

Welcome to the first Institute of Social Psychology Newsletter (ISPN). The newsletter, launched in March 2006, reinstates previous newsletter traditions at the Institute, under a new name. The ISPN is an opportunity for ISP members to share news, views and achievements. The current newsletter consists of six sections (publications, conferences, links, interesting reads, training innovations and forthcoming events) and is based on information that was emailed to the editorial team. If you would like your news included in the next issue (to be circulated in the Summer Term) then please email the Editorial Team ISPNEdTeam@psych.lse.ac.uk

Publications

Cathy Campbell continues with her rolling series of publications on her AIDS work in South Africa and Zimbabwe. Most recently she and her collaborators have published a short piece in *Feminist Review* which looks at the link between AIDS stigma, sexual morality and the policing of women and young people within a Foucauldian framework. Cathy is also currently revising a piece on 'AIDS competent communities' for the *American Journal of Community Psychology*, and co-editing a special edition of the *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology* on stigma. In addition, she is working on three papers on: the role of the 'external change agent' in community-led social development, the role of partnerships (especially civil society and public sector) in facilitating AIDS care in resource-poor communities, and issues around the dissemination of research findings to study communities.

Carola Nuernberg's paper on employee experiences of a merger situation, co-authored with colleagues, has been published in the *German Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology*. The paper was based on fieldwork Carola conducted as part of her *Diplomarbeit*. The

research investigated the impact of social identity and control in a merger situation.

Martin Bauer has been involved in a number of single and co-authored publications in various journals such as *Social Studies of Science* and the *International Journal of Public Opinion* (Special Issue). Martin has co-edited, with George Gaskell, a book entitled *the Genomic Society and its Public*, and has also contributed two chapters in the same publication. Martin has also contributed chapters to a second book entitled *Health, Hazard and Public Debate: Lessons for Risk Communication from the BSE/CJD Saga*.

Sandra Jovchelovitch's book entitled *Knowledge in Context: Representations, Community and Culture*, is due out in August of this year published by Routledge.

Melissa Nolas, Lucia Garcia, Gerard de Zeeuw and Lucia Sell-Trujillo co-edited a Special Issue journal on 'Complexity and Innovation' for the *World Futures: The Journal of General Evolution*. The Special Issue includes contributions from various Institute members.

Journal publications

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Conferences

The Institute of Social Psychology has been represented in a variety of international conferences and meetings both in the UK and abroad. Martin Bauer delivered a keynote speech at a conference in Finland entitled 'Resistance to new technology – old and new conceptions' and has participated in a number of conferences and workshops since May 2005 (details below).

Cathy Campbell and Flora Cornish co-presented a keynote paper at a recent meeting of international development agencies concerned with youth HIV prevention in Washington DC. While this week (March 20-25th) Cathy Campbell will be presenting some of her work on stigma at the annual meeting of her Wellcome-funded AIDS research collective at Imperial College.

In June Sandra Jovchelovitch will be delivering a key note speech at the 5th European Symposium on Conceptual Change, European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction, taking place in Stockholm in June this year. More details can be found at <http://www.ccsig2006.su.se/welcome.php>

Andrea Kreideweiss, Melissa Nolas, Carola Nuernberg, and Mira Soetjpto will be presenting papers in the various sub-themes of the 22st Colloquium of the European Group for Organizational Studies to be held in Bergen Norway in July. During the same period Stavroula Tsirogianni will also be presenting a paper at the 26th International Congress of Applied Psychology in Athens. Details of the two conferences can be found at www.egosnet.org and <http://icap2006.com/index.php>

Details of Martin Bauer's conference participation:

'The public's relation to science across Europe – observations on Eurobarometer, ESRC meeting on Comparison of Micro data sources, 14th March 2006

'The importance of critical attitudes to science', key-note to Meeting of CNR & British Council, Rome, 27th February 2006

'Social influence and inter-objectivity' 1st meeting of Laboratoire Europeen de Psychologie sociale (LEPS) les medias/ la persuasion, Paris, 24-26 November 2005 (by invitation).

'Resistance and the dynamics of expectations' Small Group Workshop 'Researching expectations in medicine, technology and science – social theory and methodology', York 18-19 July 2005 (by invitation).

'Resistance to new technology – old and new conceptions'. Conference 'Technology – between Enthusiasm and Resistance' University of Jyvaskyla, Finland, 11-13 May 2005 (key note)

Links

The Institute of Social Psychology has a long-standing tradition of collaborating with other academic institutions. Most recently Sandra Jovchelovitch has been invited by the Maison de Sciences de l'Homme in Paris to join a research group on "Underground Sociabilities". Sandra was in Paris this month (March 2006) to discuss the development of the proposal. The work will also involve colleagues at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro whom Sandra will be meeting during her trip to Brazil in April. During the same trip she will be meeting members of the AfroReggae group, a community that made underground sociabilities work for the better and is using culture and identity as resources to survive and turn the tables. For more information on the AfroReggae group visit <http://www.afroreggae.org.br/> and http://www.favelarising.com/about_afro_reggae/

In early March Sandra was also invited to teach at the Department of Psychology, University of Padova. During her visit to the University Sandra met PhD students and colleagues. Sandra said the following about her visit: "I was very impressed with the historical weight of the university, the 3rd oldest university of Europe...apart from Copernico and Galileu, they are the proud alma mater of the first women ever to graduate in Europe and hold the first anatomical theatre constructed at the onset of anatomy as a discipline when doctors and professors needed to snatch bodies in the middle of the night and both lectures and dissection were illegal."

Derek Hook recently delivered a lecture series in Johannesburg on the theme of 'Racism as technology of affect' (28th Feb - 6 March). The lectures responded to three crucial challenges in

the critical social psychology of 'race' and racism. Firstly: the failure to better theorize the issue of racialized embodiment, that is, the bodily factor of racism. Secondly: the difficulty of understanding the switchback effect of racist fantasy whereby anonymous desires and formulas of affect become the 'prime subjectivity' of an internalized racism. Lastly, the attempt to understand the psychical dimensions of racism not as elements of a natural psychology, but rather along the lines of instrumental technologies of affect.

The first of these talks, *'Pre-discursive' Racism: Racial Embodiment in the Work of Frantz Fanon and Chabani Manganyi* took the form of an open public lecture hosted by the School of Human & Community Development at the University of the Witwatersrand. The second, *How to Comprehend Racist Fantasy: J.M. Coetzee and Apartheid Ideology*, was presented as a seminar at the Wits Graduate School. The last of the lectures, *Affecting Whiteness*, was hosted by the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research.

Revised versions of these lectures will be presented in Lent term next year, within the PS460 half-unit course, *Social Psychology of Racism, Multiculture and Resistance* that Derek runs together with Caroline Howarth. Derek was subsequently offered the role of Research Associate in the School of Human and Community Development at the University of the Witwatersrand; the hope being that he will be in a position to encourage a greater degree of collaboration between staff (and indeed students) of LSE and Wits University.

Interesting reads

Cathy Campbell, who makes a special point of reading two or three papers from the fortnightly journal *Social Science and Medicine* on the train as a way of keeping up with scholarship in areas bordering on her own specialist interest areas, has suggested the following papers for our 'interesting

reading' section of the newsletter (all in *Social Science and Medicine*):

- Psychiatrists as social engineers (in Vol 61)
- Review on income inequality and health (Vol 62)
- A special edition on political action by patient movements in the health field (also in Vol 62)
- A paper on social movements and survivors of the psychiatric services, framed within Bourdieu's concept of the habitus (Vol 52)

Training innovations

MSc students on Lucia Garcia-Lorenzo's PS428 course – *Knowledge Processes in Organizations* – have, during the Lent Term, been working on two 'real' case studies. The first case study was with a company called Honeywell and looked at the challenge of learning transfer from training situations into daily work. The second case study was with the National Children's Bureau and focused on improving the usage of the organisation's intranet. The collaboration between the PS428 students and the two organizations was productive and both students and organizational representatives found the experience to be a positive one. Furthermore, after the students' presentation on March 21st to Honeywell, Jorge Aysa, the company representative, said that he would be incorporating some of the students' ideas into the company's next training session. In exchange, students will be receiving 'letters of appreciation' acknowledging their work. Aysa has indicated that Honeywell will be happy to continue the collaboration with next year's PS428 students.

Carola Nuernberg participated in a one-day workshop run by UK Grad. UK Grad describes itself as "dedicated to realising postgraduate talent". The aim of the workshop was to develop

suggestions for a national training scheme for postgraduate researchers. Participants included current PhD students, university development officers in charge of post-graduate training and senior managers of the local UK grad activities. According to Carola, the attention given to PhD training across the different Universities and the introduction of Grad Schools in some of those Universities, was particularly noteworthy (see also the following Guardian article <http://education.guardian.co.uk/egweekly/story/0,,1730097,00.html>). While some of the events run by UK Grad are currently only available to research body-funded students (a policy that seems to be under revision), their website was recommended by several participants at the workshop as a useful source of information, such as specific advice for both PhD students and their supervisors. The National Postgraduate Committee website was also highly recommended. For further information please visit:

http://www.grad.ac.uk/cms/ShowPage/Home_page/Resources/Phd_Planner/plmpqibF

http://www.grad.ac.uk/cms/ShowPage/Home_page/Supervisors/plcdcbbj <http://www.npc.org.uk/>

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Forthcoming events

The 7th Inter-University Graduate Conference will be taking place in Cambridge on May 20th. It is titled "Challenging the Boundaries in the Social Sciences". Michael Billig will be keynote speaker. The event is jointly organised by Cambridge

University and LSE postgraduate students. For further information please visit <http://www.crash.cam.ac.uk/events/2005-6/interunigrad.html>

The conference 'White terror/(Post) Empire' is being hosted at the LSE in May and organised by Derek Hook in collaboration with Lorraine Johnson-Riordan, Damien Riggs and Caroline Howarth (details on the next page).

A workshop around the theme of 'Communities and Change' is being organised by Ama de-Graft Aikins and Melissa Nolas and hosted by the Institute of Social Psychology in June. For more information please contact either Ama or Melissa ada21@cam.ac.uk or s.nolas@lse.ac.uk

The International Conference on Creativity and Innovation in Decision Making and Decision Support (CIDMDS 2006) is being hosted at the LSE at the end of June, organized by the LSE Organizational Research Group (chaired by Patrick Humphreys) and IFIP WG 8.3. For more details visit <http://www.psych.lse.ac.uk/CIDMDS2006/index.php>

About the editorial team

A voluntary editorial team has been set up and responsibility for producing each newsletter will be alternated amongst its members. Members currently include: Carlos Bruen, Melissa Nolas, Stavroula Tsirogianni and Cathy Vaughan. The current ISPN issue was produced by Melissa Nolas. If anyone else would like to join the editorial team please get in touch! To contact the team please email ISPNEdTeam@psych.lse.ac.uk

'White terror/(Post) Empire'

London School of Economics

19 - 20 May 2006.

Derek Hook, Lorraine Johnson-Riordan, Damien Riggs and Caroline Howarth

'Whiteness' and 'terror' have come to occupy prominent positions in critical studies of culture and society. Both notions, however, incur a series of questionable ideological assumptions. The new vernacular of 'terror' has intensified the xenophobic mood and the ethnic and religious divisions of Europe's post-colonial/postcolonising societies. The elevation to critical prominence of 'whiteness', on the other hand, threatens to emerge as a moment of disavowal, a means of placing its proponents beyond the domain of scrutiny, as 'outside racism'. Both topics are hence deserving of serious intellectual interrogation.

A key step in this direction is the move to **re-connect** these two topics, such that issues of 'terror' are forcibly re-associated with issues of white racism and so that declarations of whiteness are made to reassume their own histories of terror. Our conference on *'White terror/(Post) Empire'* hopes to explore a wide variety of intersections between concepts of 'whiteness' and 'terror'. We hope to provoke critical debate on 1) lingering hegemonies of 'whiteness' 2) new practices of post-imperial dominance and violence evident in current discussions of the "War On Terror" and 3) the dangers in re-centring 'whiteness' and white identities in the very attempt to deploy such notions critically.

The conference will also bring leading Social Psychologists and Sociologists together with the aim of generating new perspectives and critical approaches that relate to both disciplines. It shall be the first in a series of collaborative ventures between Social Psychology and Sociology at LSE that relate to discussions of racism, ethnicity and postcoloniality.

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