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Faculty News

Dr Ayona Datta recently published two articles:

- (2008) 'Places of everyday cosmopolitanisms: East European construction workers in London', *Environment and Planning A* advance online publication, doi:10.1068/a40211
- (2008) 'Building Differences: Material Geographies of Home(s) among Polish Builders in London', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, vol. 33(4), 518-531.

Ayona has two forthcoming book chapters:

- (2009) 'This is Special Humour: Visual Narratives of Polish Masculinities in London's Building Sites' in Kathy Burrell (ed.) *After 2004: Polish Migration to the UK in the 'New' European Union*, London: Ashgate.
- (2009) 'Making Space for Muslims: Housing Bangladeshi Families in East London' in Richard Phillips (ed.) *Muslims in the West: Spaces of Hope*, London: Zed Books.

In autumn 2008 **Ayona** gave the following invited lectures:

- 'Illegal Geographies of the City: Everyday Places of Water and sanitation in a Delhi Squatter Settlement' in Department of Geography, University of Bristol; and in the Urban Salon seminar series, King's College London.
- 'Constructing the Polish Worker in London's Building Sites' in Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex.

In autumn 2008 **Dr Fran Tonkiss** was a member of the collaborative team that was one of three winners in an international competition to develop the spatial and economic design for a new city in Saemangeum, South Korea. Working with the Architecture Research Unit at the London Metropolitan University led by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, she produced the economic development analysis for the 400sq km site, one quarter the size of Greater London. The team's design for an Island City proposed five individual islands with food research and production, tourism and renewable energy as leading industries, giving priority to waterfront access and the integration of residential and commercial

functions. The London project was one of three winners alongside teams from MIT and Princeton University. The winning submissions now go forward for consideration by central government.

Fran has two recent publications:

- (2008) 'New manifestations: Paris, Seattle and after', *New Formations* 65/4 (December).
- (2009) 'Globalisation, migration and labour', *Sociology* 43/1 (February).

Academic Visitors

At the end of January 2009 **Dr Rachel Coutinho Silva** will be returning to her post at the Graduate Program in Urbanism, School of Architecture and Urbanism, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. She will continue to work on her current research project: 'Urbanism in the Risk Society: design and planning strategies for conflict zones in Rio de Janeiro'.

Dr Catharina Gabrielsson has published/forthcoming:

- (2008) 'Towards Crafts in Dialogue' in Z. Ahl & P. Ernvist (ed.) *Craft in Dialogue*, Stockholm: Formhandboken
- (2008) 'What's the Point of Public Space?', *Exteriors*, Stockholm/Kiev: Index
- (2009) 'Political Architecture', *Glänta*,
- (2009) 'The Rough Magic of Stortorget', *OASE* 08:77
- (2009) 'The Necessity of Distance. Setting the position for a Critical Spatial Practice', in Sarah Chaplin & Alexandra Stara (ed.) *Curating Architecture and the City*, London: Routledge

Catharina contributed papers at two conferences:

- 'Cognitive Capital: Spaces of Mobility', Institute for Global Studies, University of Gothenburg 3-4th Nov 2008.
- 'Less Remote: The Futures of Space Exploration', The Arts Catalyst, Glasgow 30/9-1/10 200

PhD Student News

New PhD arrivals

Cities welcomed **Daniel Kilburn**, **Bart Orr** and **Ingrid Schroder** onto the PhD programme in 2008-09.

Juliet Davies presented a paper entitled 'Urban Catalysts in Theory and Practice'



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Borough Market
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at the 'Writing Cities MIT-LSE-Harvard Graduate Students Conference' in April 2008.

Juliet had an article published in 2008: 'Re-imagining Bishopsgate Goodsyards', *Architectural Research Quarterly*, vol. 12(1). She also has articles forthcoming in *ARQ*, *Urban Studies Journal* and the Cities Programme 'CitiesLAB Working Papers, issue 1', in 2009.

Corinna Dean is presenting a paper at a conference, 'Research Cooperation in Practice: Results from the AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Award Scheme', at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London in February. Her paper title is 'Curating flickr: An Analysis of Place, Scale and Representation'.

Corinna has contributed a chapter to the forthcoming publication *Curating Architecture in the City* by Routledge.

Adam Kaasa took part in the graduate student workshop 'Latin America between post-conflict and neo-populism' on September 2-5, 2008 at the Graduate School of International Development Studies, Roskilde University, Denmark.

Adam published 'Alberta Paints the Small Town Pink: Rural Sexualities in the Wake of Brokeback Mountain' in Marie-Luise Kohlke's and Luisa Orza's edited volume *Probing the Problematics: Sex and Sexuality*, published by Inter-Disciplinary Press, Oxford 2008.

Susan Parham has recently completed a PhD thesis at the Cities Programme on sustainability aspects of the relationship of food and urban design. Her work is based on case study research in London, tracing the rise of urban food spaces into 'food quarters', exploring their morphology, urban design, social practices, economic regeneration and associated sustainability effects.

Torsten Schröder gave an invited talk at Columbia University, New York City. On 17th November 2008 he gave his lecture on 'Cities and climate change – the role of building technologies' at the Department of Sociology and Committee on Global Thought.

Hiromasa Shirai presented a paper on 'Planning the London Olympic Park as a Global and Local Place: A Comparative Analysis with Sydney Olympic Park' at the

Metropolis Congress 2008, Sydney, Australia.

Hiro's article 'Aspiration and struggle of the Olympic Cities - Sydney, Beijing and London' was published in *Japan Architect*, December 2008.

Writing Cities Workshop 2009

The Cities Programme (Organising Committee **Juliet Davis**, **Cecilia Dinardi**, **Melissa Fernandez**, **Suzanne Hall**, **Olivia Munoz-Rojas**) has just announced the second annual interdisciplinary graduate student Writing Cities Workshop, co-hosted on alternate years with MIT School of Architecture and Planning, Harvard Graduate School of Design and Harvard Law School, to be held on 1-3 June. This year's topic is 'How do views shape words, how do words shape cities?'

The aim of the Writing Cities Workshop is to provide a forum for graduate students to present papers within a peer review process, which allows for developing different ways of writing about the city. The workshop will be structured around approximately 20 papers, and the discussion panel will include **Professor Richard Sennett**, **Professor Gerald Frug** and **Dr Fran Tonkiss**.

PhD Research Seminars on Cities and Space

In the Lent term, this seminar series includes speakers such as Dr Ger Duizjings (SSES), Prof. Ann Varley (UCL) and Prof. AbdouMaliq Simone (Goldsmiths). They are open to PhD students with urban related theses across LSE. See SO521 on Moodle for more information.

MSc News

This year's MSc students are going on a **field trip to Istanbul** from 17-22 February 2009, as part of their course on 'City Making: The Politics of Urban Form', convened by **Philipp Rode** and **Savvas Verdis**, which focuses on the Haydarpasa Port regeneration site in Istanbul. They will be taking part in a series of workshops with partner organisations and universities working with the city from different angles. As part of their course work, the students will be asked to develop an urban design brief containing the central development strategy for this site.