

Alumni News - Updates from students

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JOBS & PROMOTIONS

Mathais Graty (2009-10) - Opened his own business specialising in sustainable building material supply and services for property developers. His website is www.gratrydevelopment.com

IFTIKHAR ALI SHALLWANI (2001-02) is still working as a Commercial Counsellor in the Pakistan Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Johannes Devik Brekke (2007-08) is working in the Economic Department at the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Norway - specifically focusing on the Norwegian government's national strategy for the tourism industry.

Gesine Kippenberg (2009-10) has been hired as an Urban Investment Network Project Manager for the Urban Land Institute.

Victoria Maguire (2006-07) was appointed the Massachusetts Permit Ombudsman by the Governor Deval Patrick. She is the Director of the Massachusetts Permit Regulatory Office and Chair of the Interagency Permitting Board. Victoria administers the MassWorks Infrastructure Grants and leads regional planning initiatives on land use, zoning and public infrastructure in support of new housing development and job creation.

Michael Hebbert (1979-1994) Former Director of Planning Studies. He continues at the University of Manchester where he has been engaged on a fascinating research project on the

application of urban climatology in urban design, with case studies in Manchester, Stuttgart, New York City and Tokyo. Full details are available at:

www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/architecture/research/csud

Roger C.K. Chan (1983-84) is a Professor of planning in the Department of Urban Planning and Design at the University of Hong Kong.

Leo Giordano (2007-08) MSc RUPS and Double Degree Science Po. Leo is now a Junior Thematic Officer for the 6th World Water Forum Secretariat.

John Reid (2007-08) is working in the real-estate development industry for Minto Communities. He is currently managing three developments and is involved with an internal Green Task Force seeking to improve the sustainability of low rise developments.

Matthais Thoma (2004-05) continues his work at Ernst Basler + Partner AG in Zurich.

Sara Hamai (2009-10) RUPS and Science Po is now the Strategy and Marketing Manager at FrankfurtRheinMain GmbH International.

Antoine Pequignot (2009-10) RUPS and Science Po is now working for the transportation and planning department of Systra a rail/urban transport engineering firm.

Morten Wasstol (1998-99) has had an amazing career since graduation. He worked as a programme manager for the UNEP/Grid-Arendal in Norway. He then became a political advisor to the Minister of the Environment and International Development during the period of the revision of the Norwegian Planning and Building Act. He led the Norwegian delegation at the World Urban Forum in Nanjing. He now works for Ramboll consultancy.

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Derek Diamond The academic year 2010-11 began as usual with my walk across 'The City' with the new course members (40!) – as bright and diverse and interesting as ever. The rest of the year was taken up with a medical problem which has had a successful outcome. Then wholly unexpected one of the past M.Sc students I first met as an undergraduate in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where I was a visiting Professor in the mid 1980's, contacted me while on a visit to London in August. She brought news of many of her contemporaries from URPS. A great trip down memory lane! So the message is – let me know when you are next in London – drdiamond@mac.com

Toru Sekine (1999-00) is now in Shanghai working for the investment banking section of Nomura as a vice president. His company provides advisory services for those clients who invest in China in the form of FDI, especially when they establish WFOE/JV. He is taking part in consulting projects as a project manager, and helping clients to conduct market research, to execute investment and to start up businesses.

Sam Nair (2008/09) Is still working with Sustrans but now as a Project Officer. He is currently working on a project on community infrastructure.

Maura McManimon Fennessy (2001-02) lives in New Jersey (USA) with her husband Conor and two children Seamus and Killeen. Since LSE, she has had a number of planning policy jobs, at the NJ Office of Smart Growth (where I worked with fellow 2002 alumnus Jung Kim) and the NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. Right now she is working part time on state government affairs for Princeton University, which covers more land use planning issues than you would expect. And she is

hoping to get together with other classmates in London in 2012 for a reunion.

OTHER NEWS

John Rock (2004-05) Is now the prod father of Julia born 22 September 2010.

Helene Sherman (2005-06) is now the proud mother of Edwin Kaibakai Sherman III who was born on 14 July 2011

Irina Kraicheva-Leszako (2009-10) was married to Nicolas on 21 August 2011. She continues to work for Property Market Analysis.

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