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## The Collective

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The ICT4D Collective was initiated in 2004 and is a group of people committed to undertaking the highest possible quality of research in the field of ICT4D, and making the results of this available freely to the global community. We do this primarily in the interests of poor people and marginalised communities, wherever they may be found. Membership of the Collective implies adherence to its basic [principles of membership and partnership](#). In 2007, the Collective was awarded the Status of a [UNESCO Chair](#) in ICT4D.

As well as research, the Collective undertakes teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and contributes to the delivery of focused short courses on all aspects of ICT4D. Members of the Collective also provide consultancy services in the field of ICT4D.

Based at [Royal Holloway, University of London](#), the Collective draws on the expertise of staff, postgraduates and undergraduates in the academic Departments and Schools of [Geography](#), [Computer Science](#), [Management](#), [Mathematics \(Information Security Group\)](#) and the [New Political Communication Unit](#) in [Politics and International Relations](#), as well as in the [Information Services Department](#) and the [Educational Development Centre](#).

About the Collective in your own language:



We welcome collaborative work with colleagues across the world who share our core objectives, and wish to establish [partnerships](#) with us to deliver practical ICT4D activities. [PhD students at Royal Holloway, University of London](#) people.

### *Learn about the Collective through the voices of its members*

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- [Lizzie Coles-Kemp](#) (Department of Mathematics, [Information Security Group](#); Principal Investigator on the [VOME](#) project)
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- [Dr. Martin King](#) (Department of Earth Sciences)
- [Andrea Burris](#) (Geography) Neoliberal Discourses of Creativity and the Division of Labour between "East" and "West" in ICT production
- [Caitlin Bentley](#) (Geography) - ICTs and Knowledge Sharing for Development
- [Endrit Kromidha](#) (Management) - e-Government, marketing and power
- [Fernanda Scur](#) (Geography) - Systems approaches to ICT in Brazil
- [Man Xu](#) (Geography) - Disparities resulting from the "Great Leap Forward": implications of imbalanced regional economic development in China
- [Márton Kocsev](#) (Geography) e-Capacity Development
- [Paolo Brunello](#) (Geography) - ICT for education in Burundi
- [Saeid Sadeghi](#) (Geography) - Mobile technologies and ethnic identity
- [Salma Abbasi](#) (Geography) - ICTs and gender empowerment in the Islamic world
- [Sammia Poveda](#) (Geography) - Capability approaches and digital inclusion in Latin America

- [Dr. Dorothea Kleine \(Geography\)](#) (Project Manager of the [EPSRC Fair Tracing Project](#); Director of Practising Sustainable Development Master's programme)
- [Dr. Alex Loftus \(Geography\)](#)
- [Prof. Fionn Murtagh \(Computer Science\)](#)
- [Dr. Thao Nguyen \(Geography, Newton Fellow\)](#)
- [Prof. David Simon \(Geography\)](#)
- [Dr. Kostas Stathis \(Computer Science\)](#)
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- [Tim Unwin \(Geography, UNESCO Chair in ICT4D\)](#)
- [Weili Wang \(IT Services Manager, Psychology\)](#)
- [Dr. Katie Willis \(Geography; Director of the Centre for Developing Areas Research\)](#)
- [Dr. Meng Xingmin \(Geography\)](#)
- [Yingqin Zheng \(School of Management\)](#)

### Visiting Staff at Royal Holloway, University of London

- Visiting Professor: [David Grimshaw \(PracticalAction\)](#)

### Post-Doc Affiliates of the Collective

- [Dr. Marije Geldof \(D-Tree International\)](#)
- [David Hollow \(Jigsaw Consult\)](#)
- [Graca Brightwell \(PDRA for the project 'Leveraging buying power for development - ethical consumption and public procurement in Chile and Brazil'\)](#)

### Associate Members of the Collective

- [Khaled Fares Abuarja \(Country Manager, Qatar, Devoteam\)](#)
- [Shahid Uddin Akbar \(CEO, Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development\)](#)
- [Linda Alexander \(Langara College school of Management, Vancouver, Canada\)](#)
- [John Alwala \(Maseno University, Kenya\)](#)
- [Ilaria Amerise \(University of Calabria, Italy\)](#)
- [Prof. Jophus Anamuah-Mensah \(Former Vice Chancellor, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana\)](#)
- [Anne Augustine \(Head of Sustainability, Edelman\)](#)
- [Afifa Aza \(Institute for Sustainable Development, University of West Indies, Mona\)](#)

- [Tony Roberts \(Geography\) - Critical agency in ICT4D](#)
- [Ugo Vallauri \(Geography\) - ICT4D and grassroots rural community development](#)
- [Visara Urovi \(Computer Science\) Co-ordinated infrastructures for agent oriented distributed workflow management](#)

### Master's students at Royal Holloway, University of London

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### Recently completed Master's dissertations

- [David Hollow \(Geography\) - Evaluating radio usage for education in Zambia \(2005-6\)](#)
- [James Crawley \(Geography\) - ICTs and education in Zambia \(2005-6\)](#)
- [Sian Aggett \(Geography\) - Film, gender and youth in Honduras \(2005-6\)](#)
- [Niels Peter Nielsen \(University of Copenhagen, Denmark\) \(2006-7\) - Master's thesis on contemporary change in Georgian rural society](#)
- [Godfred Bonnah Nkansah \(Geography\) ICTs and special education needs in Ghana \(2009\)](#)
- [Bjorn Everts \(Geography\) Computer based learning for youth in India \(2010\)](#)

### Recently completed PhDs

- [Abbas Akhondi \(Geography, 2006\) \*Globalization, the Nation-State and National Economic Policy Making: The Attitudes of Iran's Elites\*](#)
- [Yenn Lee \(Politics and International Relations, 2009\) \*Civic engagement and the internet, focusing on the 2002 presidential election in South Korea\*](#)
- [Xiaoqing Li \(Management, 2010\) - \*Higher education partnerships between China and the UK\*](#)
- [Marije Geldof \(Geography, 2010\) \*Literacy and ICT: social constructions in the lives of low-literate youth in Ethiopia and Malawi\*](#)
- [David Hollow \(Geography, 2010\) \*Evaluating ICT for Education in Africa\*](#)
- [Meera Sarma \(Management, 2010\) \*Innovation in Hacker Communities: Structure and Knowledge in the Process of Developing Open Source Software\*](#)

- **Eric Baber** (Content Innovations Director, Cambridge University Press)
- **Ken Banks** (Founder [kiwanja.net](http://kiwanja.net) and [FrontlineSMS](http://FrontlineSMS))
- **Kojo Boakye** (head of Research and Consultancy at the [Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation](http://CommonwealthTelecommunicationsOrganisation))
- **Dr. Boubakar Barry** (Co-ordinator, [Research and Education Networking Unit](http://ResearchandEducationNetworkingUnit), Association of African Universities)
- **Elfneh Bariso** (Institute of Education, University of London, and [Action for Health, Education and Development](http://ActionforHealthEducationandDevelopment))
- **Dr. Andrea Berardi** (Open University, UK)
- **Vashkar Bhattacharjee** ([Young Power in Social Action](http://YoungPowerinSocialAction), Bangladesh)
- **Godfred Bonnah Nkansah** (Ghana)
- **Rebekka Campbell** (Editor, [Bitesize](http://Bitesize), BBC)
- **Prof. Lorenzo Cantoni** (Director [NewMinE](http://NewMinE) and [webatelier.net](http://webatelier.net) Labs at Università della Svizzera italiana)
- **Lisa Cespedes**
- **Geraldine de Bastion** ([Newthinking Communications](http://NewthinkingCommunications))
- **Peter Dell'Osa** (formerly, Project Manager of ICTD2010)
- **Prof. I.M. Dharmadasa** ([Sheffield Hallam University](http://SheffieldHallamUniversity))
- **Dr. Abs Dumbuya** (Chairman, [The Dorothy Springer Trust](http://TheDorothySpringerTrust))
- **Richard Duncombe** (Programme Director of the [MSc Management and Information Systems](http://MScManagementandInformationSystems) at the University of Manchester)
- **Gavin Dykes** (Director, Cellcove Ltd)
- **Feliciana Eduardo** (Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Moçambique)
- **Ulf-Daniel Ehlers** (Institute for Media and Educational Technology, [University of Augsburg](http://UniversityofAugsburg), Germany)
- **Julie Ferguson** (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam)
- **Prof. Luciano Floridi** (Research Chair in Philosophy of Information, University of Hertfordshire; Fellow of St. Cross College, University of Oxford)
- **Dr. Xiaolan Fu** (Department of International Development, University of Oxford)
- **Victor Gathara** (IT consultancy, Kenya)
- **Karsten Gerloff** ([Free Software Foundation Europe](http://FreeSoftwareFoundationEurope); in a personal capacity)
- **Andrea Goetzke** ([Newthinking Communications](http://NewthinkingCommunications))
- **Tersia Gowases** ([Department of Computer Science](http://DepartmentofComputerScience), University of Joensuu, Finland)

- **Charles Howie** (Geography, 2011) *Cooperation and contestation: farmer-state relations in agricultural transformation. An Giang Province, Vietnam*
- **Uduak Okon** (Geography, 2011) - *ICTs and sustainable community development in the Niger Delta Region, Nigeria*

### Recently completed MPhils

- **David Crespo** (MPhil 2011) – Mobile ‘phones and rural health workers in Peru: the potential of m-health in isolated rural areas of Peru (also published in [book form by Lambert](http://bookformbyLambert))
- **Auchariya Yongphrayoon** (MPhil 2010) Hedonic price models and GIS for mass land valuation in Thailand

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### Staff and Students

**Felix Driver** has been elected to Council as a representative of the academic staff on Academic Board, for a period of three years.

**Abbas Akhondi** has been appointed as a Honorary Research Associate in the Department of Geography.

**Katie Willis** was the external examiner for Daniel Nehring's PhD thesis in Sociology at The University of Essex. The thesis was entitled 'Intimacy, Culture and Modernity in Urban Mexico: Narrative Constructions of Couple Relationships among Young University Graduates from Mexico City' and the internal examiner was Professor Lydia Morris.

**David Hilling** continues to act as the External Examiner for the London Metropolitan University's MSc in International Trade and Transport. He has also advised on port topics for MSc and MBA students at Greenwich Maritime Institute

### Outside Engagements

**Tim Unwin** was a panellist at the UNESCO Round Table on "ICT for Inclusion: Waste or Necessity" held during the UN Global Forum on Youth and ICT for Development in Geneva on 24-26 September 2007.

**Tim Unwin** was a Panellist in the session on "How to make the best use of more education finance" at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development's International Forum on "Capacity Development for Education for All", held in Bonn, 8-10 October 2007 as part of the German Presidency of the G8 in 2007.

**Tim Unwin** was a panellist at Lifeline Network's Drivers for Change event held at Portcullis House, hosted by Meg Hillier MP, and chaired by Tim Marshall (Foreign Affairs Editor at Sky News) on 1st November

As UK Vice President of the European River Sea Transport Union, **David Hilling** attended the Board meeting in Hamburg and reported on development in UK waterborne freight, 12-15 September.

On September 5, **Tim Cresswell** gave a keynote address at the University of Copenhagen before the Postgraduate training course on the theme of mobility and place. His talk was titled 'Constellations of Mobility: Towards a Cultural Kinetics.'

**Tim Cresswell** gave a seminar on 'Place, Practice and Persistence in Maxwell Street, Chicago' at the Department of Geography, Oxford University. 16 October.

**Fiona Coward** and **Clive Gamble** presented a paper 'While my guitar gently weeps:emotion, material culture and the evolution of the mind' at the conference The Sapient

Mind: Archaeology meets Neuroscience held at the McDonald Institute Cambridge September 14-16 and sponsored by The British Academy and The Guarantors of Brain.

**Clive Gamble** was discussant at the RGS-IBG session 'Enchanting Geographies' organised by Tara Woodyer and Hilary Geoghegan.

**Clive Gamble** attended as Vice-President the opening of the Society of Antiquaries of London Tercentenary Exhibition 'Making History: Antiquaries in Britain 1707-2007' at the Royal Academy, 11 September.

**David Simon** contributed a paper on 'Forced migration, career choice and development: Holocaust ethnographies' to the session on Migration, Development and Class, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, on 30th August 2007.

**Dorothea Kleine** and **Maria Montero** from the EPSRC Fair Tracing Project attended the Chilean National Wine Tasting 2007, a trade event for the wine sector, where they met representatives of the Chilean project partners, the Los Robles wine cooperative, to discuss the project. London, Oct 16.

**Dorothea Kleine** presented a paper: "Found in Translation: Experiences from the interdisciplinary Fair Tracing Project" at the Annual Human Computer Interaction Conference 2007 in Lancaster, September 4 .

**Alex Loftus** presented a paper in a workshop at the Open University on 'Questioning neoliberal environmental governance' in September. He also presented a paper on 'Intervening in the environment of the everyday' at an AHRC-funded workshop at FACT in Liverpool.

**Ed Derbyshire** attended the meetings of the UK Learned Societies and the Scientific Unions Committee at the Royal Society, London, on 6th September.

**Ed Derbyshire** attended a meeting of the Natural Sciences Committee of the UK Commission for UNESCO in London on 10th September.

**Ed Derbyshire** attended the Bicentenary Conference of the Geological Society at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, 10th – 12th September, and convened an informal meeting of the Society's External Relations Committee there on 10th September.

**Ed Derbyshire**, together with Dr. Ted Nield and Dr. Eduardo de Mulder, met editorial staff of the international serial 'Nature' at its headquarters in Islington on 23rd October to discuss publishing initiatives for the International Year of Planet Earth 2008.

**Ed Derbyshire** attended a meeting of the UK-UNESCO International Science Programme leaders in Whitehall on 29th October.

**Alasdair Pinkerton** spoke at a symposium held on 5 November at Stewart's Melville College in Edinburgh. Speaking to an audience of 5th & 6th form students, Alasdair covered issues related to 'geography at university' and 'geographical careers'. This was followed by an excellent Q&A session.

**Duncan McGregor** attended the Annual Review Meeting of the University's External Geography Degrees, at Stewart House on 30 October.

#### Publications

**Clive Gamble** 2007 *Archaeology the basics*: 2nd edition London, Routledge.

**Dikeç, Mustafa**, 2007, *Badlands of the Republic: Space, Politics and Urban Policy* (Blackwell).

**Stephen Bell** (2007) 'The child drums and the elder dances?' Girlfriends and boyfriends negotiating power relations in rural Uganda', Chapter 14 in Ruth Panelli, Samantha Punch & Elsbeth Robson (eds) *Global Perspectives on Rural Childhood and Youth: Young Rural Lives*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 180-191

**Felix Driver**, 'Global times and spaces: on historicizing the global', *History Workshop Journal* 64 (2007), 321-2.

**Cresswell T**, 2007, Hospitality and Migrant Memory in Maxwell Street, Chicago in J, Germann Molz and S. Gibson (eds) *Mobilizing Hospitality: The Ethics of Social Relations in a Mobile World*. Pp47-64, Ashgate.

**Hilling, D.**, 2007 'Potential and problems of freight on the Severn'. *Seventh Annual Report of the House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, HC 345-11, EV.360*.

#### Grants and Awards

**Mustafa Dikeç** has been awarded the 2007-08 HARC Fellowship from Royal Holloway's Humanities and Arts Research Centre for a project entitled 'Space, Politics and the Political'.

#### Fieldwork-Conferences-Overseas

**Hannah Macpherson** is currently visiting Elspeth Probyn in the gender and cultural studies department at the University of Sydney.

**Dorothea Kleine** (Geography, RHUL), Ann Light (Computer Science, QMUL/Sheffield Hallam) and Macarena Vivent (Sociology, UFRO, Chile) of the EPSRC Fair Tracing Project conducted intensive, 10-day fieldwork with grape producers and their wine co-operative in Curicó, Chile. The work included interviews, focus groups, participatory photo and video content development, and two participatory design workshops for the Fair Tracing technology. Chile, Oct 22-31

**Ugo Vallauri** gave a presentation on Energy Issues in access to ICT. At the Equitable Access – a one day event on equitable access to ICT infrastructure, organised by APC. [http://access.apc.org/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://access.apc.org/index.php/Main_Page)

#### Visitors/meetings in the department

Prof. David Livingstone, School of Geography, Queens University Belfast, presented the Gordon Manley Lecture on 29th October. The title of his lecture was 'Darwinian Landscapes'.

**Barnaby Crocker**, PhD Student, RHUL presented the QUISS Seminar on 24th October. The title of his presentation was 'The Evolution and Palaeoecology of the Pleistocene Woolly Rhinoceros, *Coelotonda Antiquitatis* (Blumenbach, 1799)'.

Dr. Ian Barnes, School of Biological Sciences, RHUL, presented the CQR Lecture on 7th November. The title of his lecture was 'Ancient DNA and the Last Ice Age'.

Dr. Ali Saeidi, who completed his PhD in 1999 at Royal Holloway, and is now Assistant Professor of Sociology & Head Department of Social Planning, The Faculty of Social Science, University of Tehran, visited Tim Unwin on 4 September to discuss future collaborative research and teaching

Christopher Butler, Head of Student Services and Head of Student Counselling, gave a seminar in the Department on 18th October entitled 'Students with mental health issues'

**Fiona Coward**, RHUL, presented the Departmental Seminar on 11th October. The title of her presentation was 'From Lucy to Language: The archaeology of the social brain'.

Charad Shari, LSE presented the Departmental Seminar on 25th October. The title of the presentation was 'Apartheid Remains'.

The Department's annual Postgraduate Symposium took place on 26th September, and was an outstanding success. Thanks are due to all the staff and students who supported it, and to Charles Howie who coordinated the event including an enjoyably social occasion afterwards!

Any Other News

UNESCO's web-site at <http://www.unesco.org/education/en/partnerships> provides a summary of some of the things that the Department are doing in Partnerships for Education. **Tim Unwin** is happy to provide further information to anyone who wants further information.

Congratulations to **Win** and his wife, Julia, on the birth of their little baby boy (8lbs).

Congratulations to **Vicki Elefanti** and **Gilbert Marshall** on the birth of their baby girl, Ismini.