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# Civil Society – a definition

There has been a resurgence of interest in the idea of civil society, both in the UK and globally, from the late 1980s onwards. The concept of civil society is contested historically and in contemporary debates. There are many definitions of civil society. The Centre operates with a definition that captures the multi-faceted nature of the concept, whilst also being empirically and analytically useful.

*Civil society refers to the arena of uncoerced collective action around shared interests, purposes and values. In theory, its institutional forms are distinct from those of the state, family and market, though in practice, the boundaries between state, civil society, family and market are often complex, blurred and negotiated. Civil society commonly embraces a diversity of spaces, actors and institutional forms, varying in their degree of formality, autonomy and power. Civil societies are often populated by organisations such as registered charities, development non-governmental organisations, community groups, women's organisations, faith-based organisations, professional associations, trade unions, self-help groups, social movements, business associations, coalitions and advocacy groups.*

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# Introduction

The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) is a leading, international organisation for research, analysis, debate and learning about civil society. It is based within the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Established initially as the Centre for Voluntary Organisation, the Centre has for over 20 years pioneered the study of the voluntary sector in the UK, development NGOs and civil society organisations throughout the world. The CCS is distinguished by its interdisciplinary, comparative and reflective approach to understanding whether and how civil society contributes to processes of social, political and policy change and continuity. Its core staff, research associates and visiting fellows cover a range of disciplines, including social policy, anthropology, political science, development studies, law, sociology, international relations and economics.

# Director's Report

As Director of the CCS, I am delighted to present the annual report of the Centre's activities over 2005-2006. It has been a busy, exciting and productive year for the Centre with numerous conferences, workshops and roundtables, covering a range of themes and country contexts



Professor Jane Lewis, Professor Thomas Boje and Dr Armine Ishkhanian brought together over 70 researchers from across Eastern and Western Europe to participate in a two-day conference funded by the European Commission on Gender, Citizenship and Participation. Selected papers from this event will appear in a special issue of the journal *Social Politics*. Dr Babken Babajanian organised a very lively and informative one-day workshop on developments in civil society in the South Caucasus and Central Asia. This led to the creation of a new network of social science researchers and practitioners, the CASC-Social, working on social development issues in Central Asia and the South Caucasus. Further details of the network and how to subscribe are given on the Centre's web pages at [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/CASC\\_Social\\_Network.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/CASC_Social_Network.htm). Jeremy Kendall organised the biannual day conference of the Voluntary Sector Studies Network at the Centre, which included papers on the UK, Nicaragua and Bulgaria. Concerned about a growing backlash against civil society in different parts of the world since 9/11, the Centre initiated a roundtable discussion to explore this development with other researchers, policy-makers and practitioners from civil society groups.

Now into its second year, the £5.24 million ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme held its first annual workshop in March 2005, providing an opportunity for researchers to present and discuss their preliminary research findings. In July 2006 the commissioning for this programme was finally completed. The programme now has over thirty research projects, tackling themes such as trades unions, cooperatives and poverty reduction, civil society, violence and conflict, and the role of non-governmental actors in policy processes. Unique to this programme is the comparative focus of the 'North' and the 'South', producing a formidable array of studies on countries such as the UK, China, Afghanistan, Kenya, Nicaragua, South Africa and Russia.

The Centre has continued to run a lively series of seminars and public lectures on themes such as fair trade, organising within and around Muslim communities in the UK and the Make Poverty History Campaign. It has carried out commissioned research for the Carnegie UK Trust which is now published by the Trust in a report entitled *For the Common Good? The Changing Role of Civil Society in the UK and Ireland* and the Executive Summary is available through our website at [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/projects/Carnegie\\_Report.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/projects/Carnegie_Report.htm). The Centre has also attracted a steady stream of visiting fellows from the UK, China, Kenya, Denmark, Finland and Australia, working on issues such as civil society and gender, philanthropy in Africa, and religious institutions.

It is with regret that we bid farewell to Richard Fries, a long-standing visiting fellow at the Centre, but wish him well in his second attempt at retirement (!) and to Jeremy Kendall, who has taken up a permanent position at the University of Kent but remains a research associate of CCS. We are pleased however to welcome Jeremy Lind to the Centre for Civil Society as research officer on the ESRC-funded project 'The Global War on Terror, Non-Governmental Public Action and Aid'. Jeremy is a Kenya specialist and has recently completed his PhD on living with chronic instability in south Turkana, Kenya.

We hope you enjoy reading the report. If you would like to know more about the work of the Centre or how you might support the Centre's activities, please do contact us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jude Howell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Professor Jude Howell, Director CCS

# The Centre's Intellectual Agenda

## Original Mission

The origins of the Centre for Civil Society can be traced back over twenty years. In 1978 Dr David Billis and Dr Margaret Harris founded the Centre for Voluntary Organisation (CVO), the first of its kind in the UK, to carry out research on the emerging UK voluntary sector. The Centre was originally established at Brunel University as the Programme of Research and Training into Voluntary Action (PORTVAC) and was opened as the CVO at the LSE in October 1987. Based in the Department of Social Policy, the CVO pioneered an MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation. With the appointment of Dr David Lewis in 1995 and the subsequent establishment of an MSc in NGO Management, the Centre took on a Southern dimension and extended its scope to developmental NGOs in the North and South.

In December 1998 a new director was appointed, namely, Dr Helmut Anheier, who extended the scope of the Centre's work to continental Europe and the USA. In February 2000 the Centre was relaunched as the Centre for Civil Society (CCS). The mission of the Centre at this time was to 'become the European academic centre of excellence for the study of civil society, social economy, nonprofit or third-sector organisations and philanthropy'. Its specific research objectives were to: first, improve understanding of civil society and social economy institutions; second, inform policy-making at local, regional, national and international levels; third, educate voluntary sector, social economy and nonprofit managers, foster leadership and effectiveness; and fourth, monitor major developments affecting both civil society and the social economy.

Following the departure of Dr Anheier in October 2002, an interim committee was formed to manage the affairs of the Centre and Dr David Lewis was appointed as the Acting Director. A new director was appointed through a process of international recruitment to take over from October 2003 and three new academic staff were appointed to teach on the two related MSc programmes, and to contribute to the intellectual life and research profile of the Centre and the Department of Social Policy.

## Current Aims

As a leading international organisation the broad aims of the Centre are to promote research, analysis, debate and learning about civil society. It seeks to understand whether and how civil society contributes to processes of social, political and policy change and continuity at global, national and local levels through an interdisciplinary, comparative and reflective approach. In doing so the Centre seeks not only to push theoretical frontiers but also to investigate the structure and dynamics of actually existing civil societies in diverse contexts, including their benign and less benign dimensions. It aims to generate thinking and debate amongst policy-makers, practitioners, academics and activists in national, local and international institutions on the role of civil society organisations in advocacy, policy-making processes and service delivery.

## Current Intellectual Questions

The Centre is currently addressing four closely related intellectual questions. The first question emanates out of a five-year ESRC funded research programme on non-governmental public action that is being directed by the Centre Director. The three remaining questions follow from the Centre's half-day retreat held in March 2005, which focussed on developing a broad research strategy.

### ***1. What is the impact of non-governmental public action in reducing poverty and exclusion, and in bringing about social transformation?***

This broad question is explored from three dimensions in a five-year ESRC funded research programme on non-governmental public action.

- What is the nature of organising non-governmentally?
- How does non-governmental public action vary in different national contexts?
- What are the global processes and impacts of non-governmental public action?

All three dimensions deploy an international, comparative approach that aims to develop theory, enrich empirical knowledge, and co-produce knowledge amongst researchers, policy-makers and practitioners.

## ***2. In what ways do civil societies create and/or reproduce differences and with what effects?***

The concern here is with civil society as a site of power relations and contestation. Whilst much of contemporary literature on civil society has focussed on the relationship between civil society and the state, this part of the Centre's work examines critically how civil society is fractured by uneven power relations. These power imbalances affect not only relations between different parts of civil society but also how actors within civil society engage with the state. Gender, faith, race, migration and class are some of the key differences of interest here. By looking at civil society from the point of view of difference and power relations, other related issues are brought under scrutiny, such as the distribution of rights, the use of violence, and conflict and reconciliation.

## ***3. What are the institutional arrangements governing civil society-state relations and their effects?***

This covers a range of issues such as the particular legal and regulatory frameworks operating and/or being developed in different country contexts; the processes of self-regulation by civil society actors; the institutional arrangements through which civil society actors can influence government policy, such as the participatory budgeting model of Porto Alegre or the UN's recent plans to engage more effectively with civil society actors; the politics of interventions by international donor agencies and international financial institutions to promote civil society in Southern contexts; the changing relationship between Northern and Southern NGOs, and between global, national and local civil society actors; the institutional arrangements negotiated between the state and civil society organisations for the delivery of services in both the North and South, and the implications thereof for the political role of civil society, the effectiveness of social policy, and the reduction of poverty and social exclusion.

## ***4. What are the factors affecting citizen engagement in public policy?***

This question is centrally concerned with the idea of participatory democracy. It involves examining the nature of citizenship, the relationship between citizen and the state, the institutional avenues for influencing public issues and policies, and the possibilities for public participation in different state formations.

## Activities Promoting Research Objectives

These key intellectual questions are being pursued through the following means:

- competitive research programmes such as the ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action programme
- commissioned research
- dissemination of research through publications in academic and professional journals
- conference presentations
- visiting fellowship scheme
- public events such as LSE public lectures, CCS seminars, workshops
- policy and advisory work for government and non-governmental bodies
- postgraduate teaching (MSc NGO and Development) and research supervision

Details of the activities pursued since 2005-06 are given in the next section.

# Achievements over the past year

The main achievements of the Centre over the past year include

- theoretical and empirical research on civil society in diverse contexts, leading to publications in academic journals, books, working papers, and conference presentations;
- expansion of ESRC non-governmental public action programme through the commissioning of new research projects and post-doctoral scholarships on the themes of legitimacy and accountability; violence, exclusion and non-governmental public action; and impacts and conceptions of different faith-based non-governmental public action;
- the continued development of an intellectually coherent and challenging seminar and public lectures series;
- the continued expansion of the international profile of the Centre through the visiting fellowship programme; through increased links with international donor agencies, relevant government bodies, non-governmental organisations and global civil society organisations; and through an expanded focus in postgraduate teaching and research on the South, global civil society, Central Asia and the Transcaucasus;
- ongoing policy and advisory work for non-governmental agencies, government departments and practitioners.

## Research Projects 2005-06

(Listed in alphabetical order according to researcher)

### **Community-Based Welfare Provision in the Caucasus and Central Asia**

**Babken Babajanian** has been developing a research programme to address the issue of community-based provision of social welfare and its implications for designing anti-poverty policies within the political, social and institutional context of the Caucasus (Armenia) and Central Asia (Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan). The research will examine how community-based formal and informal institutions mediate access to important public infrastructure and services, resources and opportunities and will draw implications for broader poverty reduction strategies. Dr Babajanian has now been awarded a two year ESRC post doctoral fellowship in order to undertake this research.

## **Global Civil Society Yearbook**

The Centre for Civil Society is working together with the Centre for Global Governance and UCLA in producing the *Global Civil Society Yearbook*. **Dr Marlies Glasius** is one of the editors-in-chief of this influential volume and several staff at the Centre are engaged in contributing to the content of the yearbook. In October 2005 *Global Civil Society* 2005-06 was launched at the LSE. The Yearbook takes up the theme of global civil society and risk, with chapters covering gender, climate change and migration. These annual volumes have themselves become an occasion for enacting global civil society: each Yearbook is a project that involves hundreds of people around the world and lively debate around divergent understandings of critical issues.

## **Global Civil Society and Economic and Social Rights (March 2005-)**

Global civil society has played an important role in boosting the political significance of economic and social rights in recent years, but there is little theorisation of this development as of yet. **Dr Marlies Glasius** is pursuing research in this area with funding from the Rockefeller Foundation. Her research project explores the relationship between global civil society and economic and social rights, focusing on three main themes. First, it discusses how civil society actors including academics and a few small NGOs and free-lance activists put economic and social rights on the international agenda, most specifically the agenda of the UN human rights institutions and UN specialised agencies. Second, it focuses on how non-governmental organisations which had not previously worked with these rights, including mainstream human rights organisations, development organisations and trade unions, have come to incorporate them in their mandate, and how they use these rights in their work in practice. Thirdly, it considers whether economic and social rights are an appropriate paradigm for social policy in a globalised world. This research has resulted in a chapter in *Global Civil Society 2006-07* (forthcoming) and will be the subject of a monograph.

## **Local Social Forums as a New Political Arena (2003-)**

Inspired by the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre hundreds of local social forums have begun to emerge across the world. **Dr Marlies Glasius** has been researching these developments through web-research and participatory observation. She explores the attempts of these local forums to develop new forms of democratic decision-making, as well as the political positions they project. The research is funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and is being disseminated both in the *Global Civil Society Yearbook* and in various book chapters and journal articles.

## ESRC Research Programme on Non-Governmental Public Action (2004-2009)

Professor Jude Howell was appointed in 2004 through a process of competitive selection as Director of a new £5.24 million ESRC research programme on Non-Governmental Public Action extending over five years. The programme comprises 15 small grants of up to £45,000, 16 large grants of up to £300,000 and five two-year postdoctoral fellowships covering research in over 40 countries. Projects include research on trade unions, development NGOs, advocacy networks, policy-making processes, co-operatives, governance issues and the effects of non-governmental public action of the Global War on Terror. The programme involves researchers from a number of UK institutions (including the LSE) and differs in that respect from an ESRC Centre.

The programme will provide a well funded platform for the development of theory on non-governmental public action, for engagement with policy-makers and practitioners and for innovative work that spans the gap in research on the links between 'the North' and 'the South' and transcends the boundaries of intellectual fields such as social policy, development studies and politics. It will generate a range of publications

aimed at academic, policy-making and practitioner audiences.

In March 2005 the programme held the first annual workshop where holders of small grants presented their preliminary findings.



Women from La Via Campesina (International Peasant Movement) campaigning against technologies producing sterile seeds. Photograph taken in Brazil by NGPA researcher, Dr Duncan Matthews, Intellectual Property Rights Research Institute, Queen Mary University of London



Capoeira and public action photograph taken in Brazil by NGPA researcher, Dr Udi Butler, Goldsmiths College, University of London

### **Gender and Civil Society (2002-)**

This project was brought to the Centre by **Professor Jude Howell** and emanates out of a larger Ford Foundation funded project on civil society and governance at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. The research examines the interconnections between gender and civil society and draws attention to the failure of both feminist theorists and civil society theorists to explore these links. The research led first to a co-edited issue on gender and civil society in the *International Journal of Feminist Politics* 2003 and then to an edited book on Gender and Civil Society published in 2005 by Routledge. A book launch was held at the LSE in March 2005. Since then Professor Jude Howell has continued to explore these ideas. Two specialised seminars, organised through the *Global Civil Society Yearbook* have provided a stimulating forum for developing these themes and contributed to the publication of a chapter on 'Gender and Civil society' in the 2005-2006 issue of the *Global Civil Society Yearbook*.

### **Gender and Rural Governance in China (2002-)**

This research project explores the effects of village elections in China on female political participation in village committees. The research is a collaboration between **Professor Jude Howell** and Du Jie, Women's Research Institute, All-China Women's Federation and was funded by the Ford Foundation, Beijing. The research has involved fieldwork in three provinces of China, namely, Hunan, Shandong and Liaoning. The project considers the factors facilitating or hindering women's participation in politics, including political aspects such as Party membership and promotion procedures and the role of civil society organisations. A policy workshop was held in Beijing in the summer of 2004 to report on the findings of the research and to develop proposals for legislative and policy change aimed at increasing the participation of women in rural politics. The findings of the research are due to be published in the *Journal of Contemporary China* in November 2006, in an edited collection on female political participation in Asia by Kazuki Iwanaga and in a forthcoming issue of *Etudes Rurales*.

### **Labour Organising in China (2002-)**

Labour Organising in China explores the effects of economic reform on organising around labour issues in China. It is a collaborative project carried out by **Professor Jude Howell**, Professors Feng Tongqing, Shi Xiu Yin and Zhao Wei. It examines both the changes within the All-China Federation of Trade Unions and the emergence of autonomous, non-governmental initiatives to address labour issues. Fieldwork has

been carried out in ailing state enterprises and in foreign-invested companies. The last stage of the research has looked at the emergence of competitive elections for trade union positions as part of an effort to enhance the legitimacy and effectiveness of the official trade union.

### **The Global War Against Terrorism, Non-governmental Public Action and Development (2005-)**

**Professor Jude Howell** and **Jeremy Lind** are currently researching the effects of the global war against terrorism on non-governmental public action and development. The global war against terrorism poses new challenges for non-governmental public actors in the North and South. For international development agencies (bilateral, multi-lateral and non-governmental) it raises issues around how to engage effectively with civil society. This research seeks to describe, analyse and theorise the effects of the global war on terrorism on non-governmental public action around poverty reduction and social justice in aid-recipient countries.

It proposes: first, that the global war against terrorism makes it harder for non-governmental actors in developing countries to address sensitive issues around poverty and social justice; second, it changes the environment within which international aid and development policy is constructed; third, that the effects are likely to vary according to the political context, being most acute in post-conflict states and least pronounced in established democracies. The research will contribute theoretically, to an understanding of the politics of civil society and development; empirically, to knowledge about the effects of the global war against terror on non-governmental public action in the South; and practically to the development of effective strategies for enhancing the spaces and opportunities for non-governmental public action in the context of the war against terror. This research is supported by a grant from the ESRC under the Non-Governmental Public Action (NGPA) programme.

The research has fully taken off in March 2006 with the appointment of Jeremy Lind as research officer. As part of this project we organised a roundtable event on the securitisation of aid and its effects on civil society in June 2006, with participants from international non-governmental organisations, researchers and government agencies. Over the next nine months we will be carrying out fieldwork in Afghanistan, India and Kenya.

### **Civil Society and Democracy in the Post-Soviet States (2002-)**

This research project is designed and led by **Dr Armine Ishkanian**. It explores the development of civil society and democracy in the former Soviet states since 1991 with a particular focus on Armenia. The project was funded by the US based International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) and the University of California Berkeley. Based on ethnographic research with local NGOs, international NGOs, donors and government officials engaged in civil society promotion and democracy building, the project examines how civil society is locally understood, the development of NGOs, and how the work of local organisations is affected by their relations with donor agencies, international NGOs, and government officials. The project uses Armenia as a case study, but contextualises the research within the larger democracy promotion programmes that were implemented throughout the former Soviet Union. It examines the challenges of civil society promotion and democracy building in the post-Soviet context and also draws lessons for democracy building in general as it is implemented in other regions (eg, Middle East, Central/South Asia, etc). A roundtable event was organised at CCS in May 2006 to examine the growing backlash against civil society in the wake of the War on Terror. This research is now being written up into a book and various articles.

### **Civil Society Participation in Poverty Reduction and Human Development (2003-)**

**Dr Armine Ishkanian** has examined the growing poverty in post-Soviet countries following independence and carried out research on civil society participation in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) process. PRSPs are now being implemented in over fifty countries throughout the world. Civil society participation is one of the key components and requirements of the PRSP. This project examines how international financial institutions such as the World Bank and the IMF define 'civil society participation', how they discuss the role of participation in poverty reduction, and whether civil society participation has an impact on the design, implementation, and monitoring of poverty reduction policies. The field research for this project, designed by Dr Armine Ishkanian, has been completed and resulted in an article published in the *Journal of International Development* (2006). Dr Ishkanian is also currently guest editing a special issue of the *Central Asian Survey* which examines social policies addressing health, education, the environment, and poverty in Central Asia and the Caucasus (forthcoming in summer 2007). In addition to editing the issue, Dr Ishkanian is also writing an article which examines social policies in the former Soviet states in

Central Asia and the Caucasus with a particular focus on policies aimed at addressing poverty and social exclusion (forthcoming in the *Central Asian Survey*).

### **Global Civil Society and Poverty Reduction (2006-)**

In order to connect the regional studies on post-Soviet states with a more global perspective **Dr Armine Ishkanian** is beginning a new research project which will examine the impact of global anti-poverty campaigns, such as Make Poverty History, and their impact on policy making. The project will focus on the role of civil society organisations in the global North and South. Dr Ishkanian has been invited to write a chapter on this subject for the *Global Civil Society Yearbook* 2008-09 edition.

### **Gender Issues in Post-Socialist Contexts (2000-)**

This is an area of research in which **Dr Armine Ishkanian** has been involved in for many years. Different phases of the research have been funded by IREX, the US National Research Council, and the University of California. The research examines the changing gender roles and relations in the former Soviet states in Central Asia and the Caucasus, the diversity and continuity of cultural models and ideas, and gender and civil society. This research has resulted in a number of publications including book chapters as well as articles in journals such as *Armenian Forum*, *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* and *Diaspora, a Journal of Transnational Affairs*. Dr Ishkanian's research on gender and civil society in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe continues. She was involved in the planning of the Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe Network of Excellence (CINEFOGO) conference on Gender, Citizenship and Participation held at LSE in March 2005. Selected papers from the conference, including her contribution, will be published in an issue of the journal, *Social Politics* (Winter 2007) which will be edited by Professor Jane Lewis and Dr Ishkanian. Dr Ishkanian is also organising a one day seminar and two day international conference on Civil Society and Gendered Violence to be held in London in November 2006 and May 2007 respectively. The seminar and conference will be funded by a grant from Atlantic Philanthropies.

### **Third Sector European Policy (2002-5)**

In 2002, **Jeremy Kendall**, later joined by LSE-based research assistants **Catherine Will** and **Isabel Crowhurst** and a team of research partners from eight other European partners secured funding under the European Commission's 5th Framework to initiate a network undertaking empirical and comparative research on Third Sector

European Policy (TSEP). Additional funding has been supplied by the ESRC under the European Science Foundation's initiative for co-operative research and the Charities Aid Foundation. The network is geared towards developing an analytic understanding of the strategic aspects of the highly variegated policy space inhabited by 'organised civil society' within Europe. The LSE team has been responsible for empirical data collection on Brussels, UK and sub-national (London) levels to 2005. TSEP's focus is distinctive in that it examines the relationship between the third sector and the policy process, rather than the sector per se; it considers the horizontal policy environment (meaning processes that cut across discrete vertical fields like social care or health); and it has an ability to capture multi-level dynamics over time.

This network successfully completed its European Commission-funded LSE-based life during 2005. In June 2005, a major dissemination event was staged at the British embassy in Brussels, involving third sector stakeholders from the national and Brussels levels. For example, in the UK level, attendees included representatives of HM Treasury, the Charity Commission, and NCVO, while senior officials from different components of the European Commission and representatives of the Platform of European social NGOs and CEDAG were amongst the active participants. Also during the summer, a series of Working Papers was made available to download from the TSEP website, providing a pioneering analysis of both the relationship between the third sector and the policy process in participating countries, and an examination of 'multi-level cases', involving the third sector, the state, and other actors simultaneously at sub-national, national and supra-national levels.

Jeremy Kendall and Catherine Will also participated in September 2005 as conference session co-organisers and paper presenters in sessions of the European Conference on Political Research in Budapest, Hungary, ranging over the topic of organised civil society and Europeanisation. Finally, at the end of the year, with the financial support of the Charities Aid Foundation, the network was transferred to SSPSSR (School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research) at the University of Kent. A book is now in preparation based on the TSEP research, provisionally entitled '*Handbook of Third Sector European policy*', and due for publication by Edward Elgar in 2007

**ESRC NGPA Project on Leadership (2005-2007)**

Dr David Lewis has received an ESRC research grant to undertake this project which studies the boundary between civil society and government through the motivations and experiences of those who cross over at different points in their careers. He has conducted over sixty work life history interviews with individuals who have crossed over in three countries (UK, Bangladesh and Philippines), and is currently engaged in data analysis. The project is due to be completed by April 2007.

**Between the State and 'Western Union': Migration, Transnational Flow and Paradoxes of Citizenship in Nigeria (2005-)**

Dr Ebenezer Obadare's Visiting Fellowship at the Centre between February 2005-August 2006 provided him with the opportunity to gather both secondary and primary data for the above study. The primary aim of the study, financial support for which is provided by the MacArthur Foundation, is to explore the linkage between transnational migration and citizenship by examining the civic implications of financial remittances for societies where it is becoming a leading and increasingly important source of private economic provisioning for a significant proportion of the population. Dr Obadare conducted this research with Dr Adewale Adebani of the Department of Social Anthropology, Cambridge University. Their research team comprised research assistants who, using various techniques of data collection (focus group discussions, structured interviews, questionnaires) gathered data in the country's three ethno-regional zones: West, North and East. In Northern Nigeria for example, data gathering was carried out in five major cities: Zaria, Kaduna, Kano, Abuja and Jos, while in the West, Ekiti, Lagos, Ondo, Ogun, Osun and Oyo states. The quantitative data thus gathered is being analysed using SPSS. Through this the researchers hope to be able to tabulate data on respondents' socio-economic characteristics, including occupation, age, location, relationship to senders, sources of remittances, frequency of receipts, and purpose for which remittances are used. It is intended to publish preliminary findings of this research as a forthcoming Centre for Civil Society working paper.

## Policy and Advisory Work

Centre staff and associates regularly provide advice to non-governmental organisations, international agencies, and government departments. This can take various forms such as being hired for a short period to carry out a particular assignment leading to policy recommendations, serving on advisory bodies or steering groups, acting as trustees, providing advice upon request, receiving international delegations, and media work.

**Professor Jude Howell** has provided advice to a range of organisations such as The Gates Foundation on the funding of civil society organisations, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on governance and civil society issues in China, to CIVICUS, to the Department for International Development and the Ford Foundation on civil society, to the Carnegie UK Trust on civil society in the UK and Ireland, and to the UK Ethical Trading Initiative. She provided advice to the International Select Committee of the House of Commons on governance and civil society issues in China. She also participated in the civil society session of the UK-China Human Rights Dialogue.

**Richard Fries** provided advice and assistance on the scoping study CCS undertook on civil society for the Carnegie UK Trust. He organised a study week on governance for board members and senior managers of the Gramin Vikas Trust (an Indian NGO) and lead a session on NGO accountability and regulation for a civil society and counter-terrorism course for the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He completed his term as a member of the Legal Group of the European Foundation Centre, contributing to conferences and publications on foundation law. He also contributed to the activities of the Foundation and Non-Profit Institut of the Bucerius Law School in Hamburg.

*Below are details of specific policy and advisory projects that Centre staff and associates have been engaged in over the last year*

### **Manusher Jonno (MJ) Human Rights and Governance Project, Bangladesh (2003-2005)**

Dr David Lewis with Professor Jo Beall of Destin worked as advisers on an innovative DFID funded project implemented by CARE International to support civil society organisations working on human rights and governance issues. Manusher Jonno, which means 'for the people', is a £13.5m local fund assisting almost 100 organisations and became an independent trust at the end of 2005. Having assisted with the process of steering Manusher Jonno towards trust status Dr Lewis and Professor Beall plan to remain involved in an occasional advisory role.

### **Scoping Study on Civil Society in the UK and Ireland for the Carnegie Trust UK (2005-06)**

The CCS has carried out a scoping study on the concept of civil society and its application in the UK and Ireland as a basis for a more extensive examination of the issues by the Carnegie Trust UK. The study set out the issues over a broad canvas and identified key gaps in knowledge for further research. In exploring the idea of civil society the Centre referred not only to formal types of organisation such as trade unions, faith groups, cooperatives, mutual, community groups and voluntary sector organisations and their relationships to government and business, but also to more informal types of association beyond the family sphere. The report was written by **Dr Siobhan Daly**, lecturer at the University of Northumbria, a research associate at the Centre (and a former member of the CCS research staff), with **Professor Jude Howell**, drawing on a wide range of contributions from experts within and outside the CCS

The **Executive Summary** is available as a pdf document. Copies of the full report *For the Common Good? The Changing Role of Civil Society in the UK and Ireland* are available from the Carnegie Trust UK. Contact: [admin@carnegie-youth.org.uk](mailto:admin@carnegie-youth.org.uk)

### **ACWF/DFID Partnership Agreement (2003-)**

**Professor Jude Howell** is currently providing inputs on research processes and institutional design on a three year project on poor adolescent girls in China. The project is a partnership between the All-China Women's Federation and the Department for International Development, China. Professor Howell was involved in the original design of the partnership agreement, which was the first of its kind in China. The project seeks to identify the needs of poor adolescent girls in China's rural areas, to design training materials aimed at enhancing their employment skills and their life skills through non-formal education, and to raise awareness amongst the general public, parents, teachers and government officials about the particular needs of poor adolescent girls in China. In 2005 she visited a county under Sheyang City, Gansu Province, China to discuss the processes of project evaluation being used and progress on the project.

### **Ford Foundation China: Review of Civil Society Programme**

Professor Jude Howell worked closely with the Ford Foundation in Beijing to review their civil society programme and to make recommendations for future areas of work. The Ford Foundation, China has a long track record of supporting innovative work in both government and civil society. In recent years it has established a distinctive programme of work focussing explicitly on various aspects of civil society.

### **Ethical Trading Impact Assessment in China**

Together with Dr Stephanie Barrientos of the Institute of Development Studies, **Professor Jude Howell** undertook a scoping study of the potential for an impact assessment of ethical trading practices in China for the Ethical Trading Initiative. Many large Western companies are becoming increasingly concerned about their image amongst consumers. They are keen to ensure that the goods they retail are produced according to global labour standards. Many have instituted codes of conduct to guarantee decent working conditions. This project involved interviewing business people trading with China, representatives of UK companies in the UK, Hong Kong and mainland China, factory owners and managers, workers and NGOs concerned with labour issues and corporate social responsibility, to consider the potential for assessing the impact of codes of conduct. She later gave a guest seminar on 'Migrant Workers in China' to the Ethical Trading Initiative, which includes retailing and production companies, NGOs and trade unions.

### **Tempus Project – Social Work: Better Government (2002-05)**

This project was funded by the European Commission under their Tempus Programme (Co-operation Scheme for Higher Education between Partner Countries and the European Union) and entitled Social Work: Better Government. Following preparatory work by CCS staff and others in 2001, this three year programme officially started in March 2002 and was completed in 2005. The project aimed to create a viable integrated system to educate professionals at the Novosibirsk State Technical University in Siberia in the field of social service, social work and NGO management, and to disseminate good practice to other institutions.

A centre for social entrepreneurship with a research laboratory attached has been created. The newly developed curriculum has been implemented for the first time from February 2005 to May 2005 and students have completed their exams. Their results and the achievements of the project were evaluated at its conclusion in 2005.

**Dr Hakan Seckinelgin** was the research manager of this project and the project worked in partnership with Novosibirsk State Technical University, the University of Bologna and the University of Münster.

# Events

## Public Lectures

Since 2004 the Centre has begun to organise regular public lectures in the Lent and Michaelmas terms. The purpose of these is to raise the public profile of the Centre, to stimulate debate on current issues relating to civil society and to establish links with key civil society actors, policy-makers and academics. The following public events were organised during the academic year 2005-06.

### **Organising Within and Around Muslim Communities in the UK: challenges and opportunities** in March 2006.

Roundtable discussion chaired by Professor Jude Howell. The panellists were Fadi Itani Head of International Relations Unit, Islamic Relief; Khalida Khan Executive Director and Co Founder of the An-Nisa Society; Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Great Britain and Sarah Sheriff, one of the founding members and a trustee of the Muslim Women's Helpline.

### **Faith based agencies – promoters of development or part of the problem** in February 2006.

Panel debate chaired by Professor Jude Howell. The panellists were: Mohammed Kroessin, Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Muslim Aid, Dr Daleep Mukarjee, Director of Christian Aid and Dr James Putzel, Director of LSE's Crisis States Research Centre.

### **Make Poverty History: Is it really possible?**

Lecture by Barbara Stocking, Director of Oxfam Great Britain in November 2005.



*Dr Daleep Mukarjee,  
Christian Aid*



*Barbara Stocking,  
Oxfam GB*

**Can Free Trade Promote Development or is Free Trade the Answer?** in October 2005. Panel debate chaired by Professor Jude Howell. The panellists were Harriet Lamb, executive director of the Fairtrade Foundation; Alex Singleton, president of the Globalization Institute and Professor Tony Venables, Chief Economist at the UK Department for International Development and professor of international economics at LSE.

## Seminars

The Centre organises a lunch-time seminar series during the Michaelmas and Lent terms as a way of stimulating exchange of ideas and disseminating research findings on topics related to civil society. These seminars attract small but committed audiences of between 7 and 20 attendees both from within the LSE and from other research institutes and non-governmental bodies in London. The programme for 2005-06 was as follows:

### **Michaelmas Term 2005/6 (October – December 2005)**

**Speaker:** Dr Marlies Glasius, LSE Centre for Civil Society

**Topic:** *Social Forums: Laboratory of Democratic Politics or Revenge of the Old Left?*

**Speaker:** Dr Charles Ukeje, Centre for African Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

**Topic:** *Violence as a Metaphor for Powerlessness: Interrogating New Forms of Youth Violence in Nigeria's Oil Delta*

**Speaker:** Dr Ebenezer Obadare, Visiting Fellow, LSE Centre for Civil Society

**Topic:** *Between the State and 'Western Union': Transnational Resource Flow and the Antinomies of Citizenship in Nigeria*

**Speaker:** Dr Sonia Reverter-Banon, Visiting Fellow, LSE Centre for Civil Society

**Topic:** *Feminism and Civil Society: une liason dangereuse?*

### **Lent Term 2005/6 (January – March 2006)**

**Speaker:** Patricia Noxolo, Department of Political Science and International Studies at Birmingham University

**Topic:** *Governing the Non-Governmental: NGOs and the securitisation of migration in the UK since 9/11*

**Speaker:** Thomas Boje, Visiting Professor, LSE Centre for Civil Society

**Topic:** *Civil Society and Welfare State – What kind of relationship? Some results from a study of volunteering and the Civil Society sector in Scandinavia*

**Speaker:** Abdul-Rehman Malik, Contributing Editor, Q News and alumnus of MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation

**Topic:** *You've Gotta Have Faith: The Muslim Voluntary Sector and the Policy Process*

**Speaker:** Laurence Broers, Research Analyst, Amnesty International

**Topic:** *Civil Society Interventions in the Nagorny Karabakh Peace Process: Opportunities and Constraints*

### **Conferences and Workshops**

#### **Gramin Vikas Trust Governance Study Visit, 27 June – 1 July 2005**

CCS organised and led a study week on governance for members of the board and the chief executive of the Gramin Vikas Trust (GVT) on behalf of the Department for International Development. GVT is an Indian development NGO engaged in a rural livelihoods project. It was established by a major cooperative sector fertiliser manufacturing and marketing company, Kribhco. The GVT board is drawn from the Kribhco board and senior officials of the Government of India. The programme, organised and led by Richard Fries and Dr Sarabajaya Kumar, visiting fellow and lecturer at CCS respectively, consisted of a mix of seminar-style discussions and visits. Contributors included Professor Nicholas Deakin, Dr Sunil Kumar as well as outside speakers. The aim was to present the policy and legal context for NGO governance as a basis for discussing the application of governance in practice in the context in which the GVT board and senior management operate. It focused on the roles and responsibilities of board members and senior managers.

### **ESRC NGPA Workshops and Panels**

The ESRC NGPA programme organised its first workshop for successful large grant applicants on the ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme in September 2005. The purpose of the workshop was to exchange research aims, discuss methods and provide information about relevant ESRC procedures and discuss future programme activities. A session was also held on 'knowledge transfer' so as to ensure that researchers developed a strategy from the start of the research process to engage with user groups.

This was followed in March 2006 by a two day workshop involving both small and large projects commissioned under the ESRC NGPA programme. Here researchers on small projects had the opportunity to present their preliminary research findings and receive feedback from a specialised audience.

The programme held its first conference panel at the Civicus World Assembly in June 2006. Several researchers from the programme also participated in the annual International Third Sector Research Conference held in Bangkok in July.

### **Civil Society in the South Caucasus and Central Asia: Bridging Research and Practice Specialist Workshop**

On 20 October 2005, the Centre for Civil Society hosted a one-day specialist workshop on *Civil Society in the South Caucasus and Central Asia: Bridging Research and Practice*. The workshop, organised by Dr Babken Babajanian, presented a forum for academic researchers and practitioners to share their latest research and thinking on civil society in the region. The papers focused on the associational and communal manifestations of civil society in Armenia, Georgia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. The presenters addressed some of the complexities of societies in the region, and the extent to which the concept of civil society can be usefully applied to their political, social and cultural context. The presentations also focused on the role of international donors in shaping civil societies in the region, and the implications of donor interventions for social, economic and political processes in the region. The workshop participants included representatives of the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Oxfam, Christian Aid, Mercy Corps Scotland, ACTED Paris, INTRAC, International Crisis Group, Conciliation Resources, Article 19 and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. The workshop was sponsored by the Centre for Civil Society, Oxfam and the LSE Department of Social Policy.

The workshop led to the establishment of the Central Asia and South Caucasus (CASC) Social Development Network or CASC-Social – a network of researchers and practitioners interested in social development issues in Central Asia and the South Caucasus.

Further information about this network and how to become a subscriber can be found on the CCS website at [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/CASC\\_Social\\_Network.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/CASC_Social_Network.htm)

### **Voluntary Sector Studies Network 30 November 2005**

On 30 November 2005, the Centre for Civil Society at the London School of Economics and Political Science was delighted to host the latest biannual 'day conference' of VSSN. Attendees were welcomed by Professor Jude Howell, who also spoke about progress with the ESRC's major research programme, Non-governmental Public Action.

As usual, the meeting's primary focus was the presentation and discussion of research in progress, or recently completed. Mariana Bogdanova considered NGO mentoring in relation to wildlife in Bulgaria; Nick Fyfe examined the geography of voluntary sector support for migrants in the UK; Philip Holden explored how leading French social theorist Pierre Bourdieu might approach the field of voluntary sector studies; and Julia Burdett looked at accountability and control issues in relation to legal services in England. There was thus a good range of material combining theoretical and empirical emphasis, different sub-fields of interest, and comparative angles. As ever, each paper was followed by an engaged debate. These presentations are now available on the VSSN website: [www.vssn.org.uk](http://www.vssn.org.uk)

### **The Backlash Against Civil Society in the Wake of the Global War on Terror 9 March 2006**

The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) organised a roundtable entitled 'The Backlash Against Civil Society in the Wake of the Global War on Terror' on 9 March 2006 at the LSE. The aim of the roundtable was to initiate discussion and debate regarding the growing backlash against civil society in different parts of the globe in the context of the 'Global War on Terror'. Following presentations by CCS staff members Jude Howell, Armine Ishkanian, and Marlies Glasius as well as CCS research associates, Hakan Seckinelgin and Ebenezer Obadare, there was a lively discussion around the issues of the backlash against segments of civil society in China, Russia and Africa, the 'criminalisation of dissent', and the growing depoliticisation and disciplining of civil society. The roundtable was attended by academics, policy makers, and representatives from NGOs. A related publication is being prepared.

## CINEFOGO Conference on 'Gender, Citizenship and Participation'



*From left to right Professor Jude Howell, Dr Sonia Reverter Banon, Dr Ruth Lister and Professor Anne Phillips – speakers at the CINEFOGO Conference on 'Gender, Citizenship and Participation'*

This two day conference was organised by Professor Jane Lewis of the Department of Social Policy with Professor Thomas Boje (Visiting Professor at CCS) and hosted by the Centre. It was funded by the European Commission as part of the Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe (CINEFOGO) FP6 Network and was held at the LSE on 23 – 24 March 2006. The objectives of the conference were to advance thinking around citizenship, civil society and participation in Eastern and Western Europe from a gender-aware perspective and to examine the changes that have occurred since 1989 and particularly in the context of EU enlargement. Several papers presented at the conference will be published in a special issue of *Social Politics* on 'Gender and Civil Society: East and West' which will be edited by Professor Jane Lewis and Dr Armine Ishkanian (Volume 14 No 4, Forthcoming in 2007).

### **Shifting Politics in China: Associations and the Strange Marriage Between the State and Private Business in Beijing**

Jonathon Unger, former editor and founder of *The China Journal*, and professor at the Australian National University, gave a lunch-time seminar at the LSE in May 2006. This was jointly hosted by the CCS and the LSE Asia Research Centre. The seminar was attended by China researchers in universities, government and non-governmental agencies.

### **Roundtable on Civil Society and the Securitisation of Aid, June 2006**

As part of the ESRC NGPA funded project on the Global War on Terror, Aid and Civil Society, Jeremy Lind and Jude Howell organised a roundtable to discuss the effects of the securitisation of aid on civil society. The event was attended by representatives from non-governmental agencies such as Christian Aid, World Vision, Islamic Relief, the British Afghanistan Advisory Group, from the Department for International Development (DFID) and by journalists and researchers working on these issues. There was a lively and open discussion of the increasing convergence of security and development objectives and interests, the implications of this for aid policy and practice, and the actual and potential effects of this on civil societies.

## Visiting Fellows Scheme

Following a review of the purpose and processes for the Visiting Fellow Scheme in 2003 the Centre has continued to attract a steady stream of visiting fellows from all parts of the globe with research interests closely aligned to those of Centre researchers. All visiting fellows have come with funding either from their own universities or from donor agencies such as the British Council, MacArthur Foundation and European Union. The Centre places considerable emphasis on visiting fellows being well integrated into Centre activities and ensuring that their visit is rewarding and mutually beneficial.

Brief details of visiting fellows and short term visitors to CCS during the academic year 2005-06 are as follows:

### **Visiting fellows and short term visitors to CCS (2005-06)**

<p><b>Dr Tade Akin Aina</b> Eastern Africa Regional Representative, Ford Foundation July – August 2006</p>	<p>Research on philanthropy in Africa</p>
<p><b>Dr Sonia Reverter Banon</b> Universite Jaume I, Castellon, Spain September 2005– February 2006</p>	<p>Research relating to civil society and the new European feminist agenda</p>

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<b>Professor Thomas Boje</b> Roskilde University, Denmark January – April 2006	Research on citizenship, social welfare, gender and the labour market
<b>Richard Fries</b> Former Chief Charity Commissioner October 1999 – February 2006	Work relating to the legal, institutional and regulatory framework for civil society and the the relationship between civil society and government
<b>Dr. Zheng Jing</b> Holder of KC Wong Fellowship award September 2005 – June 2006	Middle level decision processes in urban redevelopment in China
<b>Dr Jeff Lewis</b> Globalism Institute, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia June – July 2006	Working with Jude Howell and Jeremy Lind on the Global War on Terror project to develop a research proposal for Indonesia
<b>Dr Ebenezer Obadare</b> Previously PhD student CCS/Department of Social Policy February 2005 – August 2006	Funded by MacArthur Foundation to undertake research on migration, transnational flow and paradoxes of citizenship in Nigeria
<b>Dr Anne Birgitta Yeung</b> University of Helsinki, Finland March – April 2006	Nonprofit organisations and religious institutions

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*Professor Thomas Boje addresses the CINEFOGO Conference on Gender, Citizenship and Participation in March 2005*

# Postgraduate Teaching and Research Supervision

## PhD study

PhD students who were supervised or closely associated with CCS during 2005/6 are listed below with brief details of their research topics.

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Nandita Dogra	<p><b>Visual Images, NGOs and Social Policy – fundraising and advocacy strategies of UK international development NGOs.</b> The research examines the visual images of UK based NGOs used for fundraising and advocacy in the light of various ‘ways of seeing’ rooted in discourses of colonialism, orientalism and development. It also considers the implications of visual images for the management, policies and discourses of NGOs.</p>
Paola Grenier	<p><b>‘Individual action for common good?’: the tension between individual and community in social entrepreneurship.</b> Paola’s research seeks to explore and understand how tensions between individual social entrepreneurs and communities are played out in different nonprofit organisational fields.</p>
Du Jie	<p><b>The politics of engendering policy: Case studies from China.</b> Drawing upon feminist gender frameworks of analysis, this research will use case studies on the advocacies of women’s organisations to examine gender related politics in the process of policy change in China.</p>
Nisrine Mansour	<p><b>The influence of the political and religious institutions on women’s identities and collective action: the case of Shiite and Maronite personal status codes in Beirut’s southern suburb.</b> In the Lebanese case, tension lies between a perceived liberal social environment and the existence of a pre-independence discriminating religious personal status code. Women’s organisations or individuals have not been able to voice personal status issues and achieve legal amendments. The research seeks explanations by comparing the discourses of</p>

women's groups with those of individual women experiencing these problems. It also looks at bargaining between state, religious, civil society and family institutions as a possible answer for generating these discourses and maintaining the personal status order. By doing this, it questions the homogenised 'women' category and invites a critical analysis of the role of women's groups in addressing women's issues.

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**Ebenezer Obadare** **The Theory and Practice of Civil Society in Nigeria.** What does the idea of civil society suggest in Nigeria? What does actually existing civil society look like? How do the notion(s) and reality of civil society in Nigeria relate to postulations in both global and indigenous literatures? These are the three critical problems that this thesis investigates. While the global literature variously denies, misunderstands, and ultimately misrepresents the reality of civil society in Nigeria, the Nigerian literature tends to perpetuate the same misrepresentation by uncritically apotheosising it. This study corrects the misapprehension in the two categories of analysis by attempting to show civil society in Nigeria in all its conceptual and actual complexity.

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**Jonathan Roberts** **Trust and pre-school: to what extent and in what ways do parents trust childcare providers?** In different ways both trust and pre-school provision have become significant policy issues. This study uses a multi-disciplinary approach to investigate to what extent and why parents/carers trust childcare providers; it seeks to understand social and other contexts which push parents towards certain solutions to trust problems. Special, but not exclusive, reference is given to different organisational forms, including the theoretical trust advantages of nonprofit or voluntary organisations.

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Congratulations to Ebenezer Obadare who successfully completed his PhD in 2006 and whose PhD was awarded a Department of Social Policy prize.

## MSc degrees

Associated with the Centre over many years are the MSc in Management of Non-Governmental Organisations and the MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation, attracting students from home and overseas. These students are normally well-qualified graduates with experience of working with civil society organisations.

- *The MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation* was established to meet the needs of those working in, or with, the voluntary sector in the UK or other industrialised countries, by providing students with a thorough grounding in issues of voluntary sector organisation and the implications for social policy
- *The MSc in Management of Non-Governmental Organisations* is intended for people who are making, or who have the potential to make, a significant contribution to the non-governmental sector in the developing world as analysts, policy-makers, researchers or practitioners.

The 2005-06 students studying for these degrees came from the following countries: Canada, China, France, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Spain, Taiwan and the USA.

Organisations that these students were previously associated with include: Amnesty International, CARE, Ciudad Alegria in Mexico, Danish Refugee Council, Focus Ireland, International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, International Youth Commission – Taiwan, Japanese International Cooperation Agency, Junior Achievement, Rainer, Mercy Corps, Oxfam, Peace Games – Boston, Praxis, UNHCR, US Peace Corps, West Oxon Citizens Advice Bureau, and World Bank.

2005-06 is sadly the last year of the MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation. This has been a highly successful programme that has run over 20 years. It has attracted students from UK voluntary sector and community organisations, as well as some international students. Alas, falling demand and the difficulties of postgraduate funding have now brought this programme to a close. However, the subject of voluntary sector organisations in the UK continues to be taught as an optional postgraduate course within the Department of Social Policy. Furthermore, research on civil society in the UK continues to be an important area of work at the Centre.

# Centre Staff and Associates 2005-06

## Academic Staff

Profesor Jude Howell	Centre Director and Director of ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme
Dr Marlies Glasius	Lecturer MSc in Management of NGOs
Dr Armine Ishkanian	Programme Director MSc in Management of NGOs
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## Research Assistants

Isabel Crowhurst	Part time research assistant (Third Sector European Network)
Catherine Will	Part time research assistant (Third Sector European Network)

## Administrative Staff

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Jane Schiemann	Office Manager and Administrator, ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme
Maria Schlegel	MSc NGO Management Programme Administrator and Centre Administrator

## Research Associates

Dr Babken Babajanian	Tutorial Fellow, Department of Social Policy
Dr Siobhan Daly	University of Northumbria, former Research Officer, Centre for Civil Society
Professor Nicholas Deakin	Former Visiting Professor, Centre for Civil Society and Department of Social Policy
Dr Jeremy Kendall	School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent
Dr Sunil Kumar	Lecturer in Social, Policy and Planning for Developing Countries, Department of Social Policy

Dr David Lewis	Reader in Social Policy, MSc Social Policy and Planning for Developing Countries and Reader in Social Policy
Dr Hakan Seckinelgin	Lecturer in Social Policy and Planning for Developing Countries

## Occasional Research Assistants 2005-06

Nandita Dogra, Diana Lewis, Nisrine Mansour

# Publications

## Individual Staff Publications

### Babken Babajanian

#### Journal articles

Co-editor of the 'Special Issue on Civil Society in Central Asia and the Caucasus', Co-wrote the editorial on 'Civil Society in Central Asia and the Caucasus', *Central Asian Survey*, Volume 24 No 3, September 2005, pp 209-224

'Civic Participation in Post-Soviet Armenia', *Central Asian Survey*, Volume 24 No 3, September 2005, pp 261-279

'Promoting Community Development in Post-Soviet Armenia: The Social Fund Model', *Social Policy and Administration*, Volume 39 No 4, August 2005, pp 448-462

#### Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

Presentation on *Conceptualising and Measuring Social Capital in Post-Soviet Transition* Reassessing Civil Society, the State and Social Capital Conference, University of Bergen, Norway, May 2006

Presentation on *Civic Participation in Armenia and Tajikistan* The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, March 2006

Presentation on *Community-Driven Development in Central Asia: Implications for Poverty Reduction*, The Oxford Society for the Caspian and Central Asia (TOSCCA), St Anthony's College, University of Oxford, March 2006

Presentation on *Social Exclusion in the Low Income Post-Soviet Countries*, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, UK, February 2006

Presentation on *The European 'Welfare Regimes' Framework: is it relevant for the low income post Soviet countries?* Department of Social Policy Research Seminar, the London School of Economics and Political Science, January 2006

Presentation on *Poverty Reduction Strategies in Tajikistan*, Roundtable on Social Policies in Central Asia, School for Oriental and African Studies, London, November 2005

Organised international workshop on *Civil Society in the South Caucasus and Central Asia: bridging research and practice* at the LSE Centre for Civil Society, October 2005

Editorial review and advice for *The Development of Civil Society in Central Asia* book, September 2005, INTRAC, Oxford.

## Richard Fries

### Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

'Accountability of Foundations' paper presented to a conference on Foundations, Accountability and Transparency at the Rockefeller Center, Pocantico, New York, January 2006

'Regulatory Institutions for Civil Society' presented to Global Civil Society Law Conference organised by the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law to launch report *Public Benefit Commissions: a Comparative Overview* (to which Richard Fries contributed the UK section) Istanbul, November 2005

'Donor Intent and Avoiding the Dead Hand: a UK perspective' presentation at Conference on Donor Intent and Avoiding the Dead Hand, New York University School of Law, October 2005

'Foundations in Britain' paper presented to seminar at Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, September 2005

## Marlies Glasius

### Books

*The International Criminal Court: a global civil society achievement*, London: Routledge, 2005

### Book chapters

With Mary Kaldor and Helmut Anheier. 'Introduction: Global Civil Society and Risk Perception'. In: Marlies Glasius, Mary Kaldor and Helmut Anheier, ed *Global Civil Society 2005-06*. London: Sage, 2005

With Jill Timms, 'Social Forums: Radical Beacon or Strategic Infrastructure?' In: Marlies Glasius, Mary Kaldor and Helmut Anheier, ed *Global Civil Society 2005-06*. London: Sage

'Seven Countertheses on Markets and Civil Society: response to John Keane'. *Journal of Civil Society*, Volume 1 No 1, Summer 2005

'De globalisering van de civil society' (The Globalisation of Civil Society) in Paul Dekker, Marc Hooghe & Govert Buijs (eds) *Civil Society tussen Oud en Nieuw* (Civil Society Between Old and New). Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam, 2006

## Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

'Review of Mary Dowell Jones, Contextualising the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: assessing the economic deficit'. In: *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, Volume 24 No 1, 2006, pp 163-167

'Review of Ann Florini, The Coming Democracy: new rules for running a new world'. In: *International Affairs*, Volume 82 No 3, 2006, pp 590-591

## Jude Howell

### Book Chapters

'Gender, Institutions and Empowerment in China', in Blomqvist, H, Roy, K and Clark, C (eds), *Gender, Institutions and Empowerment*, (forthcoming 2006)

'Organising around migrant workers in China', chapter for special issue on Migration and China, edited by Rachel Murphy, for *International Organisation of Migration* (forthcoming 2006)

'Governance: The Challenges', chapter 8, pp 96-107 in De Burgh, H (ed) *China and Britain: the potential impact of China's development*, The Smith Institute, 2005

'Gender and Rural Governance in China', chapter in edited book by Kazuki Iwanaga on *Women's Participation in Asia* (in print, forthcoming in 2006), University of Hawaii Press and Routledge Curzon

'Gender and Civil society', *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2005-2006*, pp 38-63

### Articles in journals

'Women's Political Participation in China. In whose interests elections?' *Journal of Contemporary China* (forthcoming November 2006)

'The Global War on Terror, Development and Civil Society', *Journal of International Development*, 18, pp 121-135, 2006

'Reflections on the Chinese State', *Development and Change*, Volume 37 No 2, 2006, pp 273-297

'New Democratic Trends in China? Reforming the All-China Federation of Trade Unions', IDS Working Paper 263, pp 1-28, 2006, Institute of Development Studies

'Women's Political Participation in China. In whose interests elections?' *Journal of Contemporary China*, issue 15 No 49, November, 2006, pp 603-619

### Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

'Civil society in the UK and relevant to the Commonwealth', Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, May 2006

Witness submission on China to Foreign Affairs Committee, House of Commons, UK, March 2006

Guest chair of debate on 'Fair Trade: in whose interests?' on behalf of Burgess Hill and Brighton and Hove Fairtrade Town Steering Groups, February 2006

- 'Migrant Workers in China', Guest Seminar at Ethical Trading Initiative, February 2006
- 'Governance Challenges in China', guest talk to China Development Society, LSE, February 2006
- 'Trade Union Elections in China. The Myth of Democratisation?' Guest Seminar at University of Bristol, January 2006
- 'Women's Organising in China', plenary speech at Global Exchange Forum Conference on Understanding Women's Social Capital, September 2005
- 'Global War on Terror, Civil Society and Aid: the challenges' presented at International Third Sector Conference, Bangkok, July 2006
- Panel convenor of ESRC Non-Governmental Action Programme panel on 'Negotiating Change and Striving for Justice: the role of non-public actors' at the Civicus World Assembly, June 2006
- 'For the Common Good?: The Changing Role of Civil Society in Britain and Ireland' Dr Siobhan Daly with Professor Jude Howell, Carnegie Trust, Fife, June 2006

## Armine Ishkanian

### Book chapters

'Diaspora and Global Civil Society: the Impact of transnational diasporic activism on Armenia's post-Soviet transition.' In *Central Asia and the Caucasus: Transnationalism and Diaspora*. Edited by Atabaki, T Mehendale, S Routledge, 2005, pp 113-139

### Journal articles

'From Inclusion to Exclusion: Armenian NGOs participation in the PRSP', *Journal of International Development*, 18: 5, pp 729-740. (2006)

With Avaz Hasanov, 'Bridging Divides: civil society peacebuilding initiatives.' In *The Limits Of Leadership: Elites And Societies In The Nagorny Karabakh Peace Process* 17. Edited by Broers, Laurence Conciliation Resources, 2005, pp 44-47

Forthcoming (2006) 'Homecomings and Goings: a review essay' in *Diaspora: a Journal of Transnational Studies*.

### Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

Review of *Chechnya: Life in a War Torn Society* in *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 11: 2 (2005)

## David Lewis

### Books

*Development Brokers and Translators: the ethnography of aid and agencies*. Edited by D Lewis and D Mosse. Bloomfield, CT: Kumarian Books, 2006

*The Aid Effect: Giving and Governing in International Development*. Edited by David Mosse and David Lewis. London: Pluto Press, 2005

## Book Chapters

With M S Siddiqi 'Social capital from Sericulture?' In *Social Capital and the World Bank*, pp 239-257, eds A Bebbington, M Woolcock and S Guggenheim. Bloomfield CT: Kumarian Books, 2006

Individuals, Organisations and Public Action: trajectories of the 'non-governmental' in development studies. In ed.U Kothari *A Radical History of Development Studies*. London: Zed Books, 2005

Entries on 'Civil society', 'Non-governmental organisations' and 'Grameen Bank' for (ed T Forsyth) *Encyclopaedia of Development Studies*, Routledge, 2005

## Articles in journals

With P Opoku-Mensah 'Moving Forward Research Agendas on International NGOs: theory, agency and context'. *Journal of International Development* 18, pp 1-11, 2006

With D Mosse 'Encountering Order and Disjuncture: contemporary anthropological perspectives on the organisation of development'. *Oxford Development Studies*, 34,1, pp 1-14, 2006

'Globalization and International Service: a development perspective'. *Voluntary Action*, 7,2, pp 13-26, 2006

## Jeremy Lind

### Articles in journals

'Supporting Pastoralist Livelihoods in Eastern Africa through Peace Building: the pitfalls and potential.' *Development*. (Forthcoming 2006)

With Siri Eriksen. 'The Impacts of Conflict on Household Coping Strategies: evidence from Turkana and Kitui Districts in Kenya.' *Die Erde*. (Forthcoming 2006)

With Siri Eriksen. 'Violence and Vulnerability: the impacts of conflict on coping strategies to drought.' *Oxford Journal of Development Studies*. (Forthcoming 2006)

### Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

'Climate Stress, Chronic Insecurity and the Loss of Recuperative Powers in Turkana District, Kenya.' Paper presented at conference on Global Environmental Change, Globalization and International Security, University of Bonn, October 2005'

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