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## Welcome to the new CRSI newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of the **Centre for Research on Social Inclusion's** newsletter. We hope to publish our newsletter four times a year.

The aim of the newsletter is to keep our members and supporters up to date on latest Centre developments and to provide a forum to highlight our research and research members.

The Centre has already had a busy year of research activities and events, and with more scheduled for the future. The Centre aims to offer opportunities for interdisciplinary social, theoretical and cultural research

in the broad field of Social Inclusion/Exclusion. Centre re-



### Ashfield Mall where Amanda Wise is conducting research

searchers are drawn from various disciplines including Philosophy, Cultural Studies, Anthropology, Media Studies, Sociol-

ogy, Women's Studies, Indigenous Studies, and Human Geography.

Our goal for the second half of 2005 is to work more closely with our members to create a stimulating and collegial research centre environment.



## Racism Within Forum

Associate Professor Andrew Fraser from Macquarie University hit the media headlines mid-July with his remarks to the *Parramatta Sun*, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and on Channel Nine's *A Current Affair* three nights running. His comments against non-white races are disturbing to the Centre for Research on Social Inclusion and no doubt all our members.

Feeling strongly that Macquarie academics should not remain silent on this issue, Centre member Dr Kalpana Ram proposed that the Centre hold a forum to discuss the implications of this issue.

The forum entitled *Racism Within: How Should Macquarie University Respond to Andrew Fraser* will be held in building W5A Theatre 2 on Friday 5th

August, 3.00-5:00pm. All Welcome.

## New Members



New CRSI member  
Prof. Bob Fagan from  
Human Geography.

With the Centre's recent membership restructure, CRSI has gained a strong representation of new members from Human Geography, Health and Chiropractic, and Business which we believe will add significant value to our interdisciplinary research objectives.

A number of prominent Macquarie researchers have joined CRSI who share our interest in social inclusion.

CRSI aims to enable members to advance their research in the area of social inclusion and facilitate synergies between members. We hope that the new members will help build cross-disciplinary research.

The Centre's increasing membership base is going to enhance the university's research culture and the Centre aims to increase its profile and encourages staff to con-

sider joining CRSI as a member.

If you are interested in becoming a member of CRSI please visit our website for more information about the Centre. Applications for membership are located at:

<http://www.crsi.mq.edu.au/membershipstructure.htm>

*CRSI now has five  
core research  
streams  
representative of  
our membership  
base.*

## CRSI Research Concentrations

The Centre restructured its membership categories early in 2005, and invited new members to join. We began a process of mapping our research strengths and came up with five core research concentrations representative of our membership base. We are exploring the option of appointing a 'Program Director' for each of the five research streams. The Program

Directors will be drawn from among our active Centre members and will take a leadership role in stimulating research activity, events and collaboration on their theme.

The research concentrations are designed to highlight our existing strengths while allowing space within the Centre for new and emergent areas of research to flourish.

Fed into by all of our repre-

sentative disciplines, the research concentrations are:

- Welfare, Care & Social Policy
- Migration & Multiculturalism
- Inclusion and Exclusion in Urban and Regional Spaces
- The Postcolonial World and Globalisation
- Critical Theory & Social Hope

More detail on these clusters is on the CRSI website.

## University Centre Application

The Centre had a hectic few weeks in May preparing an application for the CRSI to become an official University Research Centre. University Research Centre status would give official recognition of our growing research capacity and provide a small amount of additional annual funding which the Centre can use to

develop its research activities.

We understand it's a competitive field but hope that we are a strong contender.

Whatever the case, the CRSI will remain committed to stimulating and encouraging research within the division of SCMP and providing a context for connection and collabora-

tion between our own departments and between SCMP and other divisions.

The application itself was a huge task but enabled us to take stock and gain a much better sense of our members, their research, and our collective research strengths.

# Building Neighbourhood Harmony: New Research Grant



**Ashfield's Liverpool Rd is a focus of the research.**

Dr Amanda Wise was recently awarded a \$98,000 contract by the Department of Immigration and Indigenous Affairs to further her recent 'Contact Zones' ethnographic research into everyday

multicultural relations. The project will expand research previously undertaken in Ashfield to a further two areas: Canning in Perth, and Griffith, regional NSW. The aim of the project is to undertake qualitative research into grounded inter-ethnic relations, map out areas of tension, racism or cross-cultural discomfort, and develop locally relevant creative project strategies for local government in these areas to address these issues.

Community Harmony Working groups will be established in each of these areas to assist the re-

search. In addition, a community harmony project around urban-space issues will be piloted and its impact assessed as part of the research. The project also includes a national audit of local government anti-racism initiatives.

Dr Wise is assisted by two paid research associates on the project: Dr Armen Gakavian and Dr Gill Vogl. Dr Seleveraj Velayutham from UWS is also a member of the research team.

The project will run from July 2005 until June 2006. More details can be found on the CRSI website.

*The CRSI had an active few months preparing applications for the ARC ...*

## Recent ARC Applications

The CRSI had an active few months earlier this year preparing applications for the ARC Discovery and Linkage rounds. Among the projects applied for are:

**Transnational Care: Immigrant workers in Australia's care sector.** This was an interdisciplinary application submitted by CRSI members: Michael Fine, Amanda Wise, Fei Guo, Kathy Tannous, Gillian Bottomley and Suzanne Franzway (from UniSA) as an ARC Discovery Project.

**Transnational Affect and the Moral Economies of Temporary Skilled Migration of South Indians to Australia.** This is an application for an ARC Discovery Postdoctoral Fellowship for Selvaraj Velayutham with Amanda Wise as joint CI.

**Recognition, Work and the Social Bond.** This project was submitted jointly by CRSI Director Nicholas Smith & Jean-Philippe Deranty from the Department of Philosophy for funding under the ARC Discovery scheme.

**Globalization, Welfare and National Identity in the Antipodes: Recent Trajectories and Future Options.** Dr Lloyd Cox, currently working for the CRSI one day per week submitted an application for an ARC Discovery Postdoctoral Fellowship.

**Cultural Diversity, Community and Family Services.** Micheal Fine & Amanda Wise from CRSI jointly applied with Ryde to the ARC Linkage fund for an APAL (a Linkage PhD scholarship) to undertake this research.

## Other Research Contracted & in the Pipeline

The Centre recently completed work on a joint project with Ryde Council funded by a MUEC grant. The project was entitled: **Growing Supportive Neighbourhoods.** The research team included Michael Fine & Amanda Wise, with main project work being carried out by senior research assistants Armen Gakavian and Gillian Vogl. This pilot project lead to an ARC Linkage project

application in the last round. **In the pipeline:** Michael Fine is negotiating to undertake a Phase two for his **Alzheimer's Association of NSW** – NSW Quality Support Groups Research.

We are engaged in a pilot project to provide tailored **Social Mapping Data** for Ryde City Council.

We are negotiating with the Department of Housing to undertake

research on **Housing Estate** support programs. Tom Burvill & Amanda Wise are in early discussions with Marricville Council on a project '**Cultural Planning for Social Incusion**'.



**Senior Citizens at a local fete.**

# MURF Applications through CRSI



'Border Integrity' is the topic of MURF applicant Lloyd Cox's research proposal.

The Centre  
Kicked off an  
exciting program  
of work-in-  
progress seminars  
in May.

## Next work-in-progress seminar:

What's in a name:  
"Afrikaner"  
identifications in post-apartheid South Africa by Lindi Renier Todd - Social Anthropology, University of London.

**Date:** Friday 12 August

**Time:** 11-1pm

**Place:** W6A 107

CRSI's increasing profile and reputation as a Centre for interesting interdisciplinary research on questions of social inclusion attracted a number of quality MURF applicants to apply through the Centre in the 2005 round.

We had five applicants applying through the Centre, sponsored by Centre management and members. These include:

Dr **Lloyd Cox** whose project is entitled '*Globalisation, Border Protection and the New White Nationalism: Australia,*

*New Zealand and Britain in Comparative Perspective, 1990-2010.* Lloyd's project is sponsored by Mitchell Dean.

Also applying was Dr **Selvaraj Velayutham** who submitted a project on Tamil transnational workers, which he also submitted to the ARC for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in the 2005 round.

Dr **Gillian Vogl** has worked as a research assistant on Centre projects. Her MURF project is entitled *Moving beyond the official statistics:*

*Who are the hidden unemployed?* She is being sponsored by Prof. Bob Fagan.

Sean Scalmer is sponsoring **Wendy Sargent** who has submitted a project *Approaches Australia is taking in the development of peace building and security in the face of terrorism and the radicalization of religious ideology.*

Dr **Sarah Redshaw** submitted a project *Youth and Driving Cultures towards the Future,* sponsored by Michael Fine.

## Work-in-Progress Seminars

Lloyd Cox, CRSI part-time postdoctoral fellow is convening a work-in-progress seminar series.

CRSI began a series of work-in-progress sessions. These are aimed at Centre members and non-members working in the areas of the CRSI's core research concentrations: welfare, care and social policy, migration and multiculturalism; inclusion and exclusion;

the postcolonial world and globalization; and critical theory and social hope.

The objective of the sessions is to provide a forum for the discussion of research and papers that are not yet in polished, publishable form. As such, it is envisaged that they will be relatively informal and discursive, with an emphasis on audience participation in order to provide presenters

with feedback to help improve their papers before submission. Presenters may, if they wish, circulate a draft of their paper beforehand. Sessions will normally be held on the second Friday of the month from 11-1 in W6A 107. Advance notice will also be posted in the days before any given session.

See side panel for the next WIP details.

## Members Retreat & Planning Day

CRSI is planning to hold its first Members Retreat and Planning Day during Autumn semester 2005. To be held off campus to provide focus on Centre matters away from day-to-day work pressures, the aim of the day will be to include in a much more rigorous way the ideas and input of our Centre members. It will be an essential event for all

those members who wish to be part of the CRSI's future. Among the issues to deal with are:

How can we enhance interdisciplinary research connections and collaborations among our members on key research themes?  
Appointment and role of research concentration leaders.

Strategies to increase the number of ARC funded research projects among our members.

Planning for our next phase of growth.

Event planning for 2005-06

Opportunities for members to learn about one another's research interests and explore collaborations.

## Recent Centre Events



Thus far in 2005 the Centre for Research on Social Inclusion held a landmark conference and a series of work in progress seminars and released an on-line and **CDROM publication** from the last annual conference.

**'Neighbourhoods and Social Capital: building supportive communities for kids'** was a one-day conference featuring keynote speakers from academic and practitioner backgrounds exploring the latest thinking on Social Capital and Community Capacity Building and their role in building supportive neighbourhoods and communities for families with children. It was such a success and due to demand the papers are on the Centre's website and can be viewed at

[www.crsi.mq.edu.au/socialcap-papers.htm](http://www.crsi.mq.edu.au/socialcap-papers.htm)

**Work in Progress Seminars** This year the Centre kicked off a series of seminars aimed at providing a forum where people can present their work in progress and receive feedback. The first of the seminars was in April. Visiting academic Dr Tom Martin from Rhodes University South Africa presented a paper 'On Racisms'.

**Racism in the Academy Forum:**

**Responding to the Andrew Fraser Debate**

**Friday 5th August 2005**

## Upcoming Events

The Centre is co-hosting a visit by **Professor Nancy Fraser** one of the most influential figures of critical theory and regarded as a leading feminist critic and moral philosopher. Her lecture 'Reframing Justice in a Globalising World' is at 7.30pm Tuesday 2 Aug. at the General Lecture Thr, Sydney Uni.

As part of her visit the Centre is hosting a postgraduate research seminar on recognition and justice on **Wednesday 3 August**.

CRSI will host a forum '**Racism Within**' on the Andrew Fraser debate, **Friday 5th August**.

The Centre is co-hosting a visit by Historian of Philosophy Reading, **Dr Robert Williams**. Dr Williams from the USA will conduct 3 intensive days open to students followed by 2 weeks of six 2 hour seminars beginning of August.

**Professor Rolf Ronning and A/Professor Liv Solheim** from

Norway will be attending the Centre from Mid September till December and will present at the Centre's Work in Progress seminar series in October.

**Dr Ellie Vasta** from Britain will be attending the Centre in **October** and will present at a CRSI forum on multiculturalism.

On 11 November, a **Work in Progress Day** is scheduled for Centre members to present on.

## CRSI Member Research Profile

Each addition of the CRSI Newsletter will feature a profile of a CRSI member. Our first featured member is **Julian Disney**.

Among other things, former head of ACOSS, Professor Disney was appointed Adjunct Research fellow of the CRSI earlier this year. He works at the CRSI three days per week on his Affordable Housing project.

The principal aims of the project are to A) improve understanding, especially amongst policy makers and the public, of current and future problems relating to affordable housing around Australia; and B) identify key measures to address those problems and encourage implementation of them. The Program is a key outcome of the National Summit on Housing Affordability which was held in Par-

liament House, Canberra, in 2004. Professor Julian Disney's component of this larger project is entitled *A National Affordable Housing Agreement*. The Program commences on 1 February 2005 and will be of 18 months duration. Each project within it includes research, publications, workshops and public forums.



**Professor Julian Disney**



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### Division of SCMP



# Forthcoming Events

## RACISM IN THE ACADEMY FORUM

Friday 5th August. 9:30am-12:00 W6A107

## WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINAR

Friday 12th August

Lindy Todd

## MEMBERS RETREAT & PLANNING DAY

September date TBA

CRSI has a mailing list that is available for announcements and commentary and relevant issues to the Centre. To send to the list or to become a list member go to [SCMP-Crsimail@scmp.mq.edu.au](mailto:SCMP-Crsimail@scmp.mq.edu.au)

# Postgrads & Early Career Researchers

The Centre for Research on Social Inclusion recently invited Early Career Researchers (ECR) in the SCMP division and Human Geography to join the Centre as ECR members. Invites were also extended to PhD graduates in the last three years.

There are two categories of Early Career Research Associates.

**A. Postdoctoral Research Associates:** may be from inside or outside Macquarie University; they will have completed or are within three months of PhD completion; no more than five years from PhD; not aligned to another research Centre, or employed full time elsewhere; must have research background or interests in one of the CRSI research concentrations; must be working toward publication and

developing a research profile in one of the Centre's research concentrations; must participate in Centre events and activities relevant to their research.

The benefits of this category are to have access to information on: research career opportunities with CRSI; internal postdoc schemes; support and mentorship the Centre offers in developing ARC postdoc fellowship applications; applying to become a formal Research Affiliate of the Centre; opportunities for employment on Centre research projects.

**B. PhD Student Associates:** PhD student members must be enrolled in a department with a Centre member their primary supervisor.

Students research would be directly related to Centre research concentrations. The benefits of this category are to have access to collegial contact with other students across the division of SCMP and beyond through a series of forums and opportunities for research assistant experience on Centre projects.

The Centre is planning a selection of chapter workshops for PhD Student Associates and is currently considering a schedule of forums aimed at meeting student's needs.

