of Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Many staff gave key plenary addresses at international conference and events, including Thompson who gave the Norbert Lechner Memorial Lectures in Santiago de Chile (2009). Several staff have served in key scientific and advisory roles, including Therborn’s role as international research advisor for the Brazilian research programme on violence, inequality and human rights.

Academic Staff Change
Dr Geoffrey Ingham retired as Reader in Economic Sociology after long service at Cambridge. We would like to thank him for his enormous contribution over the years and wish him a very happy and productive retirement. We welcome Jeff Miley who has joined us as a temporary lecturer in political sociology.

Professor Jacqueline Scott, Head of Department
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:

Student Numbers, 2008-2009

Undergraduates:
Part I 107
Part IIA 120
Part IIB 106
Total 333

Report by the Director of Undergraduate Education

In Part IIA, 21 PPSIS-undergraduates chose sociology and 11 students studied sociology and psychology. In Part IIB, 30 studied sociology and 9 opted for sociology and psychology. As in previous years, students were able to choose from a wide range of papers, on topics ranging from ‘modern Britain’ to ‘media, culture and society’.

In Part I the Polity Prize for Sociology went to Ms Saila Tan (Emmanuel College). In Part IIA it went to Mr Edward Kiely (Emmanuel College). In Part IIB, Mr Richard Curling (St John’s College) won the Polity Prize for Sociology.

We are pleased with the excellent examination performance of the students who opted for sociology and with their positive feedback on the teaching that was provided. Based on an assessment of the interests of the students, the sociology department will introduce next year a new paper, called Soc6 (‘advanced social theory’) and coordinated by Professor John Thompson. Building on the popular Soc1 (‘social theory’) paper, Soc6 aims to explore the relevance of social theory for understanding contemporary society.

Patrick Baert (director of undergraduate education for sociology)
Two A-Level students got to spend a day at Cambridge last week after penning prize-winning Sociology essays in a competition organised by the Department of Sociology.

Kym Brooks from Burleigh Community College in Loughborough and Emma Brookes from Chesterfield College in Derbyshire spent last Friday attending seminars and visiting the Colleges and Museums of Cambridge before being presented with their awards and £300 each in prize money. The girls' colleges also received £200 each for producing a winning entrant. The prize money was kindly donated by the Cambridge Political Economy Society.

The girls were declared joint winners after judges found it impossible to decide between Kym's fascinating insights into 'Marital Behaviour in Britain since the 1960s' and Emma's 'Who, What and Warez' - a sociological essay on the shadowy world of software pirates known as the Warez community.

Dr Brendan Burchell who organised the competition says the standard of entry was impressive and he's delighted with the results:

"The competition gave us an excellent chance to develop our links with schools and colleges, and to inform them about the opportunity to study Sociology at Cambridge through the Politics, Psychology and Sociology (PPS) degree".

Both Kym and Emma were alerted to the competition by teachers at their respective colleges and they were accompanied on their visit by a teacher. The competition deadline of 30 May meant they had to juggle their writing with sitting exams - but both said they'd enjoyed the challenge.
Kym said she'd never expected to win but was really delighted by the opportunity to visit the University of Cambridge:

"I've never been to Cambridge before and I'm just struck by how pretty it is. We've been really spoilt while we've been here and everyone's so casual and friendly. I loved our presentation ceremony and we got to sit in on a seminar where the numbers of students were very small - it's a really unique way of teaching."

Sociology teacher at Burleigh Community College, Kirsty Freeden, who accompanied Kym on her trip to Cambridge said:

"The competition's been a fantastic opportunity that's created a real buzz around the school. Everyone's very proud of Kym and her achievements. Its my first visit to Cambridge as well - and after the welcome we've had I'm hoping to use my experience here to encourage more of my able students to consider applying to Cambridge."

For Emma, the trip was her second visit to Cambridge as she'd already attended a taster day to Cambridge and Oxford organised by her college in June. She's just applied to read law at Magdalene so she says it was useful to visit in term time and really get a feel for the place.

"I entered the competition because I thought it was a fairly unusual and unique opportunity - you don't find many competitions for sociology students! I got the idea for the subject after watching a television documentary on the Fake Trade - I'm really interested in how law links into key ideas about ethics, class, gender and justice. Its been great to see a seminar while I'm here and get a feel for the teaching - I think the teaching system of supervisions here is really clever, and can help you enormously if you like to be pushed."

Emma was accompanied on her visit by teacher Stuart Booker who's keen to encourage his students to aim high.

"Competitions like this are invaluable in terms of getting students thinking about going for top-class universities. Anything that means they achieve something tangible and that the seeds of going to somewhere like Cambridge are planted is a great thing. The University's been so welcoming - it would be fantastic to have regular competitions in different subject areas to spread the effect."

The Department of Sociology will be running the competition again in 2008/9 and has opened the competition out to include essays from A level Psychology students; many students applying to study sociology at Cambridge haven't studied sociology at school.
SOCIOMETRY GRADUATE STUDENTS, 2008-09

Report by the Director of Graduate Education

On 1 October 2008 there were 65 students already registered for the PhD degree. In the admissions process, the Sociology Graduate Education Committee received 60 new applications and of these, 14 began the course full-time.

Of the 23 students from the previous year’s MPhil, 4 continued to the PhD. One MPhil student from 2006-2007 continued to the PhD.

MPhil applications
There were 99 applications in total for the MPhil in Modern Society and Global Transformations and 26 began the course in October 2008. 25 completed the course by July 2009. One student was allowed leave to defer submission of thesis. Overall the standard was very high, and there were a record number of distinctions, going to the following six students: Anna Bachmann, Ashley Craft, Tobias Eule, Martin Fuller, Andrew Gruen and Yu Tao. Many of the students went on to PhD courses, either here at Cambridge or elsewhere, some getting prestigious scholarships, such as from the Gates Foundation.

In summary:
A total of 85 graduate sociology students were registered in 2008-9. Of these, 62 were PhD students (including 14 new PhDs).

The Department of Sociology’s graduate teaching continues to be an important strength of the department. The graduate students contribute to the intellectual community, and are a vibrant force in the seminars, reading groups and social activities of the department. The PhD students also make an important contribution to the undergraduate teaching, which gives them a valuable opportunity to develop their communication and teaching skills. The graduate students also organize a number of events that include the psychology and politics students in the wider Faculty, such as the Tuesday coffee and cake mornings and the Graduate seminars, where they can present their research to members of the Faculty as well as to each other.

Some of the research groups in the faculty continued as nexuses for shared research interests, such as the media seminar research group or the individual in the labour market research group. Others developed as a number of PhD students realized that they had overlapping interests, such as the Non-religion and Secularity Research Network (NSRN).

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Director of Graduate Education: Dr Brendan Burchell.

**Student Representation**

**Undergraduate:** Emil Graesholm (King’s College) and Narjis Khan (Gonville and Caius College)

**Graduate:** Joachim Krapels (Darwin College)

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**RESEARCH GROUPS**

**ESRC Gender Equality Network (GeNet)**

The ESRC Gender Equality Network (GeNet) has the overarching aim of producing new and substantive findings and contributing to new theoretical conceptualisations of changing forms of gender inequalities. Thus GeNet’s mission is to explore the changing dynamics of gender equality in contemporary society; bringing together nine substantive projects, spread across eight institutions and involving over twenty researchers from a wide range of disciplines. The goal of the Gender Equality Network is to pull together the critical mass, diverse expertise, time and resources to make a significant impact on one of the most pressing social issues of our time.

The main aims of the Network remain unchanged from the outset. They are to:

a) contribute to current policy debates and help shape future policy thinking;

b) contribute to the evidence-base for assessing how changes in gender can best be achieved with different organisations and sectors, and to work with ‘knowledge brokers’ to disseminate findings to relevant actors;
c) produce theoretically-informed high quality empirical research that illuminates three aspects of gender inequality in production and reproduction; namely the inter-related changes of life course processes, resource allocations across different socio-economic contexts, and policy responses;

d) contribute to emerging theoretical debates including space-time dimensions of life course theory and contextualised capabilities and gender inequalities;

e) contribute to the ESRC’s mission of enhancing methodological skills by offering substantively-led methodological training.

In 2008-2009 there has been an impressive academic output, with extensive dissemination activities, including a major international conference held at Queens’ College in March 2009. GeNet research is shaping debates on gender inequalities, and our work has been highlighted in the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) conference on Future of Families, as well as The Good Childhood Inquiry report and the ongoing National Equality Panel. The first GeNet edited book (as well as other GeNet research) has received extensive publicity on television, radio, and in the national and international press. Our active dissemination and communication strategy means that GeNet research helps shape both academic discourse and policy and public debates.

In Sociology at Cambridge the personnel attached to GeNet are Jacqueline Scott (Director), Anke Plagnol (Research Associate), Pia Schober (ESRC Post-doc Research Fellow) and Aganieszka Piasna (PhD student).

**ILM**

**Individual in the Labour Market reading and research group**

One of the most active groups in the SSRG is the Individual in the Labour Market reading and 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 a Sociology-based group, we also have members from Geography, Economics, Social Psychology, Politics 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 Uta Shimada on Careers in the UK and Japan was particularly thought-provoking and well attended, and assisted Uta in submitting her highly praised PhD thesis.
In addition to our regular meetings where we debate a reading of common interest to the group, this year we have watched two films (Loach’s “It’s a free world” and a documentary about workers on a Guatemalan refuse site) and went on a punting excursion one evening.

Many members have successfully concluded their time at Cambridge and moved on in the past year. Some MPhil students have progressed to PhDs places at Cambridge or elsewhere, others have found employment in occupations from the police force to university researchers. Ex-PhD students have successfully found employment in university research, the media, commercial research and City banking.

Several of the members of the group have had book reviews published or gave papers at conferences. We also assisted in managing the Social Stratification conferences that was hosted in Cambridge in September. Congratulations to Thorsten for publishing a paper in a top journal as well as submitting his thesis.


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**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 Centre for Family Research, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences and by the Faculty of Law. The Group serves to bring together people from different faculties across the University (Law, Criminology, Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Relations, Psychiatry, Biology, Economics, Social Anthropology, and others) as well as prominent socio-legal scholars from other institutions. The Group’s activities 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); *Sexuality Repositioned: Diversity and the Law* (2004), *Kinship Matters* (2006), *Death Rites and Rights* (2007), and *Regulating Autonomy: Sex, Reproduction and Families* (2009) (all published by Richard Hart – [www.hartpub.co.uk/books](http://www.hartpub.co.uk/books)).

The Group’s most recent symposium on money, property, relationships and separation organized by Jo Miles (Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge), and Rebecca Probert (School of Law, University of Warwick), examined a range of empirical questions relevant to the law’s treatment of family members on relationship breakdown. With many couples separating each year, the questions of how to determine the financial and property consequences of such separation has always been a problem area with family law. For example, should the principles be the same for married and cohabiting couples?, and should the division of assets reflect the parties’ own expectations or norms imposed by society? The book brings together leading academics from a wide range of disciplines including Sociology, Social Gerontology, Psychology, Economics, Law, and Geographical Sciences. An edited collection of the papers was published – *Shaming Lives, Dividing Assets* – again published by Hart Publishing, in July 2009 (edited by Jo Miles and Rebecca Probert).

Future projects include an interdisciplinary symposium on the concept of ‘Home’ and a symposium on ‘Birth Matters’.
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 Britain 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. Recent seminars have included Dr Layla Skinnns (Adrian Socio-Legal Research Fellow at Darwin College) speaking about Detention in Police Custody Suites, and also a seminar on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill 2008 led by Ms Niki Adams (English Collection of Prostitutes).

Chair of the Socio-Legal Group: Dr Loraine Gelsthorpe (Reader in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Institute of Criminology) lrg10@cam.ac.uk

Vice Chair of the Socio-Legal Group: Ms Jo Miles (University Lecturer in Law, Faculty of Law) jkm33@cam.ac.uk

Grants held in the department

1. Kathryn Tanner: Adaptation or Development: Finding Global Solutions for Problems of Livelihood Sustainability
   Project Start: 01/09/08  End: 31/08/09
   ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship
   Value: £60,303

2. Bob Blackburn: Vertical and Horizontal Gender Segregation: Cross National Comparison and Analysis
   Project Start: 01/07/08  End: 30/09/09
   ESRC
   Value: £75,718

3. Jackie Scott: PRAGES
   Project Start: 01/02/08  End: 31/12/09
   EU FP7
   Value: £74,821

   Project Start: 01/10/07  End: 30/11/09
   AHRC
   Value: £25,338

5. David Lehmann: Multiculturalism in Latin America
6. **David Lane: Why Was There a Coloured Revolution in the Ukraine and not in Russia?**  
   Project Start: 01/01/09   End: 31/12/10  
   The British Academy  
   Value: £7,500

7. **Pia Schober: The Gender Division of Domestic Work**  
   Project Start: 01/06/09   End: 30/04/10  
   ESRC Post Doc Fellowship  
   Value: £60,118

8. **Mirca Madianou: Migration, ICTs and the Transformation of Transnational Family Life**  
   Project Start: 01/06/07   End: 30/11/10  
   ESRC  
   Value: £80,763

9. **Jane Nolan: Understanding Social Networks & Guanxi**  
   Project Start: 01/10/07   End: 30/09/10  
   Nuffield Foundation  
   Value: £150,438

10. **Shireen Kanji: Mothers as Agents: How Does Household Structure Relate to Social Stratification and Women’s Choices**  
    Project Start: 01/09/08   End: 31/03/11  
    Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship & Newton Trust  
    Value: £44,000 & £66,000

11. **Jacqueline Scott: Gender Inequality in Production and Reproduction**  
    Project Start: 01/10/04   End: 31/03/10  
    ESRC  
    Value: £3,269,323

    Project Start: 01/07/09   End: 30/09/10  
    The British Academy  
    Value: £7,380
PROGRAMME OF SOCIOLOGY SEMINARS FOR 2008-09:

Michaelmas 2008

10 October
Christel Lane
Emiritus Professor of Economic Sociology at the University of Cambridge and Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge
Fashion retailers in the global value chain: a comparative study of the social bases of their power

17 October
Ken Shadlen
Senior Lecturer in Development Studies at the LSE
The politics and patents of drugs in Brazil and Mexico: the industrial bases of health activism.

24 October
Duncan Gallie
Professor of Sociology at Oxford University and Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford
Employment regimes and the quality of Work in Europe

31 October
Anke Pagnol
Research Associate, Sociology Department, Cambridge University
Aspirations, attainments and satisfaction: life cycle differences between American women and men

7 November
Natalie Fenton
Reader in Media and Communications at Goldsmiths College, London
Waving or drowning? New media, news and democracy

14 November
Tony Bennett
Professor of Sociology at the Open University
Counting and seeing the social action of literary form: a critique of Franco Moretti’s sociology of literature

21 November
Antoine Hennion
Professor at the École des Mines, Centre de Sociologie de l’innovation
Sociology of attachment: taste as a pragmatic accomplishment

28 November
David Stuckler
Junior Research Fellow, Christ Church, Oxford
Mass privatisation and the post-communist mortality crisis

Lent 2009
January 16
**Lawrence King, Sociology Department, Cambridge**
The IMF AND TB in Postcommunism

January 23
**Professor Mark Thatcher, LSE**
Internationalisation and economic institutions

January 30
**Professor Vikki Bell, Goldsmiths**
Performativity Challenged? Performativity and the Return to Ontology in Cultural Theory

February 6
**Dr. Peter Dickens, University of Cambridge**
Cosmic Sociology: towards a sociology of the universe

February 13
**Professor James Curran, Goldsmiths**
New communications and old media

February 20
**Frens Kroeger, University of Cambridge**
What is inter-organizational trust?

February 27
**Jonathon Kennedy, University of Cambridge**
The political economy of peasant insurgency in contemporary India

March 13
**Dr. Veronique Mottier, University of Cambridge**
Gender, Sexuality, and the State: eugenic policy-making in comparative perspective

**Easter 2009**

April 24
**Dr. Anna Dimitrijevics, Queen’s College, Cambridge**
Attitudes to conflict and coexistence: survey findings from Serbia

May 1
**Professor Gary Fine, Northwestern University**
Honest Brokers: The Politics of Expertise and the ‘Loss of China’ in the Age of McCarthyism

May 15
**Prof Robin Mansell (LSE Media)**
New media and empowerment: is there a power shift?

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**STAFF RESEARCH INTERESTS AND PUBLICATIONS, 2008 – 2009**

**Dr Patrick Baert**
Social theory, philosophy of social science, American neo-pragmatism, the study of intellectual movements, the notion of public intellectuals, Existentialism in 1940s France.

Publications:


Information:

Patrick Baert gave a presentation at the conference of the European Sociological Association in Lisbon. He also gave a plenary talk at the ‘Science and Society’ conference, held at Cambridge. His first book - *Time, Self and Social Being* - has now been translated into Chinese.

**Dr Anna Bagnoli**
Gender and scientific careers; Young people’s lives and transitions; Identities, travel and migration; Qualitative methods, narrative and life story research, visual and mixed methods

Publications:

Edited journals

Articles in journals

Book chapters
Working papers
http://eprints.ncrm.ac.uk/558/


Conference papers:


Dr Robert Blackburn
Social inequality and the sociology of work. In relation to social inequality my prime interests are Stratification, gender and ethnicity. My current research on occupational gender segregation combines gender, stratification and work.

Publications:


Project:
Vertical and Horizontal Gender Segregation: Cross-National Comparison and Analysis
Funder; ESRC
Staff: Girts Racko
Associated Researcher: Jennifer Jarman, Singapore
Period: 1 July 2008 - 30 September 2009
The project explores the extent of occupational gender segregation in 30 industrial countries. It then examines the levels of the vertical and horizontal dimension of the segregation for sub-samples. The vertical dimension represents the degree of gender inequality and is measured by pay and by stratification (CAMSIS), while the horizontal dimension measures the extent of difference without inequality. Pay shows an advantage to men in 19 of the 20 countries with relevant data, while stratification shows an advantage to women in 16 of 17 countries. The project explores the social, economic and cultural reasons for national variations in the extent of segregation and its dimensions of inequality and difference. Papers on the research were presented at the BSA conference in Cardiff, the Stratification conference in Cambridge, and at Stirling University.

There has been extensive press interest in the research, both in Britain and abroad.

**Prof Georgina Born**

Cultural production, cultural politics and cultural institutions (high cultural, museums and media organizations); post-Bourdieuian cultural theory; post-Adornian critical theory; anthropological theory; mediation theory; ethnography; sociology and anthropology of music and art; modernism and postmodernism in music and art; music and technology, music and digitization; theories of the avant-garde; intellectual property, authorship, and creativity; media and cultural policy and media regulation; public service broadcasting; television – including documentary, drama, news and current affairs; genre; digitization and new media.

Publications:

Chapters in books


Information:

October 2008 on: Professorial Fellow, Girton College Cambridge.


March 2009: Visiting Professorship, University of Stockholm, Department of Social Anthropology (March).

2008-9: European Research Council, Advanced Investigator Grants, Deputy Chair and Member of Expert Review Panel SH5, ‘Cultures and Cultural Production’.

2008 on: Member of the International Advisory Board, *Musica Humana*. Korea.  
- Member of Royal Anthropological Institute, Publications Committee (continuing)  
- Media Officer, Association of Social Anthropologists of the Commonwealth (continuing): made formal approach to the regulator Ofcom regarding unethical practices in television production companies working in the ‘tribal reality’ genre.  
- Advisory Board, AHRC research grant, ‘Tuning In: Diasporic Contact Zones at BBC World Service’, AHRC Diasporas, Migration and Identities Research Programme (continuing).

- Gave papers and seminars as follows:
  
  
  
  

- Other papers given: University of Odense, Denmark; University of Cambridge, Dept. of Geography; Interdisciplinary Studies conference, London; University of Nottingham, Depts. Of Music and Geography; International Communications Association conference, Chicago; Kettle’s Yard, Conference on ‘On Not Knowing’, plenary paper.

**Dr Brendan Burchell**

Job insecurity and the effects of recessions; 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.

Publications:


Conferences and invited Papers:

I attended several meetings early in 2009 to prepare for the 2010 round of the European Working Conditions Survey, and presented a paper “The concept of “Precarité”: Adding Precariousness Measures to the EWCS (2010)”.

The paper *Job insecurity and stress*. Was presented at a symposium "The credit crunch: Gender equality in hard times, Queens’ College, University of Cambridge in March.

I was invited to present a paper to the International Labour Organisation in Geneva in May to present a seminar entitled *A missing link: How does flexicurity affect workers’ well-being?*

I was invited to make a presentation entitled “*Job Insecurity, its Measurement, and Future Developments*” to a fieldwork preparation meeting for the 2010 European Social Survey ‘Work, Family and wellbeing’ module.

Media coverage:

My presentation on ‘Job Insecurity, Gender and the Credit Crunch’ spurned dozens of newspaper articles in all the UK broadsheets and several tabloids, as well as several radio interviews. It was also covered by the media in the US, Canada, India, China and mainland Europe.

**Dr Peter Dickens**

Relationships between internal and external nature. How, as society interacts with the environment, is human identity changing? How in turn do new forms of identity influence society’s relationships with their environment? These questions have informed my research on the global environment and, most recently, on society’s interaction with the cosmos. Outer space is increasingly used for commerce, surveillance, the exercise of military power and (in due course) the acquisition of resources. Why is outer space being humanised? Who is benefiting? What are the implications for human society and personal identity?

Publications:


Dr David Fowler

The History and Sociology of Youth Culture; British Intellectuals and the 1960s; Media History; The History and Sociology of Student Movements

Publications:

Chapters in books


Books


Information:

In September 2009 I gave a Public Lecture as part of the University of Cambridge’s Alumni Weekend celebrating the 800th Anniversary. My theme was “Cambridge and the Global Student Revolts of the 1960s”, which forms a chapter of my new book on Student Politics and Activism in Twentieth Century Britain (forthcoming, 2010).

In August 2009 I was made an Affiliated Lecturer in the Department of Sociology.

In September 2008 I gave a paper at an International Conference held in Cambridge on “Beyond the Lecture Hall: Universities and Community Engagement from the Middle Ages to the present day”.

In September 2008 I gave a paper on “Rolf Gardiner, D.H. Lawrence and English Working-Class Culture Between the Wars” to the Twentieth Century Seminar, English Faculty, University of Cambridge.

In February 2008 I was interviewed by Professor Lawrie Taylor on BBC Radio 4’s “Thinking Allowed” about my new book, Youth Culture in Modern Britain (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008). I gave several other radio interviews during the year, including an interview to BBC Radio Wales about “The Beatles and their Cultural Legacy”.

Dr Geoffrey Ingham

Political Economy

Publication:
Ingham, Geoffrey (2008), Capitalism, Cambridge: Polity


**Dr Shireen Kanji**

My research has focussed on family structures, household organisation, ways of measuring material welfare and emerging forms of social stratification in post-Soviet Russia. I am particularly interested in the multifaceted relationships between production and reproduction in Russia, and in comparative contexts. My developing interests are in the relationships between state policies and household organisation, age group stratification and inequality in children’s households’ circumstances. In exploring these themes, I am employing quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis, with a particular interest in how new statistical techniques can be employed to explore sociological conceptualisations of stratification.

Publications:

**Journal**


**Working Paper**


Information:

Conferences

“Why do lone mothers in the UK receive lower wages and lower returns to higher education than partnered mothers?” Presented at the International Association of Feminist Economists Meeting in Boston, USA.

“What keeps mothers in full-time employment”, paper presented at the British Society for Population Studies’ annual meeting in Southampton, UK.

Research grants during the Academic year

On 1st October 2008 I commenced a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship for a project entitled “Mothers as Agents.” The fellowship is co-funded by the Newton Trust.
Dr Lawrence King
Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Comparative Political Economy, Political Economy of Health, Sociology of Development, Comparative Historical Sociology, Postcommunist Transition, Methodology, Sociological Theory, Complex Organizations

Publications


Presentations:


“Mass Privatization and the Postcommunist Mortality Crisis” Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA, April 2, 2009.


“Mass Privatization and the Postcommunist Mortality Crisis” School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, February 3, 2009.

“The Problem of the Political Power of Oligopolies: private planning in the pharmaceutical sector” at the Intellectual Property Rights seminar on Orphan Drugs, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, November 18, 2008.


**Professor Christel Lane**
Michelin-Starred Restaurants as a Cultural Industry; Global Value Chains/Production Networks in the Clothing Industry; Varieties of Capitalism analysis, with special reference to Germany and the UK.

Publication:
National Capitalisms, Global Production Networks. Fashioning the Value Chain in the UK, USA, and Germany. OUP 2009.

With Jocelyn Probert

Conference/Invited Papers:

The above book was discussed by an ‘Author Meets Critics’ panel at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Paris, July 2009.

Presented a paper on ‘Fashion Retailers in the Value Chain’ to the research seminar of the Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge. October 2008.


Doctoral Students:

My former doctoral student, Dr. Nahee Kang (PhD in 2008), was appointed to a lectureship in the Institute of Development Policy and Management at the University of Manchester, to start in October 2009.

**Dr David Lane**

David Lane continued work in two main research areas: the coloured revolutions in post-Soviet space and the effects of the global economic crisis on the post-socialist states. He was awarded a British Academy research award to study the consequences of the coloured revolution in Ukraine in comparison with Russia, and in July 2009 he conducted focus groups in Moscow and Kiev. He continued teaching on the
M.Phil in Russian Studies: he participated in its core course and he also taught one module on the transformation of state socialism.

Publications:

With Stephen White he edited an edition of Communist Studies and Transition Politics on Rethinking the “Coloured Revolutions”, in which he contributed to the introduction and one paper (detailed below). He also wrote a chapter and edited (with Andrew Gamble) a book on The European Union and World Politics (see below). With Heinz Fassmann and Max Haller, he worked on a collection of papers and wrote part of the introduction to a book (Migration and Mobility in Europe - Trends, Patterns and Control) which will be published in the autumn of 2009. An earlier work, Leninism: A Sociological Interpretation, was republished by Cambridge University Press.

‘Russia’s Transition to Capitalism: The Rise of a World Power?’ in The European Union and World Politics: Consensus and Division, edited by Andrew Gamble and David Lane, Palgrave/Macmillan 2009. (pp. 58-78).


He spoke at a number of conferences and workshops on the effects of the economic crisis on the post-communist states, the study of elites, and coloured revolutions which are detailed below.

Research Grants Received:

British Academy, ‘Why Was there a Coloured Revolution in Ukraine, but not in Russia’? January 2009.

Lectures and Papers Presented:

‘Coloured Revolutions as a Political Phenomenon’, Conference of AAASS, Philadelphia, November 2008. Also acted as discussant to a panel on Russian Energy.


‘Post Socialist States in the System of Global Capitalism: A Comparative Perspective’, to International conference at Tallinn University on Comparative perspectives of development experiences in South America and Eastern Europe: Development and semi-periphery, Tallinn, Estonia, October 9th-10th of 2008


‘Trajectories of Change from State Socialism’ to conference organised at Shandong University, Jinan, China and also gave two other lectures. March 2009.


Participated in the Changing Europe Summer School, Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe before and after the End of Socialism, Kiev, organised by the Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen. 27-31 July.

He also took part the Summer School of the Taras Shevchenko University of Kiev, Comparison as Research Method in Sociology and Approaches to the Teaching of European Societies, Crimea, Ukraine, September 2009.

Dr David Lehmann
The diffusion of multiculturalism in Latin America (in particular Mexico, Peru and Brazil); Secularism and the need to reappraise its conceptual and institutional underpinnings

Publications:

‘Religion and globalization’ in Linda Woodhead, Hiroko Kawanemi and Christopher Partridge (eds.): Religions in the Modern World, Routledge, 2008 (also published in Portuguese in Desigualdade e diversidade, the online Social Science journal of the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro ; no. 4, January-June 2009)

http://publique.rdc.puc-rio.br/desigualdadediversidade/cgi/cgilua.exe/sys/start.htm?tpl=
L’économie miraculeuse de la religion : essai sur le capital social”, Social Compass, 55, 4, December 2008

Academic activities:

From March to August 2009 I was a Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, working with a Study Group on Citizenship in Latin America.

During November and December 2008 I was in Brazil working on the Multiculturalism project and conducting interviews in the country’s three main cities.

Papers presented at conferences and workshops:


‘From multiculturalism to interculturalidad’ Centre for Latin American Studies, Oxford, February 2009


Research grants:

The Religion and Secularism Network (part of the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society programme) continued to hold seminars and will hold a concluding workshop in October 2009 in Cambridge.

Work continues on ‘Multiculturalism in Latin America’ – funded by the British Academy.

Graduate students:

The following students have completed theses under my supervision, and been awarded their doctorates:

Eugenia Mesaritou
Martín Mendoza
Hala Mahmoud (completed – to be examined in November)
Andrew Webb (completed – to be examined in October)
Reza Hasmath

Martín Mendoza holds a post-doctoral position at Tulane University, New Orleans.

Dr Mirca Madianou
The social and political impact of mediated communication; the relationship between media and identities, particularly in a national and transnational context; new media and migration; the study of
audiences and consumption with particular reference to news and ICTs (internet and mobile phones); mediation and emotion.

Publications:

Chapter in Book

Book

Information:
Research Trips
I spent the winter 2008/9 conducting fieldwork in the Philippines as part of my ESRC grant on Migration, ICTs and Transnational Families.

Keynotes and Conference Papers:

In January 2009 I was invited to give a Plenary Lecture entitled ‘The Boundary Making Role of the Media’ at the conference on Transnationalism, Identity and Communications, Ateneo de Manila University.


Research Grants:

I am 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. Together with my collaborator, Prof. Daniel Miller (UCL), we 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 and also in the Philippines and Trinidad. The grant runs to December 2010.

**Dr. Véronique Mottier**

Social and political theory; historical and political sociology; gender, sexuality and ‘race’; welfare states and social exclusion; and qualitative research methods, especially discourse and narrative analysis

Publications:


Presentations:


Delivered a paper on ‘Gender, Sexuality and the State: Eugenic Policy-Making in Comparative Perspective’, Staff seminar series, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, 31 March 2009.


Conference organization:

Organiser of ‘Sexuality Study Day’ during which 16 fellows of Jesus College discussed shared research interests in sexuality. Jesus College, Cambridge, 22 June 2009.

Media coverage:
Global Television Network CURRENT TV founded by Al Gore: interviewed for episodes 1 and 14 of a television documentary titled ‘This is gonna sound a bit gay.’; broadcast July 2009.


Other activities:

Completed 8-year stint as member of the Swiss national Expert Committee on Social Exclusion (2001-2009); Académie suisse des sciences humaines et sociales: Member of working group on ‘quality standards in qualitative research’, co-authored a report on this topic to the Swiss Science Council; Member of Expert Committee of Swiss research network *Gender Health*; Appointed to International Advisory Board of Dutch *Tijdschrift voor Gender Studies*; continued further scientific activities as part-time Professor in Sociology at University of Lausanne.

**Dr Jane Nolan**

Economic sociology; Comparative analysis; Globalization and institutional change; Kinship networks; Social networks and social capital; Work intensification and job insecurity

Journal Articles:


Research trips:

Four months of fieldwork undertaken in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing interviewing senior executives in the financial sector.

Current research grants:

Nuffield Foundation New Career Fellowship (with Professor Malcolm Warner)

An investigation of the social networks of foreign and local financial experts in Hong Kong and Shanghai
October 2007 – September 2010 £149,938

In broad terms we are studying the role of western banks in the reform of financial institutions in mainland China. We are investigating two questions: first, how foreign institutions seek to impose formal, internationally-accepted business norms in their relationships with Chinese institutions, and second: how
individual foreign bankers adapt to local, informal norms of business behaviour, specifically the degree to which they attempt to develop personal relationships to manage administrative and commercial relationships. The research contributes to theoretical debates on agency processes in institutional change.

**Dr Anke Plagnol**
Subjective well-being; Gender equality; Life course studies; Applied microeconomics

Publications:


Plagnol, A.C., Rowley, E., Martin, P. and Livesey, F. (2009), "Industry perceptions of the barriers to commercialization of regenerative medicine products in the UK", Regenerative Medicine, 4(4), 549-559.

Information:

Papers presented at conferences

"Measuring work life balance in comparative social surveys"
Third Conference of the European Survey Research Association, Warsaw, Poland, July 2009

"The balancing act between work and family life: Gender differences in perceptions of work life conflict and satisfaction"
Bi-annual conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies, Florence, Italy, July 2009

"The balancing act between work and family life across Europe: Gender differences in perceptions of work life conflict"
9th European Sociological Association conference, Lisbon, Portugal, September 2009

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

**Dr Pia Schober**
Family life and the labour market, gender inequalities, comparative family policy, and quantitative research methods

Grants awarded:
Project title: The Gender Division of Domestic Work, Parenthood, and Relationship Quality: Disseminating Theoretical and Social Implications

Principal Investigator: Pia Schober

Funder: ESRC (Post Doctoral Fellowship)

Project Start – End Dates: 01 June 2009 – 30 May 2010

The primary aim of the fellowship is to publish and disseminate the findings of Pia Schober’s PhD thesis entitled “From Partners to Parents: The Gender Division of Domestic Work, Parenthood, and Relationship Quality of British Couples” The thesis explores changes in the division of paid and domestic work when British couples become parents and variations between different groups. It also provides the first UK evidence whether the increase in gender inequality that often occurs may be an obstacle to childbearing and relationship quality of new parents in the context of trends towards more egalitarian gender role identities but lagging practice. Based on statistical analyses of the British Household Panel Survey, the thesis finds that despite emergence of some egalitarian trends, relatively traditional practice and expectations seem to persist among new parents. It argues that the gendered UK policy context also favours more traditional arrangements around parenthood.

Conference presentations from start of the fellowship to Sep 09:

Social Policy Association 2009 Conference, 29 June -1 July, Edinburgh

Title of Paper: The parenthood effect: what explains the increase in gender inequality when British couples become parents?

BHPS 2009 Conference, 9-11 July, Colchester

Title of Paper: Relationship quality with pre-school children: How domestic work matters to her, him, and them

European Sociological Association 2009 Conference, 3-6 September, Lisbon

Title of Paper: Explaining the parenthood effect on gender inequality among British couples

Social Stratification Research Seminar, 9-10 September 2009, Cambridge

Title of Paper: Can women have it all? Social group differences in the parenthood effect re-examined

Professor Jacqueline Scott
Changing family and household structures; inter-generational relations; changing gender roles; generational shifts in attitudes and behaviours and ageing across the life course

Research Grants:

2008-9 EU Practising Gender Equality in Science (PRAGES) - 120K Euro

Publications:


Conference organization:

8th December 2009

Gender Equality in Paid and Unpaid Work
Church House Conference Centre, London

The conference will present and discuss the latest evidence on gender (in)equality in paid and unpaid work. Our audience will include academics, policy makers, pressure groups, practitioners and third-sector workers who are concerned about the current gender imbalance in paid and unpaid work. Our aim is to identify short-term and longer-term priorities for policy intervention, and to discuss realistic strategies for promoting greater equalities.

9th November 2009
Practising Gender Equality in Science (Prages)
University of Manchester

26-27 March 2009

Gender Inequalities in the 21st Century, Queens’ College, University of Cambridge
This conference presented the research findings from the projects participating in the ESRC Gender Equality Network

Friday, 6 March 2009

The Credit Crunch: Gender Equality in Hard Times Queens’ College Cambridge

Conference Presentations:

2008 Plenary speaker ‘Quantitative methods in feminist research’. Feminism Counts Conference, Warwick University


Media coverage:


Jan 2009 Gender equality in modern times
Article about GeNet in Research Horizons (January 2009, Issue 8). The largest multidisciplinary research network of its kind in the UK is investigating why gender equality is still a pressing social issue in the 21st century

Britain in 2009
Britain in 2009 showcases the diversity of ESRC-funded research around the state of the nation in 2009. The magazine includes article on Happiness: How being a man or a woman makes a difference (page 100) describes research by Jacqueline Scott, Jane Nolan and Anke Plagnol.

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

Publications:
Journal
Capital Cities and the Contested Role ion the Life of Nations, (introduction, with K.C. Ho, of guest-edited section), *City* 13:1 (March 2009), 53-62
The killing fields of inequality, *Soundings* no. 42 (Summer 2009). pp. 20-33

Chapter in book
Roads to modernity, revolutionary and other, Foreword to J. Foran et al. (eds.), *Revolution in the Making of the Modern World*, London, Routledge
Ojamlikheter pa vagen [Ways of Inequality], E. Fasth and S. Lundberg (eds.), *En vanbok till Gunnar Olofsson*, Vaxjo, Vaxjo University Press, 2009

Book
*From Marxism to Postmarxism?* London, Verso, 2008

Information:
International Research Advisor, Brazilian research program on Violence, inequality and human rights, September 2009

Research Grant:

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

Publications:

Information:
Delivered the Norbert Lechner Memorial Lectures, Diego Portales University, Santiago de Chile (May 2009).

Visiting Professor at the Communication University of China, Beijing, where I taught a graduate course on Contemporary Media Theory (September 2009).

Research Grants:
I held an ESRC grant for research on ‘Concentration and Innovation in the Book Publishing Industry’ (2005-2008), for which I was 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. I carried out fieldwork in London and New York between 2005 and 2008, conducting more than 250 interviews with publishers, editors, agents, booksellers and authors, and in 2008 I completed a draft text that was submitted to the ESRC as part of the End of Award Report. The Report was awarded the top grade – Outstanding – by the ESRC. A book based on the research, Merchants of Culture, will be
published in 2010. It will be the first major study for more than thirty years of the world of trade publishing and the making of bestsellers.

**Dr Peggy Watson**

Dr Watson’s research interests lie broadly in political sociology, feminist theory and the sociology of health and illness. She is interested in researching and theorising the political, cultural, social, and economic contexts that inform competing understandings of concepts such as citizenship, class and gender that have become key in the narration of transition to capitalist democracy after state socialism. She also works on the effects of neoliberal transformations on post-communist health and health care, and since 1991 has been carrying out a long-term study of transition in Nowa Huta/Kraków. PhD applications in related areas are welcome.

Publications:


Information:

British Academy Grant awarded for project entitled: *Critical Condition: Mental Health and Civil Society in Transitional Europe*.

Research trip to Poland April 2009; interviews in Warsaw, Łódź, and Włocławek.


Current Research Grants:

I am currently Principal Investigator on the following research project funded by the British Academy: *Critical Condition? Mental Health and Civil Society in Transitional Europe* (1 July 2009-30 September 2010).

**Dr Darin Weinberg**

Darin’s research focuses primarily on the practical purposes to which concepts of addiction, mental illness, and learning disability are applied in various historical and contemporary contexts. He is particularly interested in how these concepts figure in state sponsored campaigns of social welfare and
social control, and in what their uses reveal about how and why people distinguish the social and natural forces held to govern human behaviour. Beyond these specific research interests, Darin is also more broadly interested in social theory, the sociology of science, sociology of health and illness, and qualitative research methodologies.

Publications:

Journal articles


Information:


Appointed to the editorial boards of Social Psychology Quarterly and Qualitative Research