

CENTRE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES, JANUARY - AUGUST 2007

So far 2007 has offered the challenges for civil society that we'd expected: riding out the windstorm associated with the ruling party's year-end congress machinations. In this environment of unrelenting hot air, it is possible to retain optimism only by focusing on an increasingly vibrant group of citizens' movements as antidote to the mendacity of political society.

With 11 million strike days recorded during the first half of the year, organised labour – especially teachers, nurses and other providers of desperately-sought state services – won sympathy (mainly) and major concessions from a government boasting a budget surplus but not much apparent commitment to sharing the society's wealth. Community groups and other social forces maintained formidable courage during the period, punctuated in Durban by more than 500 arrests of street traders one day alone in June, alongside protest marches to an unresponsive City Hall by shackdwellers (especially from Crossmoor), fisherfolk, students, public sector workers, human rights activists and other communities.



Above: Fisherfolk protest pier closure on May 29



Right: Crossmoor shack residents demand sanitation at City Hall on June 20

Durban had perhaps the hottest winter in the country this year, but it appears Gauteng and Cape Town have caught the spirit for the springtime, attracting yet another set of formal investigations into social protest by the Cabinet, Public Prosecutor, and intelligence agencies, apparently aimed at yet again deflecting blame. In late August, president Thabo Mbeki told parliament, 'For anyone to posit a notion of a crisis of service delivery in the country would be incorrect' because there was no 'mass rebellion'. But with SA's world-leading per capita protest figures rising in 2007 from the SA Police Service's 2005 report of nearly 6000 separate actions, we beg to disagree.

Meanwhile, activists in Zimbabwe and Burma with whom CCS staff are in solidarity also ratcheted up their democracy struggles in 2007, suffering far worse repression - not to mention the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, China, India and so many other societies where civil society is trying to shake off occupiers or a corrupt, violent officialdom. The future is brighter in Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador, with strong signs of breakthrough cooperation between leftist states and progressive civil society.

At home, the dust swirling in the African National Congress air may settle in December with a new leader, or it may not as internecine Alliance tensions continue to explode. Regardless, SA civil society groups have kept their issues alive and on the national agenda. True to form, Treatment Action Campaigners maintained the most pressure - tragically without success this time - in disputing the August firing of deputy health minister Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge (the CCS Wolpe lecturer for September and the one voice of sanity in that ministry). Activists' ability to expand access to AIDS medicines in the face of presidential denialism in 2007 was an inspiration, and deserves linkages with those active on water, sanitation, electricity, housing and nutrition.



Above: Human Rights Day protest, Durban, 21 March



Right: Crossmoor's Ramen family mourn their home, destroyed by the municipality on July 4

Likewise, African activists also taught us varied lessons, such as how to generate a continent-wide Africa WaterNetwork of devoted water-rights activists in more than thirty countries. These lessons we will capture in an edited book on social movements in various parts of the continent, coedited with Kenyan scholar Eunice Saleh, for 2008 publication. A March visit to CCS by five activists who lead the environmental justice campaign in one of Africa's most conflict-ridden settings, Port Harcourt, offered an extraordinary window into the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta.

In our CCS hallway, meanwhile, having said farewell to six very active staff in the prior year, our existing contingent was stretched even further not only in Durban but across Africa and the world. Scores of events were held at CCS or attended by our staff and immediate associates, as we note below. Likewise, publishing activity was hectic, with eight book-length contributions either out or in press during the first half of 2007, as well as more than 50 accredited journal articles and book chapters, plus dozens of shorter articles for the popular or professional press (e.g. the Centre's biweekly 'Eye on Civil Society' in *The Mercury*).

The most substantial intellectual events of 2007 occurred in association with the SA-Netherlands Programme for Research Alternatives in Development (SANPAD), which in late June sponsored a major Poverty Challenge Conference supported directly by several individuals, and institutionally on the sidelines by CCS. We offered delegates a 'Durban Reality Tour' with Baruti Amisi in the inner-city refugee sites, Gaby Bikombo's immigrant street traders, Desmond D'Sa's famous South Durban toxic tour, Ntokozo Mthembu in Umlazi, and Orlean Naidoo in Chatsworth. For SANPAD, Ashwin Desai served as conference programme coordinator, Molefi Ndlovu was a researcher, and four others from CCS presented papers: Patrick Bond, Prishani Naidoo, Trevor Ngwane and Shannon Walsh. Thanks to SANPAD's Anshu Padayachee and Brij Maharaj, as well as the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa, CCS brought more than



Top: Durban Zimbabwe solidarity showing on Human Rights Day, 21 March

Above: Rangoon protest, 26 May

a dozen regional delegates from Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, the DRC, Kenya and Nigeria. The conference tackled the mainstream discourse of 'Two Economies', which is also the subject of a special issue of the journal *Africanus* edited by Patrick for publication in November, drawing on our 2006 Colloquium on Economy, Society and Nature. 'Transcending Two Economies' is the overarching strategy in both intellectual and practical political terms.



Brij, Ashwin, CCS Advisory Board member Mercia Andrews and renowned Indian journalist P.Sainath, SANPAD conference, June 27

Some of this work was developed outside South Africa. CCS staff and associates made inputs at the World Social Forum in Nairobi (where we had more than a dozen panel appearances and maintained a stall), the US Social Forum in Atlanta, the Ghana conference on the First Governmental Efforts to Abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade, the New Zimbabwe Lecture and Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development workshop on that country's economic crisis, the Burmese liberation movement's policy conference in Chiang Mai, the Debt Audit Training workshop held by the Kenyan Debt Relief Network in Nairobi, the Left Forum conference of US intellectuals (New York), Action Aid International in Washington, the African Literary Association biannual conference (Univ. of West Virginia), the Centro Internacional Miranda thinktank in Caracas associated with the Venezuelan government, Monthly Review magazine (New York), and seminars at the following universities: California/Berkeley, Cornell, Freie (Berlin), Gyeongsang, Korea, the London School of Oriental and African Studies, Nairobi, Stanford, Stellenbosch, SungKongHoe and United Nations/Tokyo. In addition, our staff and associates made numerous inputs to conferences and seminars in South Africa on politics, economics, climate change, energy, land, housing and water.

We were fortunate to have visits during the first half of 2007 from leaders of simpatico sister institutions:

- Walden Bello, director of Focus on the Global South in Bangkok/Manila/Mumbai
- Moema Miranda, director of the Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas in Rio
- Henning Melber, director of Dag Hammarskjold Foundation in Uppsala
- Daniel Chavez, senior researcher at TransNational Institute in Amsterdam

Walden and Moema gave passionate political commentary on the state of progressive Third World politics on June 28. That night CCS also hosted the



Top: Zapiro on Mbeki Unauthorised

Top: Abasha Youth movement delegation to Wolpe lecture

Above: Moema and Walden at Wolpe Lecture, June 28

Above: Fatima and Dennis, February 22

accomplished filmmaker Ben Cashdan for the world premier screening of his *Mbeki Unauthorised*, the documentary the SABC banned in 2006 and tried to quash the screening of with futile lawyers' letters (written by a company official soon fired for blatant corruption). This was our Wolpe Lecture for June, drawing more than 800 to the Ocean Conference Centre at the Durban beachfront.

The rest of our Wolpe schedule was also dynamite: Fatima Meer calling for a new United Democratic Front; Ngugi wa Thiong'o challenging us to promote indigenous languages (many Wolpe Lectures are transcribed to isi-Zulu though much more can still be done); Miloon Kothari reporting on the pathetic state of SA low-income housing; Jane Duncan attacking repression of academic freedom (including at UKZN); Horace Campbell setting out a Pan-African revolutionary vision; and Grace Kwinjeh defining Ubuntu as only a Zimbabwean torture survivor can.

Seminars kept CCS abuzz, including excellent visiting scholar reportbacks; the return of a triumphant John Saul; Mazibuko Jara and Orlean on transition

wins/losses; and Jim Ferguson challenging us not to use the word 'neoliberalism' (we tried for awhile, but fat chance). CCS even enjoyed a visit from Ronald Suresh Roberts - author of a lonely, quixotic book, *Fit to Govern*, defending president Mbeki's intellectual traditions - for a July debate in which Patrick and Percy Ngonyama (arguing in the negative) squared off against Suresh and former presidential spokesperson Bheki Khumalo.



Patrick and Suresh, July 6

In mid-July we were profoundly saddened by the death of internationally-known Durban activist Sajida Khan, who resided across from the Bisasar Road rubbish dump, sited by the apartheid regime within the Clare Estate neighbourhood in 1980. Airborne particulates sicken many in the vicinity, and gave Sajida respiratory diseases and two bouts of cancer, the last fatal. Her brother Rafique now takes up the community campaign to close Bisasar, simultaneously preventing its abuse by the World Bank and eThekweni municipal government as a carbon trading pilot project. In addition to obituaries written for *Agenda*, *The Mercury*, *The Mail & Guardian*, and international web sources (*Counterpunch*, *Grist* and *ZNet*), CCS paid tribute at Women's Day in Wentworth and dedicated a book to Sajida, coedited by Patrick, Rehana and Graham Erion of York: *Climate Change, Carbon Trading and Civil Society*.

And finally, we also prepared for our first formal UKZN University Review in September, a survey of how CCS serves our responsibilities as an intellectual centre and site of civil society networking and innovation.

Apologies for procrastination: Usually between Annual Reports we issue two newsletters (every four months) updating our community on events. We were too busy to get the first one out this year as usual in May, and indeed were also delayed with our unusually long 2006 Annual Report. So we have more events and publications to report, even if we're less efficient in spreading the word; but our website now has an 'Events' column with supporting documentation for those seeking more information on activities. - Patrick Bond

THE CCS COMMUNITY

In early 2007, post-doctoral student Sanya Osha moved on, after a very productive period at CCS carrying out several major research studies, including the book *Ken Saro-Wiwa's Shadow*, published by Adonis Abbey in March. Two community-based scholar-activists joined us for the first period of the year, Orlean Naidoo from Chatsworth and Duduzile Khumalo from Inanda. Orlean and Dudu continue to work occasionally on CCS's environmental justice project, along with Molefi. Two new community scholars are joining us for the last quarter part of 2007.

Our student contingent is growing, with several new bursaries in the works for registration of incoming doctoral and masters students in 2007-

08. Rehana Dada, Ahmed Veriava, Prishani, Trevor and Virginia continue their masters research under a SANPAD grant, with Horman Chitonge generating a first draft of his doctoral dissertation on Zambian water commercialisation. Other doctoral programme entrants include Femi Aborisade (Nigerian civil society), Richard Kamidza (regional trade and civil society) and Kaya Somgqeza (SA state and the global justice movements).

In addition, several visiting scholars from around the region and the world worked at the centre during the first eight months of 2007:

- Mandisa Mbali, Oxford University (January-August)
- Sizwe Phakathi, Oxford University (January-August)
- Shannon Walsh, McGill University (January-August)
- Amanda Alexander, Columbia University (January)
- Llewellyn Leonard, Kings College London (February-August)
- Sokari Ekine, Pambazuka News (April)
- Grace Kwinjeh, Save Zimbabwe Campaign (June-August)
- Kathleen Millar, Brown University (June-August)
- Rob Compton, State University of New York (June-August)
- Kiama Kaara, Kenyan Debt Relief Network (June-July)
- Femi Aborisade, Ibaden Technical University (June-July)



Above: Orlean



Left: Dudu

- Hopewell Gumbo, Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (June-July)
- Booker Magure, Rhodes University (August)
- Melanie Samson, York University (August)

We are looking forward to much more contact with several of these scholars from the African continent, as they are in the process of registering for advanced degrees.

Backing up our researchers and visiting scholars, a terrific administrative team worked very hard: Helen Poonen, Amy Ramsamy and Lungile Keswa. Amisi kept the Resource Centre running and maintained the grants programme. John Devenish did superb webmastering. Ntokozo and Molefi ran a series of community outreach events. And we were thrilled to permanently welcome Dennis Brutus, as he was made an honorary professor of the University based at CCS.

CCS TRAINING AND TEACHING

Four courses were given by CCS staff, three of which were at post-graduate level:

- CCS/School for International Training/Community course, 'Globalisation and Development' (led by Ntokozo), 2-5 April
- Social Policy masters course, 'Issues in South African Economics' (with Patrick), 13 March-3 July
- CCS/SDS 'Civil Society and Development' course (with Sufian and Dennis), 4-18 July
- SDS 'Political Economy of the Welfare State' course (with Patrick), 30 July-27 August

REGULAR PUBLIC EVENTS

Harold Wolpe Lectures

- Fatima Meer, UKZN: 'Activism for Democracy', 22 February
- Ngugi wa Thiong'o, University of California/Irvine: 'Regaining our Tongues: The Challenges of Writing in Indigenous Languages', 23 March
- Miloon Kothari, UN Special Rapporteur on Housing: 'Making Real the Right to Housing', 19 April
- Jane Duncan, Freedom of Expression Institute: 'The Rise of the Disciplinary University', 17 May
- *Mbeki Unauthorised* world premier with filmmaker Ben Cashdan, and Third World politics with Walden Bello, Focus on the Global South; Miranda Moema, Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas; and

Virginia Magwaza-Setshedi,
Freedom of Expression Institute,
28 June

• Horace Campbell, Syracuse
University: 'Pan-Africanism
and the 21st Century African
Revolution', 12 July

• Grace Kwinjeh, Save
Zimbabwe Coalition:
'Zimbabwe's Crisis, Civil
Society's Responsibility', 23
August



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Seminars

- Corinna Genschel, German Left Party social movement liaison office: 'The WSF and Feminism', 12 January
- Teivo Teivanen, University of Helsinki: 'WSF Politics', 17 January
- Anil Naidoo, Council of Canadians: 'The Geopolitics of the Water Justice Movement: From Nairobi (2007) to Istanbul (2009)', 31 January
- Patrick Bond and Horman Chitonge, CCS: Launch of *The Accumulation of Capital in Southern Africa*, 27 February
- Peter Hudis, Oakton Community College: 'Developing a Philosophically Grounded Alternative to Capitalism: A Marxist-Humanist Perspective', 5 March
- Niger Delta eco-social activists Fanty Wariyai, Jonah Gbemre, Jome Akpoduado, Michael Keania Karikpo, Comrade Che, I. Ibegwura, Victor Chris Egbe: 'Environmental Injustice in the Niger Delta: Lessons for Africa', 7 March
- John S. Saul, York University: 'The Strange Death of Liberated Southern Africa', 3 April
- Mandisa Mbali, Oxford University: "'All about Conferences and Per Diems': A Critical Reassessment of South African AIDS Activism 1994-1998", 20 April
- Mazibuko Jara, Amandla Publishing and Orlean Naidoo, CCS: 'Revisiting South Africa's Transition: Contradictions and Possibilities', 26 April
- Llewellyn Leonard, University College London: 'Civil Society Response to Industrial Risk', 4 May
- MK Eelaventhan, Sri Lankan Parliament: 'Current Political Developments in Sri Lanka', 8 May
- Duduzile Khumalo, CCS: 'The Social and Cultural Benefits of the Umgeni River that have been Lost to the Inanda Dam', 11 May

- Rod Burgess, Oxford Brookes University: 'Globalisation and Urban Fragmentation', 15 May
- Ida Susser, City University of New York: 'Plus ca Change: Women and AIDS in the Second Millennium', 17 May
- Chris Benner, Pennsylvania State University: 'Informational Labour Processes and Civil Society Strategies', 21 May
- Maj Fiil, Food and Water Watch and Sean Flynn, American University: 'Reflections on Constitutional Challenges to Prepaid Meters', 5 June
- Henning Melber, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation: 'Against the G8: The Emperor's New Clothes at Heiligendamm', 12 June
- Shannon Walsh, McGill University: 'The G8 Protests: Below, Around and Against', 22 June
- Pat Horn and Gaby Bikombo, Streetnet: 'Durban's street trading wars: Why 500 arrests and where now?', 25 June
- James Ferguson, Stanford University: 'The Use and Abuse of the Concept "Neoliberalism"', followed by Durban launch of *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order* at Ike's Books, 29 June
- Rob Compton, State University of New York: "'Developmental State" Debates from East Asia to South Africa', 13 July
- Maria Brendler, Swedish Left Party: 'Radical Participatory Democracy: Stockholm, Caracas, Manila, Diyarbakir', 17 July
- Kiama Kaara, Kenyan Debt Relief Network: 'Living Futures, Living Alternatives: Reflections on WSF Nairobi', 19 July
- Melanie Samson, York University: 'Producing Privatisation, Re-Articulating Gender, Race, Class and Space', 15 August
- Kathleen Millar, Brown University: 'New Trains of Class Politics: Reflections on Organising Informal Recyclers in Brazil and South Africa', 17 August



Heiligendamm, June 8

Film screenings and community workshops

Ntokozo and Molefi, assisted by Orlean and Dudu on occasion, ran various events in eThekweni townships:

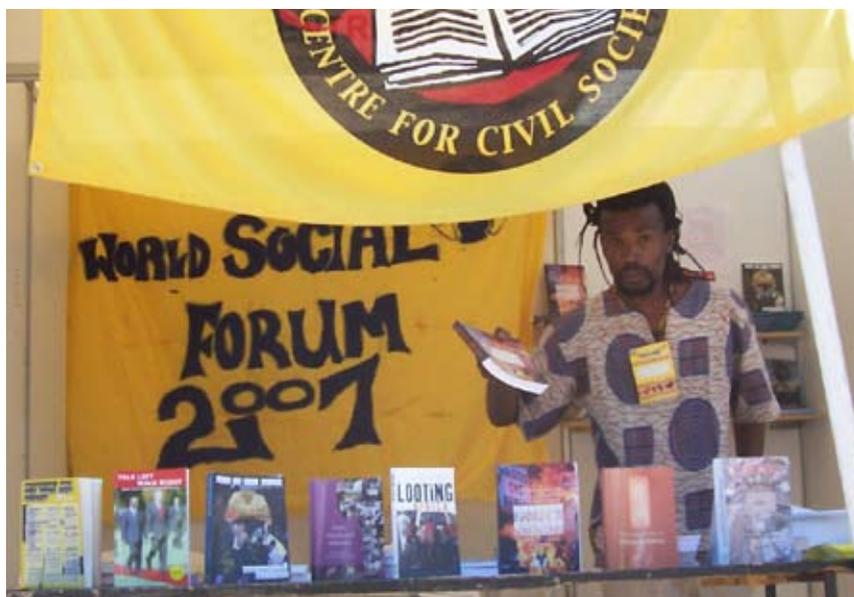
- Lamontville Community Health Workshop on 'Nutrition before Medication', 27 February
- Umlazi film screening and seminar, AA Library, 26 April
- Youth Leadership Workshop held at Hlanganani Educare Centre in Inanda Newtown A, 27 April
- Amandla Abasha Strategic Workshop in Umlazi at AA Boyi Simelane Community Centre, 30 May
- Crossmoor and Ekupholeni Community Development Workshop at the M.P.Vanthen Primary School, Crossmoor/Chatsworth, 9 June
- SANCO eThekweni Regional Strategic Workshop at CCS, 6-8 July



Inanda youth workshop

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

- Sufian presents 'Human Rights in Business: Political Inconvenience or Social Necessity?' to the Human Rights in Business workshop organised by the Foundation for Human Rights, Johannesburg 16-17 January
- At the World Social Forum in Nairobi, numerous panel presentations are made by CCS staff and associates (Ntokozo, Molefi, Rehana, Shannon, Orlean, Ahmed, Prishani, Amisi, Sufian, Patrick, Dennis and Faith ka Manzi), 18-25 January
- Patrick presents 'Macroeconomic Superexploitation' at the Guy Mhone Memorial seminar, International Development Economics Associates and University of Nairobi Institute for Development Studies, Nairobi, 25 January
- Ntokozo presents to the Africa Centre workshop on Biodiversity, 30 January
- Patrick presents 'Uneven and Combined Development and Social Resistance' at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 6 February
- Patrick presents 'Global Geopolitics', 'Global Political Economy', and 'South African Economy and Development Policy' at



a Stellenbosch University Sustainability Institute masters course on globalisation, 12-15 February

- Molefi presents at the Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa social movements strategy session, Johannesburg, 15 February
- Amisi assists in a 'Training of the Civil Society Organisations working in Water, Sanitation, and Health in the SADC Region', Pretoria, 14-16 February
- Patrick presents 'Energy Security, Electricity Access and Climate Change' at the 'Blind Spots of Global Climate Governance' conference of the Freie Universitaet and Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin, 16 February
- Patrick presents 'Measuring the Looting of Africa' at the Southern African Resource Watch Methodology Conference, Johannesburg, 26 February
- Patrick presents 'Water Pricing for Social Justice' at the TCI Water Allocation Conference, Johannesburg, 1 March
- Molefi presents at the conference on 'Political Power: State-Party-Popular Power', Rosa Luxemburg Seminar 2007, Cape Town, 1-3 March
- Amisi represents DRC exiles at the KwaZulu Natal Refugee Indaba, Durban, 2 March

- CCS cosponsors civil society workshop on 'SA Biofuels Strategy', Diakonia, 5 March
- Dennis does three presentations at the 'Left Forum' of progressive US scholars, Cooper Union, New York, 10 March
- Dennis presents at the African Literature Association conference, West Virginia, 14 March
- Patrick presents 'African Resources for Capacity Building' at the International Symposium on Capacity-Building in Africa and Japan's Role, United Nations University, Tokyo, 16 March
- Amisi participates in the World Energy Council International Forum on Grand Inga, Gabarone, 16-17 March
- Sufian presents to the conference on 'Crime and Human Rights in South Africa', SA Human Rights Commission, Johannesburg, 22-23 March
- Ntokozo presents on land and social justice at the NGO Afra in Pietermaritzburg, 23 March
- Patrick presents 'Carbon Trading and Energy in SA' to the Municipal Services Project conference 'Services for All', Cape Town, 28 March
- Sufian joins the Roundtable Discussion on South Africa's Agenda in the UN Security Council arranged by ACCORD, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Canadian High Commission, Durban, 11 April
- Patrick presents 'SA Energy Crises' at the conference on Fossil Fuel Energy, Electricity Access and Climate Change, Johannesburg 23 April
- Patrick presents 'Crony Capitalism, Climate Crisis and Coega: The Minerals-Energy Complex Queues for Corporate Welfare' for the Eastern Cape Wolpe Lecture, Port Elizabeth City Hall, 25 April
- Patrick presents 'Southern African Political Economy' at ActionAid International, Washington, 27 April
- Patrick presents 'Campaigning for the Commons', to the Retort group, Berkeley, 29 April
- Patrick presents 'Reconciliation and Economic Reaction in South Africa' at Stanford University's SA Colloquium, 30 April
- Patrick presents 'Zimbabwe's Long Economic Crisis' at U.Cal-Berkeley African Studies, 1 May
- Ntokozo presents to the Ujaama programme of the UKZN School of Theology, 3-4 May
- Patrick presents 'Carbon Trading and Primitive Accumulation' at Cornell University Climate Change Conference and 'Southern African Politics' at Monthly Review, NYC, 7 May
- Sufian participates in the Consultative Dialogue between the Pan-African Parliament and Civil Society organisations, Southern African Trust, Midrand, 7-8 May

- Patrick presents 'South African Poverty Debates', SANPAD/CAGE poverty prep conference, Durban, 9 May
- Sufian debates 'Economic Alternatives, Churches and Poverty Alleviation' at a Diakonia Council of Churches workshop, Durban, 12 May
- Amisi participated in the 'Small Town Re-invention' workshop, Pietermaritzburg, 14-15 May
- Ntokozo presents to the Workers College on informal labour, 22 May
- Sufian attends 'African Renaissance and African Intellectuality Summit', KwaZulu-Natal provincial government, ICC-Durban, 23-24 May
- Patrick presents 'Global Justice Movement Strategy and Tactics' in South Korea at Gyeongsang University in Jinju, Korea University in Seoul, and SungKongHoe University in Seoul, 25-28 May
- Patrick presents 'Lessons from South Africa's RDP for Burmese Liberation', Dag Hammarskjold Foundation Burma Project, Chiang Mai, 29 May
- Sufian attends 'World Value Survey Findings' workshop, Stellenbosch Comparative Politics and Democracy and Development Programme, Durban, 31 May
- Shannon premieres her documentary 'Discussing Open Space' at a 'Block the G-8' event hosted by Dorothea Haerlin, Jai Sen and John Holloway, Berlin, 5 June



- Ntokozo presents at a seminar on 'Environmental and Economic Justice' at Diakonia, 11 June
- Patrick presents 'Public Utility Commercialisation and Civil Society Critique', to the Nordic Africa Institute, ISS and HSRC, South Coast, 11 June
- Patrick presents 'Trade, Economic Justice and Macroeconomics', to the Southern African Regional Policy Network Poverty conference, Hartbeesport, 13 June
- Sufian attends workshop on 'Training the Youth in Non-Violence', hosted by Satyagraha (Durban) the Centre for Nonviolence and Peace Studies at the University of Rhode Island and the King-Luthuli Transformation Centre (Johannesburg), 14 June
- Patrick and Rehana present at the CT Institute for Security Studies workshop on 'Climate Change Crisis: Is Carbon Trading Part of the Solution?', 15 June
- Patrick and Rehana launch *Climate Change, Carbon Trading and Civil Society*, and Patrick presents *Looting Africa* to the Cape Town Book Fair, 16 June
- Sufian discusses 'Trade and Development Partnerships between SA and the East African Region', KwaZulu-Natal Investment Centre and Kenyan High Commission, Durban, 19 June
- Dennis on 'Elitism versus Massification - Equity and Redress in South African Higher Education in the context of Global Capitalism', UKZN Pietermaritzburg, 22 June
- CCS offers the Durban Reality Tour of the inner-city, Warwick Junction, South Durban, Umlazi, Chatsworth, Crossmoor and Yellowwood Park on 26 and 30 June
- Shannon presents 'Uncomfortable Collaborations' at the SANPAD Poverty Conference, 27 June
- Patrick presents 'Volatile Capitalism and Global Poverty' at the SANPAD Conference, 28 June
- Patrick presents 'Reconciliation and Economic Reaction in South Africa' and Ntokozo presents on 'Grassroots Protest', at the African Rhetorics Conference on Protest, Economy and Rhetoric, Durban, 3 July
- Dennis gives five presentations to the US Social Forum and *Democracy Now* radio, Atlanta, 1-5 July
- Sufian on 'What is Good for South Africa is Good for Africa: Is Hosting 2010 Beneficial to African People?' at Toward an Africa Without Borders conference, Durban University of Technology, 5 July
- Kiama, Grace, Hopewell and Femi have a panel at the Toward an Africa Without Borders conference: 'Activism Across Borders', Durban University of Technology, 6 July

- CCS hosts the launch of *Fit to Govern: The Native Intelligence of Thabo Mbeki*, by Ronald Suresh Roberts, with Patrick, Percy Ngonyama and Bheki Khumalo, 6 July
- CCS hosts the final panel in the Toward an Africa Without Borders conference, with Patrick, Dennis, Fatima Meer and David Moore asking: 'Is South Africa Imperialist or Subimperialist?', 8 July
- Sufian attends the Megaprojects workshop with the Research Office of the Durban University of Technology, Durban, 20-23 July
- CCS and KwaSuka Theatre show *Mbeki Unbanned* to full houses with Dennis, Ben Cashdan and Meril Rasmussen, 25-26 July
- Patrick in Caracas, hosted by the Centro Internacional Miranda, presents two papers at seminars on Capitalism, Climate Change and Africa, 26 and 27 July
- Dennis presents at the Debt Audit Training with the Kenyan Debt Relief Network, Nairobi, 28 July-4 August
- Shannon screens her documentary 'Home-less' in a Crossmoor community centre in Crossmoor, along with 'Bad Future', a short collaborative video made by youth in Lacey Road shack settlement, 30 July
- Patrick delivers the 'New Zimbabwe lecture' in Harare, 31 July and addresses Zimbabwe's economic crisis at a Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development workshop, 1-2 August
- Amisi attends a conference, 'The Bloody Writing is Forever Torn: Domestic and International Consequences of the First Governmental Efforts to Abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade', Accra, 4-8 August
- CCS joins South Durban Community Environmental Alliance for Women's Day in Austerville, honoring the late environmental activist Sajida Khan, 9 August
- Ntokozo presents at a Traditional Leadership conference, Durban, 16 August
- Sufian presents a UKZN Politics Department seminar, 'Of Poverty and Illiteracy: Reflections from Conversations with Kids and Grannies,' 28 August
- Rehana and Patrick present at Johannesburg Climate Change conference, 29-30 August

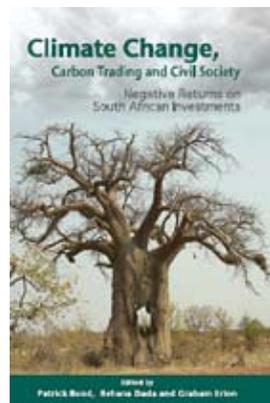
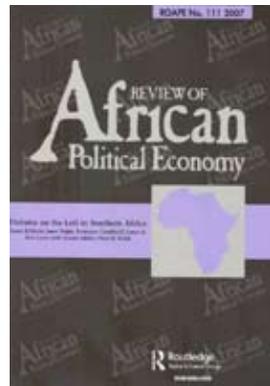
ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Academics must also write for accredited, peer-reviewed (and obscure, expensive) journals to demonstrate scholarly merit. In addition to articles in *Africanus* and *Review of African Political Economy*, Patrick published on microcredit evangelism and health policy as well as African political economy in two issues of the *International Journal of Health Services*; on Zimbabwe's 'Long Economic Crisis' in *Safundi: Journal of South African and American Studies*; on water access problems in *Alternatives Sud*, *Global Social Policy* (with Zoe Wilson), and *Law, Social Justice and Global Development* (with Jackie Dugard); on global political economy, geopolitics and civil society strategy in *Development Dialogue*, *WeltTrends* and the *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*; and on SA's 'developmental state' and social change in *Politikon*. With Rehana he critiqued Durban carbon trading in *Agenda's* special biopolitics issue, and provided an extended overview of the global debate for *Capitalism Nature Socialism*.

For *Agenda*, Dudu wrote an article on the Inanda Dam's displacement of people and ecological devastation for *Agenda*; and CCS researcher Annsilla Nyar wrote on 'fourth world' women workers. In another article, Annsilla reviewed Durban family philanthropy for the new journal *Giving: Thematic Issues and Social Innovation*. Prishani contributed an article to the *Review of African Political Economy* and Melanie wrote on public works for *Africanus*.

Patrick published several chapters in academic books: on Johannesburg for *Evil Paradises: The Dreamworlds of Neoliberalism* (edited by Mike Davis and Dan Monk); on water and health for *Social Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Jimi Adesina); on civil society versus Paul Wolfowitz for *The World Bank: Poverty, Development and Hegemony* (David Moore); on African health for *Neoliberalism, Globalisation, and Inequalities: Consequences for Health and Quality of Life* (Vicente Navarro); on decommodification strategies for *Theories and Practices of Alternative Economic Systems* (Seongjin Jeong); on volatile financial markets for *Political Economy and Global Capitalism: The 21st Century*,

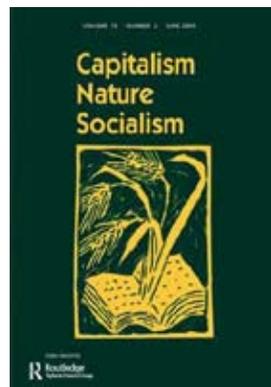
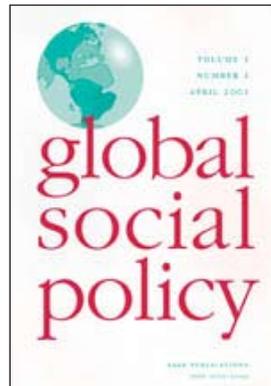
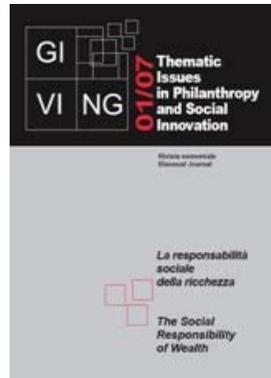
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Present and Future (Rob Albritton, Bob Jessop, Richard Westra); on African resource extraction in *Africa in the Global Power Play* (Bhekinkosi Moyo); on Norway's role in the world for *Umthetho: Atte Afrikanske Forslag til Norsk Utenriskpolitikk* (Olav Manum); on global reform frustrations in *G8 Macht Politik: Wie die Welt Beherrscht Wird* (Henning Melber and Cornelia Wilss); on anti-privatisation water politics in *Global Civil Society 2006/07* (Fiona Holland and Wilhemina Dicke) and in *Decentralisation and Planning: Changing Roles for the State, Market and Civil Society* (Victoria Beard, Faranak Miraftab, Christopher Silver); on Soweto electricity in *Contesting Neoliberalism: The Urban Frontier* (Helga Leitner, Jamie Peck, Eric Sheppard); on SA townships for the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* (William Darity); on the World Bank and IMF in Africa for the *Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (Clifton Crais); and on South African political ecology for *New Pathways for Mexico's Sustainable Development* (Alejandro Nadal).

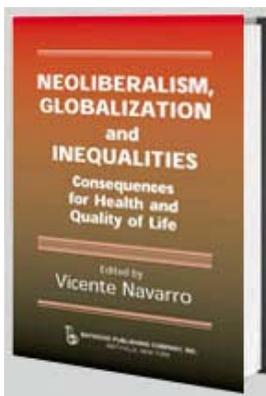
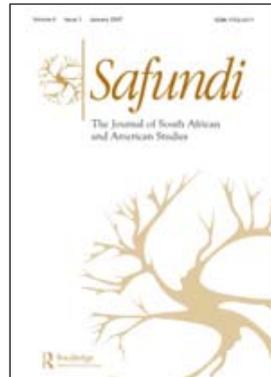
Alan Fowler wrote a chapter on NGO-donor relationships in *The Companion to Development Studies* (edited by Vandana Desai and Rob Potter) and on the 'New Security Agenda' for *Can NGOs Make a Difference? The Challenge of Development Alternatives* (Anthony Bebbington, Sam Hickey, Diana Mitlin). Annsilla researched for a new book, *The Aid Chain: Coercion and Commitment in Development NGOs* (Tina Wallace, Lisa Bornstein, Jennifer Chapman). And in the CCS collection *The Accumulation of Capital in Southern Africa*, two CCS masters students, Trevor and Ahmed, offered chapters on community politics and primitive accumulation, respectively.

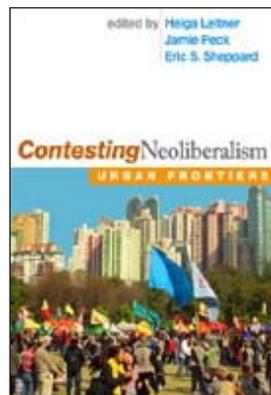
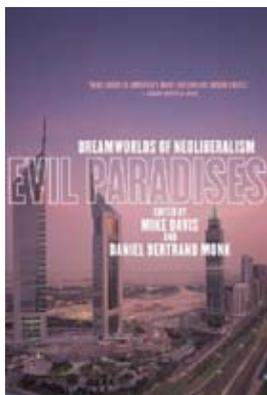
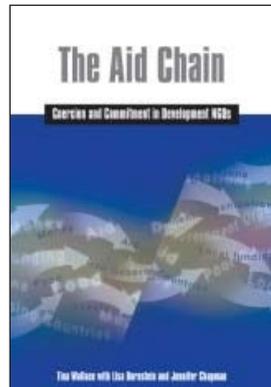
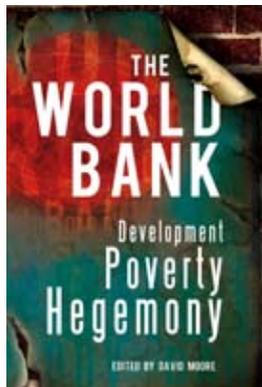
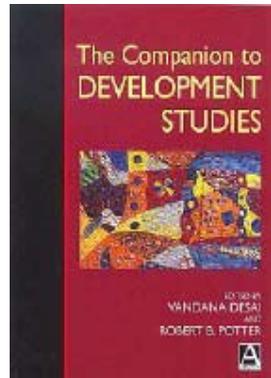
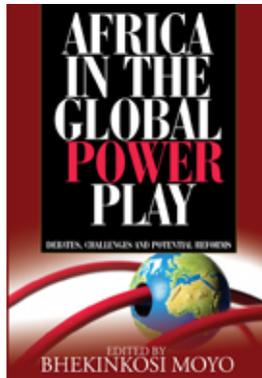
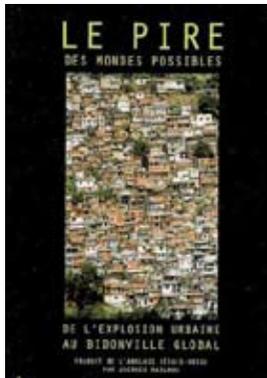
CCS has the highest regard for documentary filmmaking as a means of political-intellectual expression and social commentary. Shannon maintained her extraordinary portfolio during 2007 with 'Home-less', a 23 minute documentary on the struggle for land and shelter in Crossmoor; 'Gone', a 7-minute fictional film about water reconnections in Wentworth and personal-political challenges; 'Discussing Open Space', a 14 minute documentary



combining footage of protests by Kenyan activists, interviews and 'depoliticised' panel discussions from the Nairobi WSF; 'Alipore Primary vs. Bayer', a 7 minute documentary sited in South Durban (Meerbank) where students suddenly break out in rashes after Bayer begins extracting chromium from the school playground (produced with Brett Story).

In addition, a full list of many dozen short articles will be provided in the 2007 annual report, but to illustrate the reach of our staff, Annsilla arranges the *Mercury* 'Eye on Civil Society' column which is regularly reprinted in papers across SA. Her wide-ranging 2007 articles include 'Outrages in the name of democracy' (16 January), 'Culture of graft has taken hold' (31 January), 'English vs indigenous languages' (10 April), 'End of the era of inexpensive oil' (24 April), 'ANC presidential race should be run in public' (23 May), 'New names, old wounds' (3 August), 'Subsistence fishermen fighting for their survival' (6 June), 'Anarchy loosed upon the world' (13 June), 'Floor crossing amounts to theft' (7 July), and 'Living up to a prophets message' (11 September).



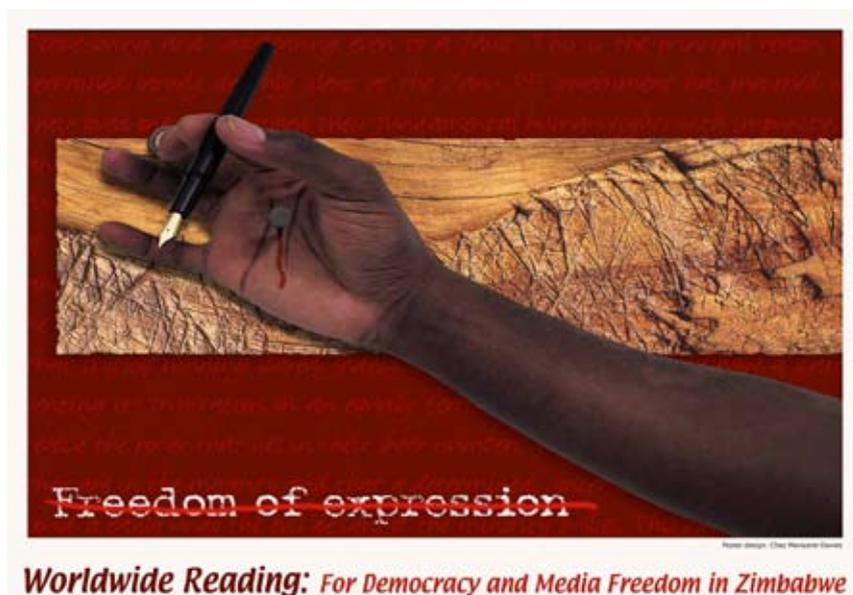


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In addition to all the efforts made by our colleagues, we are very grateful to the numerous funders who supported events in 2007, including Atlantic Philanthropies, Ford and CS Mott (general support and the social giving project), SANPAD (climate change), the SA National Energy Research Institute (a new project on retail energy pricing and renewable sources), the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa (WSF, water, regional networking, political economy publishing), the Foundation for Human Rights (*CCS Wired* and African social movements), the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust (Wolpe Lectures), and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (political economy publishing). We are also grateful to colleagues who assisted in the establishment of partnerships with Lubumbashi and Leige Universities (Bruno van Wyk from UKZN), University of Bologna (Julian May), and the Institute for Zero Waste in Africa (Muna Lakhani).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

From September-December, a full schedule looms, leading off with the Worldwide Reading on Zimbabwe in solidarity with victims of socio-economic and political oppression, at KwaSuka Theatre on 9 September. Special thanks are due to



KwaSuka's Karen Logan and hosts Dennis, Grace and Gcina Mhlope. Also on the cultural agenda are several township screenings for the TriContinental Film Festival (see the website for details) and the Rasta celebration of the Ethiopian Millennium (12 September). A large crowd is expected for the Wolpe Lecture by Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge on 13 September.

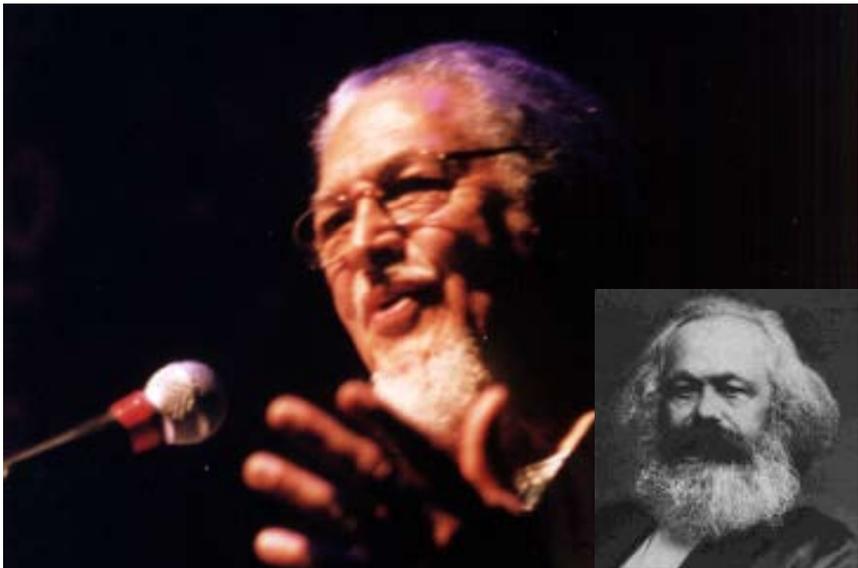
CCS staff talks in the last third of 2007 will include seminars at CCS on Venezuela (10 September) and the Bush War Crimes Commission (18 September), and then staff are on the road at the Johannesburg 'Beyond Kyoto' Climate Change conference (12-13 September); Harvard University's DuBois Institute for a Christopher Okigbo poetry tribute (20 September); the International Labour Research and Information Group's Globalisation School in Stellenbosch (23-28 September); the University of Botswana NGO Leadership school in Gabarone (26 September); the Barcelona Centre de Cultura Contemporània conference on Local Racism and Global Apartheid (28 September); an Independent Development Trust workshop on grassroots protests (28 September); the Sydney University of Technology launch of the Centre for Cosmopolitan Civil Societies (4 October); the Norwegian Attac conference on oil (13 October); a Dutch academic/government meeting on aid effectiveness (22 October); the South Africa-Norway Programme of Research Cooperation in Oslo (1 November); and several seminars on climate change: the Brecht Forum in New York (14 November); and the Universities of Alberta (16 November) and York (19 November) in Canada. We will post papers and programmes on the website.

Back home, don't miss Patrick's inaugural professorial lecture on 10 October at the Howard College Auditorium, entitled: 'Global Civil Society Strategies for Social Justice'. Dennis will be feted on October 3 at the Poetry Africa festival of the UKZN Centre for Creative Arts. Later in the month he'll offer a performance of 'Marx in Soho' (a play by Howard Zinn) at the Howard College Campus and KwaSuka Theatre. Also in late October, CCS will join *Agenda* and groundWork for a launch of the new special issue of the feminist journal on biopolitics. Ntokozo will coordinate the CCS/community/School for International Training course on development and globalisation in the last week of October.

In the first week of December, we anticipate the vast (4000-page) constitutional case filed by Soweto (Phiri) activists against Johannesburg Water and other state agencies to reach the courts (<http://www.law.wits.ac.za/cals/phiri.index>); one minor sideshow is whether the judge agrees with top Department of Water Affairs and Forestry officials that Patrick should be tossed off the case as an expert (he filed two volunteer affidavits). The Soweto activists have the superb services of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits, the Freedom of Expression Institute and advocate Wim Trengove.

Moving to CCS media, thanks to Naomi Klein's generosity, a special treat in late September will be the publication on our website of the South Africa chapter of her amazing new book *The Shock Doctrine*, a version of which was originally

delivered in 2005 as a Wolpe Lecture. The 2007 edition of *CCS Wired* DVDs will be issued in October, with an increase from 26 to 40 films plus the full CCS website, all boiled down to two disks. Finally, as 2007 winds down we will begin a John Pilger film festival, featuring many of his documentaries on civil society and social justice struggles across the world. This is in anticipation of his March 2008 visit, so tune in.



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