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THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

The Centre for Social Science (CSSR) is an interdisciplinary research centre at the University of Cape Town dedicated to conducting and building capacity for systematic, policy-relevant social science research in South Africa, the region and across Africa.

Methodologically, CSSR research is empirical, but problem-driven. While we utilise both quantitative and qualitative strategies of data collection, our work is based on systematic research designs with clear conceptualisation of variables and transparent rules for operationalising variables, selecting cases, and collecting and analysing data analysis (in contrast to ad hoc fact collection or narrative description). After a reasonable period, collected data are turned into public access data sets and deposited with the DataFirst Resource Centre.

CSSR projects are usually team-oriented bringing together multiple local and international researchers, and offering post-graduate students significant opportunities for hands-on training by involving them in all stages of projects. Research findings are presented and discussed at regular weekly seminars and published as CSSR Working Papers.

The Centre for Social Science Research is made up of the following units:

- The AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU)
- The Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU) and
- The Social Surveys Unit (SSU)

CSSR DIRECTORATE

The CSSR Directorate is the administrative hub for the units making up the CSSR. It manages the finances, edits and produces working papers, organises meetings, and provides an organisational focal point for the CSSR. Robert Mattes is the CSSR Director, Kathy Forbes is the Administrative Officer, and further assistance this year has been provided by Libbi Downes, Nondumiso Hlwele and Ncedeka Mbune. Gina Bergh and Jessica King have edited the publications.

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In 2007, the CSSR built capacity for quality social science research in many different ways. First of all, we continued to train and develop students who will constitute the next generation of social scientists in South Africa and across the continent, providing them with extensive “learning by doing” training and involving them in all phases of various survey or other data-based research projects.

Our postgraduate students again recorded a number of striking achievements in 2007. Celeste Coetzee continued to scoop prestigious awards by adding the Potter Family Scholarship to her 2006 Founders Medal; Cherrel Africa received doctoral scholarships from both DAAD and the Mellon Foundation; Collette Schulz-Herzenberg was awarded a scholarship from the Faculty of Humanities; and Rene Brandt won a UCT post-doctoral scholarship to continue her research with ASRU.

Sumaya Mall, Glen Mpani, Carlos Shenga and Annabelle Wienand were all awarded Masters degrees, with Wienand, Mall and Mpani winning distinctions for their theses.

Our postgraduate students also read papers at international conferences, and authored or co-authored 13 CSSR Working Papers, 4 chapters in edited volumes, and 4 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Many of our students also took jobs at key civil society organisation or research institutions. Joao Pereira is now with the Civil Society Support Mechanism in Maputo, and Carlos Shenga is currently lecturing in Governance and Public Policy at the Higher Institute for Public Administration, Maputo. Annabelle Wienand took up a position with the Community Health Media Trust, where she will also be joined by our former administrative assistant Nondumiso Hlwele. Colin Almeleh went to work with Absolute Return for Kids (ARK) in London. Finally, ASRU’s former squad of fieldworkers, the “A-Team” were gladly welcomed into the fold at Citizens Surveys.

The CSSR also built research capacity outside of UCT. It ran another successful Afrobarometer Summer School, training over two dozen representatives of African research institutes in the analysis of public opinion data. We helped draft new research protocols and trained new Afrobarometer personnel to conduct the next round of surveys. We also assisted researchers working on the social and political consequences of HIV/AIDS in the area of theory, research design and methodology.



CSSR researchers continued to make significant contributions in 2007 to our knowledge about the challenges and consequences of introducing antiretroviral therapy to people living with HIV/AIDS; the social, economic and political impacts of AIDS; the nature and consequences of HIV/AIDS stigma; the economic dimensions of families and kinship; the dynamics of public opinion; and the bases of effective legislative institutions in Africa.

Nicoli Natrass wrote **Mortal combat: AIDS denialism and the struggle for antiretrovirals in South Africa** (published by the University of KwaZulu-Natal Press) and Rachel Bray co-edited **Monitoring child wellbeing: A South African rights-based approach** (published by the Human Sciences Research Council). Furthermore, CSSR researchers published 10 chapters in edited volumes or conference proceedings, 14 articles in refereed journals, and they contributed 27 papers to our increasingly popular Working Papers series. We also conducted another wave of the Khayelitsha Panel Survey, as well as a national survey of ordinary Zambians and a survey of Zambian MPs

Finally, through our external capacity-building efforts and our work in collaborative research networks, we continued to expand our institutional linkages with researchers working on HIV/AIDS, inequality, elections, Parliaments and public opinion in Africa, South America and elsewhere around the world. In 2007, we worked with researchers from UNAIDS and a range of organisation in South Africa (HEARD, Idasa, PLAAS, TAC) and across the continent (the Ghana Centre for Democracy and Development, and the Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy in Benin), as well as universities across the world (Yale, Princeton, Michigan State, Ohio State, Gothenborg, KwaZulu-Natal, Sao Paulo, Federal University of Minas Gerais, and the Jawaharial Nehru University).

Robert Mattes

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Director

Nicoli Natrass (international HAART rollout, AIDS denialism)

Deputy Director

Elizabeth Mills (health-seeking behaviour)

Researchers

Colin Almeleh (HIV disclosure); Rene Brandt (HIV and mothering); Celeste Coetzee (socio-economic impact of HAART); Alizanne Collier (AIDS activism and ARV prices); Harriet Deacon (circumcision, national strategic plan); Nathan Geffen (AIDS denial and the media); Eduard Grebe (AIDS activists); Lauren Kahn (sexual behaviour); Idriss Kallon (AIDS denial and the media); Dianna Kane (Women and HIV); Hannah Lane (HAART and VCT); Rachel Li (adolescents on ARVs); Brendan Maughan-Brown (HIV stigma, disability grant); Kerry Mauchline (comparative AIDS policy); Sumaya Mall (HAART patients & traditional healing); Elizabeth Mills (Traditional healing and attitudes to AIDS science); Loredana Monte (health systems crisis); Penny Morrell (AIDS and farming in the Western Cape); Vezi Ndlovu (HIV & reproductive decisions); Nadia Oshrey (AIDS activism); Ben Potter (patents and access to ARVs); Ted Powers (health systems crisis); Peter Schwarzmann (international access to ARVs); Alex Sienaert (socio-economic characteristics of AIDS deaths); Per Strand (AIDS & governance); Annabelle Wienand (Art & Science interventions); Atheendar Venkataramani (disability grants); Jo Thobeka Wreford (traditional healers).

Research Assistants and Administrators

Nondumiso Hlwele, Ncedeka Mbune, Kathy Forbes, Libby Downes, Jessica King (working papers).

Visiting Researchers and Fellows

Ali Tasiran (University of Gothenborg); Nathan Geffen (Treatment Action Campaign), Atheendar Venkataramani, Jim Bjorkman, Marina de Paoli and Arne Backer Grønningsæter.

AIDS & Society Research Unit



ASRU supports innovative inter-disciplinary quantitative and qualitative research into the social and economic impact of AIDS in South Africa.

ASRU runs two panel studies in Khayelitsha:

one in the general population (601 respondents); the other amongst a cohort of people on long-term antiretroviral (ARV) therapy (242 respondents).

This helps us understand better the social and economic context of people on ARVs, as well as the impact of treatment over time on incomes, economic participation, attitudes and the use of alternative medicine. These surveys, together with related qualitative and ethnographic research, also explore health-seeking behaviour and how people (especially those on ARVs) negotiate their way between 'Western' and 'traditional' medicine.

Data from these surveys has been used for graduate research on disclosure, labour-market changes, household income (including the disability grant) and social attitudes. For more detail on these and other ASRU projects in 2007, see the accompanying table.

ASRU works with community-level organisations (most notably the Treatment Action Campaign) and clinics to provide educational materials about AIDS and ARV treatment. We have collaborative projects with Yale University; the University of Gothenborg; the Health Economics and AIDS Research Division (HEARD) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal; the Institute for Social Studies (the Hague); and the Institute for Applied International Studies (FAFO, Norway).

ASRU was funded in 2007 by the Ford Foundation, SANPAD, HEARD, FAFO, Yale University, the South African National Research Foundation, UNAIDS and Atlantic Philanthropies.



Panel discussion of *Mortal Combat* - FROM LEFT - Andrew Kenny, Ed Rybicki, Nicoli Natrass, Seth Kalichman, Judith Head and Nathan Geffen

ASRU Research Projects 2007

Traditional medicine in the era of AIDS

Qualitative research on the demand for traditional healing and on fostering better understanding of the use of biomedical and alternative healing strategies (Elizabeth Mills, Jo Wreford and Sumaya Mall). This research also explores collaboration between biomedicine and traditional healing (Jo Wreford).

Uptake of HAART

Psycho-social and political factors affecting the uptake of HAART (Elizabeth Mills); HAART and the uptake of voluntary counselling and testing (Hannah Lane); gender and the uptake of HAART (Nicoli Natrass); adolescents and HAART (Rachel Li).

HIV woman and parenting

The challenges posed by motherhood for HIV-positive women (Rene Brandt, Dianna Kane), reproductive decision-making (Vezi Ndlovu), and gender dimensions of HIV (Dianna Kane, Nicoli Natrass, Elizabeth Mills).

HIV stigma

Qualitative and quantitative research into the determinants of stigmatising attitudes, and the experience of stigma amongst the stigmatised (Brendan Maughan-Brown, Colin Almeleh).

Sexual behaviour

The collection and analysis of qualitative data on sexual behaviour (Colin Almeleh, Lauren Kahn).

Impact of HAART

The impact of HAART on employment and labour-market participation (Celeste Coetzee, Ali Tasiran).

The challenges of rolling out HAART

Critical analysis of South African AIDS policy (Nicoli Natrass, Kerry Mauchline, Ben Potter) and the perverse incentives relating to disability grants in the context of the provision of HAART (Nicoli Natrass, Celeste Coetzee, Brendan Maughan-Brown, Atheendar Venkataramani, Marina de Paoli and Arne Backer Grønning-sæter).

Modelling the AIDS epidemic

Socio-economic dimensions of AIDS deaths in KwaZulu-Natal (Alex Sienaert) and a critical evaluation of the Spectrum and ASSA demographic models (Nicoli Natrass).

Creative forms of AIDS education

Evaluation of participatory and visual approaches to transmitting AIDS-related information about the human body, using body map drawings and the Visual Body Map educational tool (Annabelle Wienand) and the role of local musicians in promoting HIV prevention in Zimbabwe (Tinashe Chidanyika).

Disclosure

The biopsychosocial determinants of disclosure of HIV status to others (Colin Almeleh).

Public Health Systems and AIDS

Profile of the crisis in the public health sector in Khayelitsha – a collaborative project with TAC (Ted Powers and Loredana Monte); AIDS and health systems in Western Cape agriculture (Penny Morrell); access of the poor to health care in Khayelitsha and Nyanga (Elizabeth Mills, Marina de Paoli and Arne Backer Grønning-sæter); attitudes of health care practitioners (Sumaya Mall, Elizabeth Mills).

AIDS activism

Exploring national and international networks with regard to AIDS activism (Eduard Grebe, Alizanne Collier).

National Leadership on AIDS

Comparative international analysis and detailed national case of AIDS policy in middle-income countries (Nicoli Natrass, Kerry Mauchline, Ben Potter, Peter Schwardmann).

AIDS denial

AIDS denial and the media (Idriss Kallon, Nathan Geffen), AIDS policy (Nicoli Natrass) and adherence to HAART (Elizabeth Mills).



Nicoli Natrass and Nathan Geffen: TAC march to Parliament to support Nozizwe Madlala Routledge (who has just been fired as Deputy Minister of Health) OCTOBER 2007



Elizabeth Mills arrives in Kisumu, Kenya, to attend the Social Aspects of AIDS in Africa conference, hosted by UNESCO, TICH and the HSRC.

ASRU Outreach Projects 2007

Mapping our lives An educational workshop to promote treatment literacy and adherence entailing the production of life sized 'body maps', journey maps and memory books. ASRU provided these on request (Nondumiso Hlwele and Annabelle Wienand). In the future, ASRU will only provide the materials (as there are now sufficiently skilled people in the community to conduct these workshops).

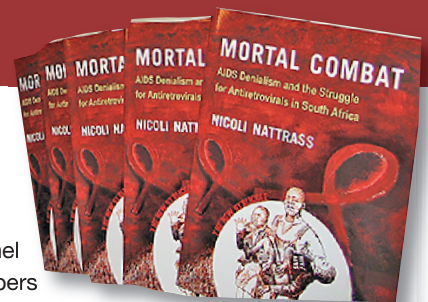
The Visual Body Map An anatomically correct, yet simple visual aid for teaching human biology, with accompanying manual. Designed for use in clinics, HIV-positive support groups and schools (Colin Almeleh, Annabelle Wienand). We provide these materials on the web and on request.

Treatment advocacy through art A collaborative project with David Krut Publishing to raise AIDS awareness and support for HAART by distributing high-quality prints of body maps (the proceeds of which are divided equally between those who painted them, and the AIDS outreach program). We also facilitated an exhibition of body maps at Cambridge's museum of Archeology and Anthropology (Annabelle Wienand).

Research and the National Strategic Plan ASRU assisted with the secondment of policy and communication advisors to support the then Deputy Minister of Health, Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge. This helped finalise the 2007 – 2011 HIV/AIDS and STI National Strategic Plan (NSP). Together with the office of the Deputy Minister of Health, ASRU organised a National NSP Colloquium in May 2007. The Colloquium brought a range of HIV policy stakeholders together, including: academics, health care professionals, researchers, civil society and government officials from the Departments of Education, Health, Social Development, and Science and Technology. The meeting was the first of its kind to bring academics, civil society and government officials together in a bid to initiate concrete steps towards the implementation of the 2007 – 2011 NSP. This project came to an end when the Deputy Minister was fired by Thabo Mbeki (Elizabeth Mills, Harriet Deacon).

Fostering collaborations between biomedicine and traditional healers Jo Wreford has been working with HOPE Cape Town (HIV Outreach Program and Education) to train Traditional Health Practitioners (THPs) in western medical understandings of HIV/AIDS and its treatment, and Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT). The project aims to improve relationships between THPs and medical personnel; to encourage cross-referrals; to prevent possible interactions between THP remedies and ARVs and to encourage more men to test for HIV. Outreach activities also include giving lectures to medical students (Jo Wreford).

ASRU Highlights of 2007



- ★ Elizabeth Mills joined ASRU as Deputy Director (injecting a lot of energy in the process)
- ★ Colin Almeleh and Brendan Maughan-Brown completed their Fox Fellowships at Yale University (September 2006 – June 2007). Brendan returned to South Africa to continue his studies. Colin got a job with Absolute Return for Kids (ARK) and has promised to finish his doctorate in his spare time.
- ★ Rene Brandt was awarded a post-doc to continue her research in ASRU.
- ★ Annabelle Wienand completed her (full-time research) masters thesis and got a first class pass! She is now working for the Community Health Media Trust.
- ★ Sumaya Mall obtained a first for her mini Master's dissertation.
- ★ Celeste Coetzee, Brendan Maughan-Brown and Elizabeth Mills played the leading role in the 2007 wave of ASRU's Khayelitsha panel studies. They collaborated in this regard with Marina de Paoli and Arne Backer Grønningsæter (FAFO).
- ★ Nondumiso Hlwele left us to go and work for the Community Health Media Trust and Ncedeka Mbune took her place. We wish Nondumiso well in her new and exciting role and are pleased to have Ncedeka join us at ASRU.
- ★ Nicoli Nattrass launched her new book: 'Mortal Combat: AIDS Denialism and the Struggle for Antiretrovirals in South Africa'. Nathan Geffen chaired a lively panel discussion between members of the audience and a panel comprising Seth Kalichman, Ed Rybicki, Andrew Kenny and Judith Head.
- ★ ASRU formed a strategic partnership with the Health Economics Research Division (HEARD) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (and began producing joint working papers).
- ★ ASRU began a collaborative project with Yale University on Global Health Citizenship. Brendan Maughan-Brown travelled to Yale to work with Atheendar Venkataramani, and Atheendar visited ASRU to work with Brendan.
- ★ The 'A-team' – i.e. ASRU's part-time field workers went to work for Citizen Surveys (we wish them well in their new career). Citizen Surveys managed the 2007 round of data collection for ASRU's panel studies.
- ★ Eduard Grebe joined ASRU to work with Nicoli Nattrass on AIDS leadership for the UNAIDS-funded AIDS2031 initiative.
- ★ Celeste Coetzee was awarded the prestigious Potter Family Scholarship (for 2008) – well done Celeste!



Social Surveys Unit

During 2007 the Social Surveys Unit was primarily concerned with the consolidation of ongoing research projects concerned with childhood and adolescence, the effects of AIDS on food security through changes to household composition, the comparative study of diversity and inequality, social policy, and farm labour markets. The director (Jeremy Seekings) was on sabbatical for the first half of the year.

SSU Research Projects 2007

AIDS, Migration and Food Security

Funder: Rockefeller Brothers Foundation (RBF)

Prof Jeremy Seekings
Dr Rachel Bray
Ariane de Lannoy
David Neves (PLAAS, UWC)

FOCUS: The project explores how the effects of HIV and especially AIDS on food security are mediated through decisions about "who lives where and with whom?", i.e. about which dependent kin live with or are indirectly supported by which breadwinners within extended families.

ACTIVITY AND OUTPUT: The director attended a workshop of RBF-supported projects in Pretoria (March). Six draft research papers on death and illness, household dynamics and AIDS. Three of these are researched by David Neves and colleagues at PLAAS at the University of the Western Cape. Papers to be discussed at workshop in January 2008 and final report to be submitted to funder in February 2008.

Growing Up in the New South Africa

Funder: Various including, Ford Foundation (through ASRU) and Princeton university.

Prof Jeremy Seekings
Dr Rachel Bray
Lauren Kahn
Ariane de Lannoy
Interviews and transcribers
Collaboration with Prof Kathy Newman (princeton)

FOCUS: There is a remarkable absence of research on ordinary children's experiences of childhood and adolescence. The core of this research project entails linking quantitative research (using data from the Cape Area Panel Study, which was initiated and until recently run out of the SSU) with ethnographic research conducted in three neighbourhoods in Southern Cape Town. The SSU joined with Professor Kathy Newman and Nick Ehrmann of Princeton University in a second study linking quantitative and qualitative research. In-depth qualitative interviews were conducted with a sub-sample of CAPS respondents, focusing on issues of schooling, health and expectations.

ACTIVITY AND OUTPUT: During 2007, Rachel and Jeremy concentrated on working diverse materials into a book manuscript. Drafts were discussed at informal workshops in March and August. The book manuscript to be sent to publisher in January 2008. Lauren wrote up research on relationships and sex, while completing her MA thesis in psychology. Ariane completed a series of working papers on aspects of the effects of AIDS on educational decision-making. She also managed the qualitative fieldwork for the joint project with Princeton University.

Comparative Research on Diversity and Inequality

Prof Jeremy Seekings
Jan Schenk

Collaborations with Princeton University, the University of Sao Paulo and Federal University of Minas Gerais (Brazil) and JNU in Delhi, India.

FOCUS: The SSU is involved in two international collaborative projects with an interest in comparative studies of racial identity, discrimination and income inequality. The first project, with scholars from Belo Horizonte in Brazil, entailed conducting parallel surveys in 2005 (in Cape Town, the 2005 Cape Area Study). The second, with scholars from Princeton, Sao Paulo and Delhi, is still in the design phase of actual fieldwork.

ACTIVITY AND OUTPUT: Jeremy presented papers using data from the 2005 Cape Area Study at conferences at UCLA (February), Princeton (May), Recife, Brazil (May), and Leiden, Netherlands (July). Jan also attended the conference in Recife.

Wages and Employment on Farms

Funder: NRF and others
Dr Beatrice Conradie
Justine Murray

FOCUS: Beatrice's panel study of fruit and wine farms in the Western Cape provides unique insights into the ways that farms are responding to changing markets and public policies. Justin conducted a once-off study of sugar-farmers in KZN.

ACTIVITY AND OUTPUT: Beatrice published several papers using her data. Justin Murray (together with Corne van Walbeek) published a paper on the impact of sectoral determination on employment and wages in the KwaZulu-Natal sugar industry.

Social Policy and Inequality

Prof Jeremy Seekings

FOCUS: Jeremy continued his ongoing research on the past, present and future of social policy in South Africa and elsewhere. Whilst on sabbatical at Yale in the first half of the year he made good progress in his historical research on welfare-state building in the first half of the twentieth century in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Jeremy conducted archival research in Jamaica and London. Jeremy (with Nicoli Nattrass) conducted a major study for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) on social policy and poverty in post-apartheid South Africa.

ACTIVITY AND OUTPUT: The first draft of the report for UNRISD was submitted in late 2007. Jeremy attended workshops in Geneva (February) and Campinas, Brazil (July). Jeremy Seekings also presented a paper (co-authored with Nicoli Nattrass) on contemporary welfare reforms in South Africa at the Sanpad conference on Poverty (Durban, June) and a paper on income inequality after apartheid at a conference at Yale (April). In October he attended a conference on the history of the ILO, and presented a paper on the ILO and welfare reform in the global South, in Brussels. Articles on the comparative history of welfare policy in South Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean were published in several journals.



Democracy in Africa Research Unit

The Democracy in Africa Research Unit strengthens empirical social science research capacity in Africa by supporting and conducting systematic research on key factors that shape the survival and quality of democracy in South Africa and the rest of the continent.

DARU's activities are focused in four broad research areas: public opinion, voting and elections, political institutions, and the political consequences of HIV/AIDS. We have strong links with a series of African and international research projects working in these areas and we are a member of the international Network of Democracy Research Institutes (<http://www.wmd.org/ndri/ndri.html#ndri>).

DARU also has a strong commitment to training. Our researchers teach undergraduate and post graduate courses in research methodology; we support training by enabling post graduate students to participate in ongoing research projects; and we provide financial support to students writing theses and dissertations based on data generated by DARU projects. In 2007, DARU provided financial aid for two MA and two Ph.D. students. Glen Mpani and Carlos Shenga earned Masters Degrees (Mpani's dissertation on the sources of protest in Zimbabwe earned a distinction).

DARU also continued its work building research capacity in other research networks. In January and February, we ran the second Afrobarometer Summer School which was attended by over two dozen researchers from around Africa in the Afrobarometer Network. Later in the year, we ran two separate training workshops for new personnel from Afrobarometer core partner institutions. And in November, we ran a workshop in research design, methods and theory for researchers working on the political and social consequences of HIV/AIDS.

DARU Projects 2007

African Legislatures Project (ALP)

In July, DARU hosted an international conference on "African Legislatures: Integrating Research and Policy" at the Centre for African Studies where we presented initial findings from early stages of the project. We also designed and conducted a baseline study of parliamentary strengthening in the National Assembly of Zambia for PACT/Zambia, which included a nationally representative survey of ordinary Zambians and a representative survey of MPs. Later in the year, DfID awarded ALP a grant that will allow us to do additional fieldwork in Zambia, as well as country studies in Kenya, Malawi and Mozambique in early 2008.

Afrobarometer Capacity Building Project

DARU is a support unit of the Afrobarometer project which conducts public opinion surveys in eighteen African countries and is one of the leading social science projects on the continent (www.afrobarometer.org). As noted above, we ran the second Afrobarometer Summer School at UCT offering participants from African research institutes four weeks of courses on key issues of African politics and democratisation, research design and social statistics. We also helped draft new research protocols and trained new Afrobarometer personnel to conduct the next round of surveys. And we hosted four Afrobarometer Fellows from Benin and Uganda who spent three weeks each at UCT conducting research on Afrobarometer data.

Comparative National Elections Project

DARU scholars have been involved in the collection and analysis of voter attitudes in South Africa since 1994. Since 2004, DARU has been the South African national research partner in the Comparative National Elections Project (CNEP) which examines the sources of voter behavior and the quality of elections in over two dozen new and old democracies across the world. In 2007, DARU continued its work creating a single cross national data set out of the various national data sets previously collected by CNEP.

AIDS, Democracy and Governance

DARU researchers began to analyze new data sets on South African municipalities to assess the impact of HIV/AIDS on local government and continued its analysis of public opinion data isolating the impact on democratic citizenship. It began an exciting new initiative with UNAIDS assessing the quality of national reporting on country responses to HIV/AIDS. And it worked with other organisations working on the social and political consequences of HIV/AIDS, building capacity in research design, theory and research methods.

DARU Research Projects 2007

Political Institutions African Legislatures Project

- What is the state of executive-legislative relations in Africa (Mozaffar)
- How do ordinary Africans see legislatures and legislators? (Mattes, Mozaffar, Smiddy, Barkan)
- What is the state of legislative capacity in Mozambique? (Azevedo)
- What is the state of legislative capacity in Malawi? (Smiddy)

Legislative Capacity Strengthening

- What impact have donor legislative strengthening and anti-corruption programs had on the National Assembly of Zambia and its ability to represent ordinary Zambians? (Smiddy, Mattes, Mpani)

Public opinions Afrobarometer Capacity Building Project

- DARU ran the second Afrobarometer Summer School for 25 participants, most of whom represented African research institutes (Mattes, Smiddy, Alence, Bratton, Posner)
- DARU ran two workshops to train new personnel from Afrobarometer partner institutions and develop new research protocols for the next found of surveys (Mattes, Smiddy)

Public Opinion and Democratic Consolidation

- How does poverty, low levels of formal education, and low levels of access to news media affect the possibilities of democratic citizenship in Mozambique? (Mattes, Shenga)
- Are social identities in Botswana as homogenous as widely imagined, and to what extent do social identities shape public opinion and political participation? (Boikhutso)
- What explains levels of protest participation in Zimbabwe? (Mpani)
- Why do some African Presidents attempt to amend constitutions to stay in office? (Mughogho)
- How important is religion to ordinary Africans and how does it affect their political behavior? (Mattes, with Joseph Asunka and E. Gyimah-Boadi of the Ghana Centre for Democratic Development)
- How well do Afrobarometer questions provide a valid and reliable measure of lived poverty, and what are the material versus political determinants of lived poverty? (Mattes)

Voting and Elections Comparative National Elections Project

- DARU is creating a cross national merged data set of post election surveys (Mattes and Borel-Saladin)
- To what extent has South Africa institutionalised the key components of electoral democracy, its electoral machinery and its political parties (Mattes)

The Determinants of Voting Decisions

- Do ethno-regional or performance related factors play the most important role in shaping Mozambicans' support for political parties? (Pereira)
- To what extent have partisan coalitions and the key drivers of partisan evaluations changed in South African since 1994? (Hertzenberg)
- What was the "quality" of South Africa's 2004 election campaign and to what extent did this shape the overall quality of democracy in South Africa? (Africa)

Political consequences of HIV/AIDS The Impact of AIDS on Democracy

- How has political science as a discipline responded to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and why? (Strand, Mattes with HEARD's Alan Whiteside)
- What factors explain why some Africans prioritise AIDS as an issue requiring government attention? (Strand, Mattes)
- To what extent does HIV/AIDS affect Africans' participation in democratic politics? (Strand, Sacks, Mattes)

HIV/AIDS Governance

- How has the South African Parliament responded to HIV/AIDS? (Strand)
- What are the political determinants of successful policy towards children affected by AIDS? (Strand)
- How can research evidence best support policy making on health? (Strand)
- How can we best measure the human right elements of national responses to AIDS? (Strand)
- How well have states complied with the UNGAUSS framework in reporting on national responses to HIV/AIDS? (Strand)

Director Robert Mattes

Project manager Kimberly Smiddy (Project Manager, Afrobarometer Capacity Building Project)

Per Strand (Project Manager, AIDS, Democracy and Governance Project)

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MA Scholars Glen Mpani, Danga Mughogho, Carlos Shenga, Mary Kinney

Research Assistants Mary Kinney, Jacqueline Borel-Saladin, Glen Mpani, Dadisai Taderera

Visiting Researchers and Fellows Rod Alence (University of the Witwatersrand)

Joel Barkan (University of Iowa) Michael Bratton (Michigan State University)

Shaheen Mozaffar (Bridgewater State College) Daniel Posner (University of California, Los Angeles)

Audrey Sacks (University of Washington)

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The **AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU)** supports innovative research into the social dimensions of AIDS in South Africa. Special emphasis is placed on exploring the interface between qualitative and quantitative research. Focus areas include: AIDS policy in South Africa, AIDS-stigma, sexual relationships in the age of AIDS, the social and economic factors influencing disclosure (of HIV-status to others), the interface between traditional medicine and biomedicine, the international treatment rollout, global health citizenship, the international treatment rollout, global health citizenship, and the impact of providing antiretroviral treatment on individuals and households.



The **Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU)** supports students and scholars who conduct systematic research in the following four areas: public opinion and political culture in Africa and its role in democratisation and consolidation; elections and voting in Africa; the development of legislative institutions; and the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on democratisation in southern Africa. DARU has also developed close working relationships with projects such as the Afrobarometer (a cross-national survey of public opinion in fifteen African countries) and the Comparative National Elections Project, which conducts post-election surveys over 20 countries across the world.



The **Social Surveys Unit (SSU)** promotes critical analysis of the methodology, inter-linked qualitative and quantitative research into the attitudes and behaviour of adolescents and adults, using survey data from and results of South African social science research. Our core activities include interlinked qualitative and quantitative research into the attitudes and behaviours of adolescents and adults using survey data from the overlapping Cape Area Study and Cape Area Panel Study. The Cape Area Study comprises a series of surveys of social, economic and political aspects of life in Cape Town. The Cape Area Panel Study is an ongoing study of 4800 young adults in Cape Town as they move from school into the worlds of work, unemployment, adulthood and parenthood.

Our mission statement

The Centre for Social Science (CSSR) is an interdisciplinary research centre at the University of Cape Town dedicated to conducting and building capacity for systematic, policy-relevant social science research in South Africa, the region and across Africa.

The CSSR presently consists of the Social Surveys Unit; Democracy in Africa Research Unit; and AIDS and Society Research Unit, as well as a small Directorate. Unit Heads report on their research activities through the CSSR Director to the Dean of Humanities. The CSSR is also assisted by an Advisory Board that meets twice-yearly. We also continue to work closely with UCT's DataFirst Resource Unit (which was started as part of CSSR), an extensive digital archive of social science databases.

Methodologically, CSSR research is empirical, but problem-driven. While we utilise both quantitative and qualitative strategies of data collection, our work is based on systematic research designs with clear conceptualisation of variables and transparent rules for operationalising variables, selecting cases and collecting and analysing data analysis (in contrast to ad hoc fact collection or narrative description). After a reasonable period, collected data are turned into public access data sets and deposited with the DataFirst Resource Centre.

CSSR projects are usually team-oriented bringing together multiple local and international researchers, and offering post-graduate students significant opportunities for hands-on training by involving them in all stages of projects. Research findings are presented and discussed at regular weekly seminars and published as CSSR Working Papers.

Substantively, the CSSR conducts research in the broad areas of democratisation, development, poverty and public health. The Social Surveys Unit (SSU) conducts research on a range of social dynamics using survey data (especially the Cape Area Panel Survey, and the Cape Area Survey) and related qualitative data. The Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU) conducts research on a range of issues around democratisation in South and Southern Africa, using public opinion data but also creating new systematic data bases on elections, legislatures and local government. Finally, the AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU) conducts research on the social impacts of HIV/AIDS, including issues of parenting, disclosure, sexual behavior and public welfare, again using both survey and qualitative data.

