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Department of Sociology

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REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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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 2008-9, 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

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:

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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)

A Level Essay Competition:

Musings on marriage and software piracy win students trip to Cambridge

4 November 2008



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. It's 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. It's 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.

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SOCIOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS, 2008-09

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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).

MPHIL MODERN SOCIETY AND GLOBAL TRANSFORMATIONS

Name	Dissertation Title	Supervisor
Ablett, Elizabeth	The military-industrial complex in space programmes: is it developing in the EU?	P Dickens
Akram, Hassan	The Sociology of Neo-liberal Transformation - A comparative study	A Gamble
Altenburg, Molly	CityDance and the Field of Subsidized Arts in the United States: Modifying Bourdieu to account for political capital and aesthetics	G Born

Bachmann, Anna	Private writing in a public place: online diaries, self disclosure and mediated communication	J Thompson
Bhandari, Parul	Marriage and the internet in India	M Madianou
Boston, Caitlin	The Phenomena of Food Blogging	P Watson
Craft, Ashley	Ideal Romance, idle Romance: Love, Sex, and Relationships in a Virtual World	M Madianou
Dimmock, Alexandra	From Breadwinning to Babysitting: An exploratory study of stay-at-home Dad's experiences'	B Burchell
Eule, Tobias	Immigration law - a street level approach	G Therborn
Fourman, Mitchell	Through the Watch's Eyes - The Job Culture of the Cambridgeshire Paid Fire Service	P Baert
Fuller, Martin	Creative practices: emerging artists in Berlin's field of contemporary art	G Therborn
Gittins, Magnus	---	C Lane
Goulden, Robert	The limits of the new media: how Arab satellite news covers economic issues	G Born
Greisokh, Eugene	The State Theory of Money Revisited: Testing the New State Theory on the Emergence of Central Banks in England and the United States	G Ingham
Gruen, Andrew	The development of citizen journalism	J Thompson
Hinz, Philipp	One-time transition? Always transition! Trajectories of the new East German leadership 20 years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall	D Lane
Ibrahim, Tamara	Harm reduction and the news media: the supervised injection facility debate in cross-national comparison	D Weinberg
Khimani, Zulfiqar	Consuming television in Pakistan: a study of recetion among low-income communities in Sindh, Pakistan	J Thompson
Lee, Shih-Jung	Culture difference as a moderator of job insecurity and its reaction	B Burchell
Perenlei, Onon	The July 2008 Protest Movement in Mongolia	D Lane
Piasna, Agnieszka	The language of flexicurity: study of social dialogue on retirement in Poland	J Scott
Robinson, Sara	Canadian Academics: Exploring the Gender Gap	R Blackburn
Tao, Yu	Intermediate Organisations and Collective Petitions in Chinese Villages: A quantitative study based on large-scale cross-provincial survey data'	J Nolan
Van Der Neut, Paul	Change and continuity on the south coast: young people, identity, consumerism and employment	R Blackburn

Xie, Sujuan	Political Connections and Financial Performance: evidence from China's publicly listed Small and Medium Enterprises.	L King
Zayim, Ayca	Changing politics of property in urban land: a case study of Istanbul	G Therborn

NEW PHD STUDENTS 2008-9

Name	Thesis Title	Supervisor
BOLZONARO, Fabio	Catholicism and the Welfare State. The Role of Catholic Organizations in the French and Italian Welfare State	G Therborn
DUSCHINSKY, Robert	The Politics of Purity: Towards a Social Theory'	P Baert
GOMEZ-MARTINEZ, Osvaldo	"Third World" Socio-Economic Urban Development through Policies Formalizing <i>De Facto</i> Property Rights: The Case of Lima, Peru	L King
GUMY, Julia	The relation between personal debt problems and the transition to poverty: a longitudinal analysis comparing Britain and Luxembourg	B Burchell
GUO, Liang	The Economic Contribution of Venture Capital	L King
HASHEMITABA, Seyed	Irrational Body, Embodied Emotions, and Emotional Rationality: An Exploration in Social Theory	P Baert
JURN, Katrina	The Real Consequences of the Virtual Economy: Global Finance's Environmental Impact on Offshore Financial Centres	L King
KENNEDY, Jonathan	The Political Economy of Conflict between the State and Indigenous People in India	L King
KORN, David	Environmental and Ecological Factors in the Political Economy of China's Transition to Capitalism	L King
KRAPELS, Joachim	Institutional Upheaval, on the dynamics of institutional change and transformation	G Therborn
LEE, Huang A	Colonial Modernity in Three Colonial Capitals in East Asia	G Therborn
MICHAEL, Marc	Microdebt, gender and social capital: assessing the social impact of microfinance in Egypt and Senegal	L King
O'NEILL, Christopher	The economic and social impact of Poland's program of mass privatization	D Lane
TO, Sandy	Ethnic Chinese Women and Men's Views on Marriage, Mating Preferences, and the Workplace as a Potential Site for Meeting Potential Partners	J Nolan

GRADUATE PUBLICATIONS

Jodie Allen

Allen, J.T. Dr. Darin Weinberg Presented *22-24th June 2009* 'I have this story to tell and in its telling I break a secret code': Listening to the narratives of eating disorder memoirs. The 3rd Annual Narrative Practitioner Conference: Narrative, Health & Social Justice. Keele University, UK

Chris Bunn

Wood, M. and C. Bunn (2009). "Strategy in a Religious Network: A Bourdieuan Critique of the Sociology of Spirituality." *Sociology* **43**(2): 1-18.

Lazarus Goutas

Goutas, L. & Lane, C. (2009) 'The Translation of Shareholder Value in the German Business System: A Comparative Study of DaimlerChrysler and Volkswagen AG', *Competition & Change*, Vol.13, No.4, 327-346.

Thorsten Jelinek

Jelinek, T. 2009 Organisational Change as Emancipatory Struggle: The Limits of Thinking Organisational Becoming. *The International Journal of Knowledge, Culture, & Change Management*, Volume 9(1), 39-47

Jonathan Corpus Ong

1. Ong, J.C. (2009). "Where Is the Cosmopolitan? Locating Cosmopolitanism in Media and Cultural Studies."

Media, Culture and Society, 31(3): 449-466.

2. Ong, J.C. (2009). "Watching the Nation, Singing the Nation: London-based Filipino Migrants' Identity Constructions in News and Karaoke."

Communication, Culture and Critique, 2(2): 160-181.

3. Ong, J.C. (2008). "The Television of Politics, The Politics of Television: Reviewing the Relationship between Television and Public Engagement." *Journal of Media and Cultural Politics*, 4(3): 391-396.

4. Ong, J.C. (2008). "Children Watching Children: How Filipino Children Represent and Receive News Images of Suffering." *Philippine Sociological Review*, 56.

My conference presentations:

1. Ong, J.C. "On Cosmopolitanism, Media and Migration." Paper presented at 2nd Annual Pacific Worlds in Motion Conference. National University of Singapore, June 2009. Supervisor: Dr Mirca Madianou.

2. Ong, J.C. "Distance and Displacement in Political Engagement: The Public Connection of Filipino Students in the UK." Paper presented at Boundaries and Belongings: Conference on Migration, Transnationalism and Identity. Ateneo de Manila University, January 2009. Supervisor: Dr Mirca Madianou.

APPROVED FOR THE PHD IN 2008-9

Name	Thesis Title	Supervisor
Cheung, Kit	Institutions, State-Society Relations, and the Development of the Information Technology Industry: Hong Kong and Singapore	C Lane
Hasmath, Reza	The Management of Ethinc Difference in Mixed Communities. Case Study: Beijing and Toronto	D Lehmann
Kamerade, Daiga	Changes in Employment-Related Time Use and Activity in Voluntary Associations	B Burchell
Mendoza, Martin	Decentralisation, Social Capital and Social Change in the Andes: the Case of Bolivia	D Lehmann
Mesaritou, Evgenia	The Dialectics of the Sacred: Institutionalization, Power and Transformation of Padre Pio's Charima at the Shrine of Santa Maria delle Grazie	D Lehmann
Peers, Eleanor	Print, Power and Personhood: Newspapers and Ethnic Identity in East Siberia	D Lane
Rivers-Moore, Megan	Getting Ahead in Gringo Gulch: Transnational Sex Tourism in Costa Rica	S Radcliffe
Shimada, Uta	The conceptions of 'career' for managers in London and Tokyo: A discourse analytic approach	B Burchell
Stuckler, David	Social Causes of Post-Communist Mortality: A Macro-Sociological Analysis	L King

Tam, Chen	Intergenerational Class Reproduction and Dissolution of the Chinese Socialist Industrial Working Class: 1979 to 2005	R Blackburn
Walker, Susan	The Effect of Gendered Body Image upon Contraceptive Outcomes	J Mitchell

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

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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.

Jelinek, T. 2009. "Organisational change as emancipatory struggle: The limits of thinking organisational becoming", *International Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Change Management* 9(1): 39-47.

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).

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 Skinns (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
4. ***David Lehmann: Secularism: A Reappraisal of Institutional Arrangements for Religious Regulation***
Project Start: 01/10/07 End: 30/11/09
AHRC
Value: £25,338
5. ***David Lehmann: Multiculturalism in Latin America***

Project Start: 01/07/06 End: 31/12/09
The British Academy
Value: £75,558

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

12. *Peggy Watson: Critical Condition? Mental Health and Civil Society in Transnational Europe*

Project Start: 01/07/09 End: 30/09/10
The British Academy
Value: £7,380

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PROGRAMME OF SOCIOLOGY SEMINARS FOR 2008-09:

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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 Dimitrijevic, 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:

Baert, P. (2009) “A neo-pragmatist agenda for social research; integrating Levinas, Gadamer and Mead”, in H. Bauer and E.Brighi (eds), *Pragmatism in International Relations*, pp. 44-62, London: Routledge.

Baert, P. and Dominguez Rubio, F. (2009) “Philosophy of the Social Sciences”, in B.S. Turner (ed) *Blackwell Companion to Social Theory*, pp. 60-80. Oxford: Blackwell / John Wiley & Sons.

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

Bagnoli, A. and Ketokivi, K. (2009) (eds.) ‘At a Crossroads: Contemporary Lives between Fate and Choice’, *European Societies*, special issue, 11 (3).

Articles in journals

Bagnoli, A. (2009) ‘On an Introspective Journey’: Identities and Travel in Young People’s Lives’, *European Societies*, special issue, 11(3), 325-345.

Book chapters

Bagnoli, A. (2009) ‘Researching Identities with Multi-method Autobiographies’, in B. Harrison *Life Story Research*, Sage Benchmarks in Social Research Methods, London, Sage, 376-397. Originally published in *Sociological Research Online*, 9(2).

Prosser, J. and Bagnoli, A. (2009) ‘Exploring Young People’s Lives: Using Visual Methods within a Qualitative Longitudinal Research Study’, in M. Martha Lengeling (ed.) *Selection of Articles from the Second International Qualitative Research Conference*, Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico, Imprenta Universitaria.

Working papers

Bagnoli, A. (2009) 'Beyond the Standard Interview: the Use of Graphic Elicitation and Arts-based Methods', Realities Working Paper n.12, University of Manchester.

<http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/realities/publications/workingpapers/12-2009-03-realities-beyond-standard-interview.pdf>

<http://eprints.ncrm.ac.uk/558/>

Wiles, R., Prosser, J., Bagnoli, A., Clark, A., Davies, K., Holland S., Renold, E. (2008) 'Visual Ethics: Ethical Issues in Visual Research', ESRC National Centre for Research Methods Review Paper.

<http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/research/outputs/publications/methodsreview/MethodsReviewPaperNCRM-011.pdf>

<http://eprints.ncrm.ac.uk/421/1/MethodsReviewPaperNCRM-011.pdf>

Conference papers:

Bagnoli, A. and Scott, J. (2009) *Gender differences in young people's aspirations for their future*, presented at the 'Social Stratification Research Seminar', Department of Sociology, PPSIS Faculty, University of Cambridge, 10 September.

Bagnoli, A. (2009) *Studying young people's identities through collage*, presented at the BSA Youth Study Group Seminar 'New methodological challenges in youth research', University of Southampton, 12 June.

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:

Blackburn, R. M., Racko, G. and Jarman, J. (2009) 'Gender Inequality at Work in Industrial Countries' *Cambridge Studies in Social Research 11*, Cambridge: Social Science Research Group.

Blackburn, R. M. (2009) 'Measuring Occupational Segregation and its Dimensions of Inequality and Difference', *Cambridge Studies in Social Research 12*, Cambridge: Social Science Research Group.

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-Bourdieuan 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

Born, G. (2009), 'Afterword: Recording - from reproduction to representation to remediation?', in N. Cook et al (eds.), *The Cambridge Companion to Recorded Music*, pp. 286-304, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Born, G. (2009), 'Mediating the public sphere: Digitisation, pluralism, and communicative democracy', in C. J. Emden and D. Midgley (eds.) *Changing Perceptions of the Public Sphere*, London and New York: Berghahn.

Born, G. (2009), 'A digitalisere demokratiet', in R. Puijk (ed.), *Fjernsyn i digitale omgivelser*, pp. 197-226, Kristiansand, Norway: Ij-Forlaget.

Information:

October 2008 on: Professorial Fellow, Girton College Cambridge.

November 2008: Awarded the Dent Medal of the Royal Musical Association.

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: Chairman, Social Sciences and Humanities Expert Panel, *Weiner*

Wissenschafts-, Forschungs- und Technologiefonds (WWTF), Vienna, Austria.

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:

Nov 2008 - Norwegian Media Research Association annual conference: keynote, Lillehammer.

Nov 2008 - International conference, University of Copenhagen, ‘Digital Art in the Age of Pervasive Computing’: keynote.

Dec 2008 - Dent Medal, Royal Musical Association, and Institute for Music Research, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of London: keynote lecture.

Jan 2009 - Royal Musical Association Research Students’ Conference: keynote.

- 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:

Smith, M. Burchell, B.J. Fagan, C. & O’Brien, C. (2008) *Job quality in Europe*. *Industrial Relations Journal* 39(6), 585–602

Burchell, B.J., Allen, R.P., Miller, J.K., Hening, W.A. & Earley, C.J. (2009) *RLS and blood donation* *Sleep Medicine*, 10(8), 844-849.

Burchell, B.J. (2009) *Flexicurity as a moderator of the relationship between job insecurity and psychological well-being*. Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society Advance Access published on August 6, 2009. doi:10.1093/cjres/rsp021

Allen, R.P., Burchell, B.J., MacDonald, B., Hening, W.A. & Earley, C.J. (2009) *Validation of the self-completed Cambridge-Hopkins questionnaire (CH-RLSq) for ascertainment of restless legs syndrome (RLS) in a population survey* In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 4 February 2009

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’ spurred 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:

Dickens, P. (2009) ‘Cognitive Capitalism and Species Being’ in Moog, S., Stones, R. (eds) *Nature, Social Relations and Human Needs*. Essays in Honour of Ted Benton. pp.107-127. London, Palgrave Macmillan.

Dickens, P. (2009) ‘Outer space as capitalism's outside’ in Parker, M., Bell, D.(eds) *Space Travel and Culture*. From Apollo to Space Tourism. pp.66-82. London, Wiley-Blackwell.

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

Fowler, D., (2008) "From 'Danny the Red' to British Student Power: Labour and the international student revolts of the 1960s" in P. Corthorn and J. Davis (eds), *The British Labour Party and the Wider World: Domestic Politics, Internationalism and Foreign Policy*, pp.167-189, London: New York, I.B. Tauris.

Fowler, D. (2008) "From the Juke Box Boys to Revolting Students: Richard Hoggart and the study of British Youth Culture" in S. Owen (ed), *Richard Hoggart and Cultural Studies*, pp.105-122, Basingstoke, Hampshire: New York, Palgrave Macmillan.

Books

Fowler, D. (2008), *Youth Culture in Modern Britain, c.1920-c.1970: From Ivory Tower to Global Movement-A New History*, pp.320, Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan.

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

Papers presented on the theory of money in Berlin and Paris.

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

Kanji, Shireen. (2009), "Age group conflict or cooperation? Children and pensioners in Russia in crisis", *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, Vol 29, No 7/8

Working Paper

Wang, L., Kanji, S. and Bandyopadhyay, S. (2009) "The Health Impact of Extreme Weather Events in Sub-Saharan Africa". World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Series, WPS4979. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1428626>

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

“The New Economic Sociology of FDI -- still much to be done.” *Socio-Economic Review*. Forthcoming 2009: 10-15.

Lawrence King, David Stuckler and Patrick Hamm “Rapid Large-Scale Privatization and Death Rates in Ex-Communist Countries: an analysis of stress-related and health system mechanisms.” (with 2009. *International Journal of Health Services*. Volume 39 (3): 461-489.

“Mass privatisation and the post-communist mortality crisis: a cross-national analysis” (with David Stuckler and Martin McKee). 2009. *The Lancet*. Jan. 31, Vol. 373, No. 9661: 399-407.

“WHO’s budgetary allocations and burden of disease: a comparative analysis?” (with David Stuckler, Helen Robinson, and Martin McKee). *The Lancet*. 2008. 372: 1563-69.

“Mass incarceration can explain population increases in tuberculosis and multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in European and central Asian countries.” (with David Stuckler, Martin McKee, and Sanjay Basu). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. September 2008, 105(36): 13280-5.

“International Monetary Fund programs and tuberculosis outcomes in post-communist countries.” (with David Stuckler and Sanjay Basu). *Public Library of Science Medicine* 2008: 5: e143.doi: 10.1371/journal.pmed.0050143. [Pp.1-12].

Presentations:

Keynote lecture of The 23rd Research Seminar of the Managing Economic Transition Network, “Mass Privatization and the Postcommunist Mortality Crisis” University of Brighton Business School. May 8, 2009.

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

“Mass Privatization and the Postcommunist Mortality Crisis” Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge, February 24, 2009.

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

“The IMF and TB in European Postcommunist Countries.” Cambridge Sociology Seminar, University of Cambridge, January 16, 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.

“Mass Privatization and the Postcommunist Mortality Crisis” November 4, 2008. International Institute for Society and Health, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London.

“The Economic, Political and Health Consequences of Different Ways of Making Private Property” October 10, 2008. Paper presented at the conference on the Comparative Analysis of Latin America and Eastern Europe, at the University of Tallinn.

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.

Presented a paper at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Paris, July 2009 on ‘The Michelin-Starred Restaurant Sector as a Cultural Industry: A Cross-National Comparison of Restaurants in Britain and Germany.’

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).

'"Coloured Revolution" as a Political Phenomenon', *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, June 2009. 25:2,113 - 135.

'Global Capitalism and the Transformation of State Socialism' *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 44, June 2009 pp.:97-117. Russian Version, Mirovoy kapitalizm i transformatsiya gosudarstvennogo sotsializma, *Mir Rossii*, 2009, No 1, pp.47-73

'The Orange Revolution: 'People's Revolution' or Revolutionary Coup?' *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, November 2008 vol. 10, 525-549

Leninism: A Sociological Interpretation. Cambridge University Press, 2009 (Republication).

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.

'Russian Energy: Curse of Benefit' at Harvard University, November 2008.

‘European and Central Asian Trajectories of Change from State Socialism’ to International Conference on Korea and East Asia: Transformation of Socialist Systems. University of Vienna, 13-14 February 2009.

‘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

‘Socialist States in the World Economic System’, International Conference on Transitions – Transformations: Trajectories of Social, Economic and Political Change after Communism. University of Jena, 3 July 2009.

‘Study of elites in the Process of Economic and Political Transformations from State Socialism’, ESRC Seminar Series: Studying Elites: Theory, Evidence and Practice. Manchester April 2009.

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

‘Post-Socialist Countries and the World Economy: The Impact of Global Financial Crisis’, to international conference on Neo-Liberalism and the Global Financial Crisis, Shandong University, 17-19 May, 2009.

‘Post Socialist States in the World System and the Effects of the Global Economic Crisis’, Taras Shevchenko University, Kiev, 16 September 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 :

'Intercultural Universities in Mexico' at a Workshop entitled 'Contesting Liberal Citizenship in Jerusalem, July 2009.

'From multiculturalism to *interculturalidad*' Centre for Latin American Studies, Oxford, February 2009

'Ultra-Orthodox Jewish marriage' International Society for the Sociology of Religion, Santiago de Compostela, July 2009. (the paper will appear in the European Journal of Sociology, December 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

Madianou, M. (2008) 'Audience reception and news in everyday life'. In Wahl-Jorgensenn, K. and Hanitzsch, T. (eds.) *Handbook of Journalism Studies*, pp. 325-357, New York: Routledge.

Book

Madianou, M (2008) *Εθνος, Ταυτότητες και Τηλεόραση στη Σύγχρονη Ελλάδα: Μελέτη στη Θεωρία της Διαμεσολάβησης*. [Nation, identities and television in contemporary Greece: a study on the theory of mediation]. Athens: Patakis [In Greek].

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.

Madianou, M. (2009) 'Mediation, symbolic power and the emotions of recognition', Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, May 2009. The paper was part of a panel I organized on Mediation and Emotion.

Madianou, M. (2009) 'Politics of Disrespect, Ethics of Care: towards a normative framework of mediated multiculturalism? Paper presented at the Media Ethics Preconference, International Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, May 2009.

Madianou, M. (2009) 'News as a looking glass: shame and mediated exposure'. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, May 2009.

Madianou, M. and Miller, D. (2009) 'Parenting from a Distance. Media Debt and Cosmology amongst Filipino Transnational Families'. Paper presented at the Diasporic Encounters Conference, University of Keele, June 2009.

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:

Gerodetti, N. and Mottier, V. (Eds.) (2009) *Feminist Politics of Reproduction*. Special Issue of *Feminist Theory*, Vol.10/2.

Gerodetti, N. & Mottier, V. (2009) 'Feminism(s) and the Politics of Reproduction', *Feminist Politics of Reproduction: Special Issue of the journal Feminist Theory*, edited by N. Gerodetti et V. Mottier, Vol.10/2, pp.147-152.

Mottier, V. (2009) 'Eugenic «Science» and the Swiss Trajectory into Modernity', pp.139-149 in Wecker, R., Braunschweig, S., Imboden, G., Küchenhoff, B., Ritter, H.J. (Eds) *Wie nationalsozialistisch ist die Eugenik?* Wien: Bohlau Verlag.

Mottier, V. (2008) 'Theorising Sexuality : Gender Power, Feminism and Sexual Liberation', *Tsantsa Revue de la Société suisse d'ethnologie* 13 : 34-41.

Presentations:

Policy-conference on gender and violence 'attitudes-respect', delivered a presentation on 'Genre et sexualité', Renens. 18 September 2008.

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.

Delivered a paper on 'Sexuality, Politics and the State', Sexuality Study Day, Jesus College, Cambridge, 22 June 2009.

Darwin Festival, University of Cambridge. Delivered a paper: 'From Eugenic 'Science' to Practice : Social Darwinism and the Welfare State', 7 July 2009.

10^e Congrès de l'association française de science politique. Delivered a paper: 'Sexuality, politics and the state: a comparative analysis of eugenic policy-making', Grenoble, 9 September 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.

Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival, Christ Church College, Oxford: soapbox event on my book *Sexuality: A Very Short Introduction* (OUP, 2008), 3 April 2009

Discussed my book *Sexuality* (OUP, 2008) in a Dutch television documentary titled 'Geloof, seks en wanhoop' produced by IKON and broadcast on Dutch television on 22 December 2008.

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:

Nolan, J. (2009) "The relationship between men's work orientation and job insecurity in the United Kingdom", *Gender Work and Organization*, 16, pp. 179-197.

Scott, J., Nolan, J. and Zimmerman, A. (2009) "Panel Data and Qualitative Responses: understanding perceptions of quality of life", *21st Century Sociology*, 4, pp. 123-135.

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. and Easterlin, R.A. (2008), "Aspirations, attainments, and satisfaction: Life cycle differences between American women and men", *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 9(4), 601-619.

Easterlin, R.A. and Plagnol, A.C. (2008), "Life satisfaction and economic conditions in East and West Germany pre- and post-unification", *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 68(3-4), 433-444.

Jacqueline Scott, Jane Nolan and Plagnol, A.C. (2009), "Panel data and open-ended questions: Understanding perceptions of quality of life", *Twenty-First Century Society: Journal of the Academy of Social Sciences*, 4(2), 123-135.

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

2004-9 ESRC Gender Inequality Network, 'Gender Inequality in Production and Reproduction', £3,264,525 (with indexation).

Publications:

- 2008 Scott, J., Dex, S. and Joshi H. *Women and Employment: Changing Lives and New Challenges*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, Pbck 375pp
- 2009 Scott, J., J. Nolan and A Plagnol. 'Qualitative Responses in Panel Data: Understanding Quality of Life', *21st Century*, vol 4 (2), 123-136.
- 2009 Nolan, J and J Scott. 'Experiences of age and gender: narratives of progress and decline' in *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, vol 69(2) 133-57.
- 2009 Braun, M. and J. Scott *Gender Role Egalitarianism: Is the Trend Reversal Real?* *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 21(3) 362-7.
- 2009 Scott, J. and S. Dex 'Paid and Unpaid Work: Can policy Improve Gender Inequalities?' In J Miles and R. Probert (eds) *Money and Family Relationships*. Hart, p 41-59.
- 2009 Scott, J. and M. Braun. 'Changing Public Views of Gender Roles in seven nations: 1988-2002.' in M. Haller, R. Jowell and T Smith (eds) *Charting the Globe. The International Social Survey Programme 1984-2009*, Routledge.
- 2009 Plagnol, A. and J. Scott 'Report on seminar on gender equality during the credit crunch' in *Equal Opportunities International*.

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

Oct 2009 Panel Participant, Festival of Ideas: 'Gender and the long term effects of recession '
Cambridge

Dec 2009 Plenary speaker 'Women in UK Science, Engineering and Technology', Practising Gender Equality in Science (Prages) International Conference, Rome.

Media coverage:

Oct 2009, Guardian podcast – gender and long term effects of recession from Cambridge Festival of Ideas.

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 in 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

Nato's Demographer, *New Left Review*_ no. 56, (March-April 2009)

Chapter in book

Family: Historical and Cultural Perspectives, in R. Shweder (ed.), *The Chicago Companion to the Child*, Chicago University Press, 2009

Identity and Capital Cities: European Nations and the European Union, in F. Cerutti and S. Lucarelli (eds.) *The Search for a European Identity* , London, Routledge, pp. 59-74

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:

Keynote speaker, March 28 2009: European Modernity and European Welfare, A Global View, concluding international conference on Religion and Welfare in Europe, University of Uppsala, Sweden

Invited lectures and workshops presentations: October 2008 Latin American conference on the economics of health, Havana, May 2009 Cornell University, Ithaca N.Y., June 2009 Central European University, Budapest, September 2009 Latin American Council of Social Science, Buenos Aires, universities of Brasilia, Porto Alegre, and Sao Paolo.

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

Research, field trips to Ottawa (October 2008), Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur (December 2008), Belgrade (April 2009), Washington D.C. (May 2009), Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Brasilia, and Bogota (September 2009).

Research Grant:

Representing Post-Communist Nations: The Role of Capital Cities, funded by INTAS (EU), started December 2006, ending in 2009-10.

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:

Thompson, J. (2008), “Merchants of Culture: The Publishing Business in the Twenty-First Century”, Report to the ESRC, 510 pp.

Thompson, J. (2009), “US Academic Publishing in the Digital Age”, in David Paul Nord, Joan Shelley Rubin and Michael Schudson (eds.), *A History of the Book in America, vol. 5: The Enduring Book: Print Culture in Postwar America* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press), pp. 361-75.

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:

Watson, P. (2009), "Neoliberalizm, Demokracja, Ochrona Zdrowia", *Prace Katedry Socjologii Norm, Dewiacji i Kontroli Społecznej IPSiR*, t.XI, pp.7-31.

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.

Plenary Presentation: *Ghosts of the Past or Fighting for Life?* International Conference: The Ghosts of the Past - Twenty Years After the End of Communism, University of East London, London, UK, June 11-12, 2009.

Conference Presentation: *Power and Resistance: Poland's Health Care Reform, European Society or European Societies?* 9th European Sociological Association Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, September 2-5, 2009.

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

Weinberg, Darin. 2009. "On the Social Construction of Social Problems and Social Problems Theory: A Contribution to the Legacy of John Kitsuse." *American Sociologist*. 40(1-2): 61-78 (17 pages)

Weinberg, Darin. 2008. "Toward a Post-humanist Understanding of Addiction." ["Hacia un entendimiento post-humanista de la adicción"] *Política y Sociedad*. 45(3): 159-175 (17 pages)

Information:

Weinberg, Darin. 2009. *Constructionist Conversations I and II: Theory, Method and Analysis*. Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA, Invited Panelist

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