



School of Development Studies Newsletter

Research and Teaching Roundup

05/11

SDS Seminar

12h30 – 14h00
SDS Seminar Room

Elizabeth Fortin

Struggles with Activism: NGO Engagements with Tenure Reform in Post-apartheid South Africa

12/11

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Keith Brekenridge

The Antibank and the post-Apartheid State: Net1 / Aplitec and the politics of biometric standards in the evolution of the Home Affairs National Identification System

19/11

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Stephen Devereux

Social Protection in Africa: Evidence-based or Rights-based?

World Health Organisation Study

One of Dr Pranitha Maharaj's current projects, funded by the World Health Organisation, explores the dynamics of condom negotiation and use in marital relationships. Building on a previous study conducted in 1999, the project examines pathways to adopting condom use in stable relationships. It considers individual, couple, and community level characteristics and condom use, and integrates a population-based quantitative survey with qualitative in-depth interviews to better document condom use and its determinants in different settings and to shed light on strategies effective for behaviour change. The first phase involving household surveys has been completed. The second phase of the study, involving in-depth interviews, will commence shortly. Joanna Busza from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has been involved in training the field workers for the in-depth interviews.

Water Institutions and Delivery - Case Studies

Glen Robbins recently completed two water and sanitation services case studies on the Ilembe district and on uThukela Water (Pty) Ltd for Water Dialogues South Africa. The studies both demonstrated the considerable institutional complexities of water and sanitation service arrangements in less capacitated regions, and the impacts these have on delivery. The uThukela Water report was prepared with research reports from four School of Development Studies Masters students: Ariel Bright, Cyriaque Hakizimana, Welcome Mwelase and Tasmii Quazi.

Population Association of South Africa (PASA) Conference

The School of Development Studies was academic host to the Third Annual Population Association of Southern Africa Conference which took place recently in Durban. The theme was *Demographic Challenges in Southern Africa: Context and Change*. Thirteen of our students attended the conference, and several presented papers. Two Population Studies students, Mr P T Letsoalo and Ms T Magagula, were awarded first and second prize for the best student paper at the conference. Congratulations go to Ms Chantal Munthre, Coordinator of the APSTAR Programme in the School, who was elected PASA Secretary for 2009.

Student/Staff Exchange Programme

As part of a Linnaeus-Palme Exchange Programme and European Mundus Scholarship, the School of Development Studies enjoys an annual exchange of students and teachers with Sweden's Linköping University. The programme has enabled the School's Masters students to attend courses at Linköping University and likewise, for Linköping's Masters students to attend modules at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Earlier this year, Dr Pranitha Maharaj attended a workshop at Linköping to plan further collaboration with Swedish researchers using a grant funded by the National Research Foundation. As part of the exchange, the School is currently hosting Dr Annette Wickström who presented a seminar on 'Virginity Testing as a Local Public Health Initiative'.

PhD Scholarships, 2009

The School is pleased to announce five full-time PhD scholarships funded by

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Notice Board

The next lecture in the Harold Wolpe Lecture Series 2008 is a joint CCS / Zimbabwe Solidarity Forum presentation by

Tendai Biti

(Movement for Democratic Change Chief Negotiator), with commentary by

Bishop Rubin

Phillip (Zimbabwe Solidarity Forum)

Thursday
30 October

17h30 – 19h00

Howard College
Theatre,
Howard College

Out of the Office

- Julian May and Imraan Valodia are on sabbatical leave until 30 June 2009

the Ford Foundation starting in 2009. Details can be obtained from the home page of the School's website www.sds.ukzn.ac.za/. The deadline for applications is 7 November 2008 and the person to contact Priya at gayadeenp@ukzn.ac.za.

Out and About

- Gabrielle van der Stoep** presented a paper, produced jointly with Dori Posel, on 'Co-resident and absent mothers: Motherhood and labour force participation in South Africa' at the Conference on Income Distribution and the Family in Kiel, Germany.
- Honorary Professor, **Jo Beall** has visited the School recently to continue her work on traditional authorities in the eThekweni Municipality. On a previous visit, she conducted a survey of traditional authorities in three former traditional authority areas that are now part of the eThekweni Municipality. In 2007 she repeated the survey. She is now focusing on the amakhosi and their relationships with community and councilors. She is exploring leadership networks and development coalitions of which the amakhosi are a part, including their relationships with the metro, with developers and business. Jo gave a presentation in the School on 'Cities and Conflict: Implications for States and Development'.

Recent Publications

Accredited Journals

Chama N and **Maharaj P** Reasons for multiple sexual partnerships: perspectives of young people in Zambia. *African Journal of AIDS Research*, 7(1), 37-44.

Gatsinzi S and **Maharaj P** Women's experiences of maternal and child health and family planning services in KwaZulu-Natal. *Curationis*, 31(2), 14-21.

Maharaj P and **J Cleland** Ethnicity and sexual lifestyles among college students in a high-risk environment, Durban South Africa. *AIDS Care*, 20(7), 838-841.

Where are they now?

Thabani Buthelezi (Development Studies 2004) is working for the National Department of Social Development in Pretoria with the Monitoring and Evaluation Chief Directorate. His work involves spending two out of every three months in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as part of a General Cooperation Agreement to promote political, economic and social cooperation between South Africa and the DRC. His key responsibilities involve research and policy development in the field of social development which he has found to be a real challenge because of having to learn French as well as experience development in practice. Thabani writes that it should be mandatory for all development studies students to be sent into the field to see development in practice because their perspectives about African development would be seriously put to the test. He can be contacted at thabanib@socdev.gov.za

Sarah Massey (Development Studies 2006 cum laude) is working as a Curriculum Writer for the Choices Programme, a national education initiative based at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies in Providence, USA. She produces a range of high school materials on US history, world history, global studies, current issues and government. She can be contacted at smassey34@yahoo.com

Alyssa Wilson Leggoe (Development Studies 2002 cum laude) is based in Moscow where she has been posted as a Foreign Service Officer with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She and her husband Jesse are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Sophia Rena on 10 August 2008. She can be contacted at awleggoe@gmail.com