

QUARTERLY RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS

[Dr Richard Palmer Jones](#) and Dr Vegard Iversen have won the Dudley Seers Prize for the best paper published in The Journal of Development Studies. The article is: *Literacy Sharing, Assortative Mating, or What? Labour Market Advantages and Proximate Literacies Revisited* Journal of Development Studies, Volume 44, Issue 6 July 2008, pp. 797-838. The paper explores the relationship between household literacy and the labour market outcomes of illiterate household members, drawing on data from Bangladesh.

[Professor Piers Blaikie](#), Professor Emeritus, has won the 2009 Robert McC. Netting award. This yearly award from the Cultural and Political Ecology Speciality Group (CAPE) of the Association of American Geographers recognises scholars in cultural and political ecology who have distinguished themselves through involvement with interdisciplinary geographical and anthropological projects.

[Dr Declan Conway](#) has started a three year part time post as Senior Research Fellow with DFID. Senior Research Fellows enhance DFID's engagement with research communities in international development, and contribute to DFID's aim of ensuring research outputs contribute to development policy and practice. Dr Conway will be providing expertise in Climate Change and Development.

[Dr Janet Seeley](#) has been appointed Head of Social Science Project with the Medical Research Council (MRC) based in Uganda. Her role includes building the research capacity of local researchers, and sourcing social science research funding. Dr Seeley will continue her role as Senior Lecturer in Gender and Development in DEV.

[Professor Frank Ellis](#) has been selected to join AusAID's Social Protection and Community Driven Development Expert Panel. The Panel will work with AusAID staff to develop a best practice approach to social protection, and ensure high level advice is provided to its social protection programmes.

[Dr Pieter Serneels](#) has been appointed Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA). IZA conducts national and international labour market research, and has a specialised programme on Employment and Development; Dr Serneels brings expertise in applied micro, behavioural and labour economics, focusing on service delivery, poverty, employment and health.

UEA Conferences/Workshops

[Literacy Inequalities](#) Conference, DEV Literacy and Development Group, 1st-3rd September, 2009. British Academy funded international conference, with sponsorship from UNESCO to promote the UN Literacy Decade.

Overseas Events

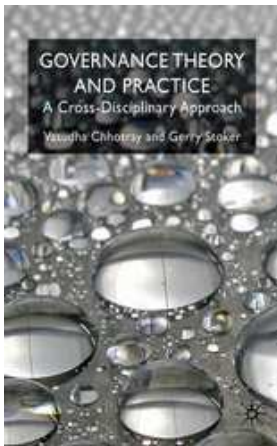
Complexity, Conflict and Justice, 20 years of Sociology of Law: Conference at the Onati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Basque-Country, Spain, 7-10th July 2009. [Dr Natalia Alvarez](#) will be presenting a paper on 'The politics of human rights and the development of democracy'.

[Dr Peter Lloyd Sherlock](#) is organising a panel on *Social Pensions and older people in developing countries*, and will present a paper on 'Social Pensions and older people: evidence from Brazil and South Africa' at the International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology World Congress, in Paris, 5th July 2009.

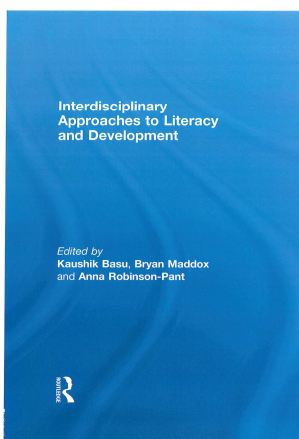
[Dr Catherine Locke](#) will be presenting two papers at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) in Marrakech on 27th September – 2nd October 2009. 'What does migration mean for relations with children and spouses left behind? Reflections from young married men and women on the move in Vietnam'; co-authors include Nguyen Thi Ngan Hoa (Centre for Gender and Family Studies, Ho Chi Minh) and Nguyen Thi Thanh Tam (Institute for Family and Gender Studies, Hanoi). 'Linking Lives and Shifting Contexts: Critical Reflections on Qualitative Life Course Methodologies', co-authored with Dr Peter Lloyd Sherlock.

RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Books



Governance Theory and Practice: A cross-disciplinary approach, [Chottray, V.](#), and Stoker, G., 2009 Palgrave Macmillan. This book presents an original analysis of why it is necessary to understand governance from a cross-disciplinary perspective. It argues that the growing interest in governance is because established institutional forms of governance appear challenged and new forms are emerging.



Interdisciplinary Approaches to Literacy and Development [Maddox, B.](#), Basu, K., Robinson-Pant, A., Routledge, London 2009. This book brings together contributions on literacy and development from the fields of education, literacy studies, anthropology, and economics. This interdisciplinary approach moves away from economic and anthropological research on this topic being conducted independently of each other.

Completed Research

[Professor Sam Jackson's](#) ESRC research in Uganda, '[Marriage, Power and Wellbeing](#)' has come to an end. The end of year award report on the research was graded outstanding, with the data set approved for inclusion in ESRC's data archive. DEV colleagues, [Dr Arjan Verschoor](#), and [Dr Bereket Kebede](#) were also involved in this research.

Articles

Ten Years to Prevent Catastrophe? Discourses of Climate Change and International Development in the UK Press [Brown, K.](#), Doulton, H., 2009 *Global Environmental Change* 19, pp. 191-202

Whatever happened to environmental politics? [Martin, A.](#), Boersema, J., Blowers, A., June 2009 *Journal of Integrative Environmental Science*, Vol. 6, No. 2, pp.97-101

El Impacto de China en America Latina [Jenkins, R.](#), May 2009 *Revista CIDOB d'Affers Internacionals*, Barcelona

Access and Property: A Question of Power and Authority [Sikor, T.](#), Lund, C., (Guest Editors) April 2009 *Development and Change*, Vol. 40, No.1. pp.1-22. This paper is published in a special edition of *Development and Change: The Politics of Possession: Property, Access and Authority*

Reciprocity in the Workplace Barr A., [P. Serneels](#), 2009, *Experimental Economics*, 12 (1), 99.

Working Papers

[Missing Links Between Migration and Reproduction in Vietnam and China](#): Dr Catherine Locke and Dr Heather Zhang. Predominant theoretical approaches to migration and reproduction are reviewed in order to demonstrate that there are important gaps and limitations to current understandings.

[Ethnic Diversity, Property Rights and Natural Resources: Dr Elissaios Papyrakis and Jacapo Baggio](#). This paper explores the interlinkages between natural resource abundance and measures of ethnic heterogeneity.

[Freedom, Family, Hope, Reward? Points of departure for Development Studies research on direct selling](#): Joel Busher, Sophie Bremner, Paramita Muljono. This paper argues for engagement and debate on the activity of direct selling – a significant transnational industry in lower and middle income countries (LMICs), promoting the sale and purchase of various products.

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS

[Dr Janet Seeley](#) has successfully won funding Follow on Funding from the ESRC for her 'Livelihood Trajectories and HIV and AIDS in South West Uganda' research. This will enable Dr Seeley to extend this research, the purpose of which is to analyse the trajectories of individuals, households and communities affected by HIV and AIDS and explore the impact of the epidemic in Uganda on demographic structure, agriculture and rural livelihoods over the last 20 years.

[Dr Mike Stocking](#), [Dr John McDonagh](#) and [Dr Yuelai Yu](#), have secured Global Environment Facility (GEF) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) funding for a two year 'Carbon Benefits Project'. The project will be managed by Colorado State University, USA, and includes the WWF, Michigan State University, and national partners in other countries. An innovative web-based system will be developed for measuring, monitoring and modelling the amount of carbon, and other greenhouse gas emissions, produced and stored in soil and vegetation in a range of landscapes. Schemes involving agriculture, land use, forestry and rangeland improvement will be studied, using the huge carbon-storing potential provided by soil and vegetation and addressing issues of sustainable development for poverty alleviation.

[Dr Marisa Goulden](#) and [Dr Declan Conway](#) are members of a multi-partner consortium which has won EU FP7 Environment Programme funding. The €3m project: 'Climate Change, Hydro-conflicts and Human Security' (CLICO) will run for three years, and draws on colleagues from UEA's School of Environmental Sciences.

CONSULTANCY

[Dr Roger Few](#) is providing support to UK NGO, Challenge to Change, on interpreting the results of its Hazard, Capacity and Vulnerability Analysis (HCVA) project in three cities in Vietnam. The HCVA is part of a process of establishing an Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN).

[Dr Mark Zeitoun](#) will be working with Adam Smith International over the next two years on the 'Overcoming Political and Occupation-related Obstacles in the Water Sector in Palestine' (OPOOP-WS) project. The

consultancy will analyse how Palestinian-Israeli cooperation over water sector management can be improved; and will involve intermittent travel to Ramallah.

[Dr Declan Conway](#) will be working with DFID on its 'Strengthening Climate Change Adaptation in China: developing the science, building capacity, and mainstreaming adaptation, planning and management' programme. Dr Conway will provide expertise, for three years, on detailing the project workplan, and providing on-going technical inputs into the project.

NEW AND FORTHCOMING COURSES/ACTIVITIES

[ODG Training Office](#) is running training on Climate Change for DFID's Environment Research Group Retreat, June 29th – July 3rd. This follows on from a three day Staff Development course for DFID on Climate Change, Mitigation and Low Carbon Development, and Adapting to Climate Change; and Climate Change training for Social Development Advisors, during March, April and June 2009.

The Overseas Development Group in DEV will be running the following short courses, based at UEA, for development professionals. [Climate Change and Development](#) (2nd-15th September 2009); [Gender and Development](#) (12th – 23rd October 2009); Management [Information Systems for Monitoring and Evaluation](#) (24th August-4th September 2009); [Monitoring and Evaluating for Development Activities](#) (20th July-14th August 2009). Courses on [Gender and Internal Organisational Change](#), and [the Professional Development Programme](#) (in which individuals and small groups can access study programmes tailored to professional needs) can be organized according to interest and demand. For information on these courses please contact odg.train@uea.ac.uk.

NEW STAFF

Dr Clair Hanson, c.hanson@uea.ac.uk, has joined ODG as Senior Research Associate. Dr Hanson will be working on Climate Change research with [Dr Declan Conway](#). The research is funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), through UEA's Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research.

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