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Faculty News

Professor Robert Tavernor was recently appointed chair of the Perm 2020 Advisory Board, advising Russian Senator and Perm 2020 President, Sergey Gordeev, on the urban restructuring of Perm, a city of one million inhabitants located in Russia's Urals. Following his advice, architects and urban planners Allies and Morrison and KCAP have been appointed as lead designers, along with a high level team of London-based consultants that includes Arup, Buro Happold, LSE academics, and Cities Programme alumni.

Professor Tavernor, who has completed three years as Cities Programme Director, will be stepping down from this position in 2008-09. He will retain his chair in Architecture and Urban Design at LSE and will continue to teach on the Programme at MSc and PhD levels. The MSc City Design and Social Science degree will be convened by **Dr Fran Tonkiss** from 2008-09.

Prof. David Frisby has been appointed Chair of the Board of Management of *Urban Studies* journal 2008. He has also been appointed Member of the Editorial Board of a new history of architecture journal *Positions* (Minnesota).

Prof. Frisby's *Cityscapes of Modernity* appeared in Spanish translation in November 2007 as *Paisajes urbanos de la modernidad. Exploraciones criticas*, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Universidad Nacional de Quilmes Ediciones), 2007.

Prof. Frisby is currently completing a major sourcebook with Iain Boyd Whyte (Edinburgh) out next year as *Metropolis Berlin: 1890-1940*, Berkeley (University of California Press) 2009. He also has four book chapters appearing in 2008:

- The Significance and Impact of Vienna's *Ringstrasse*, in C. Hermansen (ed.), *Words and Deeds — in the formation of the Modernist City*, London (Kegan Paul), 2008, pp.229-254.
- Vienna: Simmel's Other Metropolis, in *Essays in honour of Gianfranco Poggi*, Bologna (Il Mulino), 2008.
- Streets, Imaginaries and Modernity: Vienna is not Berlin, in G. Prakash and K. Kruse (eds.), *The Spaces of the Modern City*, Princeton (Princeton University Press), 2008, pp.21-57.
- Simmel et le experience du choc, in P. Simay and Stéphane Füsserey (eds.)

Le choc des metropoles: Simmel, Kracauer, Benjamin et la 'Grossstadt', Paris (Editiones de l'Eclat), 2008.

Prof. Frisby has been invited to give the keynote address this autumn to a symposium on 'Simmel and current metropolitan studies' at the Georg Simmel Center for Metropolitan Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin.

Dr Fran Tonkiss has recently published articles on

- Postcapitalist politics? (2008) *Economy and Society* 37/2: 304-12.
- Global political economy: power, labour, politics, (2008) *Sociology Compass* 2: 10.1111/j.1751-9020.2007.00087.x

Dr Tonkiss was a member of the jury at the Canadian Centre for Architecture for the James Stirling Memorial Lecture on the City Prize – see prize announcement below.

In March **Dr Tonkiss** gave an invited seminar at the Faculty of Social and Political Science at Cambridge University on 'New manifestations', 40 years after 1968.

Dr Ayona Datta has two forthcoming publications:

- Places of Everyday Cosmopolitanisms: East-European Construction Workers in London, (2008) *Environment and Planning A*.
- Building Differences: Material Geographies of Home(s) among Polish Builders in London, (2008) *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.

Dr Datta was invited to the following seminars/conferences:

- Plenary discussant at the 'Muslim Geographies' Conference in University of Liverpool, 4-5 April 2008.
- Discussant in LSE-Sciences Po seminar in Paris titled 'Territorial differences in the enlarged EU: Perceptions and representations in the 'old' Member States', in May 2008.
- Speaker in the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) 'Futures Fair' in May 2008.

Dr Datta was appointed to the Open University validation panel in May 2008 for the MSc Architecture and Urbanism degree in Architectural Association, London.



Images of Barking from
Outer City

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Academic Visitor

Dr Catharina Gabrielsson will be joining the Cities Programme as a Visiting Research Fellow for two years from September 2008. The working title of her research project is 'Beginnings: on the origin, creation, and affects of architectural space.'

James Stirling Memorial Lecture

The Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA) and the Cities Programme announced the winner of the third international competition for the James Stirling Memorial Lectures on the City. The jury awarded the prize to **Robert Mangurian** and **Mary-Ann Ray**, 2008-2009 Stirling Lecturers, for their proposal entitled 'CAOCHANGDI Urban Rural Conundrums: Off Center People's Space in the Early 21st Century Republic of China - A Model for the Momentous Project of the New Socialist Village'. See the Cities website for details.

Outer City Publication

On 3rd July Cities launched the 2007-08 MSc City Design and Social Science Research Studio publication **Outer City**, focusing on sites in Barking and Dagenham in the context of London's eastward expansion, developments in the Thames Gateway region, and strategies to densify urban neighbourhoods as London's population grows. *Outer City* is available to download from the Cities website.

PhD Student News

Two Cities students have successfully passed their PhDs over the last term: **Iliana Ortega-Alcazar**, for '*Brick by brick: building families and houses in Mexico City*', and **Alasdair Jones**, for '*On South Bank: the production of public space*.'

The PhD group working within the Cities Programme has met regularly to present research projects to each other, using this platform to review each other's work and aim towards a collective project, culminating in the launch of **PYLON** (PhD London).

Adam Kaasa presented a paper at the Annual Conference of the Society for Latin American Studies, called 'Multifamiliares: Locating Practice in Mexican Architecture', at the University of Liverpool in March 2008. **Adam** has a book review of Naomi Klein's *Shock Doctrine* forthcoming in the Journal of the London Consortium, *Static* in July 2008.

Juergen Kufner presented a paper 'Negotiating tall buildings in London' at the Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology Annual Conference in Boston, in February 2008. **Juergen** also presented a paper 'Legitimation and illegitimacy in negotiations about tall buildings in Central London,' at the Writing Cities: MIT-LSE-Harvard Graduate Student Conference in Boston, April 2008 (also attended by PhD students Suzanne Hall, Corinna Dean, Torsten Schroeder, Hiromasa Shirai, Juliet Davis, Melissa Fernández Arrigoitia and Olivia Muñoz-Rojas Oscarsson).

Hiromasa Shirai has been appointed 2008 visiting research fellow by the Australian Centre for Olympic Studies.

Hiro's book *Big Bang Beijing – Urban transformation in Beijing towards the 2008 Olympics*, co-authored with André Schmidt, Kajima Institute of Publishing (Tokyo, Japan), is in English and Japanese. He has also published the following articles:

- 'Sustainability of Icon or Iconic Sustainability? – The Olympic stadium in Beijing and London', (2008) *Urban China*, Vol. 26, (P.R. China)
- 'The different aspects of "spectacle"-Shared experiences by the three Asian Olympic Cities', (2008) *Space Magazine*, (Korea)
- 'Modern Architecture and urbanism in Beijing', (2008) *Journal of Architecture and Building Science*, July (Japan)

MSc Scholarships

This year the Mercers' Scholarship has been awarded to **David Church** and the Cities Scholarship has been shared between **Paul McGann** and **Olivia Tusinski**. All three students will be joining the MSc Programme in 2008/09.

Cities Alumni News

David Hamilton (MSc 2005-06), has been appointed Perm 2020 Project Manager and he is assisted by **Janna Bystrykh** (MSc 2007-08). They will be working with Prof Tavernor on the urban restructuring of the city of Perm, Russia.

'This is not a Gateway', an organisation involving Cities alumni **Trenton Oldfield**, **Joost Beunderman**, **Talia Brun-Marcen**, **Dominic Church**, **Ellen Haukas** and **Korinna Thielen**, has won the government's Creating the Future Award. Information about this can be found on www.thisisnotagateway.com