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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Perhaps the most satisfying thing in participating in the CSSR is to witness young researchers as they grow from nervous young postgraduate students into confident and accomplished researchers. The CSSR has, for almost twenty years, sought to provide an environment that nurtures young talents. Raising funds for scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships is central to this, of course, but the funding would be of modest value if it was not for the community of scholars within the CSSR that supports, encourages and challenges all of us – whether professors or students – to grow as scholars. Most of our researchers are involved in team research, i.e. in research that is far beyond the scope of a single researcher. These teams are, in the first instance, based in the separate ‘units’ within the CSSR. Our researchers are also members of the broader research community of the CSSR itself. A researcher working on, for example, how working mothers make choices about childcare is part of the community of scholars within the Families and Societies Research Unit at the same time as being exposed to – and engaging with – research using diverse methodologies on very different topics in other units.

The CSSR continued to publish extensively during 2019, with two new books and thirty-six book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles. We are delighted that these include six chapters or articles authored or coauthored by current students. The Working Paper series also provides students with an opportunity to publish some of their material. Most of our Working Papers are subsequently published, in revised form, in journals or books.

Since its establishment in July 2001, the CSSR’s efforts to build capacity and to strengthen systematic social science research in South Africa and the region has been underpinned by strong support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. We are immensely grateful to the Mellon Foundation for the three awards (in 2001, 2008 and 2014) which have funded our core activities, providing the platform on which we have raised project funding for specific projects. Mellon’s generous support came to an end in 2019, leaving a gap that will be hard to fill.

An exciting change in 2019 was the establishment of the ‘Accelerate Hub’ at UCT, headed by Elona Toska. In partnership with Oxford University, the Hub will identify and assess how the life chances of adolescents across Africa can be improved. The CSSR is delighted to have been able to assist with the implementation of this programme.

Jeremy Seekings

JEREMY SEEKINGS

CSSR Director



ACCELERATE HUB



By 2050, Africa will be home to half a billion adolescents. Despite incredible creativity and potential, many will be trapped in cycles of poverty, violence, low education and poor health. The goal of the Accelerate Hub is to improve outcomes for adolescents and their children in 34 countries across Africa. In collaboration with various partners, the Accelerate Hub will discover which combination of cost-effective services have the greatest impact, and which are accessible and user-friendly for adolescents.

The United Nations Development (UNDP) programme, aware that it was necessary to provide tools to breakdown the process of achieving SDGs, identified the development accelerator approach whereby accelerators are defined as services, provisions or policies that lead to progress across multiple SDGs and dimensions of development. By testing different combinations of initiatives the Accelerate Hub will identify 'accelerator' packages to boost nutrition, health, schooling, employment, gender equality and safety for adolescents across Africa. The Accelerate Hub was created in response to policymakers' specific demands to know: What can boost multiple SDGs for adolescents? Are identified solutions cost-effective? Do adolescents want to use them? Can they be delivered at scale?

The Accelerate Hub's initial findings – published in The Lancet Child and Adolescent Health in March 2019 – suggest that well-chosen and effective services can reduce child sexual abuse, as well as a range of other violence and non-violence SDG outcomes. This has vast potential to improve the lives of African adolescents as it offers governments and service providers cost-effective solutions which will help them meet a range of SDGs and national development goals.

The Accelerate Hub is a partnership between governments, international agencies, NGOs, donors, adolescents and academics in Africa, the UK and US and was co-created with African policymakers, international agencies and adolescents to meet their needs. It includes researchers embedded for five years within the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), and a strategic advisory group meeting at the UN. Accelerate Hub actively partners with initiatives such as the UNDP Accelerator Labs, World Food Programme, PEPFAR-USAID, the WHO/Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children INSPIRE, and the 2gether4SRHR SIDA-UNICEF-UNAIDS-UNFPA joint programme. It also works directly with NGO and government partners to support training and service packages for practitioners across the region.

ABOUT THE HUB

The UKRI GCRF Accelerating Achievement for Africa's Adolescents (Accelerate) Hub launched in February 2019, building on a long-standing collaboration between the AIDS and Society Research Unit, at the CSSR, and Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry and Mental Health at the **University of Cape Town**, and the Department of Social Policy and Intervention at the **University of Oxford**. This five-year, multi-partner research collaboration co-led by Lucie Cluver (Department of Social Policy and Intervention at Oxford, UCT Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health), Lorraine Sherr (University College London), Chris Desmond (UKZN), Elona Toska (CSSR) and Cathy Ward (UCT), will generate evidence on which development accelerators – alone and in synergy with each other – can support adolescents in Africa reach multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Accelerate Hub brings together interdisciplinary research teams focusing on supporting children and young people thrive in the second decade of life. Our unified goal is to promote high-quality evidence to improve the lives of adolescents in resource-limited settings.

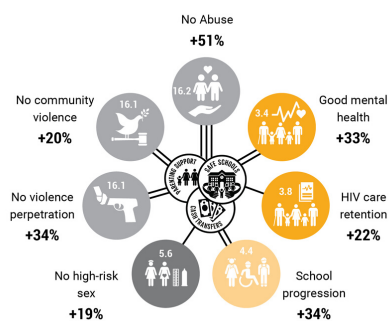
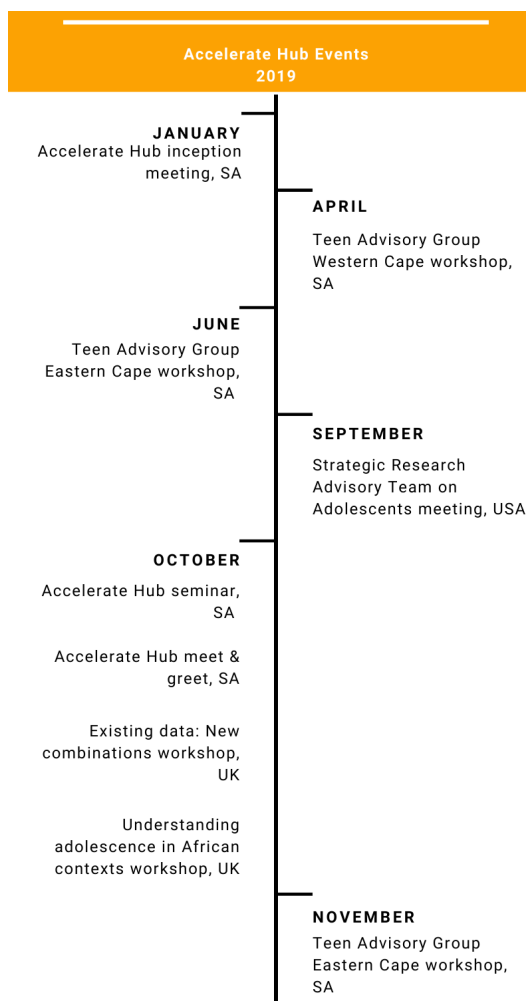


Figure from Cluver et al.'s article (2019) *Improving lives by accelerating progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals for adolescents living with HIV: a prospective cohort study*

"Our focus is supporting adolescents across the continent to reach their potential across multiple aspects of their lives: health, education, social and economic development. We are really looking forward to extending (the Lancet) analysis conceptually and methodologically to the Hub's work led by our team at UCT. Leading social scientists will work closely with a cohort of early career researchers at UCT, Oxford University, and partner institutions to capitalise on existing datasets, run studies to test new combinations, by exploring new possible accelerators and accelerator synergies across a dozen African countries." - Elona Toska





Looking ahead:

In January 2020 Accelerate will host their Year 1 meeting in Cape Town – a gathering of Accelerate partners, team and stakeholders to share knowledge, explore synergies, celebrate successes and plan for future studies. Additional analyses on which development accelerators may impact across multiple violence-related outcomes is underway with the WHO/Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (INSPIRE) and the Oak Foundation. The Accelerate Hub team at UCT is also collaborating with the UCT team of the South-South Migration Hub, led by Dr Faisal Garba – both Hubs hope to share offices in 2020-2024.

The Accelerate Hub team at UCT is comprised of: Elona Toska (Accelerate Hub PI); Cathy Ward (Psychology, Accelerate Hub co-PI); Sally Medley (Oxford/UCT, Programmes Manager); Rebecca Maughan-Brown (Strategic Events Manager); Diana Ocholla (Communications), Akhona Mfeketo (Senior Finance Officer), Nosiphiwo Lawrence (Adolescent Participation Project Officer), Lesley Gittings (Adolescent Participation Researcher), Zimpande Kawanu (Innovation Research Officer), Siyanai Zhou (Early Career Researcher), Zahra Abba Omar (Early Career Researcher), Silinganisiwe Dzumbunu (Early Career Researcher), Christina Laurenzi (Research Associate), Nokubonga Ralayo (Western Cape Teen Advisory Group Coordinator), Mildred Thabeng (Eastern Cape Teen Advisory Group Coordinator), and Lameez Mota (Logistics Manager).



Clockwise from the top left:

1. UCT Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng visits the Hub,
2. Delegates of the January 2019 Inception Meeting,
3. Participants in a Teenage Advisory Group (TAG) in the Eastern Cape, South Africa,
4. TAG discussion in the Eastern Cape, South Africa

AIDS AND SOCIETY RESEARCH UNIT (ASRU)

ASRU's focus this year was on analysing and publishing data from the Mzantsi Wakho research study. Mzantsi Wakho is the largest known, longitudinal, mixed methods, community-traced study about adherence to antiretroviral treatment and sexual health practices among HIV-positive teenagers. For the last half a decade, ASRU has hosted Mzantsi Wakho at UCT, working in collaboration with colleagues at Oxford University's Department of Social Policy and Intervention.

The Mzantsi Wakho study has conducted three waves of quantitative survey research, alongside ongoing qualitative research. A particular strength of the study has been its use of participatory, 'gameified' methods to explore and relate the experiences of research participants through a variety of media, including the drawing, photography, role-playing and performance media, music and song-writing, and 'emojis' (social media icons).

To date, the Mzantsi Wakho study has resulted in over sixty peer-reviewed publications. The research team has benefitted immensely from the contributions of many postgraduate students including, at ASRU, the work of Lesley Gittings on the circumcision and antiretroviral treatment practices of young men, and from Siyanai Zhou's research on tuberculosis and HIV treatment adherence.



ASRU doctoral fellow, Siyanai Zhou, with his Discovery Health Clinical Excellence Award for the 'Best Research Paper' at the 9th SA AIDS Conference in Durban in June



A tweet captures Lesley Gitting's presentation at AIDSimpact in London in July

ASRU works in close partnership with a number of South African Departments, non-governmental organisations, and bilateral agencies. In 2019, we continued to work alongside Paediatric Adolescent Treatment Africa (PATA), contributing to their capacity-building and knowledge-exchange programmes for frontline healthcare providers in 23 African countries. Our partnership with South Africa's Medical Research Council covered new ground, with a collaboration focusing on the Social Impact Bond

and its interconnections with health equity and HIV treatment coverage. A new partnership led by Elona Toska is working on aligning Mzantsi Wakho's quantitative dataset with the National Health Laboratory Services data, and our combined research on the health and social needs of adolescent mothers and their children as part of the HEY BABY study (Helping Empower Youth Brought up in Adversity with their Babies and Young children).

We also collaborated with South African government Departments of Health and Basic Education, with a focus on reviewing the comprehensive sexualities curriculum for secondary schools. Our research on sexualities education was published in the first special edition of the high-impact journal, *Sex Education*, to be focused on South Africa. ASRU's director, Rebecca Hodes, and doctoral student Lesley Gittings, presented their research on the 'Kasi curriculum' – what young men learn and teach about sex outside of formal education institutions – at a launch of the Special Edition hosted by the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

ASRU's focus on sexual and reproductive health, and on uses and adaptations of pharmaceuticals, saw new directions in our work this year. As a part of her collaboration with the Pharmaceutical Humanities working group, Rebecca Hodes co-edited the first edition of the *South African Historical Journal* to focus on the history of pharmaceuticals in Southern Africa. Hodes's research published in this edition is based on an archive of waste products collected in the Eastern Cape over the course of four years. The socio-structural drivers of health and disease are an ongoing passion for ASRU researchers, and both qualitative and quantitative methods have been combined in seeking new ways to analyse and write about disease transmission in the decades of South Africa's democracy.

In 2019, ASRU researchers spent plenty of time in airport queues. We presented at, *inter alia*, the States of Dis-Ease conference hosted by the Johannesburg Institute of Advanced Research (University of Johannesburg, March 2019) the Southern African AIDS Conference (Durban, June 2019), AIDSImpact (London, July 2019), and 'Beyond the Medicines/Drugs Dichotomy: Historical Perspectives on Good and Evil in Pharmacy (University of Johannesburg, December, 2019). Within UCT, ASRU researchers made a number of interdisciplinary presentations. Rebecca Hodes presented findings at the Department of Molecular Medicine and Virology, the Division of Social and Behavioural Sciences, and at the Desmond Tutu Research seminar (Faculty of Health Sciences). All ASRU researchers made presentations in the Humanities Faculty, and we continued our collaboration with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in training frontline providers of health and social services to adolescents. This training is based on ASRU's lead-authorship of South Africa's National Adolescent and Youth Health Policy 2017.

A number of new grants were awarded to ASRU in 2019. These included a Desmond Tutu/Conrad award for the development of a pictogram to support antiretroviral treatment initiation and retention in care among HIV-positive adolescents. Ros Dowse (Department of Pharmacology, Rhodes University), Briony Chisholm (Division of Pharmacology, UCT) and Mumta Hargovan (Master's in Public Health) joined this collaboration. The pictogram, designed with Gaelen Pinnock, was piloted among adolescents and healthcare workers in 2019, and will be made available publicly and disseminated widely in 2020.



A pictogram based on Mzantsi Wakho findings has been designed to improve treatment initiation support and adherence among healthcare workers and adolescents. The pictogram is being piloted among study participants and healthcare workers, and will be made publicly available through ASRU's networks in 2020

Another new collaboration between ASRU and the Human Sciences Research Council began in October 2019. In this project, Mzantsi Wakho qualitative data will be combined with the quantitative datasets from the HSRC's Household Prevalence Surveys to provide new insights into the challenges of HIV-positive adolescents, including a focus on the gendered components of HIV risk behaviours.

It would not have been possible to establish these new projects, and to continue to run ASRU's operations, without the support of ASRU's new project manager, Lameez Mota. Lameez works also for SAVI, and her logistical nous and knowledge of UCT's inner workings have been of great benefit to the CSSR in general in 2019.

We would like to thank all of our collaborators, partners, mentors and funders for their continued support, and look forward to an equally productive and boisterous year in 2020.

FAMILIES AND SOCIETIES RESEARCH UNIT (FaSRU)

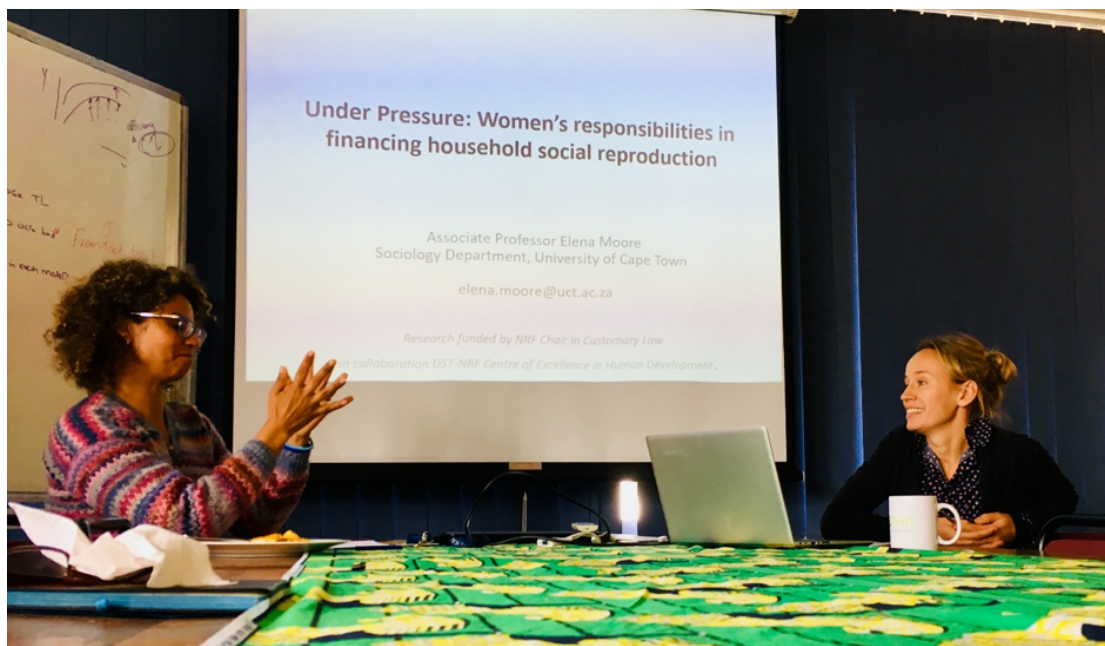
FaSRU's has had a busy and exciting year with many research outputs. A set of papers based on research conducted within FaSRU was published in the journal *Critical Social Policy* in November. These papers, edited by Elena Moore and Jeremy Seekings, examined 'Social Protection, Intergenerational Relationships and Conflict in South Africa'. In their introduction, Elena and Jeremy review the 'Consequences of Social Protection on Intergenerational Relationships in South Africa'. Former CSSR/IDCPPA student and post-doctoral researcher Gabby Kelly's article on 'Disability, cash transfers and family practices in South Africa' examines conflicts over access to and use of disability grants. 'Conflict and negotiation in intergenerational care: Older women's experiences of caring with the Old Age Grant in South Africa' – by CSSR doctoral student Kirsty Button and researcher Thobani Ncapai – examines the relationships between old-age pensioners and younger kin. Elena's article on 'Who has a duty to support? Care practices and legal responsibilities in South Africa' examines how the responsibilities of kin have been

defined in court cases involving the Road Accident Fund. In his article on 'The conditional legitimacy of claims made by mothers and other kin in South Africa', Jeremy analyses data from survey experiments on who is considered deserving of assistance from both the state and kin. The final paper, on 'Parental absence: Intergenerational tensions and contestations of social grants in South Africa' by Ziphora Kearabetswe Mokoene and Grace Khunou (University of Johannesburg), examines conflict between grandmothers (who often provide child care) and mothers (who receive the child support grants for the children).

As part of a study on Intergenerational Relationships in South Africa, the Unit hosted a two-day workshop on 'Generation and Power in Families' with 20 leading scholars in the area of personal relationships (including 10 PhD/Post Doc scholars) in January. Following the success of the workshop, a book proposal on Generation and Power in Families was submitted to Routledge in April and it is under review.

ABOUT FaSRU

Prof Elena Moore serves as the Director of FaSRU. She was appointed as the NRF Replacement Chair in Customary Law, Indigenous Values and Human Rights for 2018 and 2019. FaSRU has 13 postgraduate students, including, eight PhD students, three Master's students and two Honours students. The SARChi Chair brought three more postgraduate students to the Unit. FaSRU students receive financial support from the Mellon Foundation through its current award to the CSSR.



Nicole Daniels chairs a seminar with Elena Moore on women's responsibilities in financing social reproduction

Data collection and analysis for the intergenerational relationships study is ongoing. To date 50 people in Johannesburg and 65 people in Cape town (relating to more than 60 family sets) have taken part in a series of in-depth qualitative interviews. The paper 'Under Pressure: Female care-giving practices in multi-generational households in South Africa' is under review for a special issue on 'Care, Inequalities and Policies in the South' with *Revue Internationale des Etudes du Developement* due out in early 2020.

OPINION

Customary wives in fight against marital abuse

Elena Moore 01 Feb 2019 00:00



South Africa's rates of domestic violence are among the highest in the world. Finding ways to deal with this social crisis could include community-based solutions. (Delwyn Verasamy/M&G)

One of Elena Moore's articles on customary marriage in the *Mail & Guardian*



Workshop on Gender, Generation and Power in Families in January

Elena was involved in three leading High Court Cases in Johannesburg regarding the validity of a customary marriage. She presented at the UWC Family Law conference, Cape Town and is finalising a report, together with Prof. Himonga, on harmful cultural practices. She wrote two editorial pieces on the M&G and took part in several radio talk show discussions.

Five new post graduate students, researching issues concerning Muslim divorce, child marriage and practices of succession, joined the Unit in 2019. Congratulations to Dr. Lwando Scott, the third doctoral graduate from FaSRU, who wrote a thesis on 'Same-sex marriage in South Africa: Will marriage normalise queers, or will queers radicalise marriage?' and graduated in December. Congratulations to Simamkele Dingswayo and Zeenat Samodien who completed their Honours theses on the experiences of Izizananina (children who come along with a mother in a marriage) and Succession in Muslim marriage respectively.

SAFETY and VIOLENCE INITIATIVE (SaVI)



SaVI focused on four primary projects this year.

Xenophobic violence in South Africa

This research project sought to ascertain the determinants of xenophobic violence and social cohesion in South Africa with a view to initiating peacebuilding interventions. There were 15 research sites in four provinces in South Africa, namely: the Eastern Cape (Walmer, Wells Estate, Korsten); Gauteng (Atteridgeville, Katlehong, Mayfair); KwaZulu-Natal (Inanda, Ntuzuma, KwaMashu); and the Western Cape (Belville South, Imizamo Yethu, Lwandle, Masiphumelele, Mbekweni, Zwelihle). The project was funded by USAID (in partnership with ALPS Resilience). The findings are due to be published in December 2020.

Information & Communications Technology and health communities

Waves for Change has been using smartphone technology that provides incentives for individuals in low income environments interested in community development and health promotion to establish group activities, such as sports, hobbies and life skills groups. This intervention provides an incentive for unemployed and underemployed individuals in low income communities to easily establish, through smartphone technology, lifestyle interventions targeting individuals who are unable to access market-led preventative health interventions. SaVI has been the research partner on this project and is currently conducting a random control trial of this technology in Bredasdorp in the Western Cape. The study findings will be published in 2020.

Water and fire: Enhancing capacity and reducing risk through 15 'Best Bets' for transformative adaptation with vulnerable residents on the Cape Flats

In 2019 a research consortium (led by the University of Stirling) of which SaVI is part, was awarded a UKRI-GCRF Equitable Resilience Grant for a project that aims to directly address the disaster risk challenges of three interrelated environmental hazards of water and fire in marginalised South African communities by testing new methods of complementary democratic and creative engagement to advocate community-driven solutions and resilience actions in response to such disasters, thereby closing knowledge gaps. Through the systematic co-development of a set of resilience actions, this project will directly benefit risk-affected communities in their efforts to mitigate disaster risks and achieve sustainable livelihoods.

ABOUT SaVI

The Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI) facilitates debate, research and interventions across the university with a focus on understanding and responding to violence and promoting safety. The initiative brings together scholars from a number of departments, centres and units across UCT. SaVI was formally established in 2011 as one of UCT's four 'Strategic Initiatives'. SaVI's mission is to establish research collaborations that will contribute to promoting safety and reducing violence; and to raise awareness about these issues within South Africa and other African countries. In order to fulfil this vision and mission SaVI has: undertaken socially responsive research and piloted interventions on violence prevention and safety promotion; established specialised postgraduate courses at UCT; and has actively engaged in evidence-based advocacy and dialogue.



LEFT: Tim Conibear (Waves for Change) giving a demonstration of the Coach Assist app



RIGHT: The coaches from Waves for Change discussing the groups they would start

Violence prevention in South Africa: SaferSpaces online portal

SaferSpaces is an online knowledge sharing and networking portal for community safety as well as violence and crime prevention practitioners from government, civil society and the research community in South Africa. The portal focuses on preventative approaches as long-term, sustainable solutions to violence and crime. SaferSpaces is managed by SaVI and the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service with funding being provided by GIZ.

In addition to participating in many lectures and public talks, SaVI hosted its 7th annual conference titled 'Violence Prevention and Peacebuilding: Evidence to Action' at the River Club in Cape Town. The conference brought together South African and international scholars, government officials and civil society organisations in the area of violence prevention and peacebuilding where findings of current research were presented and discussed.

Azwi Netshikulwe represented SaVI at the Scholars Delegation of African Peace Organizations and Leading Think-tanks on Security Studies seminars which were held in Beijing and Chengdu (China). The Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament (CPAPD), hosted this exchange program for African scholars and practitioners with the theme of "China-Africa Security Cooperation" which took place from 17 to 24 October 2019. The delegation consisted of scholars from research organizations and think tanks on security issues from five African countries: Egypt, Ethiopia, Morocco, Namibia and South Africa.

SaVI staff made a number of conference presentations across the globe in 2019, including in Scotland, Belgium, Australia, and Zambia.



ABOVE: 2019 SaVI conference participants

BELOW: 4 Azwi Netshikulwe (bottom left) representing SaVI at the Scholars Delegation of African Peace Organizations



SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES UNIT (SSU)

Students graduated

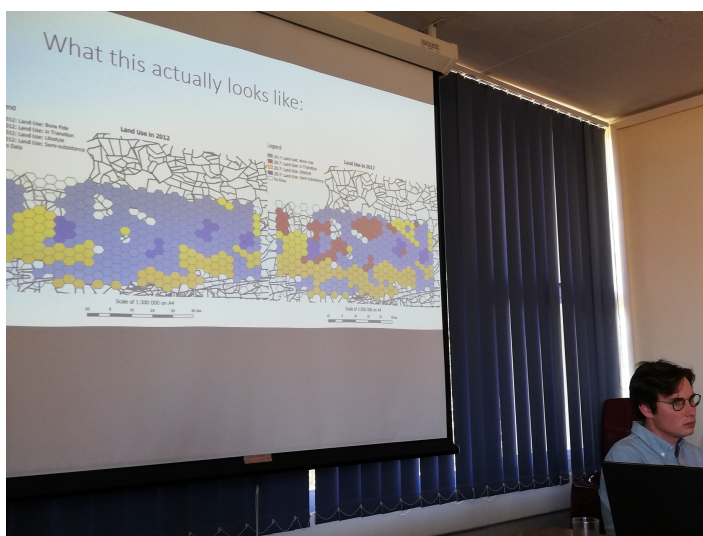
Catherine Namome graduated on 13 December with a PhD in Economics. Her study on “The economics of tobacco and feasible alternatives for Uganda”, was a joint project of the SSU’s Productivity Hub and Corne Van Walbeek’s Economics of Tobacco Control Project. It resulted in one article under review at the *African Journal of Agriculture and Resource Economics*. Cathy now works as research analyst at the Human Sciences Research Council in Gauteng.

Jed Stephens also graduated with an MSc in Advanced Analytics from the Statistics department. He has been with the CSSR for the last three years and collaborated with Nicoli and Beatrice starting with Khayelitsha Rodent Study (KRS) in 2017 and more recently with work focused on the Karoo. During this time he has co-authored three publications. In November, Jed and Beatrice presented Karoo work as part of an award of the UCT Potter Fellowship. “The CSSR is remarkable for its ability to work interdisciplinarily and is extremely stimulating. It has been the highlight of my time at UCT and I am very grateful to have been involved” Jed remarked when reflecting on his time here.

Prizes

Ben Rideout, an Honours student in Economics, won the prize for the best student essay awarded by the Agriculture Economics Association of South Africa in September. Ben’s paper on the effect of the current drought in the Karoo, attempted to combine elements of Ricardian climate models with total factor productivity analysis.

The Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa awarded Beatrice with this year’s Tomlinson Medal. The award is made to a member of the Association for a high quality, longstanding, visible contribution to the discipline of agricultural economics or the agricultural sector. Previous winners include Mohammed Karaan of the National Planning Commission (2006), Johan van Zyl former CEO of SANLAM (2008), Mike Lyne of Lincoln University in New Zealand (2014) and Dirk Troskie of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (2013). Beatrice’s acceptance speech laid out a detailed land reform plan for Laingsburg district. This paper also won the best contribution to the annual conference of the South African Society of Agricultural Extension, in Kimberley in July.



Jed Stephens presents his research on the Karoo at a CSSR seminar

Productivity Hub

The Productivity Hub’s efforts to quantify the effect of the drought on the Western Cape’s agricultural sector continues. The team, led by Beatrice Conradie and Jenifer Piesse of Bournemouth University in the UK, includes three honours students, a Master’s student and several colleagues from industry. We are covering small grain production, pasture-based dairy farming and the Karoo and hope to have another look at the wine industry in 2020 with more data that extends to the current drought. We also entered into a new agreement with a farmers’ study group in Swellendam to analyse their field crop data for the past decade, which will create another masters opportunity next year.

This year’s outputs include a key note address by Beatrice at the Western Cape Conservation Agriculture Association’s Jack Human week in Stellenbosch in August, a set of grazing indices for the Central Karoo developed in collaboration with Stefan Theron, a Land Care Officer with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture in Beaufort West, a paper in press at Environmental Development and another out in Agrekon.

Other productivity studies identify optimal designs for land reform (mainly Beatrice), the effect of outreach on farm productivity (Georgina Richards), updating South Africa’s machinery index (Colleta Gandidzanwa), measuring the effect of zero tillage on farm

productivity (Beatrice with Johan Strauss and Nicole Wagner of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture) and a scale efficiency analysis of the wine industry panel (Colin Thirtle, Jenifer Piesse, Nick Vink and Beatrice). This work will continue and we hope to expand the team in 2020. In 2019 Beatrice was invited to give a series of five guest lectures in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Stellenbosch University that could pave the way for further collaborations.

Other SSU projects

The Newcastle Clothing Project had a good year in 2019 as Nicoli Nattrass and Jeremy Seekings published their book *'Inclusive Dualism: Labour-intensive development, decent work and surplus labour in Southern Africa'* with Oxford University Press. The book draws together Nattrass and Seekings' work on the clothing industry as a lens for exploring the challenges of job creation in Southern Africa. The book includes a case study of labour-intensive firms in Newcastle, tracing their transformation into workers' co-operatives.



The Simunye Workers Co-operative in Newcastle with a copy of Inclusive Dualism

Jeremy and Nicoli continued to publish work in the area of welfare. Nicoli co-authored a paper on the Namibian Basic Income Grant experiment (in the *Handbook on Basic Income*) and Jeremy continued his work on the politics of welfare in Africa, mostly through the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa.

The Khayelitsha Rodent Study (KRS; in collaboration with the Institute for Communities and Wildlife, iCWild) also entered its phase of final consolidation where the focus has been on producing output rather than collecting data. Two papers were published in 2019 based on analyses using KRS data. The KRS also supported another Economics honours long paper by Nicola Wills showing that households with young children were less likely to purchase rodenticides. KRS research came to the attention of the Premier of the Western Cape, Helen Zille,

prompting her to ask Nicoli Nattrass and Emma Green to take her on a tour of 'Island' one of the most notorious rodent hotspots in the Kyayelitsha area.



Emma Green, Helen Zille and local councillor Mr Maxithi and local area leader 'Simbongile' discuss the waste problem in and around the stream in 'Island'

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