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New Lecturer in Geography at Massey, Albany!

We are delighted to welcome Dr Junjia Ye as a new Lecturer in Human Geography based at the Massey Albany campus.

Jia received her PhD in geography at the University of British Columbia in 2011. Her research interests lie at the intersections of cultural diversity, critical cosmopolitanism, class, gender studies and the political-economic development of urban Southeast Asia.

Alongside extensive ethnographic research methods, she also uses techniques of film and photography to create visual narratives through her work. She is currently finishing her first book, entitled *Inequality in the Global City: The Division of Labour and the Politics of Cosmopolitanism in Singapore*.

With Jia’s arrival, students will now be able to take a range of geography papers internally at Albany; 145.111 (Society, Environment and Place), 145.216, (Urban Environments), 145.311 (Geographies of Globalisation) and 145.318 (Geopolitics).

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**Roche, M. 2014 ‘The Tung Oil Boom – Business History and Environmental Histories in Collision’ Invited Seminar History Programme University of Waikato, Hamilton 24 July**


It would be fair to say that Patrick, for some reason has often had the tag ‘larrkin’ applied to him. I knew he had been in Aussie for so long that he had taken on some of their traits (such as subty, modesty, restraint, etc.). I knew also that he had not bowed to the pressure to cut his extravagant ponytail during his time in Singapore. He arrived in NZ without it, only shedding it once he had accepted the job. We should have taken this as a sign.

Patrick made his mark immediately on arrival – in at least two ways. First in taking over the office next to mine I quickly realised I had one of these compulsively tidy neighbours (not of course that my own office is especially untidy). It has meant that my own office is especially untidy. It has meant (especially untidy). It has meant that I managed to visit the nearby gates.

Fuller’s Forays…

Ian has been doing a little globetrotting this winter. Following involvement in the IAG/ NZGGS Conference in Melbourne at the end of June, a week later he took on the mantle of Visiting Lecturer to deliver a course on New Zealand catchments to undergraduates at the University of Tsukuba, Japan. The course was followed by fieldwork in the Japanese Alps with A/Prof Thomas Parker and Prof Ken-ichiro Hisada scoping out potential future catchment research sites. After a brief return to NZ to teach 1st year practicals in 145.121, Ian was off to Australia again to give a paper at the 7th Australian Stream Management Conference in Townsville. This was followed closely by a visit to the University of Padua, Italy (est. 1222), presenting a seminar on Catchment research in New Zealand: from the mountains to the sea.

The symposium was followed by a fieldtrip to the Italian pre-alps. On a lighter note, a visit to the Rio Cordon experimental catchment in the Dolomites (see photo above) was arranged, providing an opportunity to visit a site which has yielded much fundamental information about fluvial sediment transport, as well as an opportunity to take in a third alpine range this year. Such are the lengths that some people go to in order to avoid winter and bag mountain ranges...

145.304 Applied Field Geomorphology Fieldtrip

At the end of August, 16 students were joined by a further 4 students and 2 staff from Tsukuba University, Japan, for the annual grand tour of North Island geomorphology. Ian, Alistair and Sam, ably assisted by David Feek, ensured some of the oldest dampest conditions experienced on the East Coast to date on this trip to visit a range of sites covering rivers, slopes, coasts and volcanoes to discuss geomorphic processes and management. Spirits were not dampened, with Tarndale Slip providing an impressive scene as it emerged from the mist and the sunshine was glorious once we rounded the East Cape. The student experience is summarised in the Wordle below…

Congratulations Nicola!

Nicola Kaatz received the New Zealand Geographical Society Prize, awarded to the top 200 level Massey student in geography for 2013, at the Manawatu Branch meeting on May 21st 2014. Well done Nicola!

A Tale of (another) Two Cities

In the second half of August I was able to escape the late summer heat in the North Island to attend conferences in Krakow and London. Away from the usual academic business I was struck by age of Krakow city. The old city wall, with the exception of a small section and one of the gates, was pulled down in 1897 and the area replanted as a green belt (called the Park). In terms of the city’s much more recent history, I also ventured across to the National Schindler’s Factory of Enamelled Vessels made famous by the film Schindler’s List.

London was the next stop over – reached by Ryanair and Stansted Airport. I was a bit apprehensive about travelling on this budget airline, but my worries were not realised. The Royal Geographical Society – Institute of British Geographers conference was in Kensington. There was a goodly number of New Zealand geographers participating. The low point of the conference would have to be the 6.00 am fire alarm at the hall – someone had not turned off their alarm having a shower. The conference itself was their largest ever with over 2000 delegates.

I managed to visit the nearby Chelsea Physic Garden founded in 1673 in London’s oldest Botanical Garden. To my surprise it included quite a number of New Zealand species adding to the complexity of mapping botanical networks of botanical exchange (a topic that Canterbury geography Prof Eric Pawson has written about to disrupt the flows posted in Crosby’s Ecological Imperialism).

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Professor Patrick Hesp awarded a D.Sc

Professor Roche writes…

The November 2013 graduation ceremony featured the rare award of a D.Sc to Professor Patrick Hesp for his research contributions to coastal geomorphology. Higher doctorates are rarely awarded and it signals Patrick’s research contribution over nearly four decades. Professor Hesp is currently the Strategic Professor in Coastal Studies at Flinders University.

Professor Hesp, who still proudly labels himself as born in Taranaki completed his undergraduate degree and an MA in geography at Massey University before taking his PhD at Sydney University. He spent seven years in the Department of Geography and later School of Global Studies at Massey University at the end of the 20th century.

At the time of his departure from Massey I was charged with making a short speech to mark the occasion. I have managed to retrieve it and it can stand alongside the official oration read out at the graduation ceremony.

Congratulations Patrick, MMR