

- **Shireen Hassim** (Wits University Politics): ‘Voices, Hierarchies and Spaces: Reconfiguring the Women’s Movement in Democratic South Africa’ (26 August)

There were several other seminars sponsored or cosponsored by CCS. **Mandisa Mbali** and **Amanda Alexander** were organisers of the workshop on ‘Women in HIV/Aids Activism’, alongside the Gender AIDS Forum and the International Coalition of Women Living with HIV/Aids on June 5-6.

From June 13-17, CCS hosted our first post-graduate Civil Society Research Methods Seminar, with a focus on energy/electricity. Funded by the SA-Netherlands Programme for Alternatives in Development and organised by **Patrick Bond**, lecturers included **Dennis Brutus**, **Ashwin Desai**, **Desmond D’Sa**, **Graeme Erion**, **Gill Hart**, **Naomi Klein**, **Avi Lewis**, **Sanya Osha**, **Raj Patel**, **David Szanton** and **Zoë Wilson**. The student participants are in the process of registering proposals or are already engaged in research for masters and doctoral degrees: **Victoria Ayer**, **Baruti Amisi**, **Horman Chitonge**, **Tamuka Muzondo**, **Prishani Naidoo**, **Zayn Nabbi**, **Trevor Ngwane**, **Virginia Setshedi** and **Ahmed Veriava**. One student, **Chitonge**, has also been awarded a Mellon fellowship to work with **Hart**, **Szanton**, **Debbie Bonner**, **Lungisile Ntsebeza** and **Aris Sitas** in their urban/rural linkages project, and has also joined the water research team. Two other masters students, **Saranel Benjamin** and **Rehana Dada**, are progressing with their theses.

On June 24, CCS joined **David Moore** and **Bill Freund** of the Economic History and Development Studies Programme to cosponsor a colloquium - ‘Zimbabwe: Crisis, Politics, Solidarity’ - where the following papers were tabled:

- **Brian Raftopoulos** (University of Zimbabwe Development Studies): ‘Political Developments after the 2005 Election’
- **Norma Kriger** (independent): ‘Liberation Pensions, Entitlement Struggles, War Vets’ Politics’
- **David Moore** (UKZN Economic History and Development Studies): ‘Won’t Go, Can’t Go: Why Robert Mugabe Will Rule ‘til He’s 100’
- **Patrick Bond** (CCS): ‘Competing Political Economic Theories of Zimbabwe’s Long-term Crisis’
- **Simba Manyanya** (Wits University Public and Development Management): ‘Sustainable Searches for Alternatives to Neoliberalism’
- **Blair Rutherford** (Carleton University Anthropology): ‘Farm-Workers: History, Politics, Survival’

- **Eric Worby** (Yale University Anthropology): ‘What’s Going on in Gokwe?’

On August 25, the CCS Social Giving Project cohosted a seminar at the Gordon Institute of Business Science in Sandton - addressed by **Adam Habib**, **Mark Swilling** and **Steven Friedman** - on the role of the state and business in poverty alleviation. Special thanks are due to the project’s funders - Atlantic, Ford, Mott, and the National Development Agency - and collaborators **Colleen du Toit** of the SA Grantmakers Association and **Tlalane Teffo** of the National Development Agency.

In August-September, **Richard Ballard** taught the CCS masters course in the School of Development Studies, covering seminal and new literature on civil society.

PUBLICATIONS

In August, a second 2005 volume of research reports was edited by **Amanda Alexander** and **Mandisa Mbali**, with the following contributions:

- **Sanya Osha** (CCS): ‘Birth of the Ogoni Protest Movement’
- **Andile Mngxitama** (Landless People’s Movement): ‘The National Land Committee, 1994 - 2004: A Critical Insider’s Perspective’
- **Raj Patel** (CCS): ‘International Agrarian Restructuring and the Practical Ethics of Peasant Movement Solidarity’
- **Peter van Heusden** (independent) and **Rebecca Pointer** (Municipal Services Project): ‘Subjectivity, Politics and Neoliberalism in Post-Apartheid Cape Town’
- **Mthetho Xali** (International Labour Research Information Group): ‘Seeking Trade Union and Community Organisation Linkages in the Cape Town Metropolitan Area: Possibilities for New Trade Unionism and New Social Movements’
- **Teresa Barnes** (UWC History): ‘Changing Discourses and Meanings of Redress in South African Higher Education, 1994-2001’
- **Gregory Albo** (York University Political Science): ‘Contesting the “New Capitalism”’

The Social Giving Project began its publication of a Research Report series with the July 2005 production of a survey by **David Everatt** and **Geetesh Solanki** (Strategy and Tactics): ‘A Nation of Givers?: Social Giving among South Africans’.

The first of three 2005 reports from the Research and Analysis Skills Strengthening Programme was published in August, edited by **Saranel Benjamin** and **Michelle Simon**. Thanks to financial support from the Foundation for Human Rights and Finnish Embassy, the volume, entitled

From the Depths of Poverty, included these papers:

- **Ashraf Cassiem**: ‘Does the Law Protect Poor Families Facing Evictions in the Western Cape?’
- **Bayview Flats Residents Association**: ‘Socio-Economic Conditions of Indigent Persons facing Municipal Government Relocation in Bayview’
- **Bongani Mnisi**: ‘Membership Characteristics of the Landless People’s Movement’
- **Built Environment Support Group**: ‘Survival Strategies of Child-Headed Households in KwaZulu-Natal’
- **Centre for Youth Development**: ‘Youth Needs in Mogale City’
- **Faizel Brown**: ‘The Crisis of Housing Delivery in the Western Cape’
- **Jeanette Lesisa**: ‘Access to the Social Grants’
- **Ntokozi Mthembu**: ‘Survival Strategies of Individuals and Households affected by Unemployment in eThekweni Municipality’
- **Anti-Privatisation Forum**: ‘The Struggle for Water, The Struggle for Life: The Installation of Prepaid Water Meters in Phiri, Soweto’
- **Themba Mathebula**: ‘Housing Subsidy Benefits: A Case Study of Informal Settlements in West Rand District Municipalities’

EVENTS AND PROJECTS

In August, the Research Grants project, funded by Atlantic Philanthropies, made awards to 23 new CCS Research Associates, drawing from an applicant pool of 47. We were gratified by the interest and the high quality of so many applications, and apologise that funding constraints prevented more from being chosen. The successful applicants were awarded grants of no more than R50 000 each:

- **Denise Biggs**: ‘The Socio-Economic Impact of Christian Organisations on Tourism Development in Rural and Previously Disadvantaged Communities’
- **Desmond D’Sa**: ‘The eThekweni Municipality and Civil Society in the South Durban Basin: Contesting Space, Place and Race in a Post-Apartheid City’
- **Cosmas Desmond**: ‘Landlessness and Civil Society: A Critical Pedagogy and Mobilisation Pilot Project in KwaZulu-Natal’
- **Peter Dwyer**: ‘Four Wheel Drives and Burning Tyres: Understanding Social Movements in Southern Africa’
- **Michael Graaf**: ‘Entry-Level Democracy: Independent Municipal Candidates in the 2006

Election’

- **Jeff Guy**: ‘The Appelsbosch Community Project’
- **Zakes Haltshwayo**: ‘Factors that Underpin Freedom of Expression Struggles in the Face of Non-Delivery in the Free State Province’
- **John Karumbidza**: ‘For Support or Control? The Zimbabwe Farmers Union (ZFU) and Small Farmer Survival Strategies in Zimbabwe’s Resettlement Schemes since 1980’
- **Guy Lamb**: ‘The Peacebuilding Component of South Africa’s Civil Society Sector: Activities, Governance, Sustainability and Effectiveness’
- **Leslie London**: ‘A Learning Network to Advance Health Equity through Human Rights Strategies’
- **Toussaint Losier**: ‘“No Land, No Homes, No Vote!” Developments in the Political Thought of the Western Cape Anti-Eviction Campaign, 2003-2006’
- **Evangelos Mantzaris**: ‘Everyday Struggles and Civil Society Initiatives: Banana City 1 and 2’
- **Darlene Miller**: ‘Regional Resistance and South African Multinational Expansion: Regional Claims of Rural Producers and Urban Workers in Zambia’
- **Godfrey Musuka**: ‘Views from Health Civic Groups on Current Health Legislation in Zimbabwe’
- **Prishani Naidoo**: ‘Constituting the Class/Potentialities Foreclosed: The South African Student Movement’s Encounters With Neoliberalism’
- **Kavilan Pillay**: ‘Durban Community Movements’ Responses to the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Activists within their Movements’
- **Paula Proudlock**: ‘The Disability Sector’s Children’s Bill Campaign: A Model of Successful Law Reform Advocacy’
- **Dinga Sikwebu**: ‘Cosatu: A Dependable Ally of the Global Justice Movement?’
- **Peter van Heusden**: ‘Enkanini, a Post-Apartheid Land Occupation in Khayelitsha’
- **Gregory van Rensburg**: ‘The Contribution of the Church to Land Reform in South Africa’
- **Vicci Tallis**: ‘Gendered Assumptions and Practices in HIV and AIDS Research: Towards Women-Empowering Research and Advocacy’
- **Julie Venketsamy**: ‘The Forced Installation of Pre-Paid Electricity Meters in Sydenham Heights and Bayview’
- **Ahmed Veriava**: ‘The Effects of Prepaid Water Meters on the Life Strategies of Soweto’s Poor’

In August, a new project was launched at CCS in conjunction with the Human Sciences Research Council’s ‘Race and Redress’ research team (under the leadership of **Adam Habib**): ‘Race and Sports Transformation’. **Ashwin Desai**, formerly honorary research fellow at CCS, is the interim manager, and **Vishnu Padayachee** is the primary investigator.



PHOTO: Bobby Peek, Raj Patel and groundWork chair Jon White as the Grey Man (Sunday Times)

On the lighter side, a gala event - the ‘Corpse Awards’ for eco-social irresponsibility - was cosponsored with the Pietermaritzburg-based NGO groundWork on June 10. A full house in Howard College Auditorium came from Durban and from more than two dozen community-based environmental groups across South Africa. As the *Sunday Times* reported, **Raj Patel** and **Bobby Peek** ‘dressed as the Grim Reaper, the Master of Ceremonies - or Master Undertaker - handed out mini-coffins to some of South Africa’s most powerful companies such as Mittal Steel, Sasol and AngloGold Ashanti... Nine so-called “Corpse” awards were given for “worst corporate practice in producing environmental injustice”. Nominations for the awards came from community activist groups representing residents living near industrial plants, and organisations such as Earthlife Africa...

‘Celebrity anti-corporate activist **Naomi Klein**, who is in South Africa for a series of workshops, said at the awards: “We know corporates are not just satisfied with leeching your communities and poisoning your bodies. They want to be loved, which is why government invented corporate social responsibility. For them there is no problem that is so big that it can’t be solved with fantastic public relations.” There was a mixed response from the winning companies about the awards when *Business Times* contacted them for comment... Risk management consultant **Andrew Pike** said: “Reputation is everything for companies and something like this can really knock your reputation - and there’s no reason not to run these awards, provided it’s done objectively.”

Two local book launches were also cosponsored by CCS: **Dennis Brutus’** collection of political poetry, *Leafdrift* (17 June), and



Mahmood Mamdani’s South African edition of *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim* (22 June). Both were at Ike’s Bookstore, with **Vishnu Padayachee** hosting.

CCS also continued offering films and discussions. **Amanda Alexander** organised eThekweni community screenings - including discussions with the producers/directors - of *Human Rights Stories* with **Ben Cashdan** and **Gcina Mhlope** in Bayview (12 June), and *The Take* with **Naomi Klein** and **Avi Lewis** at the Worker’s College and at Kennedy Road Community Hall in Clare Estate (17-18 June). At the latter event,



Gcina Mhlope, star of Human Rights Stories

Aoibheann O’Sullivan screened her own work on social justice campaigning, commissioned by CCS. **Mandisi Majavu** screened a film made by Cape Town IndyMedia, *No Land, No House, No Vote: Voices of the Housing Protest, Cape Town 2005* at the Howard College campus (23 August).

CCS STAFF ACTIVITIES

Amanda Alexander authored ‘The Africa Social Forum Feminist Dialogue: Power, Feminisms and Mobilisation’ in *Feminist Africa*, 4. She attended the South African Sociological Association Congress at University of Limpopo (27-29 June), chairing the social movements panel. She also served as a judge for the documentary category of the Durban International Film Festival in June.

Baruti Amisi presented a CCS seminar on his research on Congolese refugees (13 May), and handled logistical responsibilities in the Research Grants programme.

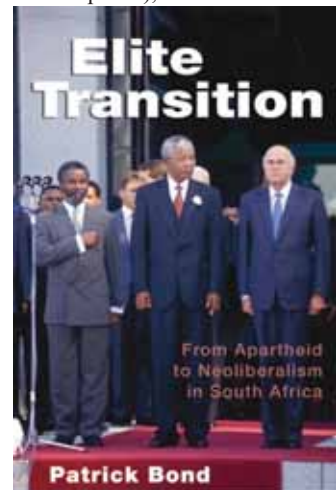
Richard Ballard presented twice at the SA Sociological Association Congress (27-29 June): a coauthored paper (with **Baruti Amisi**), ‘In the Absence of Citizenship: Congolese Refugee Struggle and Organisation in South Africa’, and a plenary panel paper on social movements drawing on CCS’s forthcoming book. He also attended a meeting of the Social Movements of the South research network in Cape Town (26 August), and will present a paper on the Social Movements project at the South African Geographers

Association conference at the University of the Western Cape (8 September).

Saranel Benjamin conducted field research with women in the Bayview Council Flats and authored a paper originally destined for a women and globalisation conference in Mexico (foiled by excessively restrictive US transit visa requirements): ‘The Feminisation of Poverty in Post-Apartheid South Africa: A Story Told by the Women of Bayview’. It will instead be presented to the SA Association of Political Science colloquium in Pietermaritzburg in September.

Patrick Bond presented papers to several academic and professional audiences: the University of California/Los Angeles Center on Globalization (18 May); Oxford University’s School of Geography (25 May); a Central European University Summer School on Transnational Flows, Structures, Agents and the Idea of Development, in Budapest (11-13 July); two plenary sessions of the *Capitalism Nature Socialism* Anniversary Conference on Ecology, Imperialism and the Contradictions of Capitalism at York University in Toronto (22-23 July); the Durban Institute of Technology Department of Journalism (4 August); the UKZN Department of Geography Seminar (5 August); Wits University courses on globalisation and social policy (11-13 and 18-20 August); a Water Management and Infrastructure Development Conference in Sandton (17 August); and the UKZN School of Development Studies Seminar Series (24 August). He also presented at several activist venues: the Centre for Economic Justice/Southern Africa’s conference on resistance to regional neoliberalism in Johannesburg (13 May); the Brecht Forum in New York City (23 May); the G8 Alternatives Public Meeting in Glasgow (26 May); Globalise Resistance London on the G8 (28 May); Marxism 2005 at the University of London Union (8 July); and the Colloquium on Water Wars hosted by the Toronto Environmental Alliance (21 July). In Kiel, Germany, he participated in the 150th anniversary commemoration of Ferdinand Toennies, author of the 1887 classic, *Community and Civil Society* (26-27 July). Bond’s publications during the period included the second edition of *Elite Transition: From Apartheid to Neoliberalism in South Africa* (University of KwaZulu-Natal Press), described in the *Mail & Guardian* as ‘an essential and invaluable contribution’. Articles/chapters published in mid-2005 included ‘Urban Policy and Practice in Post-Apartheid South Africa’, *Policy Studies*, 26, 3; ‘Gramsci, Polanyi and Impressions on the World Social Forum from Africa’, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 29, 2; ‘Johannesburg Civil Society’, in Simon Raiser and Krister Volmann (Eds), *Bringing the Citizens In: Civil Society in Globalizing Cities of the South*, Freie Universität Berlin Osteuropa-Institut Working

Papers series, 54; and ‘Water Commodification and the Threat to Health’ (with **Greg Ruiters** and **Karen Cocq**) in David McCoy (Ed), *Global Health Watch*, London, Zed Books. He authored other articles in the popular media: ‘Anti-(Sub)imperial Solidarity’, *ZNet Commentary*, 22 May; ‘Imperialism’s African Helpers’, *Socialist Review*, June; ‘When Wearing White is not Chic’ (coauthored with **Dennis Brutus** and **Virginia Setshedi**), *Foreign Policy in Focus*, 17 June (reprinted at Pambazuka and Counterpunch); ‘G8 Debt Relief adds up to Peanuts’,



Sunday Tribune, 19 June; ‘Are Mainstream NGOs failing Africa?’ (also with **Dennis Brutus** and **Virginia Setshedi**), *ZNet Commentary*, 21 June; and ‘Dragging SA’s Land Debate from the Neoliberal Quicksand’, *ZNet Commentary*, 29 August.

Ashwin Desai was a frequent national media commentator on civil society and politics. He delivered the opening address to the UKZN Critical Psychology International Conference ‘Beyond the Pale’ (28 June) and gave plenary talks to the Public Relations Institute of South Africa conference on ‘The Media and Democracy’ in May and the SA-Netherlands Programme for Alternatives in Development Poverty Conference in June. His article, ‘Shadow Boxing? Cosatu, Social Movements and the ANC Government’, was published in the *South African Labour Bulletin*, and he delivered a paper - ‘Foreign Club or Country: Soccer and Globalisation in South Africa’ - at a conference on sports at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (13 July). He also conducted research on trade union organising in Uitenhage.

Alan Fowler delivered a seminar paper, ‘Aid Architecture’ to USAID’s Private Voluntary Organizations and Governance staff in Washington (8 July). In coming weeks, he will attend a board meeting of Civicus in Glasgow (14-16 October) and give a research seminar and public lecture at the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague (24 October).

Mandisi Majavu attended the Z network’s media workshop near Boston in June, wrote several

articles for www.zmag.org, edited the CCS homepage and prepared a talk for the Umkhumbane Arts Festival (1-4 September).

In addition to her AIDS treatment activism, Research Report editing, and organising responsibilities, **Mandisa Mbali** participated in the launch of *Agenda* feminist journal issues 62/63 in Durban (6 May); a UKZN-Pietermaritzburg debate on the journal *Public Culture's* treatment of Johannesburg (6 May); and the ActionAid Feminist Writers Writeshop held at the University of Sussex in Brighton, UK (25-29 June 2005). She also authored "'WoMandla!': Women AIDS Activists' Advocacy for an Equal Voice at the 2nd South African AIDS Conference' for the CCS website. In October, Mbali begins her doctoral degree at Oxford University, retaining a CCS Visiting Scholar affiliation.

Annsilla Nyar is organising Social Giving project research publication and dissemination events. She also researched and produced a paper - 'Given, Forgotten, Finished: The Role of Family Philanthropy in South Africa' - for a project with the University of Bologna's Programme in International Philanthropy.

Sanya Osha attended a workshop on 'Theorizing Sexuality in Africa' in Nairobi (3-4 May), and gave a plenary address to the RENAPESS/RIPESS Inter-African Meeting on Social Solidarity Economy in Bamako (23-25 June). He authored 'The Frontier of Interculturality' in *Africa Development*, 30, 1-2.

Raj Patel was awarded a contract from Portobello for a forthcoming book on international land and agriculture struggles, *Stuffed and Starved*. His research took him across the world in recent months, and he presented at 'Another Multilateralism is Possible' conference in Paraty, Brazil (2-4 July), and ran a one-day workshop on the WTO for the Karnataka State Farmers' Association in Bangalore (27 August). Patel also provided input into the Via Campesina Asia meeting on the WTO in Delhi (30 August-2 September). In the June issue of *Development*, Patel published 'Global Fascism, Revolutionary Humanism and the Ethics of Food Sovereignty'. In coming months, he will be working on the WTO's Hong Kong ministerial summit, providing support to different farmers' movements alongside Bangkok-based Focus on the Global South.

Richard Pithouse supported community and student activist initiatives across Durban, attended the second meeting of the Caribbean Philosophy Association in Puerto Rico in May, and during June-July taught on the International Human Rights Exchange at the University of Cape Town.

Zoë Wilson began research on Mozambican water systems for a CCS project funded by the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa: 'Setting

Water in Southern Africa: Small City, Peri-Urban and Rural Experiences', and presented a paper - 'State-Building, Peace and the Integration of Gender Policy into Peace Processes: Lessons from Angola' - at a Maputo conference of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (Codesria) (12-14 May). Preliminary water data were presented at the *Capitalism Nature Socialism* conference at York University, Toronto (23 July). Wilson was also a delegate to the International Ecological Sanitation Conference in Durban (23-26 May), and presented an 'Assessment of Research from Durban (Bayview Flats) and Cape Town (Kayalitsha)' at the Municipal Services Project's Free Basic Water Workshop in Cape Town (14 June). At a Dakar conference sponsored by the Global Studies Network and Codesria (29-31 August), she read a paper, 'Tomorrow Women: Practical Resistance and Multiple Insurgencies in the Hybrid Spaces and Border Zones of Globalisation.' In June, Wilson coedited the *International Insights* special issue on 'Rwanda and the Great Lakes Region: 10 Years on from the Genocide'. The journal addresses several themes: the politics of memorialising; the failures of the international community; emergent domestic legacies; and the challenges of humanitarian intervention in light of *The Responsibility to Protect* report. The journal also includes articles from the Democratic Republic of the Congo on civil society, and is available online at: www.ligi.ubc.ca/admin/Information/514/Insights-Final.pdf and www.ukzn.ac.za/ccs/default.asp?10,24,10,2111.

CCS COMMUNITY NEWS

Late May and early June witnessed an unprecedented show of (at least temporary) unity by university trade unions, including those representing academics, and reminded CCS of the power of labour at the point of production, even the production of knowledge. (Simultaneously, the danger of producing the 'wrong' kind of knowledge became evident for our University of Botswana-based colleague Ken Good, expelled from the country for his relatively mild critique of elite malgovernance.) The interrelationships of labour and community were the basis for the Cape Town launch in late August of a broad-based coalition in the spirit - though not image - of the 'United Democratic Front', aimed at fighting poverty and unemployment.

In other respects, the power of activism was felt around CCS, during our cohosting of a strategy workshop for the eThekweni Social Forum (July 16). South Durban environmentalists continued mobilising. And in the case of the Kennedy Road

14 (featured in our last newsletter), state prosecutors were compelled to withdraw spurious charges of 'Assault with Intent to do Grievous Bodily Harm' (21 August). Nevertheless, 'Sedition' charges were still being pursued by the state against the Harrismith 13, who were amongst a peaceful crowd of hundreds fired upon by police - leaving 17-year old Tebogo Mkhonzo dead - in August 2004. During this period of sustained repression against grassroots activists and with the example of Operation Murambatsvina next door in Zimbabwe (condemned everywhere except Pretoria), communities are appealing to civil society lawyers to more aggressively enforce first-generation political rights. Some progress was made in August during a trial of one policeman responsible for the April 2004 torture of three leading women from the Landless People's Movement (other police involved remain at large). But during mid-2005, yet more townships erupted in protest over inhumane living conditions, ranging from previously quiescent sites (Kwazakhele, Frankfort) to the townships of eThekweni, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Ekurhuleni.

Meanwhile, three visiting scholars joined the Centre during the middle of 2004. **Graham Erion** (York Law/Environmental Studies) worked in Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town from June-August both on a forthcoming CCS global warming publication, and to build capacity with CCS students and community activists. The main topic of his research and training was the Kyoto Protocol's 'Clean Development Mechanism', specifically carbon trading projects which the South African government has chosen as a key strategy against global warming. Erion picks up the story: 'Two of the greatest challenges in the carbon market in this country are that a) the process is terribly complex and technical, thus making it difficult for activists to engage; and b) there is very little networking between activists struggling against these types of projects - they are all seen as local problems. I have been holding workshops with activists throughout South Africa to inform them of what is happening in the carbon market and how they might intervene in the market to fight bad projects (i.e. landfill gas capture projects that keep landfills open well past their scheduled closing date or large corporate projects - i.e. Sasol and Mondi - that would have been done without carbon finance and thus are not "additional"). We have explored project cycles where public comments can be made, and begun to network people involved in similar struggles in other communities. For example, Sajida Khan has been very successful in stalling the landfill gas capture project at Durban Solid Waste, but people struggling against similar projects in Bellville (near Cape Town) or the upcoming project in Pietermaritzburg have little knowledge of the strategies Ms. Khan has successfully employed.

Thus a network of activists across the country will allow such strategies to be shared more freely. Secondly, it has become apparent that mainstream NGOs working on climate change and energy issues in South Africa are failing to take a broad-based critical approach to Pretoria's climate change strategy as well as the carbon market. Groups I worked with during my stay at CCS included Earthlife Africa (Durban, CT, Jhb), the Environmental Justice Networking Forum, SA Climate Action Network, Sustainable Energy Africa, Sasolburg Air Quality Monitoring Committee, Voice of the Voiceless in Secunda, Timberwatch, groundWork, and the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance.'

Audrey Sasson of Columbia University's Masters in International Affairs programme and KCUT radio in Montreal also spent June-August at CCS, and reports as follows: 'Drawing inspiration from the Corpe Awards, I looked into the stories behind four of the winners: Sapref, Sasol, Bayer, and Mittal. I collected over thirty hours of interviews with various stakeholders in industrial-community environmental conflicts, specifically in South Durban and in the Vaal Triangle (community activists, community residents, government agents, and when willing, corporate reps). The result will be an educational radio documentary that can be used to raise awareness and enhance mobilising. Distribution will centre around the activists themselves: the idea is that they have access to this story and decide how they want to use it. In Soweto, for example, I collected about a dozen interviews with the youth who have founded the RASA FM radio collective, Indymedia's first radio initiative (and most successful Indymedia project to date). We discussed the shrinking space for critical discourse, the relationship between community and critical media, the relationship with social movements, the idea of RASA as a movement rather than just a radio station, the barriers to maintaining critical media (eg: the issue of licensing and how this leads to commercialisation by necessity - to pay monthly fees, etc). I installed an editing program (open source) on their computer and showed them how to use it, to produce a couple of radio jingles. As a side activity, I couldn't resist investigating the vast water project in Lesotho, which supplies Johannesburg. We collected interviews from activists at the Transformation Resource Centre, from displaced community members, from the head of the Lesotho Highlands Development Authority, and from the country's Ombudsman.'

Claire Adida is a graduate student in political science at Stanford University who arrived at CCS in August. After completing her PhD candidacy requirements in June, she spent ten weeks in Kampala researching trust and ethnicity. Her work

at CCS highlights the social and community implications of income inequality, with a particular focus on Chatsworth.

In coming weeks, three new visiting scholars with interests in KwaZulu-Natal rural water delivery will join us: **Amanda Khan**, a masters student at University of New Brunswick; **Kea Gordon**, a doctoral candidate at University of California/Santa Cruz; and **Luisa Beneduce** from the University of Gothenburg.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

In addition to a busy schedule of seminars, lectures and workshops - including talks by Wilf Mhanda (Zimbabwe Liberators Platform) Darlene Miller (Rhodes Sociology), Greg Ruiters (Rhodes Politics), Susanne Soederberg (Queens University Development Studies), Raymond Suttner (Wits Politics) (see www.ukzn.ac.za/ccs for details) - CCS will be represented at major academic and activist events during the last four months of 2005. These include the International Social Science Association strategy meeting on global inequality and social change at the University of Buenos Aires (6-8 September); the SA Geography Association meetings at the University of the Western Cape (7-9 September); the African Association of Political Science biannual congress on 'Globalisation, Sustainable Development and Governance' in Cairo (19-21 September); a conference on 'Feminism, Rights and Democracy in South Africa' hosted by Wits politics and Centre for Applied Legal Studies (21-22 September); the SA Association of Political Studies annual conference at UKZN-Pietermaritzburg (22-23 September); the Southern

African Social Forum in Harare (mid-October); a CCS/University of Bergen Colloquium on Globalisation and Social Exclusion (November 8-9); the African Studies Association meetings in Washington (November 17-20); the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social Solidarity Economy conference in Dakar (November 22-24); the Codesria biannual conference on African Development in Maputo (6-10 December); and a UKZN international law conference on Comparative Constitutionalism and Rights (10-13 December). None of these activities would be possible without excellent support, especially from the director of the School of Development Studies, **Julian May**. Several advisory boards - Social Giving, Research Grants and RASSP - were crucial to our work in mid-2005, and we are very grateful to members who contributed time and effort. **Princess Nhlangulela** deserves congratulations for her promotion from CCS to a position in the School of Development Studies, leaving administration carried out ably by **Helen Poonen**, **Amy Ramsamy** and **Nothemba Zungu**, with **John Devenish** handling the back of the website. Finally, our main funding partners - **Russell Ally** (Mott), **Gerald Kraak** (Atlantic Philanthropies), **Jesse Laitinen** (Finnish Embassy), **Tawanda Mutasah** and **Roshnee Narandes** (Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa), **Anshu Padayachee** (SA-Netherlands Research Programme for Alternatives in Development), **Gerry Salole** and **John Butler-Adam** (Ford), **Nathan Sassman** and **Yasmin Sooka** (Foundation for Human Rights), **Tlalane Teffo** (National Development Agency), and **Anne-Marie Wolpe** (Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust) - are warmly thanked for their generous support.



Naomi Klein



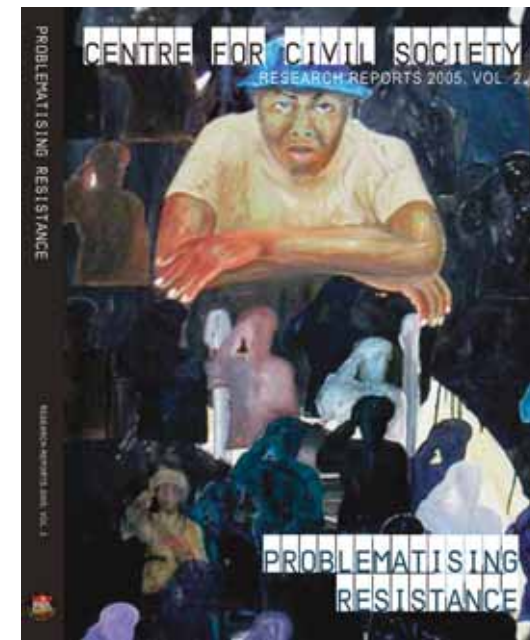
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LECTURES AND SEMINARS

The Wolpe Memorial Lecture, funded by the Wolpe Trust, remains a crucial Durban - and national - site for public contemplation of leading socio-political issues. We were fortunate that six extraordinary speakers and audiences came together to share analysis and civil society strategies. Most of their lectures are posted on the CCS website.

- **Console Tleane** (Freedom of Expression Institute): 'Is there any Future in the Past? A Critique of the Freedom Charter in the Era of Neoliberalism (26 May)
- **Naomi Klein** (author, *NoLogo*): 'The Rise of Disaster Capitalism (14 June)
- **Amina Mama** (University of Cape Town): 'Critical Capacities: Facing the Challenges of Intellectual Development in Africa (23 June)
- **Mahmood Mamdani** (Columbia University): 'Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, the Cold War and the Origin of Terror' (30 June)
- **Dinga Sikwebu** (University of the Witwatersrand): 'Unions and Social

Movements in South Africa - Will the Twain ever Meet?' (4 August)

- **Lungisile Ntsebeza** (University of Cape Town): 'Slow Delivery in South Africa's Land Reform Programme: The Property Clause Revisited' (25 August)

Another six CCS Seminars were also held during the middle of 2005:

- **Baruti Amisi** (CCS): 'Social Capital, Social Networks and Refugee Migration: An Exploration of the Livelihood Strategies of Durban Congolese Refugees (13 May)
- **Miles Larmer** (University of Pretoria History): 'Neoliberalism and New Social Movements in Zambia (27 May)
- **Ari Sitas** (UKZN Sociology): 'Black Working Class Leadership and the South African Transition' (17 June)
- **Brian Raftopoulos** (University of Zimbabwe Development Studies): 'The Struggle for Zimbabwe (23 June)
- **Karen Baird** (State University of NY Political Science): 'Women, Politics, and HIV/AIDS in the US (5 August)

