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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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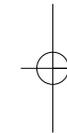
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## Introduction

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 Director of the CCS, I am delighted to present the annual report of the Centre's activities over 2007-2008. It has yet again been a busy, exciting and productive year for the Centre with numerous conferences, workshops and roundtables, covering a range of themes and country contexts.



Researchers funded under the £5.24 million ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action (NGPA) programme (2004-2009), now in its fourth year, are towards the end of their fieldwork and engrossed in analyzing and writing up their findings. Activities under the programme have focused over the year on crossfertilising research around key themes. Researchers have shared their work in specialised workshops focusing on the challenges of organising around labour issues; theoretical perspectives on non-governmental public action; non-governmental public action in Latin America; ethics and methods for researching into non-governmental public action. To facilitate discussion and debate the programme invited Professor Sidney Tarrow from Cornell University to act as commentator and sounding-board in the workshop on theory. An evening debate between Professor Sidney Tarrow and Professor Jan Scholte on global non-governmental public action drew a very large audience and generated a lively discussion. Several researchers were also part of an NGPA panel at the ESRC Research Methods Festival, discussing critically appropriate methods and ethics in NGPA.

We were delighted to welcome several international visiting fellows and practitioner fellows to the Centre over the year. Professor Enrique Peruzzotti, an NGPA-funded fellow, from Di Tella University in Buenos Aires, was with the Centre for six months, researching into issues of representation and participation. During his stay he gave numerous seminars across the country on his research and is currently finalising an NGPA paper on this topic. Dr Giovanni Scotti, Università degli Studi di Firenze, was also funded by the NGPA programme to investigate issues around public action in post-conflict situations. During his visit he ran a workshop for postgraduate students on conflict resolution and mediation. The Centre hosted two visiting fellows working on Central Asia, namely Charlie Buxton from INTRAC, Kyrgyzstan and Medet Tiulegenov, Open Society Institute, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, who worked closely with Dr Babken Babajanian. Elizabeth Winter, of the British and Irish Afghanistan Agencies Group and Abudullah Said, of Muslim Human

Rights Forum, Kenya, were also based at the Centre and funded as practitioner fellows under the NGPA programme to work with Jude Howell and Jeremy Lind on the effects of the post-9/11 global security regime on civil societies in Afghanistan and Kenya respectively. We were pleased to welcome back Professor Thomas Boje, Roskilde University, as a visiting fellow, Denmark, who is coordinating a large EU research network on citizenship and governance.

Our contingent of PhD researchers has expanded with the arrival of Anna Workman, who has embarked upon research into donor-civil society relations in post-conflict Sierra Leone. Our resident website editor, Christine Whyte, is also engaged in historical research on women in Sierra Leone for her PhD at the LSE. Markus Ketola, researching civil society in Turkey, has played a key role in establishing the civil society PhD network at the LSE.

The Centre has continued to run a lively series of seminars, round-tables and public debates. These have included a joint public lecture and roundtable organized with Médecins Sans Frontières on the theme of Humanitarian Aid and Independence: do no harm?; a public debate between Professor Jan Scholte, Warwick University and Professor Sidney Tarrow Cornell University on global NGPA; and a public lecture by Professor James Scott, Sterling Professor of Political Science and Anthropology at Yale University, on *Why Civilisations Can't Climb Hills: a political history of statelessness in Southeast Asia*. Our seminar series has covered a wide range of topics, drawing much interest across and outside the LSE. Topics have included state-capital-NGO relations in the arms trade; culture and democracy in post-Soviet Armenia; civil society and semi-clientelism in the Philippines; alter-globalism and global civil society; burial societies in Uganda; civil society and the Maoist insurgency in Nepal; Kenyan elections; and NGOs and liberal peace-building in Sri Lanka.

Researchers at the Centre joined up with Professors Preben Kaarsholm, Bodil Folke Frederiksen and Thomas Boje at Roskilde University to organise an international conference on European Development Aid and NGOs: Changing Notions of Civil Society in 'North' and 'South', funded by the EU CINEFOGO network. Dr Babken Babajanian organised a half-day workshop on *Foreign Aid, Civil Society and Human Welfare in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan*, involving researchers and practitioners from the region. Dr Babajanian brought his research to life through an engaging photographic exhibition entitled *The Day Lasts More Than a Hundred Years*. The ambassador of Kyrgyzstan in London attended the launch, which was also featured on the radio. Jude Howell and Jeremy Lind have organised several workshops and roundtables on their research on civil society, security and aid post-9/11, including two round-tables at Chatham House on Kenya and East Africa.

Researchers at the Centre have also been active in presenting seminar and conference papers in the UK and internationally and publishing their work. Dr Armine Ishkanian's book on *Democracy Building and Civil Society in Post-Soviet Armenia*, Routledge, was published by Routledge and Armine launched her book at the British Armenia Institute. Dr Ben Jones's book manuscript on *Stateless Society: Rural Developments in eastern Uganda* is currently in print with Edinburgh University and Fountain Publishers, Kampala. We are pleased to welcome to the Centre Tessa Boyd-Caine, who is working on a joint project between the Centre for Human Rights, Centre for Civil Society and the Mannheim Centre on the British Human Rights Act. We also have to say farewell to both Dr Jones and Dr Lind, who are taking up positions respectively at the School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia and Department of Geography, University of Sussex. We will all miss them and wish them much success in the future.

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 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, 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. 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.

## 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:

Research activities include 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 and workshops
- policy and advisory work for government and non-governmental bodies
- postgraduate teaching (MSc NGOs and Development) and research supervision

**Details of the activities pursued in 2007-08 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;
- the continued development of an intellectually coherent and challenging seminar and public lectures series;
- series of lively workshops and events deepening the research carried out under the ESRC research programme on non-governmental public action
- an international conference on European Aid and North-South relations as part of the EU CINEFOGO network;
- 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 2007-08

(Listed in alphabetical order according to researcher)

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

**Dr 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. Babken was awarded an ESRC post doctoral fellowship under the Non-Governmental Public Action programme in order to undertake this research. Babken presented a Conference Paper entitled *Promoting Community Participation in the Caucasus and Central Asia: Donor*

*Projects and Local Realities* at a conference at SOAS on Governance, Market Reforms and Security in Central Asia and the Caucasus in November 2006. The Central Asia and South East Caucasus Social Development Network was established by Babken in August 2006.

#### 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. Firstly, it discusses how civil society actors including academics and a few small NGOs and freelance activists put economic and social rights on the international agenda, most specifically the agenda of the UN human rights institutions and UN specialised agencies. Secondly, 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 resulted in a chapter in *Global Civil Society 2006/7*.

**Dr Babken Babajanian** was awarded a Visiting Fellow position at the American University of Central Asia in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for conducting research on local governance and community-based welfare provision in Kyrgyzstan, July-August 2007.

#### 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 the findings have been in various book chapters and journal articles including *Global Civil Society 2007/8*.

### 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, 17 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 is now into its fourth year and has been focusing on bringing researchers together around key themes. Specialised workshops on organizing around labour issues, on theoretical perspectives of NGPA, on methods for researching NGPA and ethical dilemmas and on NGPA in Latin America have provided fora for researchers to exchange and critically discuss their findings. Several researchers took part in an NGPA panel at the ESRC Research Methods Festival. By 2008 the programme had hosted over 16 practitioner fellows, coming from organisations such as Oxfam Australia, Oxfam Peru, Kenya Muslim Human Rights Forum, British Afghan Advisory Group five international visiting fellows from India, Argentina, USA and Italy. Civil society and human rights (2007-2008)

### Civil society and human rights (2007-2008)

Professor Jude Howell is working on a joint initiative with Professor Conor Gearty, Centre for Human Rights and Professor Tim Newburn, Mannheim Centre to examine the effects of the British Human Rights Act on British society. Tessa Boyd-Caine has been recruited competitively to develop a proposal for funding on this topic.



Women in Hedaru have organised to provide care for AIDS-affected people.

Photograph: Jenny Pearce

### 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* in 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 and the paperback edition became available in March 2007. Since then Jude 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*.

Theoretical work in this area has been published in an article in the *Journal of Social Politics*.

### 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 were published as an article entitled 'Women's political participation in China: in whose interests elections?' in the *Journal of Contemporary China* in November 2006, in an edited collection on female political participation in Asia by Kazuki Iwanaga and as an article, 'Village elections in China: plus ça change, plus c'est le même – pour les femmes'.

### **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 findings of this latter research have been published as in the IDS Working Paper series and in an article in *The China Quarterly*, forthcoming end 2008.

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

**Professor Jude Howell** and **Dr 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. Theoretically, the research will contribute to an understanding of the politics of civil society and development. Empirically, it will contribute to knowledge about the effects of the global war against terror on non-governmental public action in the South. Finally, it will practically contribute 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.

As part of this project, the Centre for Civil Society, working in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, held a roundtable session at Goodenough College on 8 November to explore issues around the securitisation of aid and its effects on civil society and human rights in Europe in the post-9/11 context in March 2007 with participants from European non-governmental organisations, representatives from the EU, human rights activists and researchers. In June 2007 Jude and Jeremy organised an international conference on the theme of civil society, security and aid, with contributions from scholars on the USA, Spain, Kenya, UK, Afghanistan, the Maghreb, India. The bulk of the fieldwork in Kenya, Afghanistan and India was conducted in 2006-07 and the research is currently being written up. Throughout the year Jeremy and Jude have been disseminating their findings at international workshops, conferences, roundtables and seminars such as at Roskilde University, a symposium at Iowa University, at OMB Watch, Chatham House, British International Studies Association, CINEFOGO international conference and ISTR bi-annual conference in Barcelona. Several briefs and research papers are now available; refereed articles are under review; and a book manuscript is currently being finalised.

### **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 was organised at CCS in May 2006 to examine the growing backlash against civil society in the wake of the War on Terror. Publications resulting from this research include Ishkanian, A, (March 2008) *Democracy-Building and Civil Society in Post-Soviet Armenia* (Routledge) and Ishkanian, A. (2007) 'Democracy Promotion and Civil

Society' in *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2007-08* (SAGE). In 2007 she was selected to participate in the Woodrow Wilson Center's Kennan Institute Workshop titled 'International Development Assistance in the Post-Soviet Space'. The workshop consists of two roundtable meetings and will result in a peer-reviewed edited volume.

### **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 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 Armine, has been completed and resulted in an article published in the *Journal of International Development* (2006). Armine also guest-edited 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 (December 2006). In addition to editing the special issue, she wrote an article titled 'Social policy and development in Central Asia and the Caucasus' in that same issue. 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. Ishkanian will publish a chapter on this subject for the *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2008-09* edition.

### **Gender in Post-Socialist Contexts (2000-2008)**

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 on in journals such as *Armenian Forum*, *Perspectives on Global Development* and *Technology and Diaspora a Journal of Transnational Affairs*. Armine's research on gender and civil society in the former Soviet Union and Eastern

Europe continues. She was involved in the planning of the CINEFOGO conference on Gender, Citizenship and Participation held at LSE in March 2006. Selected papers from the conference, including her contribution titled 'En-gendering Civil Society and Democracy-Building: the Anti-Domestic Violence Campaign in Armenia', were published in a special issue of the journal, *Social Politics* (December 2007) which will be co-edited by Professor Jane Lewis and Armine. In 2007 she also contributed a chapter titled 'Gender Mainstreaming in the Context of Europe, Central Asia and the CIS: Regional Challenges' to the UNDP Gender Mainstreaming in Practice: A Toolkit (UNDP: Bratislava).

### **Governance and development in rural Nigeria**

Based on long-term fieldwork in the region, **Dr Ben Jones'** research examines processes of development and change in a town in south-eastern Nigeria. In particular Ben is concerned with understanding how local structures of governance are affected and transformed by processes of by out-migration and the continuing influence of the diaspora. Part of Ben's work looks at the way developments locally relate to concepts such as globalisation, development and modernisation. Ben is also interested in looking at the way local institutional structures (state government, churches, hometown associations, migrant networks) manage and respond to the economic, social and political influence of those no longer living 'at home'.



**Ben Jones (left) and Gregory Akuma, a retired tailor and one time jazz musician. The photo was taken by Kaham Feukui Landry in Nnokwa, Nigeria.**

### **ESRC NGPA Project on Leadership (2005-2008)**

**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.

### **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, which is financially supported 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. Ebenezer 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 (FGDs, 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.

## 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 been a member of the NCVO advisory group on the UK Voluntary Sector and Counter-terrorism. She was quoted in the Singapore Straits Times, in an article by Tracy Quek on women in the CCP. Together with Medecins Sans Frontieres, she organised a roundtable and public lecture on Humanitarian Aid and Independence. This attracted speakers from a wide range of organisations, such as Care International and National Research Institute for Nutritional Diseases.

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

### **Guardian Katine Project**

**Dr Ben Jones** is a regular commentator on the Guardian's 'Katine' website ([www.guardian.co.uk/katine](http://www.guardian.co.uk/katine)), producing articles and debate pieces on the three-year development project, covered by the Guardian, in Katine sub-county in eastern Uganda.

### **British Council**

**Dr Ben Jones** researched and prepared a literature search and annotated bibliography on NGOs in the UK for the British Council in China.

Both Jude and **Dr Jeremy Lind** are working with Christian Aid to examine the effects of counter-terrorist measures post-911 on partner organisations.

### ACWF/DFID Partnership Agreement (2003-07)

**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 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, China to discuss the processes of project evaluation being used and progress on the project.

### 'Reality Check': Listening to Poor People's Realities on primary healthcare and primary education (2006-)

**Dr David Lewis** was engaged by Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA) as an adviser on the 'Reality Check' project.

**Dr Jeremy Lind** wrote a report for Christian Aid on 'Civil society and the war on terror: preliminary analysis of pressures and responses in Sudan, Uganda and Kenya'.

**Dr Jeremy Lind** gave a presentation with **Professor Jude Howell** to the British and Irish Afghanistan Agencies Group on 'Civil society with guns is not civil society: civil society, security and aid in Afghanistan'.

## Events

### Public Lectures

**Humanitarian Aid and Independence: do no harm?** in November 2007

**Speakers:** Geoffrey Dennis, Executive Director of Care International UK, James Kliffen, Head of Fundraising at Médecins Sans Frontières, UK, Bernard Pécou, Executive Director of Drugs for Neglected Diseases, and Dr Edward Simpson, Lecturer in anthropology at SOAS

**Chair:** Professor Jude Howell, Centre for Civil Society

Humanitarian NGOs find themselves increasingly providing aid in conflict situations alongside military actors and private companies. Is this compromising their principles of neutrality and independence?



James Kliffen,  
Head of Fundraising at  
Médecins Sans Frontières, UK

**Why Civilizations Can't Climb Hills: A Political History of Statelessness in Southeast Asia** in May 2008

**Speaker:** Professor James Scott, Sterling Professor of Political Science and Anthropology at Yale University

**Chair:** Professor Jude Howell

Professor Scott argues that the hill peoples of mainland Southeast Asia are fugitive, runaway populations, practising 'escape agriculture', 'escape social structure' and 'escape culture'. The hill peoples (sometimes erroneously called hill tribes) of the massif of mainland Southeast Asia are often understood by state-makers and populations in the valleys to be 'our living ancestors', 'what we were like before we discovered irrigated rice, Buddhism, and civilization.' It is his contention, on the contrary, that we best understand such hill populations throughout the entire massif from Central Vietnam all the way to Northeast India as a fugitive, runaway population. Providing we take a long view (eg, 2,000 years) these populations have been moving uphill and away from state-making projects in the valleys. There in the



James Scott, Sterling  
Professor of Political Science  
and Anthropology at Yale  
University

hills they have deliberately practiced forms of 'escape agriculture', 'escape social structure,' and 'escape culture' designed to avoid being made into state subjects while, at the same time, enjoying the advantages of trade with the valleys

**Outsiders Inside and Insiders Outside: linking transnational and domestic public action** in May 2008

**Speakers:** Professor Sidney Tarrow, Professor of Government and Sociology at Cornell University, and Prof Jan Aart Scholte, Professor in Politics and International Studies (PAIS) and Director of the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR) at the University of Warwick

**Chair:** Professor Jude Howell

This lecture explored the usefulness of the idea of global civil society. Can the concept of a global civil society provide an adequate framework for understanding contemporary domestic and international non-governmental public action? To what extent do global forces shape domestic non-governmental public action and vice versa? Can we speak of a global civil society when the systems of global governance remain fragmented, incoherent and incomplete? Does the idea of global civil society over emphasise the unity, harmony and coherence of the participant actors? What might be an alternative approach to analysing the complex interactions of global and domestic non-governmental public actors?



Public Lecture Audience  
Photographs: Nigel Stead

## Seminars

The Centre 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 10 and 25 attendees both from within the LSE and from other research institutes and non-governmental bodies in London. The programme for 2007-08 was as follows.

### Michaelmas Term 2007

**Speaker:** Anna Stavrianakis

**Topic:** *Too close for comfort? State-capital-NGO relations in the UK arms trade*

**Speaker:** Armine Ishkanian

**Topic:** *Culture, Civil Society and Democracy Promotion in Post-Soviet Armenia*

**Speaker:** John Gibson

**Topic:** *War of Position, Global Multitude, or Acts of Narcissism? Interrogating the Political Qualities of Direct Action Modes of Alter-Globalism*

**Speaker:** Ben Reid

**Topic:** *Civil Society, Semi-clientelism and the State in the Philippines: from 'cross-over' to double-crossed*

### Lent Term 2008

**Speaker:** Celayne Heaton Shrestha

**Topic:** *'We will not take a single rupee from any donor organisation': exploring the changing conceptions and practices of civil society in Nepal*

**Speaker:** Giovanni Scotto

**Topic:** *Transformations in conflict resolution – the changing role of non governmental public actors in postwar reconstruction and peace building processes*

**Speaker:** Ben Jones

**Topic:** *Significant civil society developments: Burial societies in eastern Uganda*

**Speaker:** Jeremy Lind

**Topic:** *Crisis in Kenya: questions and issues for aid and civil society*

**Speaker:** Enrique Peruzzotti

**Topic:** *Participation, Representation and Democratic Theory*

### Summer Term 2008

**Seminar Title:** Foreign Aid, Civil Society and Human Welfare in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan

**Speakers:**

- Charles Buxton, INTRAC Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan  
*Trends in NGO-Donor Relations in Kyrgyzstan*
- Babken Babajanian, LSE Department of Social Policy and Centre for Civil Society  
*Foreign Aid and Local Development in Rural Kyrgyzstan*
- Medet Tiulegenov, Open Society Institute, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan  
*Social Service NGOs and the Government of Kyrgyzstan – An Attempt to Forge Partnership through Social Contracting*
- Mathijs Pelkmans, LSE Department of Anthropology  
*The Spirit of Aid and the Politics of Faith: Secular and Christian Missions to Muslim Kyrgyzstan*

**Speaker:** Al Hunter, Professor of Sociology at Northwestern University, Director of Urban Studies, and a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research.

**Topic:** *Civil Society and Violence*

**Speaker:** Jonathan Goodhand, Senior Lecturer in the Development Studies Department of SOAS, and Oliver Walton, PhD candidate in the Development Studies Department of SOAS

**Topic:** *NGOs, boundary politics and (il)liberal peace building in Sri Lanka*

### Conferences and Workshops

#### ESRC NGPA events

**'We want the dawn' Photographs from Egypt's strike wave**, July 2008, London

'You want the dawn? The battlefield's right here.

The hero is a hero. And the coward is a coward.'

Women textile workers' strike leaflet

Photographers Hossam el-Hamalawy, Nasser Nouri, Mostafa Bassiouny, and Farah Kobaissy documented Egypt's greatest wave of industrial protest since the 1940s.

**NCVO/NGPA Joint Seminar: Collaboration without borders: what can UK voluntary organisations learn about collaboration from international NGOs?**

June 2008, London

The seminar series aims to:

- Promote dialogue, exchange and learning between academics and practitioners bringing the findings of the NGPA research programme closer to civil society organisations in the UK
- Promote international dialogue, exchange and learning bringing lessons from abroad closer to civil society organisations in the UK
- Promote learning drawn from examples of civil society in the Global South

**Researching Non Governmental Public Action: Methodologies And Principles**, May 2008, London

The seminar brought together a number of NGPA research projects to reflect on methodologies for researching non-governmental public action. The aim of the day was to share ideas about – and think critically about – methodologies for researching with non-governmental actors and about non-governmental public action.

**Workshop on NGPA in Latin America**, May 2008, Bradford

This workshop showcased the research on Latin America carried out under the NGPA Programme and featured a range of distinguished speakers from Europe and Latin America as well as from the UK.

**NGPA Theory Workshop**, May 2008, London

This workshop brought together NGPA researchers to analyse and compare their theoretical approaches to research.

**Here, the People Decide? New forms of participation in the city**, January 2008, Bradford

At this one day conference, NGPA researchers asked what the government means when it talks about communities participating in decision-making. The workshops looked at how different cities in the UK and in Latin America have been able to put this into practice.

This set of compelling photographs gave the audience an insight into the lives of ordinary men, women and children living in rural Kyrgyzstan today. The images of people were accompanied with captions providing information on various aspects of social and economic life in rural communities.

Melody Mohebi, a PhD student at the LSE Centre for Civil Society, who attended the exhibition, said, 'Brilliant! Absolutely brilliant! The thirteen pictures and the captions told the story of the country better than any article or book!' The exhibition provoked strong interest not only among the public in the UK, but also internationally. The Radio Free Europe's Kyrgyz Service broadcast a programme about it to the public in Kyrgyzstan in December 2007.

**Institute of Commonwealth Studies – International Workshop,**  
September 2007, London

The workshop included researchers, academic experts, policy and governmental practitioners and stakeholders from the NGPAs who discussed both the general findings and the policy implications of the research.

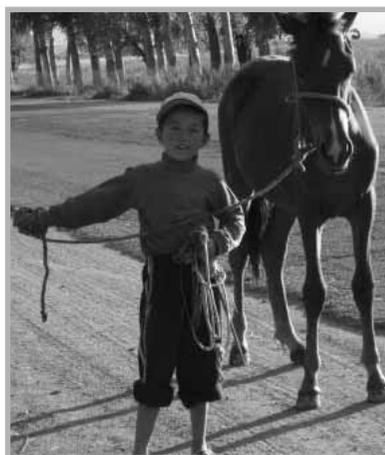
**Workshop on 'Global Processes and Non Governmental Public Action',**  
July 2007, Budapest

The workshop addressed the impact and influence of advocacy networks, campaigns and coalitions, think tanks, universities and research institutes, trades unions, peace groups, social forums, rights-based bodies, social movements and corporate citizenship groups.

### CCS conferences

**European Development Aid and NGOs: Changing Notions of Civil Society in 'North' and 'South',** March 2008, London

This international conference was a joint cooperation between the LSE Centre for Civil Society and the CINEFOGO Network of Excellence under the 6th EU Framework Programme. It investigated the changing approaches of European development aid



**The Day Lasts More Than a Hundred Years**

A Photographic Portrayal of People's Lives in Kyrgyzstan by Babken V Babajanian, December 2007, London

towards European and Southern NGOs and the effects of these on the participation and well-being of poor and marginalised groups in developing countries.

### CCS roundtables and workshops

**East Africa post 9/11: the impact of counterterrorism measures on civil society.**  
Chatham House. London. 17 July 2008

**Aid, security and civil society in the post-9/11 context.**  
Goodenough College, London. 28-29 June 2007.

**Civil society and the securitisation of aid in eastern Africa since 2001.**  
6 June 2007, Nairobi.

**Workshop On Civil Society, Security And Development Aid In Eastern Africa Since 2001,** December 2007, Nairobi

This workshop explored how emerging security objectives and strategies in the context of the 'Global War on Terror' have affected development and civil societies in east and the Horn of Africa. Specific objectives were to understand:

- the politics of aid, security and foreign policy in the region since 2001;
- the changing relationships between donors and civil society groups;
- the effects on humanitarian groups and access to populations in need;
- the impact of counter-terrorism laws and anti-money-laundering on civil societies, particularly in relation to marginalised and poor social groups;
- the responses of civil societies to these downward pressures such as the formation of ad hoc networks and groups opposed to anti-terror laws, renewed organising around human rights and civil liberties and so forth.

**Humanitarian Aid and Independence: do no harm?,** November 2007, London

The purpose of this roundtable was to discuss the question of independence in light of today's realities. The debate was to consider whether independence is still possible today and whether it is still a relevant and valid humanitarian principle. Moreover, does it really matter to beneficiaries?

**Aid, Security and Civil Society in the Post-911 Context Workshop,** June 2007, London

This two-day workshop explored increasing convergence of security and development objectives since 9/11 has affected civil societies across a range of political contexts.

## 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 2007-08 are as follows:

### Visiting fellows and short term visitors to CCS (2007-08)

<p><b>Professor Al Hunter</b> Professor of Sociology at Northwestern University, of Urban Studies, and a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research</p>	<p>Al has most recently co-authored a book with Carl Milofsky relating civil society and Professor community titled <i>Pragmatic Liberalism: Director Constructing a Civil Society</i> (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2007), and in his time at CCS he extended this research in a comparative study of civil society in the US and the UK.</p>
<p><b>Dr Medet Tiulegenov</b> Lecturer at American University Central Asia</p>	<p>Medet's research and teaching interests include social justice, social capital, governance and public policy, civil society development in transition countries.</p>
<p><b>Dr Charles Buxton</b> Regional Representative of INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre) in Central Asia</p>	<p>At CCS Charles worked on radical trends in civil society in Central Asia since 1991.</p>
<p><b>Professor Enrique Peruzzotti</b> Professor of Political Science at Tella University in Buenos Aires, Argentina</p>	<p>Enrique used his time at CCS to work on a book project on the links between civic engagement and representative government in Latin America, a region that has witnessed a significant degree of democratic experimentation.</p>

**Dr Giovanni Scotto**  
Visiting Assistant Professor at the Università degli Studi di Firenze

Giovanni will work on the role of non-governmental public actors – both local and international – working on conflict transformation in the context of the present international situation, characterised by the 'global war on terror'. He will work on two case studies: Kosovo and Afghanistan.

**Said Abdullah**  
member of the Muslim Human Rights Forum (MHRF), NGPA Practitioner Fellow

Said has worked and organised on human rights, community issues and civil society groups in Nairobi for over 5 years.

**Dr Francis Davis**  
Co-Director of the Centre For Faith In Society at the Von Hugel Institute, St Edmund's College, Cambridge

At LSE Francis is working on the Church of England's response to public service reform and on the civic contribution of Catholic NGOs and 'associations' in an EU/EU candidate country setting.



**Professor Enrique Peruzzotti**,  
Professor of Political Science  
at Di Tella University in  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

# Postgraduate Teaching and Research Supervision

## Current PhD students at the Centre

**Georgina Blanco-Mancilla** **Collective Action and Service Delivery in Mexico City**  
Georgina Blanco-Mancilla's research seeks to analyse the factors that may enable or hinder the proper implementation of new health policies from the providers' perspective and to look at the involvement of societal actors in the reform or policy process. She explores this through a case-study of Mexico.

### *Research 2007-2008*

Georgina Blanco-Mancilla was in Mexico City doing research on health policy implementation. She is looking at political and managerial factors that influence or affect effective implementation of health reforms. Her work focuses on two health policies in Mexico City: Seguro Popular (Popular Insurance) and Interrupción Legal del Embarazo (Legal Termination of Pregnancy). Particular attention is given to the role of civil society throughout the policy process. She carried out more than fifty face-to-face interviews with government officials, NGO leaders and health service providers – public, private and non-profit. She is currently in the process of analysing data collected in the field to present her findings.

**Du Jie** **The politics of engendering policy: Case studies from China**  
Drawing upon feminist gender frameworks of analysis, this research will use case studies on the advocacies of women's organizations to examine gender related politics in the process of policy change in China. Contact: J.Du1@lse.ac.uk

**Markus Ketola** **Politics of civil society: the impact of EU pre-accession policies on Turkish advocacy NGOs** As the pre-accession negotiations between Turkey and the European Union (EU) have commenced, Turkish Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

and the EU representatives have embarked on developing a closer relationship. By focusing on the ways in which NGOs engage in EU policy towards civil society in Turkey, the research aims to better understand the opportunities and shortcomings of 'civil society strengthening' as a strategy to develop democracy from outside. The research focuses on the interaction between EU and NGOs: the interests and objectives behind the negotiations these actors engage in as a result of the EU involvement in Turkish civil society. By looking at the process through which EU representatives and NGOs forge relationships, hopes to dig deeper to the analysis of why these relationships shape out in a specific way. Contact: m.ketola@lse.ac.uk

### *Research 2007-2008*

Markus had been conducting research on the opportunities and challenges faced by Turkish advocacy NGOs within the framework of EU pre-accession process. The research has largely focused interviews with representatives of Turkish women and youth groups, who have been among the key beneficiaries of EU funding to civil society in recent years. Has funding improved the capacity of these organisations beyond the limits of the project that is being financed? What role does funding from, or affiliation with the EU play in their ability to contribute to government policy? These are among the questions this researching is seeking to answer. In addition, government and EU officials have been interviewed in order to better understand how the official actors of the pre-accession process envisage the role of advocacy NGOs going forward. Some of the early findings were presented at the 'European Development Aid and NGOs' workshop organised by the CCS and CINEFOGO network in March 2008.

**Susan Liautaud** **Accountability in French Non-profit Organisations: A Question of Trust?** The purpose of the research is to investigate the reasons for recently increasing interest in accountability in the associative sector in France. The analysis will consider the application of the trust theoretical framework (Hansmann et al.),

as well as the related voluntary and regulatory accountability practices, that underlie the comparatively successful US and UK nonprofit sectors to the French context. The focus of the study will be a pioneering French accountability certification organization called the Comité de la Charte (CC) and a specific set of voluntary accountability mechanisms (VAMs).

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**Melody Mohebi** **Public Intellectuals and Civil Society: The role of public intellectuals in developing Iranian civil society, 1997-2005**  
Melody Mohebi is researching the ways in which actors within the Iranian reform movement have viewed and impacted state-civil society relationships. In particular, she examines the role of public intellectuals in shaping the civil society discourse and practice.

*Research 2007-2008*

She is currently conducting her fieldwork in Iran using a range of qualitative methods such as semi-structured interviews and analysis of legal texts.

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**Christopher Pallas** **Power to the People? Global Civil Society and Democratisation Theory in the Context of the World Bank**  
Political theorists believe that civil society has played a key role in the democratisation of numerous national governments over the past 25 years. They speculate that this pattern will be replicated in the international arena as global civil society enables citizens to exert direct control over multilateral institutions (such as the World Bank and IMF) leading to improved stakeholder representation and greater accountability. However, this theory has yet to be empirically tested, and its critics warn that excessive influence from international NGOs may actually diminish developing country influence in global governance decisions. Using two case studies of civil society lobbying of the World Bank, this thesis will examine who global civil society is, how civil society had achieved influence at the Bank, and whether civil society involvement in Washington policy processes reforms stakeholder representation in a way that increases the impact and equality of stakeholder voices. Contact: c.l.pallas@lse.ac.uk

*Research 2007-2008*

Christopher Pallas has been conducting research in Washington, DC, where he is examining the impact of NGO activism on stakeholder representation at the World Bank. His work has focused on uncovering the sources of conflict and competition between NGOs in the lobbying arena; analysing NGO claims to representivity; and understanding the relationships and mechanisms that allow some organisations to achieve greater success than others in influencing the Bank. He presented a paper on some of his preliminary findings at the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference in April and he will be presenting more of his work at the International Society for Third-Sector Research conference in July and the American Political Science Association annual meeting in August.

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### PhD students supervised in the Department or elsewhere in the School but with a current or previous association with the Centre

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**Nandita Dogra** **Visual Images, NGOs and Social Policy-fundraising and advocacy strategies of UK international development NGOs**  
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.

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**Paola Grenier** **'Individual action for common good'?: the tension between individual and community in social entrepreneurship**  
Paola's research seeks to explore and understand how tensions between individual social entrepreneurs and communities are played out in different non-profit organisational fields.

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**Nisrine Mansour** **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** 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 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 women 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 groups in addressing women's issues.

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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. Contact: [j.j.g.roberts@lse.ac.uk](mailto:j.j.g.roberts@lse.ac.uk)

## MSc degrees

Associated with the Centre over many years is the MSc in NGOs and Development (formerly called the MSc in Management of Non-Governmental Organisations) attracting students from home and overseas. These students are normally well-qualified graduates with experience of working with civil society organisations.

*The MSc in NGOs and Development* is intended for people who are making, or who have the potential to make, a significant contribution as analysts, policy-makers, researchers or practitioners working in or with NGOs worldwide. Graduates of the MSc have gone on to work for NGOs, inter-governmental organisations (eg, United Nations), government ministries, as well as in the private sector.

The 2007-08 students studying for the MSc in NGOs and Development came from the following countries:

Botswana, Brazil, France, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Jordan, Macau, Norway, Pakistan, Spain, Sri Lanka, the US and Venezuela.

## Centre Staff and Associates 2007-08

### Academic Staff

Professor Jude Howell	Centre Director and Director of ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme
Dr Armine Ishkanian	Programme Director MSc in Management of NGOs ( <i>on maternity leave</i> )
Dr Ben Jones	Lecturer, MSc in Management of NGOs
Dr Jeremy Lind	Research Officer, (NGPA Project Global War on Terror)
Dr John Gibson	Research Officer, Centre for Civil Society

### Administrative Staff

Jane Schiemann	Centre Manager and Administrator, ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme
Maria Schlegel	MSc NGO Management Programme Administrator and Centre Administrator
Christine Whyte	Web Editor and Publications Administrator

### Research Associates

Dr Babken Babajanian	Postdoctoral Fellow, ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme (based within Department of Social Policy)
Professor Nicholas Deakin	Former Visiting Professor, Centre for Civil Society and Department of Social Policy
Dr Marlies Glasius	Research Fellow – Dr Glasius's research concerns both the theory and practice of global civil society and its relationship to international law, particularly human rights law. Her present research focuses on economic and social rights, human security, and social forums. Previous work concentrated on the influence of global civil society on the International Criminal Court.

Dr Jeremy Kendall  
Research fellow at PSSRU and a research associate at CCS.

Dr Sunil Kumar  
Lecturer in Social Policy, Planning and Participation in Developing Countries and Research Associate at the Centre for Civil Society.

Dr David Lewis  
Reader in Social Policy, and course tutor for the MSc in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries.

Dr Hakan Seckinelgin  
Lecturer in International Social Policy in the Department of Social Policy and Research Associate at the Centre for Civil Society.

Research interests include the third sector in comparative perspective; the political economy of the third sector; and the mixed economy of social care in the UK. He is the author and editor of a range of publications on the third sector in general, and the mixed economy of social care in the UK.

Research relating to housing policy and practice, urban poverty and social policy, the management of urban change and the role of civil society, informal institutions and politics in urban social development.

Research focusing on the role of non-governmental organisations in rural development, NGOs and development management, and the relationship between anthropology and development.

Involved with various research projects looking at the implications of expanding discussions of civil society within the international policy circles, management of non-governmental organisations, and policy interventions developed by these actors in specific issue areas.

### Occasional Research Assistants 2007-08

Markus Ketola, Georgina Blanco Mancilla, Nisrine Mansour, Melody Mohebi, Christopher Pallas

# Publications

## Individual Staff Publications

### Babken Babajanian

#### Journal articles

'Social Capital and Community Participation in Post-Soviet Armenia: Implications for Policy and Practice', *Europe-Asia Studies*, forthcoming September 2008.

'Local Governance in Post-Soviet Armenia: Leadership, Local Development and Accountability', *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, forthcoming September 2008.

'Rolling Back the Welfare State in Post-Socialist Armenia' (in Hungarian), *Esély*, December 2007 (6), Budapest, Hungary.

#### Reports, papers, reviews and presentations

'Decentralised Governance in Post-Soviet Armenia', *NGPA Research Paper No 12*, Centre for Civil Society, LSE

'Promoting Institutional Change in Post-Soviet Armenia: Is Social Capital the "Missing Link"?' *NGPA Research Paper No 1*, Centre for Civil Society, LSE

Review of Christoph H Stefes, 'Understanding Post-Soviet Transitions: Corruption, Collusion and Clientelism', *Central Asian Survey*, Vol 26 (2), June 2007.

Review of Svetlana Stephenson, 'Crossing the Line: Vagrancy, Homelessness and Social Displacement in Russia', *Slavonic and East European Review*, Vol 85 (4), October 2007.

Presentation on *Promoting Social Inclusion and Good Governance in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan*, Social Policy Departmental Research Seminar, LSE, 28th January 2008.

Presentation on *External Donors and Civil Society in Kyrgyzstan*, Centre for Civil Society Discussion Forum, LSE, 21 November 2007.

Presentation on *Local Governance and Citizens' Welfare in Kyrgyzstan*, Social Research Center, The American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 10 August 2007

Presentation on *Civil Society and Traditional Institutions in Central Asia*, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, 4 June 2007

### Marlies Glasius

#### Journal articles

'The backlash against civil society in the wake of the Long War on Terror'. *Development in practice*, 18 (1) 2008 pp 82-93.

### Jude Howell

#### Journal articles

'ACFTU: Beyond Reform? The Slow March Of Direct Elections', *The China Quarterly*, accepted and forthcoming December 2008

'The backlash against civil society in the wake of the Long War on Terror'. *Development in practice*, 18 (1) 2008 pp 82-93.

'Gender and civil society: time for cross-border dialogue', *Journal of Social Politics*, volume 14, number 4, winter 2007, pp 1-22.

'Civil Society In China: chipping away at the edges', *Development* 2007, 50(3), pp 17-23

'Village Elections in China: Recent Prospects, New Challenges', *Etudes Rurales* 2007, Jan-June, 179, pp 213-234

'Women's Political Participation in China. In whose interests elections?' *Journal of Contemporary China*, Volume 15, Number 49, November 2006, pp 603-619

'The Global War on Terror, Development and Civil Society', *Journal of International Development*, Volume 18, Number 1, pp 121-135, 2006

'Reflections on the Chinese State', *Development and Change*, Volume 37, Number 2, 2006, pp 273-297

#### Book chapters

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

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

NGPA Working Paper No 21 'Aid, civil society and the state in Kenya since 9/11.' Non-Governmental Public Action Programme. Co-authored with Jude Howell. June 2008.

'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

Talk on new Labour Contract Law in China to Ethical Trading Initiative, July 2008.

Invited speaker on Global Security and Civil Society for panel on Global Civil Society and Democratic Culture at the International Third Sector Conference, Barcelona, July 2008

Papers with Jeremy Lind on Civil Society, Security and Aid in Afghanistan and Kenya, presented at the International Third Sector Conference, Barcelona, July 2008

Invited speaker at conference organised by Centre for Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong on Democratisation in East and South Asia. Paper presented: 'Social and political challenges in China: prospects for democratisation', May 2nd-3rd, 2008

Paper with Jeremy Lind on 'Changing Donor Policy and Practice on Civil Society in the post-9/11 Context' at EU CINEFOGO conference on European Development Aid and NGOs: Changing Notions of Civil Society 'North' and 'South', March 2008, held at the LSE

Keynote speaker at Symposium on Civil Society and Security, University of Iowa, 18-20 April 2008, speech entitled 'Civil Society and Security post-9/11: civil society under scrutiny', pp 1-17

Panel speaker with Jeremy Lind on Civil Society, Security and Aid post-9/11: Reflections on Kenya and Afghanistan, at Symposium on Civil Society and Security, University of Iowa, 18-20 April 2008

Invited panel speaker on civil society in China at Asian Studies Association annual conference, April 4th-6th 2008, Atlanta, USA. Paper entitled 'The Ebb and Flow of Civil Society in China: A Time for Sombre Reflection', pp 1-15.

Panel speaker at Prime Timers/ACEVO Colloquium on 'Can the British Third Sector learn from other countries?', 11.02.2008, London.

'Reflections on Civil society, security and aid post-911', NGPA Roundtable presentation with Jeremy Lind at British International Studies Association annual conference, December 2007

Presentation at British Afghanistan Advisory Group Annual Conference, November 2007, 'Civil society, security and aid post-9/11: case of Afghanistan

'Trends in Development of Civil Society in China', panel presentation at International Conference on NGOs and Governance, held in Beijing, November 8th-11th, organised by Institut du Gouvernance, Charles Leopold-Mayer Fondation and China Youth Development Foundation, 2007

'Trade Union and democratic elections in China', panel presentation (with Professor Chang Kai and Professor Anita Chan) at The Chinaworks Platform and Brussels China Forum, June 2007

'Civil Society in China: new developments and challenges', panel presentation at US-China relations conference at East Asian Studies Institute, Colombia University, April 2007

'Changing Contours of Donor-Civil Society Relations', presentation at Conference on Health and the Voluntary Sector, London School of Tropical Hygiene and Medicine, November 2006

Presentation on *Trade Union and democratic elections in China*, (with Professor Chang Kai and Professor Anita Chan) at The Chinaworks Platform and Brussels China Forum, June 2007

Presentation on *Civil Society in China: new developments and challenges*, at US-China relations conference at East Asian Studies Institute, Colombia University, April 2007

Presentation on *Changing Contours of Donor-Civil Society Relations*, at Conference on Health and the Voluntary Sector, London School of Tropical Hygiene and Medicine, November 2006

Presentation on *Governance in China: Why Institutions Matter*, keynote paper on panel 'Emerging and Transitional Economies' at Conference on Institutions and Development, Reading University, September 2006

Conference paper on Global War on Terror, Civil Society and Aid: the Challenges at International Third Sector Conference, Bangkok, July 2006.

Panel convenor of ESRC NGPA panel at the Civicus World Assembly, June 2006

Invited chair at RUSI conference on Terrorism in the UK, panel on *Operational responses to counter-terrorism*, 5 May 2006

Presentation on *Civil society in the UK and the relevance of civil society to the Commonwealth*, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, 18 May 2006

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

## Armine Ishkanian

### Books

Democracy building and civil society in post-soviet Armenia. Routledge, Abingdon, UK. (2008)

Journal articles

'En-gendering Civil Society and Democracy-Building: the Anti-Domestic Violence Campaign in Armenia' *Social Politics*, Vol 14, No 4 2007

'Introduction to the Special Issue on Gender and Civil Society: East and West' *Social Politics*, Vol 14, No 4 Co-authored with Professor Jane Lewis. 2007

Guest editor of the special issue of *Social Politics*, Vol. 1, No 4 with Professor Jane Lewis. The issue was dedicated to 'Gender and Civil society: East and West' 2007

'Civil Society in the Wake of the Long War on Terror : the emergence of a backlash'. *Development in Practice*, Vol 18, no 1 Co-authored with Jude Howell, Ebenezer Obadare, Hakan Seckinlegin, and Marlies Glasius 2008

### Book chapters

'Democracy Promotion and Civil Society' *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2007/08*. Sage Publications. 2007

'Celebrity Advocacy and Poverty Reduction' *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2008/09* co-authored with Sabine Selchow. Sage Publications. Forthcoming

'From the Embryos of Civil Society to the NGOs: Managing Culture in the Context of Democracy Building in Post-Soviet Armenia' in an edited volume titled *International Development Assistance in the former Soviet Union* edited by Ruth Mandel. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Centre Press. Forthcoming

## Ben Jones

### Journal Articles

'The Teso insurgency remembered: churches, burials and propriety' *Africa: the journal of the International African Institute*, 77 (4) 2007 pp 500-516.

### Books

*Beyond the state in rural Uganda*. International African Library for the International African Institute, Edinburgh University Press and Fountain Publishers, Kampala (in press, 2008).

### Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

Presentations on:

- *Church and State in post-colonial Uganda*, Centre for African Studies, University of Copenhagen, 6 June, 2008
- *Religious and Government bureaucracies in present-day Uganda*, Exploring Religious Spaces in the African State conference, University of Edinburgh, 10 April, 2008
- *Development by analogy: social insurance in Uganda*, SOAS Anthropology of Development Seminar, February 27, 2008
- *Civil society from below: burial societies in Uganda* CINEFOGO conference, European Development Aid and NGOs: Changing Notions of Civil Society in 'North' and 'South', 14 March, 2008
- *Significant civil society developments: Burial societies in eastern Uganda*, CCS Seminar Series, CCS, LSE, London, 21 February 2008

## David Lewis

### Sole Author

### Journal Articles

Lewis, D (2008a) 'Crossing the boundaries between "third sector" and state: life-work histories from Philippines, Bangladesh and the UK.' *Third World Quarterly*, Volume 29(1).

Lewis, D (2008b) 'Using Life-Work Histories in Social Policy Research: The Case of Third Sector/Public Sector Boundary Crossing'. *Journal of Social Policy* 37, 4.

Lewis, D (2009, forthcoming) 'Tidy concepts, messy lives: defining tensions in the domestic and overseas careers of UK non-governmental professionals.' Chapter contributed to and accepted for *The Anthropology of Development Professionals* (tentative title) ed. David Mosse, London: Berghahn Books

### Book Chapters

Natal-Martinez, A (forthcoming) 'Cruces intersectoriales: la participation de actores de la sociedad com funcionarios publicos: El Caso Mexican 2000-2006'. Accepted by the Mexican journal *Metapolitica* www.metapolitica.com.mx/. (Also presented at the 'Permanente Seminar on Civil Society Organisations' held with practitioners and academics at El Colegio Mexiquense, Toluca, Mexico (February 2008).

### Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

'Reformist sector boundary crossing between third sector and government as contentious politics: life history research from the Philippines, Bangladesh and UK'. Paper presented at the *Non-Governmental Public Action* (NGPA) Theory Workshop, Goodenough College, University of London, 7-8 May 2008.

'Political ideology and the third sector: anthropological perspectives from the field of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and development'. Paper presented at EU 'Civil Society and New forms of Governance' (CINEFOGO) Symposium on Ideology and the *Third Sector*, University of Kent at Canterbury, 25-26 April 2008.

'Advocacy and the Policy Process: UK NGOs, Knowledge Acquisition and Identity'. Paper presented at CINEFOGO Symposium on European Development Aid and NGOs: *Changing Notions of Civil Society in 'North' and 'South'*, 13-14th March 2008, Goodenough College, London.

'Crossing between third sector and state: Comparative analysis of life-work histories of "boundary crossers" in UK, Philippines, and Bangladesh'. Invited lecture to the Yale Program on Nonprofit Organisations (PONPO), Yale University, USA, April 24th 2007.

'Crossing the boundaries between third sector and state: reflections from an ongoing life-work history project'. Paper to the *Seventh International Conference of the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR)*, National Institute of Development and Administration (NIDA), Bangkok, Thailand, 9-12th July, 2006.

'Home or away?: Narratives of choice-making in the life-work histories of agency personnel in the UK within domestic "voluntary sector" and international "non-governmental" agencies'. Association of Social Anthropologists (ASA) Diamond Jubilee Conference on Cosmopolitanism and Anthropology, University of Keele, April 10-13th, 2006.

Feature article, 'Crossover by leftist activists gets mixed results', *The Manila Times*, 18 February 2008.

Feature article by David Lewis, 'Why do people cross the sector divide?' *Third Sector*, 6 February 2008.

Coverage of the research in 'Taking action', *Social Sciences*, ESRC, Autumn 2007.

## Jeremy Lind

### Reports, papers, reviews, conference presentations

NGPA Working Paper No. 21. 'Aid, civil society and the state in Kenya since 9/11.' Non-Governmental Public Action Programme. Co-authored with Jude Howell. June 2008.

NGPA Working Paper. 'Changing donor policy and practice on civil society in the post-9/11 aid context.' Non-Governmental Public Action Programme Working Paper. Co-authored with Jude Howell. July 2008.

Presented with Jude Howell on *Security and subterfuge: aid, civil society and the state in Kenya and 'Civil society with guns is not civil society': civil society, security and aid post-9/11 in Afghanistan* at the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) Biennial Conference. Barcelona, Spain. 10 July 2008.

Presented with Jude Howell public address at Chatham House on *Civil Society, Aid and Security in Kenya Post-9/11*. London. 19 May 2008.

Presented with Jude Howell on *Civil society, security and aid in the post-9/11 context: the cases of Kenya and Afghanistan* at the Provost's Forum on International Affairs at the University of Iowa on 18 April 2008.

Presented with Jude Howell on *Civil society, security and aid: shifting donor perspectives*. For Cinefogo Conference on 'European Development Aid and NGOs: Changing Notions of Civil Society in "North and South"'. 14 March 2008.

Presenter at Centre for Civil Society lunchtime seminar on *Crisis in Kenya: questions and issues for aid and civil society*. LSE. 7 February 2008.

Discussant at roundtable on *Non-governmental public action* at the British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference. December 18, 2007.

Discussant at Chatham House roundtable on *Kenya's elections: key challenges*. December 14, 2007.

Presented on *The wealth of women? Social analysis of a Cash for Work programme in north-eastern Turkana District (Kenya)*. Oxfam GB Kenya. Nairobi. 7 December 2007.

Presented with Jude Howell at regional workshop on *Security and subterfuge: aid, civil society and the state in Kenya*. Nairobi 4 December 2007.

Discussant at roundtable on *Humanitarian aid and independence: do no harm?*, Medics Sans Frontieres and Centre for Civil Society. London School of Economics. 16 November 2007.

Presented at international workshop with Jude Howell on '*Civil society with guns is not civil society*': *aid, civil society and security in Afghanistan post-9/11*. Goodenough College. 29 June 2007.

Presented at international workshop with Jude Howell on *Security and subterfuge: aid, civil society and the state in Kenya*. Goodenough College. 29 June 2007.

## Hakan Seckinelgin

### Books

*The international politics of HIV/AIDS: global disease-local pain*. Routledge, London, UK (2008).

### Civil Society Working Papers

[www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/publications/cswp/civil\\_society\\_wp.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/publications/cswp/civil_society_wp.htm)

The Civil Society Working Paper (CSWP) series provides a vehicle for disseminating the recent and ongoing research efforts of researchers based at, or linked to, the Centre for Civil Society (CCS). It aims to reflect the range and diversity of theoretical and empirical work undertaken on non-governmental, voluntary, nonprofit or third sector organisations, foundation, and social enterprises – as part of wider civil society. Papers published during the academic year 2007-08 are listed below.

Editor: Professor Jude Howell

- 'Civil Society and Gender Equality: A Theoretical Approach', Civil Society Working Paper 24 Sonia Reverter-Bañón

### Voluntary Sector Working Papers

[www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/publications/vswp/Voluntary\\_Sector\\_Working\\_Papers.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS/publications/vswp/Voluntary_Sector_Working_Papers.htm)

This new series follows the former CVO (Centre for Voluntary Organisation) working paper series and disseminates research undertaken by students on the MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation. The purpose of the working papers is to contribute to, and inform discussion about, the distinctive issues faced by the voluntary sector in the UK. They are aimed at individuals who work in and with voluntary agencies, as well as academics, researchers and policy makers. The working papers are published as downloadable documents and thereby are widely accessible. In some cases the research reported in a working paper may be further developed for a refereed publication.

Series Editor: Dr Sarabajaya Kumar, Programme Director, MSc in Voluntary Sector Organisation

Editors: Dr Sarabajaya Kumar and Dr Siobhan Daly, former CCS Research Officer

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- 'Bridging the Gap between Emotion and Strategy: a study of change in the relationship between national campaigning organisations and their networks of local groups' *Voluntary Sector Working Paper 5*, Donald Ritchie, October 2007
- 'Service User Empowerment in a Disability Charity' *Voluntary Sector Working Paper 6*, Annie Hedges, October 2007
- 'How does one voluntary organisation engage with multiple stakeholder views of effectiveness?' *Voluntary Sector Working Paper 7*, Sarah Mistry, January 2008

- 'Can the Compact guard the independence of voluntary organisations and the autonomy of their stakeholders?' Voluntary Sector Working Paper 8, Jonathan Roberts, January 2008

Future papers in this series will address a range of topics such as national campaigning organisations, high-engagement philanthropy, the relationship between income and charitable giving, and social capital.

## NGPA Research Papers

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The NGPA Research Paper (NGPARP) series provides a vehicle for disseminating recent and ongoing research of researchers based at, or linked to the NGPA research programme. It aims to reflect the range and diversity of non-governmental public action, and understand the impact of public action.

Researchers on the Non-Governmental Public Action research programme work with advocacy networks, peace groups, campaigns and coalitions, trade unions, peace-building groups, rights-based groups, social movements and faith-based groups to understand the impact of non-governmental public action. They are based in universities, think-tanks, civil society organizations, projects and networks around the world gathering data, building theory, and strengthening co-operation between researchers and practitioners.

Papers published during the academic year 2007-08 are listed below.

Editor: Professor Jude Howell

- 'Physical Religious Spaces in the Lives of Rajasthani Village Women: Religion as an analytical and practical approach in development' *NGPA Research Paper 4*, Tamsin Bradley
- 'Shell to Sea' in Ireland: Building Social Movement Potency' *NGPA Research Paper 5*, Kat Salter and Sian Sullivan
- 'Cultures of Participation: Young people's engagement in the public sphere in Brazil' *NGPA Research Paper 6*, Udi Mandel Butler (Oxford University and CIESPI) & Marcelo Princeswal (CIESPI)
- 'Resisting, Ameliorating, or Perpetuating the Dark Side? Non-Governmental Public Action, Communicative Rationalities, and the Struggle for Democratisation in Israel's Planning' *NGPA Research Paper 7*, Dr Joseph Leibovitz
- 'Workers' Factory Takeovers and new State Policies in Argentina: Towards the Institutionalisation of Non-Governmental Public Action?' *NGPA Research Paper 8*, Ana C Dinerstein
- 'The Politics of Unemployment: Employment policy, the Unemployed Workers Organisations and the State in Argentina' *NGPA Research Paper 9*, Ana C Dinerstein
- 'The Role of Co-operatives in Poverty Reduction: Network Perspectives' *NGPA Research Paper 10*, Simmons and Burchill

- 'The rise and fall of collective public action in the aftermath of the Gujarat Earthquake of 2001' *NGPA Research Paper 11*, Edward Simpson
- 'Decentralised Governance in Post-Soviet Armenia' *NGPA Research Paper 12*, Babken V Babajanian
- 'Transnational communities, policy processes and the politics of development: the case of Ghanaian hometown associations.' *NGPA Research Paper 13*, Richard Crook
- 'Analysis of an Oxfam international campaign on agriculture in India 2004-2005' *NGPA Research Paper 14*, Jeff Atkinson
- 'Analysis of an Oxfam International Campaign on Garment Workers in Sri Lanka 2002-2007' *NGPA Research Paper 15*, Jeff Atkinson
- 'Influencing the Pakistan Government on tobacco control: a study of the Pakistan Anti-Tobacco Coalition' *NGPA Research Paper 16*, Richard Bourne
- 'Influencing Commonwealth policy on health: the case of Para 55, the Commonwealth HIV/AIDS Action Group' *NGPA Research Paper 17*, Richard Bourne
- 'Influencing Commonwealth policy on human rights: the case of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative' *NGPA Research Paper 18*, Richard Bourne
- 'The impact of transnational non-governmental public actors (NGPAs) on policy processes and policy outcomes: translating advocacy into sustainable policy engagement' *NGPA Research Paper 19*, Martin Scurrah
- 'A relationship gone wrong? Research ethics, participation, and fieldwork realities' *NGPA Research Paper 20*, Jelke Boesten
- 'Aid, Civil Society and the State in Kenya since 9/11' *NGPA Research Paper 21*, Jeremy Lind and Jude Howell
- 'Trade Unions in Russia, China and Vietnam: From Governmental to Non-Governmental Public Actors' *NGPA Research Paper 22*, Simon Clark and Tim Pringle

