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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, trades 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. 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 the new director of the CCS, taking up my appointment in October 2003, I am delighted to present this triennial report of the Centre's activities. Since then the Centre has undergone several major changes – appointing new staff, identifying a new research direction, and taking on the directorship of a £4.9 million ESRC research programme on Non-Governmental Public Action.

Joining the Centre since 2003 are Dr Marlies Glasius, Dr Armine Ishkanian and Dr Sarabajaya Kumar (in her new position as Lecturer), bringing with them new ideas, new country interests, and new energy. We also have a new part-time administrator, Maria Schlegel, who administers the MSc in Management of Non-Governmental Organisations and various Centre activities. Jane Schiemann continues as office manager but also acts as programme administrator for the ESRC research programme on Non-Governmental Public Action. Sue Roebuck continues in her role as administrator for the MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation and has taken on the role of web editor for the Non-Governmental Public Action research programme.

Centre staff, associates and long-term fellows have worked together to develop a long-term research framework, which is outlined in the Report. We have revised the Visiting Fellows Scheme to ensure that our visiting fellows are well integrated into the life of the Centre. Over the last year we have enjoyed and benefited from exchanges with visiting fellows from Australia, Belgium, China, Finland and Japan. We are currently seeking ways of supporting more international fellowships. The Centre continues to carry out both pure theoretical and empirical research as well as applied research relevant to practitioners and policy-makers. As part of LSE's Public Lecture Programme, we now regularly hold public lectures and debates on key themes relevant to civil society and continue to run a lunch-time seminar series.

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.

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 20 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, non-profit 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 non-profit 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. Through a process of international recruitment Professor Jude Howell was appointed from October 2003 as the new director. Subsequently three 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.

Current Aims

In February 2004 the Centre held a full-day retreat to discuss the future purpose and direction of the Centre, involving current academic staff, administrative staff, research associates, research officers and long-term visiting fellows. This led to a redefinition of the purpose and scope of the Centre, the production of a new Centre leaflet (see Annex 1) and changes in the website.

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:

- research activities including publications in academic and professional journals; conference presentations; competitive research programmes such as the ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action programme; commissioned research; unfunded research; 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 in NGO Management; MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation) and research supervision.

Details of the activities pursued since 2002 are given in the next section.

Achievements over the past three years

The main achievements of the Centre over the past three years include

- a rethinking of the intellectual direction and overall purpose of the Centre, its main activities, and the establishment of relevant systems for facilitating these;
- the award of the directorship of a £4.9 million ESRC research programme on Non-Governmental Public Action;
- theoretical and empirical research on civil society in diverse contexts, leading to publications in academic journals, books, working papers, and conference presentations;
- the development of an intellectually coherent and challenging seminar and public lectures series;
- the expansion of the international profile of the Centre through a reworked 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;
- key member of the Steering Group for the Active Citizenship Centre established by the Home Office to promote and apply research on active citizenship, civil renewal and community involvement;
- ongoing policy and advisory work for non-governmental agencies, government departments and practitioners.

Details of research projects, public events, policy and advisory work and other outputs are given below.

Research Projects 2002-05

(Listed in alphabetical order according to researcher)

Social Capital and the Voluntary Sector: A comparative analysis (2002-03)

The aim of this study was to investigate the role that the voluntary sector could play in policies designed to improve social participation and inclusion at local levels through the promotion of social capital. Two related goals were to explore how 'sensitive' social capital is to policy intervention and examine the actual and potential

impact of policies and programmes on the relationship between social capital and voluntary organisations. The research was carried out by **Halima Begum**, former research officer at the Centre for Civil Society, under the supervision of **Professor Nicholas Deakin**, former visiting professor at the Centre. The project was developed in close cooperation with Dr Karl Wilding of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations. The team reported the findings of the study at the launch of a national conference on social capital *Joined-up citizens? Does Social Capital add up?* organised jointly with NCVO at NCVO headquarters on Friday 5 December 2003. The final report, *'Social Capital in Action: Adding Up Local Connections and Networks'* by Halima Begum, was published by NCVO in December 2003.

Transnational Civil Society: Issues of Governance and Organisation (2002-03)

Funded by the Ford Foundation, **John Clark**, then visiting fellow at the Centre, led a research project exploring the organisational and governance challenges faced by civil society organisations (CSOs) as they work increasingly across national boundaries, either in multinational CSOs or in international networks. The project involved both practitioners and researchers and drew upon both Northern and Southern experience. Case studies included the global network of consumers' organisations, international work of trade unions, the World Social Forum and the Jubilee 2000 Campaign. The results of the research project were presented at the international conferences in Bergen, New Delhi, Montreal, London and Washington and published in a book *'Globalising Civic Engagement: Civil Society and Transnational Action'*, in 2003 by Earthscan.

Visions and Roles of Foundations in Europe (2002-04)

The purpose of the project was to conduct a systematic analysis of the current and future role of foundations in Europe. The analysis included a mapping and appraisal of foundation visions, policies and strategies, and an overall assessment of the current and future policy environment in which they operate. The project sought to go beyond a quantitative profile of foundations in Europe, and probe deeper into their role and contributions in meeting the economic, cultural, environmental and educational needs of European societies. **Dr Siobhan Daly** was the principal researcher on this project and the director was **Dr Helmut Anheier**. The preliminary and final findings of the research were presented at the Annual General Assembly of the European Foundation Centre in 2003 and 2004 respectively. The final research report *The Politics of Foundations: Perspectives from Europe and Beyond* will be published by Routledge in 2005.

Social Capital and the Cultural Sector (2004)

This research project was commissioned by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. The purpose of the project was to review the academic literature on the relationship between social capital and the cultural sector, focusing on four key domains, namely, sport, arts, heritage and television. The project was carried out by **Dr Siobhan Daly**. The report is available on the CCS and Department of Culture, Media and Sport's websites.

Global Civil Society Yearbook (ongoing)

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 2004 Global Civil Society 2004-05 was launched at the LSE. The yearbook takes up the theme of global civil society in an uncertain world, with chapters covering the reinvigoration of local democracy in China, Brazil and Guatemala, the anti-war movement and oil and activism. Now in its fourth year of publication, the Global Civil Society Yearbook is an indispensable tool, and essential reading for social and political scientists, activists, students, journalists and policy makers.

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 as yet there is little theorisation of this development. **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 why certain global civil society actors, associated with the 'anti-capitalist' or 'social justice' movement have not taken up the language of economic and social rights.

Human Rights, Global Civil Society and East Timor (2003-)

This small individual research project of **Dr Marlies Glasius** grounds emerging theories about the influence of human rights norms and of civil society actors on areas going through conflict and reconstruction in the recent experiences of East Timor. It builds on Dr Glasius' PhD thesis and examines the interactions of East Timorese civil society with the outside world during the Indonesian occupation, under the UN transitional authority and under independence. It will include occasional field visits. This research is being disseminated in various book chapters and journal articles.

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.

Global Civil Society Influence on the Statute for an International Criminal Court (2001-04)

This individual research project uses the negotiations on different parts of the ICC Statute as a case study to examine two related phenomena. The project is designed and led by **Dr Marlies Glasius**. On the one hand it discusses, through the prism of the ICC, the conflicts between unilateral and multilateral, sovereignist and human rights oriented world-views. It discusses the political negotiations that led to the ICC, as well as the on-going clashes between those states who oppose the Court, particularly the United States, and those who defend it. On the other hand, it examines the merits and difficulties of the involvement of what can be broadly termed global civil society in international law-making. It addresses in some depth the problem of representation: civil society involvement is often held to democratise international decision-making, but who does global civil society really represent? The research on this project has mostly been completed, and is being written up into a book, contracted by Routledge, and various articles and book chapters.

ESRC Research Programme on Non-Governmental Public Action (2004-09)

Professor Jude Howell was appointed through a process of competitive selection as Director of a new £4.9 million ESRC research programme on Non-Governmental Public Action extending over five years. The programme comprises 15 small grants of up to £45,000 and 12 large grants of up to £300,000, covering research in over 35 countries. Projects include research on trade unions, development NGOs, advocacy networks, policy-making processes, co-operatives, governance issues and the effects on 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.

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 special issue on gender and civil society in the *International Feminist Journal 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. A chapter will appear 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.

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**, Professor Feng Tongqing, Professor Shi Xiu Yin and Ms 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 undertaken 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 is 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 firstly 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; secondly that it changes the environment within which international aid and development policy is constructed; and thirdly that the effects are likely to vary according to the political context, being most acute in post-conflict states and less pronounced in established democracies. The research will contribute theoretically to 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 NGPA programme.

Management and Governance of Non-profits in the USA (2002-03)

Funded by the Zurich Financial Services and others, this project sought to review the latest theory and practice in the management and governance of US not-for-profit organisations and to identify key messages for managers and board members of UK organisations. The research involved interviews with 70 leading chief executives, academics and consultants in five US cities. The principal researcher was **Mike Hudson** of Compass Partnership, working in conjunction with **Natalia Leshchenko** and **Dr Helmut Anheier** from CCS. The research led to a book entitled '*Managing at the Leading Edge*' by Mike Hudson, published in September 2003 by the Directory of Social Change.

Civil Society Development in the Post-Soviet States (2002-)

This individual research project is designed and led by **Dr Armine Ishkanian**. It explores the development of civil society 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, the project examines how civil society is locally understood, the development of NGOs, and how the work of local NGOs is affected by their relations with donor agencies, international NGOs, and government officials. This 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 importing the

concept of civil society and how the relations between the different actors involved in civil society promotion projects have affected the development of local organisations, and what impact local organisations have on the transitions to democracy. The research on this project has mostly been completed, and is being written up into a book and various articles and book chapters.

Civil Society Participation in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) (2003-)

PRSPs are now being implemented in over 50 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 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 component of this project, designed by **Dr Armine Ishkanian**, has been completed and is now being written up. Her research explores the relationship between the IFIs, states, and civil society actors involved in PRSPs and explores the issues of empowerment, exclusion, and citizenship through an ethnographic study of civil society participation in Armenia's PRSP process. In doing so it addresses questions about participatory development and the nature and impact of civil society participation in PRSPs. This project will result in the publication of academic articles.

NGOs and Refugees in the Caucasus (2005-)

The aim of this project, which is designed and developed by **Dr Armine Ishkanian**, in conjunction with Dr Denisa Kostovicova, is to empirically examine the role and impact of indigenous NGOs working with the 2.6 million refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the South Caucasus (henceforth 'Caucasus') displaced by the unresolved conflicts in Abkhazia and Karabagh, which have been frozen since 1993 and 1994 respectively. Indigenous NGOs are the only local organisations in the Caucasus, which provide development and peace building programmes for refugees and IDPs. This project will examine the role and impact of indigenous NGOs working with refugees and IDPs in reducing poverty and exclusion through development programmes and providing post-conflict regeneration and reconciliation through peace-building programmes in the Caucasus. It also addresses broader issues around the asymmetrical relations between NGOs and states and NGOs and donors on the work and impact of NGOs promoting development, peace building, and human security. Given the similarities that are created by the structural dimensions of aid

and the policies of donors working with NGOs in different parts of the world, this project will use the Caucasus as a case study to contribute to scholarship in development and civil society studies. This project will result in the publication of a book, academic articles, and policy briefs.

Gender Issues in Post-Soviet Central Asia and the Caucasus (2000-)

This research project is designed and led by **Dr Armine Ishkanian**. Different phases of the project have been funded by IREX (the International Research and Exchanges Board), the US National Research Council, and the University of California. The project examines changing gender roles and relations in the former Soviet states in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The project explores the diversity and continuity of cultural models and ideas about gender relations, roles, and identity in the post-Soviet Central Asian and Caucasus republics. It examines the impact of Soviet policies and the post-Soviet 'transitions' on gender roles and relations and addresses how local understandings, social practices, cultural models, religions, and economic conditions shape men's and women's experiences and roles in these different societies. The project has resulted in the publication of several articles, book chapters, a policy paper, and a working paper.

Third Sector European Policy (2002-05)

In 2002, **Dr Jeremy Kendall**, later joined by LSE-based research students 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.

Since 2003 the network has held a total of six meetings to agree methodological and theoretical parameters and share data. Three 'policy workshops' have also been organised (in Barcelona, Tilburg and Berlin) creating space for policy makers from national and European institutions to share their experiences with third sector representatives. The LSE team organised the final dissemination event and workshop, in Brussels in June 2005 and materials were also presented at the International Society for Third Sector Research in Toronto 2004 and Paris 2005). A series of 16 working papers will be published on the TSEP web-pages starting in May 2005. Members of the LSE team will be first authors on at least six of these, several of which are already complete.

Accountability and Voice in the North and South (2005-)

This research is to be led by **Dr Sarabajaya Kumar** with Dr Tasneem Mowjee (former CCS PhD student). It examines NGO accountability relationships with both funders and beneficiaries. As accountability is in theory more complex for NGOs than for other organisations, concerns have been raised about balancing potentially conflicting accountability demands. The literature has tended to focus on accountability to funders. This project is distinctive through its focus on both funders and beneficiaries. The research draws on four case-studies from three countries, namely, the UK, Sweden and the Palestinian Occupied Territories. Each case study will follow the funding trail from government funder through assistance providers to beneficiaries. Its key research questions revolve around the different meanings of accountability to different stakeholders; how accountability is enacted and experienced by funders, assistance providers and beneficiaries; and differences in the way accountability works in Northern and Southern contexts. Funding to support this research is currently being sought.

Organisational Culture and Spaces for Empowerment (2002-04)

Funded by the World Bank, **Dr David Lewis** carried out research on the changing organisational cultures of NGOs and organisations of the poor involved in World Bank projects. The research took place in three countries, namely, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Burkina Faso, and was in collaboration with Anthony Bebbington (University of Boulder, Colorado) and Simon Batterbury (DESTIN, LSE).

Between the State and 'Western Union': Migration, Transnational Flow and Paradoxes of Citizenship in Nigeria

The central question that this study, currently undertaken by **Dr Ebenezer Obadare**, Visiting Fellow at CCS with Dr Wale Adebani from the University of Cambridge seeks to answer is: What are the civic implications for a society in which the source of private economic provisioning for a significant proportion of the population lies outside the borders of the state? This question has become pertinent given the increasing dependence of a large number of Nigerian 'citizens' on foreign remittances, a dependence with important consequences for social identity and the construction of citizenship.

How do those dependent on remittances define their moral obligations to the state? What expectations do they have of the state, and how do they put forward the case for the enjoyment of citizenship rights? At the same time, what duties would the state – that is marginal to their economic survival – expect them to perform? How do they define their identity? Are they still able to retain their *civic-ness*? If not, what are the implications for citizenship? If, as the literature rightly recognises, migration is a social phenomenon that throws up winners and losers, who is the ultimate loser in the process of emigration from Nigeria, or indeed contemporary Africa – the state, the people, neither, or both? Theoretically speaking, what are the effects of transnational resource flow for political culture, the dynamics of mass action, the state, civil society, and the character of relations between the two?

New Mutualism in Britain (2000-02)

Upon the initiative of **Professor Stephen Yeo**, and with the assistance of **Professor Nicholas Deakin** both of whom were visiting professors at the Centre during this period, CCS convened workshops and discussion forums on co-operation and mutuality in Britain. Topics included membership, the White Paper on social investment and co-operatives, and the public interest company. The network attracted the attention of policy-makers, practitioners and academics. Funding for the network ceased in 2002, after which time the mutuality network became less formal, serving as a network between interested people with the Centre providing a venue for meetings an occasional site for occasional meetings, publications and related activities. The network has produced a number of publications which are listed in the Publications section at the end of this report under CCS reports on page 37.

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 DEMOS in developing their work in China, Save the Children Fund and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) in relation to fostering civil society in Iraq, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office on issues of rights, governance and civil society in China, to AUSAID in developing a strategy for engaging with civil society in Papua New Guinea. Over the past year she has given radio interviews on labour organisations in China (Nice Work, Radio 4) and on development issues (US radio).

Dr Sarabajaya Kumar is a member of the Governance Strategy Group, chaired by Tina Jenkins of the Active Communities Unit, set up to advise and oversee the development of an integrated Governance Strategy for the voluntary and community sector.

Professor Nicholas Deakin, (visiting professor at the Centre 1999-2004) made an informal presentation to the Joint Committee on the Draft Charities Bill at the House of Commons in May 2004. Nicholas Deakin and Richard Fries, current visiting fellow, are both members of the Steering Group for the Home Office initiative on Active Citizenship. Professor Deakin is also a trustee of Nationwide Foundation and Chair of the Research Committee for the Institute for Volunteering Research. Both Nicholas Deakin and Richard Fries are members of the NCVO Advisory Council.

Richard Fries is currently a member of parallel projects established by the European Foundation Centre in Brussels and the Bertelsmann Foundation and Bucerius Law School in Germany to develop European foundation law. He is a member of the Charity Law Association's working group on charity law reform, which has lobbied extensively for improvements to the Charities Bills in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Richard Fries was a member of the Northern Ireland Hospice Review in 2003. He has provided advice on the development of an enabling legal and regulatory framework for civil society organisations to governments, representatives of civil society and others in many countries including Germany, Italy, Ukraine, China, South Africa and New Zealand.

Visitors to the Centre

The Centre receives international delegations seeking information, discussion and advice on various aspects of civil society. In the last two years we have hosted delegations from Finland and Estonia, from South Korea (Prime Minister's Advisory Committee on Civil Society Development), from Chile (Universidad Diego Portales), and two delegations from China (Ministry of Civil Affairs; Ministry of Commerce) to discuss the work of the Centre and issues around civil society. The Centre also regularly receives visitors from within the UK and abroad, wishing to establish contact with us and exchange information, such as the US NGO International Foundation for Election Systems; The Wheel (an Irish NGO connecting community and voluntary organisations across Ireland); Transparency International (Germany/Argentina); NGO Research Centre, Qinghua University, China; the NPO Centre 21, Japan; Vision 2015, Pakistan.

Listed below are specific policy and advisory projects that Centre staff, fellows and associates have been engaged in since 2002.

Participation, Civil Society and Democracy 2004

Professor Jude Howell organised and led a one-day workshop on the theme of participation, civil society and democracy for the non-governmental organisation One World Action. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce staff to the diverse meanings of participation, the links with civil society and democracy and to stimulate discussion about the organisation's own work on participation.

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. Jude 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.

Assisting Qinghua University to develop a research proposal on civil society (2004-05)

The British Council funded **Professor Jude Howell** to assist the NGO Research Centre at Qinghua University, Beijing, China to develop a research proposal on civil society in

China. The research plan involves not only looking at innovative practices by civil society actors aimed at influencing policy processes in China but also enhancing understanding about the role and regulation of civil society organisations in the UK. In the autumn of 2004 Dr Jia Xijin visited the Centre for two weeks to work together with Professor Howell on developing an initial proposal. The proposal has now been approved and Dr Jia visited the Centre in May 2005 to conduct some preliminary research on the UK.

DFID China, Governance and Civil Society (2004)

Professor Jude Howell was engaged by the Department for International Development in China, to provide inputs into a tailored course on governance and civil society for Zhao Yong Jun, the new governance advisor. This involved focussed one-to-one sessions on general theories of civil society and governance, their relevance to China, and the implications for policy.

United Nations Development Programme: Review of UNDP China's Governance and Civil Society Programme (2004)

Professor Jude Howell was part of an international team recruited on behalf of the UNDP Assessment of Development Results Office in New York to assess UNDP's China programme. Professor Howell's specific role was to examine the governance, civil society, and gender components of the China UNDP programme. The review led to a detailed report, covering various dimensions including economic development, governance and civil society, HIV/AIDS, gender and environment.

Ethical Training Initiative Project (2004-05)

Professor Jude Howell and Dr Stephanie Barrientos (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex) undertook an initial scoping study on behalf of the Ethical Trading Initiative to consider the potential for a pilot project to monitor labour conditions in supplier factories in China. The research involved interviews with corporate social responsibility representatives in intermediary companies, supplier factories, trades unions, non-governmental labour organisations in Hong Kong, and labour activists in Hong Kong. The report is currently being finalised.

Evaluation of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Fundraising Training Project (2004-05)

Dr Sarabajaya Kumar was part of a team led by Colin Rochester, Centre for Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Management, Roehampton University, engaged to evaluate the

impact and effectiveness of the BME Fundraising Training Project since its inception in October 2002. The project sought to use the learning gained from the experience of the project to inform future approaches to the development of capacity in the BME voluntary and community sector. The evaluation was completed in May 2005.

Governance of Small, Local Organisations (2001-02)

Dr Sarabajaya Kumar, Kevin Nunan and Dr Helmut Anheier worked together on an evaluation for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation of the one year Governance Project involving twenty community groups and organisations in four London boroughs set up to strengthen their governance. The evaluation found that unsuitable legal frameworks and poor, inappropriate constitutions were a root cause of many of the organisational problems that the organisations faced. The final report '*A lighter touch: An evaluation of the Governance Project*' recommended that funders should invest in helping community groups and small voluntary organisations develop effective governance. The report was launched at the Globe Theatre, London in October 2002.

Manusher Jonno (MJ) Human Rights and Governance Project, Bangladesh (2003-05)

Dr David Lewis (with Dr Jo Beall of Destin) have worked since 2003 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 is scheduled to become an independent trust at the end of 2005.

Grants Impact Project (2001-04)

The charity SHINE (Support and Help in Education), approached the Centre for Civil Society to carry out an evaluation of the educational, social and personal impacts of private grants on disaffected children and youth from deprived Greater and Inner London areas. The aim of the Grants Impact project was to develop and implement a comprehensive mixed-method approach for evaluating private grants impacts in the field of educational provision. **Mahnaz Marashi** was the lead researcher on this project. Given the rising demand for private funding as public funding for voluntary organisations has become more restricted, many foundations and trusts are beginning to re-examine their grant-making processes and practices, placing more emphasis on careful viability assessment of projects proposed by applicants and the processes of monitoring and evaluation. The report of the project findings, *Impact Assessment of Private Educational Grant-making* by Mahnaz Marashi, was published in July 2004 as

CCS Report Number 5. A workshop involving the funders, academics and practitioners was held in March 2004 to disseminate the findings.

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

This project is funded by the European Commission under their Tempus Programme (Co-operation Scheme for Higher Education between Partner Countries and the European Union) and is 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 is due to be completed in 2005. The project aims to create a viable integrated system to educate professionals at the Novisibirsk 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 will be evaluated at its conclusion in 2005.

Munster

*Dr Hakan Seckinelgin
with Professor Annette
Zimmer of the University of Munster
at a project team workshop held
in November 2003*



Novisibirsk

*Students in new research
laboratory established by the
Tempus programme*

Dr Hakan Seckinelgin is the research manager and the project works in partnership with Novisibirsk State Technical University, the University of Bologna and the University of Munster.

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 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 lectures were organised during the academic year 2004-05.

'Corporate Social Responsibility – Latest Trend or the Way Forward?' by Dame Anita Roddick, OBE, founder of the Body Shop, 1976 (March 2005).

'The Human Rights Movement and Civil Society: the final frontier for human rights' by Irene Khan, Chair, Secretary General of Amnesty International (January 2005).

Debate on the UN Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (jointly organised with the Centre for the study of Global Governance), chaired by Jude Howell. The panellists from the UN Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations were Sr Fernando Cardoso, chair of the Panel and former President of Brazil; John Clark, director of the Panel Secretariat, and Malini Mehra, member of the UN Panel. They were joined by Malcolm Harper, retiring head of the UK UN Association. (November 2004).

'The Changing Face of Charities in the UK'
Lecture by Geraldine Peacock, Chair of the Charity Commission (held November 2004)
– pictured on the right.

These public lectures were all very well attended. The lecture given by Irene Khan was reported by BBC Politics UK.



Seminars

The Centre also organises a lunch-time seminar series 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 seven and twenty attendees both from within the LSE and from other research institutes and non-governmental bodies in London. The Centre has experimented with themed seminars, such as Civil Society and Power in Lent term 2004, Civil Society and Violence in Michaelmas term 2004, and Civil Society and Post-Socialism in Lent term 2005. With the Centre for Global Governance we have also organised a joint seminar on the subject of HIV/AIDS activism in China. Between 2001 and 2002 Dr Hakan Seckinelgin and Karen Wright organised a series of seminars on social capital

Conferences and Workshops

Research on Civil Renewal and Allied Issues (March 2005)

Richard Fries, Visiting Fellow at CCS (1999-2005) organised a round table discussion on current research and research needs on active citizenship, civil renewal and community involvement on behalf of the CCS and the Home Office's Active Citizenship Centre (ACC) Steering Group. This initiative is part of a research programme overseen by the Active Citizenship Centre Steering Group. The programme seeks to investigate issues around citizen involvement so as to provide evidence-based information and advice to Home Office policy-makers. The ACC Steering Group, consisting of a number of academics and policy makers, recently made grants to seven organisations to undertake a range of research towards this end.

Launch of the Active Citizenship Centre: The Way Ahead (March 2004)

Professor Nicholas Deakin, former visiting professor at the Centre (1999-2004), current CCS research associate (2004-05) and steering group member for the Active Citizenship Centre, spearheaded the launch of the Home Office's new Active Citizenship Centre at the LSE in March 2004. The workshop was attended by 80 leading academics, researchers, policy-makers and practitioners. Fiona Mactaggart, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Race Equality, Community Policy and Civil Renewal, gave a key-note speech at the workshop, calling for a stronger relationship between the research community and the political community.

ESRC NGPA Workshop for Small Grant-holders (March 2005)

This workshop brought together successful small grant applicants on the ESRC NGPA programme to exchange research aims, plans and methods and to provide information about relevant ESRC procedures. A session was also held on communicating with user groups so as to ensure that researchers developed a strategy from the start of the research process to engage user groups.

Independent Sector Conference (April 2003)

The Centre held a conference on the independence of the voluntary sector in the context of the growing embrace of government. It was chaired by Lord Dahrendorf and attended by a mix of academics, policy makers and voluntary sector leaders. The conference addressed issues concerning the nature and importance of the independence of voluntary organisations from policy and political, resourcing and legal perspectives.

Organisational Forms and Learning Outcomes (2003)

The Centre for Civil Society hosted two seminars together with the Learning and Skills Research Centre to examine learning opportunities outside schools and universities that are provided by a complex range of organisations from private companies, voluntary agencies to public bodies.

Key questions guiding the seminars were: Does the form these organisations take affect what they provide for learners and its success? Does organisational form affect the status of learners making them either clients or co-producers of learning? What are the policy options? The seminar group was made up of academics, policy makers, practitioners and other key stakeholders in the fields of lifelong learning and social policy. The project was organised by **Dr Helen Cameron** and assisted by **Mahnaz Marashi**.

Visiting Fellows Scheme

As part of the process of developing systems in the Centre, the Visiting Fellow scheme was reviewed. New procedures were agreed amongst staff to ensure that visiting fellows had a rewarding experience at the Centre and that the visit was mutually beneficial. Information on the scheme is available on the CCS web pages and on the Centre's leaflet. Since 2003 the number of international visiting fellows has increased, enabling the Centre to establish research-oriented links with researchers and practitioners in other contexts. All visiting fellows have come with funding either from their own universities or through donor agencies such as the British Council, European Union, Hansard Society and MacArthur Foundation. The Centre is currently seeking funding to support future international visiting fellows.

Brief details of visiting fellows and short-term visitors to CCS since 2002 are given below.

Visiting Academics at CCS (2002-05)

Dr Sebastian Braun Academic year 2001-02 University of Potsdam, Germany	Research on voluntary organisations, civic engagement, social capital
Dr Helen Cameron Oct 2000 – Sept 2003 Oxford Brookes University	Research into local membership organisation; principal investigator for project on post 16 organisational forms of learning
John Clark Oct 2001 – Dec 2002 World Bank NGO and Civil Society Unit	Research project on transnational civil society – organising international conference and further research leading to book publication
Professor Nicholas Deakin Oct 1999 – Sept 2004 Previously at University of Birmingham	Organisation of research projects, seminar series and conferences, chair of CCS Steering Group during academic year 2002/03
Richard Fries Oct 1999 – Sept 2005 Formerly Chief Charity Commissioner	Work relating to the legal, institutional and regulatory framework for civil society, and the relationship between civil society and government; active involvement in seminar series and conferences

Michael Hudson Oct 2001 – Dec 2002 Compass Partnership	Work on project comparing US and UK governance and management and practices
Dr Diana Leat Sept 2001 – Dec 2002 Previously City University Business School	Research on philanthropic foundations
Professor Marthe Nyssens Lent term 2004-05 CERISES, Catholic University of Louvain	Research on the third sector and the evaluation of social policies; social enterprise research
Dr Ebenezer Obadare Feb 2005 – Aug 2006 Previously PhD student, CCS/Department of Social Policy	Funded by MacArthur Foundation to undertake research on Migration, Transnational Flow and Paradoxes of Citizenship in Nigeria
Dr Frances Pinter Oct 1999 – Dec 2002 Soros Foundation	Assistance in production of Global Civil Society Yearbook and research activities in Central and Eastern Europe
Dr Miroslav Pospisil Oct 2001 – June 2002 Jan Hus Educational Foundation, Czech Republic	Comparative study of civil society and role of foundations in UK and Czech Republic and related themes comparing non-profit sectors in Western Europe, North America and Central Europe
Dr Gaby Ramia Jan – March 2005 Monash University, Australia	Study of international development NGOs located in the UK and Europe, international business, global governance, strategic management

Dr Chu Songyan
 Lent 2004-05
 China National School of
 Administration, Beijing

Governance and civil society organizations,
 citizenship theory especially citizenship rights
 development in transforming China



*Visiting fellow
 Dr Chu Songyan
 who visited in
 spring 2005*

Professor Stephen Yeo
 Sept 2000 – Sept 2003
 The Oxford Company of
 Learners/Co-op Futures

Work with Professor Nicholas Deakin on
 Mutuality seminar series and future of mutuality
 network, CCS report on Co-operative and
 Mutual Enterprises in Britain

Short-term Visitors to the Centre (2002-05)

Professor Gojko Bezovan
 March 2002
 University of Zagreb, Croatia

Study of Croatian civil society

Professor Al Hunter
 May-June 2004
 Northwestern University, Illinois

Research on role of churches in civil society

Dr Doreen Kirmse
 March 2002
 Berlin scholar

Comparative regulatory systems for
 charitable foundations

Dr Katsuhiko Masaki February 2005 Japan	Updating research on the politics of participation with reference to Nepal
Alejandro Natale July 2002 Colegio Mexiquense, Toluca, Mexico	Seminar on Evolution of Civil Society in Mexico; meetings with researchers
Dr Deena White Oct – Dec 2002 University of Montreal	Work on her project entitled 'The Politics of Social Citizenship: institutionalizing state-third sector relationships'
Dr Jia Xijin Sept/Oct 04 and May/June 2005 NGO Research Centre Quinghua University, Beijing	Work with Prof. Jude Howell to develop a research project on civil society and during the summer visit to do a preliminary study of the UK voluntary sector
Dr Anne Birgitta Yeung Feb-March 2005 University of Helsinki	Nordic Academic Exchange Fund visitor – research related to nonprofit organisations and religious institutions

Hansard Society Research Scholars Programme

The Hansard Society is an independent, non-partisan educational charity, which exists to promote effective parliamentary democracy. The Scholars' Programme offers an opportunity for international students to gain academic and practical knowledge of the British political system and current debates in UK public policy. Hansard Scholars take LSE accredited lecture courses in addition to pursuing an individual research dissertation. The Centre has hosted several Hansard Society Research Scholars in 2003 and 2004, namely:

Catalina Barbarosie (Moldova) Michaelmas term 2004	Work with Dr Armine Ishkanian on a project about women's NGOs in post-conflict situations
Constanta Popescu (Moldova) Michaelmas term 2003	Work with Dr Sarabajaya Kumar and Jon Fox on a literature review being undertaken for the Home Office to provide information on governance and participation

Arevik Saribekyan
(Transparency International, Armenia)
Summer term 2004

Work with Dr Armine Ishkanian on a joint article about civil society participation in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper process in Armenia. She also took a course at the LSE called Democracy and Public Policy

Postgraduate Teaching and Research Supervision

Associated with the Centre over many years are the MSc in Management of Non-Governmental Organisations and the MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation, attracting considerable numbers of home and overseas students. 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.

Over the past three academic years 110 students from the following countries have studied for the one of these degrees.

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dubai UAE, East Timor, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon Kenya, Lebanon, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sri-Lanka, Taiwan, Turkmenistan, USA, Vietnam

An additional 45 postgraduate students taking other LSE degrees have taken one of the core courses for these degrees as their elective option course.



Course tutor Armine Ishkanian (front row second from left) with MSc NGO students from 2004-05

A wide variety of dissertation topics were undertaken and some examples include:

- Resistance to Change in Nonprofit Organisations: A Social Identity Perspective
- Social Capital: an assessment of its relevance as a conceptual and policy tool
- High-Engagement Philanthropy: the grantee's perspective
- Inequality and difference: an analysis of mobilisation and visibility among minority interest groups
- Branding the Local Church: Reaching or Selling Out?
- The Healing Community – the next Big Thing or Wishful Thinking? The Referral Order, Restorative Justice and Social Capital.
- 'Strings Attached': The Politics of Aid. A dissertation that explores the reasons why gaps in formal secondary education are not responded to by non-profit organisations in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon.
- Comparison of the Psychological Contract of Trustees, Volunteers and Employees 'NGO governance and accountability: what makes them work'
- 'Implications of visual images for NGO Management: The case of a UK Development NGO'
- 'Beyond the veil of urban poverty: A development NGO in Delhi'
- 'Shifting from patriarchal secularism to true participatory democracy in Turkey: NGOs as agents of change'

- 'Between local realities and Western concepts: The choice of approach of an International and local NGO to child soldier rehabilitation'
- 'Under the influence? Local NGOs and discourse in post-communist societies'

There are also several PhD students registered in the Department of Social Policy and associated with the CCS as well as over forty students in various departments of the LSE working on issues related to civil society.

Current and past research topics include:

- The influence of civil society on peace-building efforts in the Balkans and the Commonwealth of Independent States. (Sabine Freizer)
- 'Individual action for common good?': the tension between individual and community in social entrepreneurship (Paola Grenier)
- The Theory and Practice of Civil Society in Nigeria (Ebenezer Obadare)
- Visual Images, NGOs and Social Policy.'Title: Visual Images, NGOs and Social Policy (Nandita Dogra)
- Power and Co-operation: the relationship between relief NGOs and peacekeeping forces (Chris Ankersen)
- The Role of Civil Society in the post-Soviet democratisation (Natalia Leshchenko)
- Professionals and Community: a study of community law centres in the 1990s (Julia Burdett)
- Managing for Survival?: NGOs and organisational change: case studies of four small Thai NGOs (Preecha Dechalert)
- Relations between Northern and Southern NGOs (Diana Mitlin)
- Resource environment and NGO management in Mexico and Portugal (Nuno Themudo)

Further details and a more comprehensive list can be found on the CCS website www.lse.ac.uk/ccs

Centre Staff and Associates April 2005

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Professor Nicholas Deakin	Former Visiting Professor, Centre for Civil Society and Department of Social Policy
Dr Sunil Kumar	Lecturer in Social, Policy and Planning for Developing Countries
Dr David Lewis	Programme Director, MSc Social Policy and Planning for Developing Countries and Reader in Social Policy

Susannah Morris	Lecturer in Social Policy
Dr Hakan Seckinelgin	Lecturer in Social Policy and Planning for Developing Countries

Former Staff 2002-05

Halima Begum	2002-03	Social Capital Project
Dr Helen Cameron	2003	Learning Skills Development Agency Project
Dr Siobhan Daly	2002-04 (part-time)	Visions and Roles of Foundations in Europe
Mahnaz Marashi	2001-04	Grants Impact Project and research for Learning Skills Development Agency

Part-time Research Assistants

Lisa Carlson	1999-2002	Visions and Roles of Foundations in Europe; editorial assistance for publications and websites
Sally Stares	2001-02	Global Civil Society Yearbook and European Values Survey and other projects

Occasional Research Assistants 2002-05

Francesca Borgonovi, Sheere Brooks, Paola Grenier, Natalia Leshchenko, Nisrine Mansour, Tasneem Mowjee, Jonathan Roberts, Diego Muro Ruiz, Gunther Schonleitner, Amarjit Singh.

Publications

The Centre has published a range of publications over the past three years. Following the appointment of the new director in 2003 Centre staff have reviewed the Centre's current methods of dissemination. As a result it has eliminated 'policy briefings' as these are too irregular to have any impact on policy-making and retained the working paper series and research report series. The working paper series provides an opportunity for visiting fellows, seminar-givers, researchers, and academic staff to publish their ideas and research findings. These are useful as a forum for quickly disseminating ideas, for reaching both an academic and non-academic audience or as a preliminary stage in developing an academic article for publication.

Recent publications by Centre researchers are listed below and a more comprehensive list can be found on the Centre's web pages www.lse.ac.uk/ccs

Key Books

Key books by Centre staff related to the work of the Centre.

Gender and Civil Society Transcending Boundaries edited by Jude Howell and Diane Mulligan, Routledge, 2005.

Exploring Civil Society: Political and Cultural Contexts, Marlies Glasius, David Lewis and Hakan Seckinelgin, eds, Routledge, 2004.



Dr Marlies Glasius with students at the book launch of *Exploring Civil Society* held at Waterstones, LSE in November 2004

Governance in China edited by Jude Howell, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, USA, December 2003.

Civil Society and Development. A Critical Interrogation, by Howell, Jude and Jenny Pearce, Lynne Rienner Publishers, March 2002 (paperback).

Global Civil Society 2002 and 3, Oxford: Oxford University Press, Mary Kaldor, Helmut Anheier and Marlies Glasius, eds.

The Voluntary Sector: Comparative Perspective in the UK by Jeremy Kendall, Routledge, 2003.

CCS Reports

Membership and mutuality: Proceedings of a seminar series organised at the LSE Centre for Civil Society, edited by Nicholas Deakin, CCS Report No 3, 2002.

Co-operative and Mutual Enterprises in Britain: Ideas from a useable past for a modern future edited by Stephen Yeo. CCS Report No 4, 2002.

Social capital in action: adding up local connections and networks by Halima Begum, published by NCVO, December 2003.

Impact Assessment of Private Educational Grant-making by Mahnaz Marashi. Report of the findings of the Grant Impacts Project, July 2004, CCS Report No 5.

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Social Capital and the Cultural Sector by Siobhan Daly. A literature review prepared for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. 2005.

Civil Society Working Papers

Generosity versus altruism: Philanthropy and charity in the US and UK by Karen Wright CSWP 17, 2002.

Civil society as a metaphor for western liberalism by Hakan Seckinelgin CSWP 21, 2002.

International Working Papers

Reading Freire's words: Are Freire's ideas applicable to Southern NGOs?
– Monica M Barroso. IWP 11 2002.

Practice, power and meaning: frameworks for studying organisational culture in multi-agency rural development projects – David Lewis, Anthony J. Bebbington, Simon PJ

Batterbury, Alpa Shah, Elizabeth Olson, M Shameem Siddiqi and Sandra Duvall. IWP 12 2002.

The Limitations of NGOs: a preliminary study of non-governmental social welfare organisations in China – Yiyi Lu. IWP 13 2003.

Social capital in Britain: an update and critique of Hall's analysis – Paola Grenier and Karen Wright. IWP 14 2003.

Individual Staff Publications

Marlies Glasius

Books

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Global Civil Society 2003 Mary Kaldor, Helmut Anheier and Marlies Glasius, ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

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'La Corte Penal Internacional: Una Sociedad Civil Mundial' ['The International Criminal Court: A Global Civil Society Achievement'], *Papeles de Cuestiones Internacionales*, Winter 2004.

'La Corte dell'Aja: una Conquista da Consolidare' ['The Court in the Hague: A Conquest to be Consolidated'] *Lettera Internazionale No.80*, 2004.

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'Global Civil Society: Theories and Practices'. In Bas de Gaay Fortman, Arie de Ruijter and Paul van Seters, eds., *Globalization and its New Divides, Recipes and Reform*. Amsterdam: Dutch University Press, 2003. 'Expertise in the Cause of Justice: Global Civil Society Influence on the Statute for an International Criminal Court'. In Marlies Glasius, Mary Kaldor and Helmut Anheier, eds *Global Civil Society 2002*, Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2002.

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Global Civil Society: The Politics of a New World' with Mary Kaldor and Helmut Anheier www.opendemocracy.net. 15 January 2004.

How Activists Shaped the Court Crimes of War Project: The Magazine, December 2003, www.crimesofwar.org/

Jude Howell

Books

Civil Society and Development. A Critical Interrogation by Jude Howell and Jenny Pearce, Lynne Rienner Publishers, March 2002 (paperback).

Governance in China, edited by Jude Howell, Rowman and Littlefield Inc., December 2003.

Gender and Civil Society, Routledge, edited by Jude Howell and Diane Mulligan, 2004.

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