

The Development Studies @Massey Newsletter

Kia ora koutou and welcome to our latest IDS Newsletter!

2009 was a great year but as it turned out we were so busy doing things that we didn't have time to put a newsletter together! Highlights included our 20th Anniversary Celebration for IDS Massey (more on this inside), graduation ceremonies in May and November, our Waikanae Symposium in September which included for the first time Auckland University Development Studies people as well as our mates from Victoria University, research trips by staff (Glenn - mining in PNG, Regina - tourism in Fiji, and Maria - ship-based research on seafarers), and a Review of the Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies in October.

The Review panel heard from past and current students, our stakeholders in the development community in NZ including NGOs and NZAID, and from our staff, and they seemed really impressed with what they found. We look forward to receiving their report so we can get some ideas on how to improve our offerings further, but for the moment we are taking as a good sign the fact that the daughter of one of the Review panel members is coming to study with us in 2010!

For the start of 2010 we welcome back Dr Rochelle Stewart-Withers who spent the last 18 months based at University of Queensland. Rochelle will coordinate 131.121 Rich World, Poor World, and our research-based course 131.705 Development in Practice. She also has some exciting research planned this year on the links between sport and development in the Pacific.

Best wishes to you all for the year ahead, and we hope to see many of you at the DevNet conference which we are hosting from 1-3 December in Palmerston North!

Regina

Happy Birthday IDS (Highway 54 Revisited)

*What a glorious day for Massey IDS
It doesn't seem like 20 I must confess
I'd like to wish a happy birthday to you
The Top Development Department in the
Manawatu...*

*Crosbie Walsh you are an inspiration
Set up Development Studies across the
nation
Established IDS on a strong firm track
Then along came Overton and put it 10
years back*

*Now IDS research covers a veritable prism
Wine, ships and tourism
It's at the cutting edge you'd have to say
And, it doesn't sound at all like a holiday*

*Excerpt from a song written by Warwick Murray
For our 20th anniversary celebrations (see pg 3)*

Waikanae Symposium

The Waikanae Symposium is an annual fixture whereby staff and students from Development Studies at Massey and Victoria Universities get together so network, discuss common research areas, share ideas and have a good time! This year we were delighted that colleagues from Auckland University were also able to join us.

The day's activities included an exercise where students had to put together an advocacy campaign around a particular issue – most found this a bit challenging at first, but also extremely valuable in terms of thinking about how to influence others to put ideas about development concerns into practice.



Left: The climate change advocacy group in action



Right: Jacqueline, Sing and Qingxia enjoy the sunset over Kapiti Island before dinner.

Development Studies Graduates in the Workplace

David Redman – VSA in Tanzania

I am currently living on the foothills of Mt Meru, in a chaotic town called Arusha, northern Tanzania. I got here after completing my PG. Dip and M.Phil from Massey University and obtaining a position through VSA.

The partner organisation I work for is called Hakimadini (mineral rights) and works on a wide range of issues trying to promote equitable resource management. Hakimadini works from a hybrid structure, meaning they do economic empowerment programs on the ground level and advocacy and policy engagement on a national level. This has led me to be involved in strategy teams for a national gender based violence campaign, visiting mining area for training of reporters in investigative journalism, organizing community forums to promote the voices of those marginalized by mining development and much more.

Future initiatives for this year include conducting primary research for the Norwegian Business Ethics Council to review the Norwegian public fund investment in a large gold mine, working with the Washington-based Bank Information Center to review the IFC involvement in a new mine, and creating effective and efficient M & E processes and publication systems for the organisation.

I can't wait...

Baadaye,

David



Stories from the Field

Maria Borovnik – ship based research

After taking up a great opportunity to deepen my research on the lives of international merchant seafarers and the effects the mobile lifestyle has on individuals and families, I have just come back from my adventure on a containership travelling India, Korea and China while participating in a seafarer's life – or at least trying to – while talking to a group of I-Kiribati, Filipino, Ukraine and New Zealand seafarers.

Travelling on a containership is quite something. A sailor's life is less romantic than people might think. The views in each port are very similar to picture 2 – cranes and containers the main feature of ports, colours of cranes might change, but not the general outlook. Shore time is quite constraint because containers are discharged and loaded within a few hours and the fun places on shore are often too far away to get to in a short time period. Seafarers make great companions: all are literally in the same boat and have to get on over long periods of time, work exceptionally hard for the well-being of their families while being at far distance from them. I had a fantastic time and learned much about three different cultures in my 29 days.



Left: Maria and a couple of I-Kiribati seafarers. Right: Yantian Port.

Remember, if you have news snippets that may be of interest to our readers, please get in touch with Regina (r.a.scheyvens@massey.ac.nz; + 64 6 3505799 x2509).

Dates for Diaries

Contact Courses

We look forward to welcoming extramural students on campus for the following courses this year:

131703 Gender and Development 14-15 April
131705 Development in Practice 12-13 April
131702 Development Management 21-22 June

You might also like to set aside time for:

- 1 July – mid-year applications for Massey Doctoral Scholarships (\$25,000/annum) close – need a A- average or above in graduate courses to apply

- 8 September - Waikanae Symposium (for current students to get together with Victoria and Auckland University Development Studies staff and students to discuss research & shared interests)
- 11-12 September Thesis Workshop for students intending to start a thesis in 2011 – 11-12 September
- 1 October – applications close for Massey Masterate Scholarships (\$15,000) – need a B+ average or above in graduate courses to apply; end of year applications close for Massey Doctoral Scholarships
- 1-3 December – DevNet Conference, hosted by IDS Massey!

IDS Massey 20th Anniversary

Over 70 people attended the 20th Anniversary of the Institute of Development Studies at Wharerata on Friday 24 April 2009. Among those in attendance were current and former students, staff, and representatives from major New Zealand aid agencies. The day's programme included speeches, a debate, an audience brainstorm, and lots of 'catch-up' time for old friends.



Speakers from Oxfam (Barry Coates), World Vision (Emma Sutcliffe), NZAID (Peter Ellis), Victoria (Teresia Teaiwa) and Massey University (Gerard Prinsen) debated how much progress had been made in eliminating world poverty. Afterwards, all participants broke into groups to see if they could solve the eternal search for more appropriate terms to use in discussions of development – one group suggested that instead of 'developed' versus 'developing' countries we could speak of the 'saturated' (i.e. those that have too much), the 'satisfied' (those that have enough to survive comfortably and healthily), and the 'unsatisfied' (those who don't have enough, and may require development assistance).

Many graduates who could not attend on the day contributed Profiles which were put on display. These showed a wide range of career paths including Manager of NZAID's programme in Samoa, Vice-Rector of University of Timor Leste, community development officer in Tanzania, Deputy Director of the Namibian government's Directorate of Environmental Affairs, Manager of a Sustainable Forestry programme in the Asia-Pacific, and a range of development consultants and social researchers working within New Zealand and abroad.



Left: Maria Borovnik facilitates a discussion on 'Renaming the World'. Right: Warwick Murray performed his hit single "Happy Birthday IDS Massey (Highway 54 Revisited)"

Thesis completions 2009

2009 was an exciting year for the following students (and their supervisors!) who successfully completed a thesis.

PhD Theses

Dr Lesley Batten (2009) '*Lady, is this civilization?*' A case study of community participation in a health development programme in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Masters Theses

Vern Bennett *The role of the military within Official Development Assistance: policies, parameters and procedures*

Miriam Dogimab *A Cultural Analysis of Gender Based Violence in Papua New Guinea*

Paul Inwood *International Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar*

Ralph Kaule *Analysing Project Management Culture and Practice of Public Managers in Papua New Guinea: A Case Study of the National AIDS Council Secretariat*

Komalawati *Participation and Project sustainability: Participatory integrated development in rain-fed areas (PIDRA): Project in East Java - Indonesia*

Poonacha Nadikerianda *Can Children Influence Policy? The Contribution of Working Children's Unions in Tackling Child Labour*

Gaayathri Prabakaran *Indo-Malaysians Within the Malaysian Education System*

David Redman *Tourism as a Poverty Alleviation Strategy: Opportunities and Barriers for Creating Backward Economic Linkages in Lang Co, Viet Nam.*

Sunema Simati *Analysing the effects of migration opportunities on the lives of migrants and their families – A case study on New Zealand's Pacific Access Scheme (PAC) to Tuvalu.*

For a full list of Development Studies theses held by the Massey library (there's currently over 130 of them!) see

<http://kea.massey.ac.nz/search/X?SEARCH=the+sis+development+studies+massey>.



Devnet Conference

We are delighted to be hosting the 2010 DevNet conference from 1-3

December. DevNet is the Aotearoa New Zealand International Development Studies Network and its biennial conferences are the main means for it to encourage meaningful contact across the broader New Zealand development community. The conference is the leading one of its kind in New Zealand and regularly attracts a broad array of contributors from New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific and further afield.

The 2010 DevNet conference seeks to connect development practitioners, policy-makers and academics for the purpose of learning from each other and building our commitment towards achieving a development that is sustainable. This year's conference title is:

Making Development Sustainable: Connections, Learning, Commitment

For development to be truly sustainable we need to engage with and reflect on past practice while also drawing on contemporary thinking to plan for future development. We also need to balance economic imperatives with a search for forms of development which respect the natural environment and seek enhanced social justice and human wellbeing. This identification of sustainable forms of development can only occur if we communicate with others, we seek to learn and we have a strong commitment to putting ideas into practice.

As such we welcome suggestions for paper presentations, panels, and workshops from NGO and NZAID staff, development consultants, researchers and students of Development Studies. Our conference website is still in the process of being set up, so please contact Regina with any ideas you have for the conference: r.a.scheyvens@massey.ac.nz.



Left: Alavanh Phanthavong celebrates his Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies graduation with Regina in November 2009. Right: Yvonne Underhill-Sem, head of Development Studies at Auckland University, catches up with Massey's Glenn Banks at the Waikanae Symposium



Recent Staff Publications

Ballard, C. and **G. Banks** (2009). 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Corporate strategy at the Freeport mine in Papua, 2001-2006', in B. Resosudarmo and F. Jotzo (eds) *Development and Environment in Eastern Indonesia*. ISEAS: Singapore. (pp.147-177).

Banks, G. (2009). 'Activities of transnational corporations in extractive industries in Asia and the Pacific: implications for development', *Transnational Corporations*, 18: 1 (43-59).

Barcham, M., **Scheyvens, R.**, and Overton, J 2009 New Polynesian Triangle: Rethinking Polynesian migration and development in the Pacific. *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* 50(3): 322-337.

Borovnik, M. (2009) 'Transnationalism of merchant seafarers and their communities in Kiribati and Tuvalu', in: Lee, H. and Francis, S. (eds.) *Pacific Transnationalism*. Canberra: ANU electronic press, chapter 9, 143-157. Accessible online: http://epress.anu.edu.au/migration/pdf_instructions.html

Borovnik, M. (2009) Bookreview: 'Migration als räumliche Definitionsmacht? Beiträge zu einer neuen Geographie der Migration in Europa', Felicitas Hillmann 2007, Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, pp.321, ISBN 978-3-515-08931-9, in: *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, 100 (3), 365-367.

Borovnik, M. (2009) Bookreview: 'Tāhuhu Kōrero. The Sayings of Taitokerau', Kawharu, Merata with Pfeiffer, Krzysztof, Auckland: Auckland University Press, pp.221 ISBN 978-1-86940-429-1, in press for: *Takahe* 67, 40-42.

Sakai, M., **G. Banks** and J.Walker (eds) (2009). *The Politics of the Periphery in Indonesia: Social and Geographical Perspectives*. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press.

Scheyvens, R (2009) Research Probe on Pro-Poor Tourism, *Tourism and Recreation Research*, 34(2): 191-196.

Scheyvens, R and Russell, M 2009 *Tourism and Poverty Reduction in the South Pacific* Report for NZAID. Massey University, Palmerston North.

Scheyvens, R 2009 Empowerment. In R Kitchen and N. Thrift (eds) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography, Volume 3*, pp.464-470. Oxford: Elsevier.

Scheyvens, R 2009 Tourism as a Poverty Reduction Tool: Strategies for Small Island States. *Commonwealth Ministers Reference Book*, Henley Media Group, London: 86-88

Stewart-Withers, R.R. (forthcoming 2009) Seeing outside of the category female-headed households: The experience of widowed women in Samoa. *Gender and Development*,

New Working Papers in our Series

- **Beban, Alice** 2009 'Organic agriculture and farmer wellbeing: A case study of Cambodian small-scale farmers'
- **El-Gack, Nawal** 2009 'Participation of women in grassroots development interventions: reflections on the experiences of development projects in Sudan'
- **Stewart-Withers, Rochelle and Brook, Martin** 2009 'Sport as a vehicle for development: the influence of rugby league in/on the Pacific'

You can view these Working Papers via the following link: <http://muir.massey.ac.nz/handle/10179/948>

Submissions

The purpose of the Working Paper Series is to provide an outlet for the excellent research being conducted by postgraduate students and staff of our School, as well as research from development practitioners. If you would like to submit a paper to be considered for inclusion in this series, please contact Glenn (g.a.banks@massey.ac.nz).