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Steven Vertovec
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1. Executive Summary

Many different groups and organisations have grasped the opportunities offered by advances in transport and communications technology. Such advances enable them to operate more efficiently and effectively in different locations across the world. How do such groups and organisations develop their long-distance activities, and what does enhanced global connectivity mean for politics, economy and society?

To provide data and analyses of these trends, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) set up the £3.8 million national research programme on 'Transnational Communities' (hereafter 'TransComm' or 'the Programme') in 1997. Alongside a range of workshop, conference and publication activity, the Programme funded 19 projects spanning international relations, business studies, media studies, religious studies, politics, sociology, geography and anthropology. Each project has produced informative and often theoretically groundbreaking research together with recommendations for strategic thinking and policy among those outside of academic social science. Non-academic users of the Programme's research and other activities include a considerable variety of institutions such as the UK's Department of Trade and Industry, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Home Office, World Bank, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, International Labour Organization, European Commission, Trades Union Congress, Lloyds of London, Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch and British Petroleum.

major achievements The TransComm Programme can claim a variety of accomplishments in a number of areas (these are detailed in subsequent sections of this Final Report). Perhaps most importantly, the **research** itself has made significant contributions across social sciences to theory and data on issues surrounding globalization and transnationalism. No less than half of the Programme projects received an assessment of 'Outstanding' following their final reports. The research was also of considerable interest to a large number of **non-academic users** – including government, industry, non-government organizations and community groups – who were informed of, and gave feedback on, findings through direct meetings, workshops and reports. At the central, or Programme, level, the Programme directorship organized or co-sponsored several **workshops and conferences** concerning key themes on globalization and transnationalism. A large number of **publications** also arose out of the TransComm Programme: in addition to the wealth of material produced by the individual projects (detailed in project final reports and on the Regard website), the directorship produced a series of some 80 downloadable Working Papers, initiated or collaborated with three book series, founded a new journal, and managed a website including an on-line world news digest 'Traces' and a massive searchable bibliography.

major difficulties and how these were overcome There were three main difficulties faced by the programme (I believe the latter two are especially endemic to ESRC programmes). First, **to convey the Programme themes and issues to the wider, non-academic public** was a very challenging task: 'transnationalism' and 'transnational communities' are theoretically heavy concepts that are not self-defining nor in everyday currency. Even associating the terms to facets of 'globalization' does not help, since that term itself is so variously and vaguely used in the public domain. This problem was largely overcome, particularly when dealing with user groups and the media, by restating much of the Programme's concerns in terms of the new ways that technologies of contact (telephone, fax, Internet and email, satellite TV, cheap transportation, etc) enable a variety of groups and organizations to establish or intensify their 'global connectivity'. In this way the concept of 'transnational communities' came to be more understandable.

Second, at a Programme level the directorship had **to stimulate inter-disciplinary cross-fertilization** of ideas, methods and modes of analysis. The task of tackling this problem was largely set in motion by organizing seminars, workshops and conferences to which Programme members were invited and

at which theoretical and methodological discussions were held. The directorship also circulated within the body of Programme researchers a variety of materials (articles, information, newsletters, briefings) meant to stimulate inter-disciplinary awareness if not engagement. We found that it was important to set up structures that would facilitate modes of communication and exchange, but that it was counter-productive to try to push people into such modes.

Third, the Director and Administrator regularly had **to manage obstinate personalities** particularly among project leaders and sometimes between members of project teams. Such individuals often resent the obligation to participate in Programme level activities. One way of attempting to pre-empt this was, early on, to have Programme members acknowledge a list of 'Programme good-citizenship' guidelines (including willingness to take part in minimal set of Programme activities, produce briefings or findings reports, meet deadlines for reports etc.). The Director and Administrator also eventually found that in many such cases, it was more effective to deal with projects' 'second-in-command' senior researchers, who usually produced more positive results as Programme team players

lessons for future programmes Drawing upon the experience of directing the Research Programme on Transnational Communities (a mixed experience with failures as well as triumphs), the following three lessons are offered:

(1) The Programme Administrator can make or break the Programme. I was very fortunate to have two successive Administrators who were highly competent, multi-skilled, reliable and inventive in their day-to-day work. I could suggest to them new ideas or undertakings, and these would be accomplished with flair. They were superb in organizational tasks as well, from arranging an individual meeting to orchestrating a conference of several hundred people. Further, they were the ones who usually had the frustrating job of dealing with difficult project leaders and chasing all sorts of collaborators for innumerable reasons. I can only imagine that with anything less than an excellent Administrator, the dynamism, productivity and effectiveness of any ESRC programme would be greatly diminished.

(2) It is crucial to identify and apply the programme's conceptual glue from the outset, not least by way of user concerns. This needs to be reiterated from time to time throughout the life of a programme. Too often, I fear, ESRC programmes are too loosely conceived and commissioned, so that project synergy is extremely difficult to attain. Several small scale meetings with users – at which they indicate their information and policy needs – in the earliest stage of a programme can help greatly in underlining (especially to the participating researchers) the purpose of the programme and how its findings might best be channelled. This should take place at the same time as meetings of all programme researchers and circulation of relevant publications on programme themes.

3. Meetings – whether of academic colleagues or between academics and users – need to be structured in ways that ensure participation and engagement. A chairperson with a strong capacity to facilitate discussion is central; the usual academic structure of report-question-answer-next question... fails to stimulate interest or affect ongoing thought about an issue. Meetings should rather encourage open and candid discussion as to research concerns, methodological problems and policy problems. To be frank, from the invitation to attend through the closing evaluation, meetings – e.g., of the Director and project teams, of members of several or all projects, of project groups and their users – should also include a clear and positive response to the questions of 'what's in it for me?' (what am I going to learn from this?, why should I take time to attend?) and 'what can I take away?' (what new information, approaches, or contacts will the meeting offer?).



2. Director's Role

the selection committee The director played a leading role in the commissioning process for TransComm, which began in the summer of 1997. After national advertisement, the ESRC appointed as the Programme's Director Dr Steven Vertovec (who in fact had played a leading role in developing the Programme proposal together with Martin Kender of the ESRC); he began his contract in September 1997, when he moved from the University of Warwick to the University of Oxford. The contract for the Programme's Directorship commenced in September 1997; its planned finish in September 2002 was extended by the ESRC until February 2002 in order to facilitate a set of Programme-Closing events.

In September 1997 the ESRC advertised in the *Guardian* and *Times Higher Education Supplement* a call for research projects to be funded within the Programme. Following the deadline of 31 October 1997, 173 proposals were received from social scientists throughout Britain. The task of selecting the final group of projects to be funded was, therefore, no small one. Only one in ten proposals would ultimately be successful – meaning, of course, that a large number of excellent proposals would unfortunately have to be rejected.

The selection process was robust, with a distinguished committee of invited selectors drawn from academia and various 'user' bodies. The members of the Selection Committee for the Transnational Communities Programme were:

Professor William Paterson (Chair), University of Birmingham and
ESRC Research Priorities Board
Professor Martin Albrow, Roehampton Institute
Professor Robin Cohen, University of Warwick
Ms Nicole Dewandre, European Commission
Professor Mike Featherstone, Nottingham Trent University
Dr Marian Fitzgerald, Home Office Research Planning Unit
Professor David Fitzpatrick, Trinity College, Dublin
Professor Simon Frith, University of Strathclyde
Professor Jeffrey Henderson, Manchester Business School
Ms Marlina Schmool, Board of Deputies of British Jews
Professor Jack Spence, Royal Institute of International Affairs
Dr Steven Vertovec (ex officio), University of Oxford
Ms Caroline Wintersgill, University College London Press

The Selection Committee focused on the following criteria with regard to their assessment of proposals: innovative nature of the project vision, contribution to the Programme as a whole as well as to one or more of the Programme's sub-themes, soundness of methods, proposed project management structure, nature of collaboration with colleagues elsewhere in Britain or overseas, proposed contacts with targeted 'user' community, foreseen budget and overall value-for-money.

Following the first stage of selection in December 1997 the committee shortlisted 44 proposals. These proposals were subsequently sent to some 250 referees – again from both academic and 'user' circles – who provided outstanding feedback. At the end of the second stage in April 1998, 17 projects were finally chosen for funding (while two were asked to re-submit by way of certain modifications of project scope). In all, then, 19 research projects were commissioned within the Programme. There ensued various contract negotiation processes between the ESRC and the universities hosting projects.

The 19 TransComm projects were spread among teams from 28 British universities and employed around 60 researchers. The first set of projects commenced activities in September 1998; the last finished in September 2002. During the course of their activities, the projects conducted research (usually with collaborators from local universities and institutions) in the UK, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Bosnia, Eritrea, the Philippines, Russia, Kazakhstan, Estonia, Ukraine, Lebanon, the

United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Hungary, Italy, the USA, Germany, France, Ecuador, Bolivia, the Netherlands, Denmark, Turkey, Armenia, Japan, Korea, China and Singapore.

adding value The variety of activities listed below represent the key ways through which the TransComm Director's management (substantially supported by the Administrator) provided higher quality and impact than would have a set of stand alone projects. From the commissioning stage to the final event, the Director performed a range of tasks and roles, including:

- ❑ Advising and answering questions of prospective applicants following the initial call for project proposals (NB: following national advertisement in mid-September, over 500 statements of interest were received by the ESRC, with 173 applications received by deadline date of 31 October 1997);
- ❑ Advising almost all 44 shortlisted proposal applicants following the shortlisting of proposals in December 1997)
- ❑ Arranging accounts, computing and telecommunications facilities with the Programme's host institute and university, the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology and the University of Oxford;
- ❑ Working closely with the design company to produce logo, letterheads and cards, info packs;
- ❑ Acquiring necessary office equipment and supplies; Organizing weekly seminar series beginning in May 1998 and finishing in June 2002;
- ❑ Appointing programme administrator (initially Anna Winton, then her replacement Emma Newcombe);
- ❑ Co-organizing programme conferences and user workshops, beginning with the first annual conference in September 1998 and ending with the TransComm final event in October 2002;
- ❑ Inviting members to join the Advisory Board, and organizing the bi-annual Board meetings beginning with the first in June 1998 and ending with the last in July 2002;
- ❑ Working closely with ESRC personnel (especially Vanessa Laverick, Martin Kender and Michael Bright) concerning various aspects of programme development;
- ❑ Creating a mailing list database for distribution of Programme materials (e.g., brochure, info pack, newsletter, research briefings, publication flyers) to a wide audience inside and outside of academia. The email database was also used to electronically circulate notices that the website had been updated with new information on publications, events, etc.;
- ❑ Working with Dr Alisdair Rogers (Oxford) on the development of 'Traces' news digest for website;
- ❑ Working with Prof. Robin Cohen (Warwick) on the development of two book series and an online bibliography connected with programme;
- ❑ Consulting with colleagues across Britain and around the world concerning the organization of co-sponsored international conferences;
- ❑ Co-designing and establishing the Programme website (www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk);
- ❑ Establishing and co-editing the Programme's Newsletter and Research Briefings series;
- ❑ Establishing and managing (along with Dr Alisdair Rogers) the Programme's Working Paper series
- ❑ Paying site visits to each project team, during which project progress was reviewed, criticism and advice was given, users were suggested and assistance was offered;
- ❑ Founding and editing the 'Transnationalism' book series with Routledge publishers (within which a number of edited book arose from TransComm Programme events);
- ❑ Editing and writing publications citing and theorizing aspects of the Programme (see below);
- ❑ Founding and co-editing the *Global Networks* journal with Blackwell publishers;
- ❑ Engaging with a number of users – especially within government – concerning key approaches and findings of the TransComm Programme;
- ❑ Working with the Programme's media consultant Conor Ryan on placing selected stories on project findings in various newspapers and other media;
- ❑ Playing a keynote or chairman role in Programme conferences, seminars and workshops.

providing intellectual leadership In addition to largely writing the original programme proposal to the ESRC, Dr Vertovec continuously sought to give the TransComm programme conceptual and

theoretical coherence. This was undertaken through the circulation of materials to programme members and especially through organizing Programme events which probed the promises and pitfalls of ideas surrounding 'transnationalism' and 'transnational communities'. Through site visits, seminars and conferences, Dr Vertovec engaged in focussed discussions with project leaders and teams about their data, modes of analysis and how they fit into the general conceptual framework of the programme.

In order to best perform the intellectual leadership role of programme director, Dr Vertovec realized the value of being, to adopt Isaiah Berlin's terms, a Fox (who knows a little about many things) rather than a Hedgehog (who knows one big thing). That is, having a multi-disciplinary background oneself greatly facilitates the effectiveness of a programme director, since s/he is better able to converse competently with projects teams drawn from a number of social sciences.

Alongside his other ongoing writings on migration and multiculturalism, throughout the life of the Programme the Director continued to produce publications that relate to the theme of, or directly arose out of, the TransComm Programme. These include:

single-authored book

- 2000 *The Hindu Diaspora: Comparative Patterns* (by Steven Vertovec), London & New York: Routledge

edited volumes

- 1999 *Migration, Diasporas and Transnationalism* (Steven Vertovec and Robin Cohen, eds), Aldershot: Edward Elgar
- 2001 *Transnationalism and Identity*, special issue of *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* vol. 27 no. 4 (Guest Editor: Steven Vertovec)
- 2002 *Conceiving Cosmopolitanism: Theory, Context and Practice* (Steven Vertovec and Robin Cohen, eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press
- 2003 *Culture and Economy in the Indian Diaspora* (Bhikhu Parekh, Gurharpal Singh and Steven Vertovec, eds.), London and New York: Routledge
- 2003 *Globalization, Globalism, Environments and Environmentalism: Consciousness of Connections* (Steven Vertovec and Darrell Posey, eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press
- 2003 *Transnational Migration: International Perspectives*, special issue of *International Migration Review* (Guest Editors, Josh DeWind, Peggy Levitt and Steven Vertovec) [in press]

articles in refereed journals

- 1999 'Conceiving and researching transnationalism,' *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 22 (2): 447-62
- 1999 'Three meanings of "diaspora", exemplified by South Asian religions,' *Diaspora* 6(3): 277-300
- 2001 'Editorial statement' (with A. Rogers and R. Cohen), *Global Networks* 1(1): iii-vi
- 2001 'Transnationalism and identity,' *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 27(4): 573-82
- 2003 'International perspectives on transnational migration,' (with Peggy Levitt, Josh DeWind), *International Migration Review* [in press]
- 2003 'Migration and other forms of transnationalism: Towards conceptual cross-fertilization,' *International Migration Review* [in press]
- 2003 'Concebir e investigar el transnacionalismo,' *Capitulo 10* [translation of 'Conceiving and researching transnationalism,' *Ethnic and Racial Studies* [1999] 22 (2): 447-62] [in press]
- 2003 'Transnational challenges to the "new" multiculturalism,' *Migración y Desarrollo* [in press]
- [forthcoming] 'Migrant transnationalism and modes of transformation,' *International Migration Review*

articles in edited volumes

- 1999 'Introduction,' in *Migration, Diasporas and Transnationalism*, S. Vertovec and R. Cohen (eds), Aldershot: Edward Elgar, pp. xiii-xxviii

- 2002 'Diaspora, transnationalism and Islam: Sites of change and modes of research,' in *Muslim Networks and Transnational Communities in and across Europe*, S. Allievi and J. Nielsen (eds.), Leiden: E.J. Brill, pp. 312-26
- 2002 'Introduction: Conceiving cosmopolitanism,' (with Robin Cohen), in *Conceiving Cosmopolitanism: Theory, Context and Practice*, Steven Vertovec and Robin Cohen (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-22
- 2003 'Introduction,' in *Globalization, Globalism, Environments and Environmentalism: Consciousness of Connections*, Steven Vertovec and Darrell Posey (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press [in press]
- 2003 'Transnationalism,' in *Global Migration: An Encyclopaedia*, Matthew Gibney and Randall Hansen (eds.), Santa Barbara, Ca.: ABC-CLIO [in press]
- [forthcoming] 'Religion and diaspora,' in *New Approaches to the Study of Religion*, Peter Antes, Armin W. Geertz and Randi Warne (eds.), Berlin & New York: Verlag de Gruyter
- [forthcoming] 'Diaspora,' in *Encyclopaedia of Race and Ethnic Studies*, Ellis Cashmore (Ed.), London and New York: Routledge [4th edn.]

Other publications

- 1999 'Global networks,' *ISIM* [International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World] *Newsletter* 2: 32
- 2000 'Transnational Communities,' *The Runnymede Bulletin* 321: 21-22
- 2000 'Fostering cosmopolitanisms: a conceptual survey and a media experiment in Berlin,' ESRC Transnational Communities Research Programme *Working Papers* 2K-06 (www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk)
- 2000 'Rethinking remittances,' ESRC Transnational Communities Research Programme *Working Papers* 2K-15 (www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk)
- 2001 'Religion and diaspora,' ESRC Transnational Communities Research Programme *Working Papers* 01-01 (www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk)
- 2001 'Transnational challenges to the "new" multiculturalism,' ESRC Transnational Communities Research Programme *Working Papers* 01-06 (www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk)
- 2001 'Transnational social formations: Toward conceptual cross-fertilization,' Princeton University Center for Migration and Development *Working Papers* 01-06n (<http://cmd.princeton.edu>)
- 2001 'The social impact of migration: integration,' Institute of Public Policy Research *Workshop Paper* (www.ippr.org.uk/research/index.php?current=19&detail=events)
- 2002 'Religion in migration, diasporas and transnationalism,' Research on Immigration and Integration in the Metropolis, University of British Columbia *Working Paper* 02-07 (www.riim.metropolis.net)
- 2002 'Transnational networks and skilled labour migration,' ESRC Transnational Communities Research Programme *Working Papers* 02-02 (www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk)
- 2002 'Maids, exiles, bankers and terrorists break down borders,' *Times Higher Education Supplement*, 25 October 2002

The Director also provided additional intellectual leadership and profile for the Programme by way of the following activities:

- ◆Member, Advisory Board, *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*, 1999-present
- ◆Member, Advisory Board, Centre for International Border Research, Queen's University, Belfast, 1999-present
- ◆Co-Founder, Co-Editor, *Global Networks: Journal of Transnational Affairs*, 1999-present
- ◆Organizer, Panel on 'Politico-Religious Diasporas,' 6th Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Krakow 2000
- ◆Co-organizer, Conference on 'Culture and Economy in the Indian Diaspora,' India International Centre, Delhi, 2000
- ◆Co-organizer, Conference on 'Conceiving Cosmopolitanism: Politics in Transnational Perspective,' University of Warwick, 2000
- ◆Co-organizer, Workshop on 'Diaspora and Social Integration: South Asian Religions,' International Association for the History of Religions Conference, Durban, 2000
- ◆Member, Advisory Panel, Global Britons Programme, Foreign Policy Centre, London, 2001-present
- ◆Consultant, Performance and Innovation Unit, Cabinet Office, 2001
- ◆Member, Expert Committee, 'Connecting Flights' programme, British Council and Arts Council of England, 2001-2
- ◆External Advisor, MSc in Migration Studies, Department of Politics, Queen Mary University of London, 2001-2
- ◆Member, Advisory Board, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, 2001-present
- ◆Member, Asylum and Immigration Research Advisory Group, Home Office, 2002-present
- ◆Consultant, Connecting Futures Programme, British Council 2002
- ◆Consultant, DG-Research, European Commission, 2002
- ◆Member, Editorial Board, *Migración y Desarrollo*, 2002-present
- ◆External Examiner, MA in Migration Studies, Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex, 2002-present
- ◆Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg / Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin, 2002-present
- ◆Member, Editorial Board, *Sikh Studies*, 2003-present
- ◆Member, Advisory Board, Summer Institute on International Migration, Ethnic Diversity and Cities, International School for the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, 2003-present
- ◆Consultant, World Bank, Development Economics Prospects Group, 2003

providing a lead on engaging with potential users of the research Throughout the life of the TransComm Programme the Director had considerable engagement (by way of briefing and dissemination, co-organizing and other networking activities) with a wide range of non-academic users in the UK, Europe, Canada and the USA continued. This included particularly close work with the Institute for Public Policy Research and a set of briefing meetings with the Home Office, Cabinet Office Performance and Innovation Unit, FCO and a combined group of three Directorate Generals (Research, Employment, and Justice and Home Affairs) of the European Commission. He continued to have regular contact (including updates on Programme developments) with colleagues from the International Organization for Migration, UNHCR, UNESCO, American Social Science Research Council, Migration Policy Institute (Washington D.C.) and Daimler-Benz Foundation. He participated in FCO conferences at Wilton Park, and played a continuing role on the Steering Committee of the International Metropolis forum of researchers and policy-makers on migration issues (led by the Canadian Ministry for Immigration and Citizenship and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace).

In 2000 the Director made a submission, regarding the ESRC Programme, to DFID's second White Paper on Globalisation and Development, and made a number of contributions to the Runnymede Trust's Commission on the Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain. In that year he organized a briefing workshop for, and made presentation about the Programme to, the Canadian Minister for Immigration, her shadow ministers, and various Canadian and British civil servants. He appeared on Channel 4 news concerning matters surrounding the death of Chinese migrants at Dover. He also produced an overview of British research on migration for ESRC Chief Executive Gordon Marshall by way of the

latter's response to a request from the Home Office. He also helped develop the theme of Diasporas for the 2002 event programme of the London-based NGO Cultural Co-operation.

Through ongoing dissemination of the Programme's Newsletter as well as specific activities like the keynote speech at the International Metropolis conference, the Director also informed an even wider range of public policy makers of the Programme's activities and progress.

providing input to public policy debates The Director has brought the ESRC TransComm Programme into the public domain and policy debates particularly through the following activities. In January 1998 he participated on BBC Radio Four 'Analysis' programme on the future of multiculturalism; he was a keynote speaker at the International Metropolis Conference (to a gathering of 800 researchers and policy makers from around the world) in Vancouver during November 2000; he was a keynote speaker – presenting the nature and structure of the ESRC Transnational Communities Programme – at the Home Office's March 2001 conference on research and policy, 'Closing the Information Gap'; Dr Vertovec was also consultant to the Cabinet Office (during the drafting of its 2001 report *Migration: An Economic and Social Analysis*), Home Office (especially during its preparation of the 2002 White Paper *Secure Borders, Safe Haven*), European Commission (assessing a number of their projects under the Fifth Framework programme) and World Bank (in their recent efforts to link international migration and development policies). In 2001 the Director was a participant in a series of high-level seminars on the Future of Migration, organized by the Institute for Public Policy Research which brought together selected civil servants, members of NGOs and industry, and academics. He has also served on the Advisory Boards of two British Council initiatives, 'Connecting Flights' (also co-organized by the Arts Council of England, concerning global diasporas) and 'Connecting Futures' (on promoting dialogue with and between Muslim youth around the world).

providing input to ESRC policy debates and actions Dr Vertovec was a regular participant at Directors' meetings and electronic debates, a media training course and the 2001 ESRC Westminster Training Day for Directors. He prepared a research programme proposal on Globalisation (entitled 'Local Life in the Global Domain') for the ESRC's SHAR Research Support Team that was presented, unsuccessfully, to the Priority Board in May 2000. Dr Vertovec also provided various kinds of feedback at various stages of development concerning the ESRC's Identity and Social Action Research Programme. He has more recently led Oxford University's successful bid for the new ESRC Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), for which he will also serve as Director.

contributing to academic and public profile Through the Director's activities, the ESRC and its TransComm Programme have been profiled in a special issue of the international journals *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (vol. 22 no. 2, 1999), *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (27[4], 2001) and *International Migration Review* (2003, in press), an issue of the *Runnymede Bulletin* (321, 2000), *ISIM* [International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World] *Newsletter* (1999, no. 2) and in *Prospect* magazine (March 1999) and the *Times Higher Education Supplement* (25 October 2002).



3. Role of the Advisory Board

With members drawn from both academia and user or policy communities, ESRC Research Programme Advisory Boards have several functions. These include: (a) to support, inform and make recommendations to the Director concerning the management and leadership of the programme; (b) to monitor and review the progress of projects and the programme as a whole in light of aims and targets (such as the original programme objectives and communication plan); (c) to scrutinize the programme budget; (d) to assist and advise on user engagement and general dissemination of project and programme outcomes; (e) to comment on programme Annual Reports before they are submitted to the ESRC; and (f) to inform the Programme Director of any relevant developments in academia and public policy which might have relevant to projects or the programme as a whole.

Generally the Advisory Board of the TransComm Programme fulfilled all of these functions to a high degree of professionalism, providing the Director with valuable support and advice.

makeup of the Advisory Board, Research Programme on Transnational Communities

Nadia Auriat	UNESCO
Manuel Castells	University of California
Mary Chamberlain	Oxford Brookes University
Robin Cohen	University of Cape Town / University of Warwick
Jeff Crisp	UNHCR (Advisory Board Chair)
Stuart Hall	Open University / Goldsmith's College, London
Noriko Hama	Mitsubishi Research Institute, Tokyo
Ulf Hannerz	University of Stockholm
Jeffrey Henderson	Manchester Business School
Edward Mortimer	Financial Times / United Nations
Bhikhu Parekh	House of Lords / London School of Economics
Ceri Peach	University of Oxford
Jack Spence	Royal Institute for International Affairs
Sarah Spencer	Institute for Public Policy Research
David McCrone	ESRC Priorities Board / University of Edinburgh

function and experience of TransComm Advisory Board Commencing with its first meeting in June 1998 and ending with the last in July 2002, the Board met bi-annually in Winter and Summer. Each year usually one meeting was held in London and the other in Oxford. Agendas and previous minutes were circulated in advance along with new publicity and published Programme materials; for the Winter meetings, draft Programme Annual Reports were circulated for comment as well.

All members attended at least once, while about half attended every meeting. The Chair, Dr Crisp, conducted each meeting with highly professional manner yet with an upbeat, ever-positive tone.

In the course of a number of meetings, project leaders or teams were invited to present their work in seminar format, after which Board members gave useful feedback. About halfway through the programme, it was suggested each Board member take on a 'godparent role' for at least two projects. Some took on this role seriously, directly discussing aspects of research with teams or otherwise closely monitoring the progress of projects; other Board members never fully engaged this role.

Overall, the Advisory Board meetings were rather mixed affairs. On the whole, they were mainly legitimisation exercises in which high profile individuals were brought together (or at least corresponded with) in order for them to reiterate, in effect, 'jolly good, carry on'. Only on few occasions did certain Board members intervene with hard advice on the management of projects or the programme broadly; mostly Board members were useful for providing contacts with users, media people, collaborative institutions or other high profile academics.

For the Final TransComm public event at Westminster in October 2002, four Advisory Board members (Chamberlain, Henderson, Spencer and Parekh) were asked to make keynote presentations summarizing and integrating a number of project findings. It was widely judged that these four did an outstanding job in doing so (edited transcripts of their talks are being published in the TransComm Programme review booklet).



4. Programme Objectives

initial statement and responses The original description of the TransComm Programme, distributed at the call for proposals in 1997, included the objectives listed below with quotation marks. Some of the key ways these have been addressed are listed under each.

- ◆ 'The Programme will involve about 20 projects, some within a single discipline, but most linking several. Both individually and collectively, the projects will broaden our understanding of the new and increasingly significant place of ethnic community-based networks in global labour, business and commodity markets.'
 - following the selection process, 19 projects were commissioned. The project teams were each based in the respective disciplines of international relations, business studies, religious studies, media studies, politics, sociology, geography and anthropology. Although no single project included an inter-disciplinary team, this extraordinary breadth of disciplines was regarded as a success by way of the call for proposals and as a boon to the programme itself.

- ◆ 'The programme will concentrate on an actor-directed view of globalisation – "globalisation from below".'
 - most of the successful project proposals made specific reference to this objective; all TransComm projects entailed, at least in part, ethnographic observation, personal interviews and focus groups in order to gain an actor-centred view of globalisation.

- ◆ 'A major objective of the programmes will be to expose the connections between old patterns of identity and the new means to give them expression.'
 - questions of identity were specifically addressed by several projects (especially those based in social anthropology – Ballard, Dresch, Pieke, Stewart – but also some within geography – Black, Crang, Radcliffe – and media studies – Cheesman, Robins).

- ◆ '...theoretical and methodological tools must be refashioned to assess such new data, processes and developments. The programme will provide a framework for such social scientific advancement.'
 - many if not most TransComm project final reports indicate the ways that, particularly in the relevant specific field of study, theoretical advancement has taken place in light of the analysis of data arising from each project. Real methodological innovation occurred in a more limited number of cases (such as in the projects led by Crang, Radcliffe, Robins, Nielsen and Lane). The overwhelmingly favourable responses by peer referees corroborate the claims to theoretical and methodological innovation. See project final reports and referees' statements for details.

- ◆ 'In addition to the capital and labour power which diasporic peoples bring to receiving nation-states, Joel Kotkin (1992) suggests that 'In an ever more transnational and highly competitive world economy, highly dependent on the flow and acquisition of knowledge, societies that nurture the presence of such groups seem most likely to flourish.' This means that national agencies should create positive conditions and actively engage with diasporic groups. The programme will provide information, analyses, and user institution feedback, which with to evaluate Kotkin's important hypothesis.'
 - no single project took this form of evaluation as a key question or focus, but a number of findings can be interpreted in light of this formulation (e.g., Ballard, Beaverstock, Crang, Dresch, Melvin, Radcliffe, Whitley and Willis).

- ◆ 'In this programme, there will be common methodological concerns surrounding the formation and maintenance of community (based especially on social, economic and political networks), the construction and expression of identity (including the refashioning of cultural forms and symbols), and the reproduction or contestation of social relations (especially involving issues of gender).'

-- while issues of identity have been noted above, projects that directly concerned matters of community formation and maintenance include Ballard, Benton, Black, Layton-Henry, Østergaard-Nielsen, Pieke, Radcliffe Robins, and Stewart, while specific dynamics of gendered or inter-group social relations were examined by Dresch, Lane, Phizacklea, Whitley and Willis.

◆ 'Research will be contracted within four areas, described below by way of suggested project themes.'

-- the projects commissioned by the TransComm Programme were chosen to be not only the best proposals (based on criteria outlined in the Executive Summary), but to ideally fill out these areas and themes. The originally proposed areas and themes are listed below [together with the names of project leaders that were ultimately affiliated to each]:

1. *NEW APPROACHES TO MIGRATION*

• *Comparative Diasporas* [Stewart] • *Transversal Migration* [Lane, Pieke] • *Refugees and Asylum-Seekers* [Black]

2. *ECONOMICS*

• *Global Economic Networks* [Ballard, Benton, Crang, Melvin] • *Transnational Corporations (TNCs)* [Beaverstock, Whitley] • *Transnational Household Strategies* [Phizacklea]

3. *POLITICS*

• *Global Political Networks* [Østergaard-Nielsen, Radcliffe] • *City, Region, National and Supra-National Policies* [Layton-Henry] • *Gender, Communities and Power* [Willis]

4. *SOCIETY AND CULTURE*

• *Social Forms and Institutions* [Dresch] • *Cultural Reproduction and Consumption* [Cheesman, Robins] • *Transnational Religious Communities* [Nielsen]

◆ 'User groups will be engaged not simply as passive consumers of the research, but as active agents in refining the detailed objectives of the projects, as conduits for research access and as participants in the process of research dissemination.'

-- a significant factor in the selection of project proposals concerned users: how good pre-existing contacts were, how project teams proposed the establishment of close relations with them at all stages of design and research, and how findings were to be disseminated to them. The Director constantly reminded project teams of their responsibilities to engage users in these ways – especially due to the fact of public money supporting their research. See project final reports for specific accounts of user engagement at these levels.

Finally, another – unwritten but informally argued – objective of the TransComm Programme was to bring British social scientific research and theory on transnationalism at least to a par, if not to surpass in many ways, American work on the subject. American scholars have been increasingly working on the topic of transnationalism since the early 1990s, and prior to the TransComm programme almost all of the prominent literature in the field was American. British social science had a considerable 'catch-up' job to do. Now, it is quite fair to say that thanks largely to the TransComm projects and the programme level publications (especially the Working Paper series, Routledge series and *Global Networks* journal), British work on transnationalism is now well known and well regarded in the field. In this regard a set of milestones were represented by two joint conferences organized by the ESRC Transnational Communities Programme and the International Migration programme of the American Social Science Research Council (SSRC). The first conference was held in Oxford in July 2000 and the second at Princeton in June 2001. These events have culminated in a special issue of *International Migration Review*, entitled 'Transnational Migration: International Perspectives'.



5. Contribution to Themes

At its outset the TransComm Programme was primarily designed to contribute to the ESRC's priority theme of **'Globalisation, Regions and Emerging Markets'**. The Programme's scope would demonstrate how the interests and interactions linking groups across state borders and indeed around the world – i.e., such 'transnational communities' -- are uniquely at once the products of, and catalysts for, contemporary globalisation processes. While the Programme did indeed indicate how globalisation processes and transnational social and economic networks develop in tandem (practically every project could be said to contribute to such a view), during the course of the Programme the ESRC's priority themes were redrafted, leaving out a specific theme on 'Globalisation' (globalisation issues are not intended to cross-cut thematic priorities).

Nevertheless, in its research project findings and programme-level activities, the TransComm Programme has nevertheless contributed significantly to a number of current ESRC Thematic Priorities. These include:

- ✓ **'Economic Performance and Development'** (through work concerning global flows of capital, investment, labour and expertise; e.g. projects led by Ballard, Beaverstock, Benton, Crang, Lane, Phizacklea, Pieke, Whitley, Willis),
- ✓ **'Knowledge, Communication and Learning'** (including research on the role of new communications technologies linking people around the world; Beaverstock, Cheesman, Nielsen, Robins),
- ✓ **'Lifecourse, Lifestyles and Health'** (by examining patterns of consumption and the maintenance of household strategy among globally dispersed families; Ballard, Crang, Phizacklea, Willis),
- ✓ **'Governance and Citizenship'** (especially by way of research surrounding transnational political movements, ethnicity and challenges to identity and citizenship; Black, Stewart, Layton-Henry, Melvin, Østergaard-Nielsen, Radcliffe, Stewart),
- ✓ **'Social Stability and Exclusion'** (by looking at new formations of community and social cohesion as well as policy interventions surrounding them; Ballard, Black, Cheesman, Dresch, Melvin, Nielsen, Østergaard-Nielsen, Pieke, Radcliffe, Stewart), and
- ✓ **'Work and Organisations'** (focussing on transnational corporate management and skilled labour migration; Beaverstock, Benton, Lane, Phizacklea, Whitley, Willis).



6. Overview of Programme: Significant Achievements

5 most significant research highlights

● The 'Seafarers' project (Lane/Khaveci/Sampson) produced significant findings that were eagerly discussed and appreciated by a range of user groups, from trade unions through ship owners to major international insurers. The team conducted firsthand fieldwork on 14 ships and interviewed 242 seafarers aboard; this complemented interviews with managers of 10 shipping companies, 141 seafarers in Germany and Holland, and 131 members of seafarers' families in India and the Philippines. Among the findings, it is shown that whilst many companies introduced mixed nationality crews solely on the grounds of cost and competitiveness, owners and managers indicated that there are a number of unanticipated additional benefits associated with multinational crews. Such crews are popular with seafarers themselves.

● The 'Exiles and reconstruction' project (Black/Koser/Al-Ali) concluded two years of fieldwork in Eritrea and Bosnia and among refugees in the UK, the Netherlands, Germany and the USA. The research demonstrates how refugees' desire to participate in homeland post-conflict reconstruction is shaped by their attitudes toward their home government, the circumstances of their flight, and their social connections with other community members and those left behind in the home country. Their ability to contribute is influenced by legal and economic status abroad, host and home government attitudes, and the availability of information about opportunities to participate.

● The project researching 'Japanese and Korean expatriate managers in the UK' (Whitley/Morgan/Sharpe) detailed the intensity of communications and strategic decision-making that managers of UK-based Japanese and Korean companies maintain with headquarters in Japan and Korea; this is based not just in management and authority structure but in complex modes of business networking. Internationalisation is causing greater diversity particularly amongst Japanese firms than used to be the case. For instance within the manufacturing sector, the car sector differed from the consumer electronic firms. In the former, the pattern was to transfer the home based system and use expatriates to ensure it was working smoothly and adaptations to local conditions were limited; in the latter companies were more concerned with being able to adapt their British plants to rapid changes in world markets and there was less effort spent on ensuring that domestic production routines were implemented.

● Domestic work in private households is now the largest employment sector for migrant women workers entering the European Union. The majority of these workers are undocumented. The 'Migrant Domestic' project (Phizacklea/Anderson) found, among other things, that previously undocumented female migrant domestic workers engage a variety of 'pathways to legitimacy' while still seriously disadvantaged legally and sometimes physically abused. They demonstrate clear strategies for transnational households, not least through specific remittance patterns (sent almost entirely to female relatives). Research entailed compilation of the first comprehensive profile of undocumented domestic workers in the UK, including data on some 2,800 entries; data on those applying for regularisation includes no less than 1,300 entries. In-depth interviews with 80 domestic workers focus groups including a further 150 domestic workers provide depth to the survey results. Some findings challenge a number of 'conventional wisdoms' surrounding migration. Project users engaged include the Transport and General Workers Union, Home Office, Low Pay Unit, International Labour Office and European Parliament.

● Findings of the 'Fuzhou Diaspora' project (Pieke/Nyiri/Thunø/Ceccagno) show how illegal migrants from Fujian, China carefully choose and calculate their destinations by way of risk and potential earnings. Migration channels involve a variety of sometimes interconnected agents, including brokers ('snakeheads'), relatives, businesses and local governments. Fujian migrants come to Europe with one overriding motive: making money by working as hard as they can. They are, on the whole, neither

hapless victims of unscrupulous smugglers nor political refugees fleeing political persecution nor people attracted by the spoils of the western welfare state. They are – and should be treated as – immigrants who generate their own employment and, ultimately, wealth. As such, they make an important net contribution to the economies of the sending and the receiving areas. Projects users included the International Organization for Migration, BBC and Channel 4, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, and the European Commission.

5 most significant communication highlights

■ On 22-23 April 1999 the Programme convened at Chatham House, London a workshop entitled 'Policy Challenges of the New Migrant Diasporas'. The event was co-funded by the European Commission (Directorate-General XII/G) and organized in collaboration with the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the METROPOLIS International Forum for Research and Policy on Migration and Cities. Presentations were given by the Programme Director, academics from the universities of Warwick, Southampton and Tel Aviv, and non-academics from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, UNHCR and the RAND Corporation. Participants included members of the British Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Canadian Ministry for Immigration and Citizenship, Italian Council of Ministers, Dutch Directorate-General for Public Administration, Swiss Federal Office for Refugees, Norwegian Royal Ministry of Local and Regional Government, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, the Runnymede Trust and the Wall Street Journal. The two day event was devoted to intensive discussion of Programme-specific issues surrounding transnationalism and migration (including economic development, crime, terrorism, refugees and foreign policy).

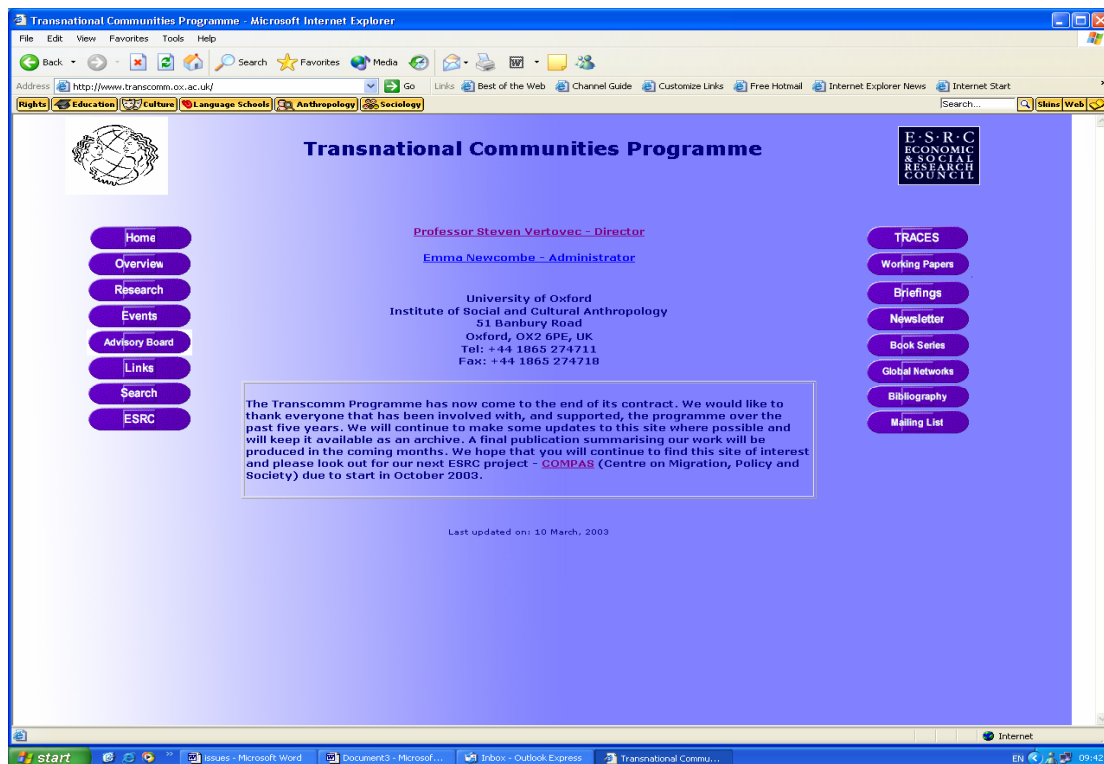
■ Programme information and project findings were widely and effectively disseminated at the 5th International Metropolis Conference in Vancouver between 13-17 November 2000, where over 800 people from 31 countries met to engage a range of issues surrounding migration. Well over half the participants were local, regional and national-level politicians and policy-makers. The Transnational Communities Programme was well represented at this important conference. The Programme Director provided one of the conference's keynote lectures, while no less than eight of the Programme's projects were presented in three workshops devoted to the theme of transnationalism.

■ On 22 March 2001 a seminar on 'Skilled Worker Migration: Economic Impacts of Migration and Policy Considerations' was held at the Institute of Materials, London. The event was jointly convened and organised by the TransComm Programme, Institute for Public Policy Research, International Metropolis Forum and the UK Home Office. The occasion brought together policy-makers from a number of UK government departments (including the Home Office, DTI, Treasury and DfID), experts and representatives of the policy-making community in Europe, North America and Australia, as well as notable European scholars in migration studies. It was opened by Brian Caffarey, Director of Immigration and Nationality Policy at the UK Home Office. Participants highlighted forecasts of both skill shortages and demographic changes that might encourage high-skilled migration in the near future. But how far can governments influence this process, what are the effects on sending countries and what integration policies might be successful? These and many other questions were raised throughout the day. Speakers included academics from the TransComm programme, Canadian universities and representatives of the UK and Canadian Governments, RAND Corporation, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the Australian High Commission, London.

■ The TransComm Programme culmination event, 'People without Frontiers: The New Global Communities' was held at Church House, Westminster on 25 October 2002. Some 200 members of government, industry, NGOs and community groups along attended it. Following a welcome by the Director and opening remarks by Lord Ralf Dahrendorf, the day was organized around a series of thematic lectures by four members of the TransComm Advisory Board (Mary Chamberlain, Jeffrey Henderson, Sarah Spencer and Lord Bhikhu Parekh) which selectively drew upon the findings of Programme projects. The talks stimulated responses and discussions by two panels comprised of various sample user communities (the first panel consisted of Yasmin Alibhai-Brown of *The Independent*, Brigitte Granville of the Royal Institute for International Affairs, Diana Holland of the Transport and General Workers Union, and Mark Ambler of PriceWaterhouseCoopers; the second panel was comprised of Martin Woolcott of *The Guardian*, Claude Moraes MEP, Adam Leach of

Oxfam and Anthony Barnett of Open Democracy). Geoff Mulgan of the Cabinet Office provided closing remarks. TransComm materials (posters of findings, publications and reports) were distributed, and project teams were available for direct consultation by participants during the extended lunch break. It was widely felt among all who attended that the event provided a focussed and effective way to convey project and programme results and their policy relevance.

■ In terms of greatest wealth of material and widest dissemination, the most effective and significant communication associated with the Programme was likely its website. The Transnational Communities Programme website (www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk) was established along with the start of the programme in 1997. It aimed to provide an electronic archive for information related to the research projects within the programme, as well as links, information and papers from other sources related to issues of transnationalism. The website has received over 50,000 hits and has proved an extremely valuable resource for students, academics and practitioners alike.





7. Programme Activities

internal networking arrangements

In addition to ongoing correspondence, circulation of reading material and distribution of information surrounding conferences and other activities of mutual interest to programme members, internal communication among programme members was largely facilitated by Programme newsletters, workshops and annual conferences.

visiting advisors In order to learn from leading scholars in the field of Transnationalism a programme of visiting advisors was established. Each visitor was encouraged to provide critical feedback and advice to individual projects, but also to the programme as a whole, by drawing on their extensive research experience (for full list of academic visitors see 3.4).

During 1999 the Programme welcomed three renowned experts on transnationalism: Prof. Ulf Hannerz of Stockholm University, Prof. Paul Lubeck of the University of California-Santa Cruz, and Prof. Dr. Werner Schiffauer of Europa-University Viadrina. As noted in their end-of-stay reports, each met with a number of project teams relevant to their own specialities in order to provide advice and feedback on the respective research. In the Spring of 2000, Programme Visiting Advisor Prof. Alejandro Portes (Princeton University) was based in Oxford. During his visit, Prof. Portes co-convened the TransComm seminar series 'Economic Sociology of Transnationalism', and jointly organised a meeting between programme members and the SSRC in July. Also, in 2000 Project Visiting Advisors supported by the Programme included Professor Parminder Bhachu of Clark University (hosted by Phil Crang, UCL) and Professor Robert G. Landa of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow (hosted by Jørgen Nielsen, Birmingham).

cross-fertilization of interests, approaches and contacts occurred naturally with many of the projects linking up to contribute to edited books and so on. A good example of cross-fertilization among four project teams concerned with aspects of the Turkish diaspora was a 'project cluster' meeting in March 1999. In October 1999 the Director and members of two project teams participated in a workshop held in conjunction with the ESRC Media Economics and Media Culture Programme.

annual meetings/workshops Some 45 Programme researchers were brought together in January 2000 for a workshop in Oxford. Its purpose was to build team spirit while probing the various meanings and approaches to 'transnationalism' held by the multi-disciplinary group. The topic was introduced by visiting speaker Prof. Luis Eduardo Guarnizo (University of California-Davis). Numerous Programme members also attended the April conference at the University of Warwick and the September conference at the University of Wales-Swansea.

On 12 January 2001 a workshop was held at the Royal College of General Practitioners, London. Intended as an exercise toward building a sense of cohesion between Programme project teams, some 40 colleagues attended. A keynote lecture on meanings of transnationalism was given by Prof Kathryn Mitchell of the University of Washington. This was followed by project teams discussing the progress of their research in light of concepts of transnationalism. TransComm Advisory Board member Sarah Spencer, of the Institute for Public Policy Research, subsequently led a session on enhancing the policy impacts of research.

annual conferences Thematic conferences were held in Oxford (first and last), Sussex, Warwick, Swansea. Led by different project teams these events were designed to share best practise as well as promote comparative learning from across the disciplines (all events are listed in appendix 3.1 and 3.2).

joint workshops and conferences Many of the conferences and workshops held by TransComm were run in conjunction with other institutions. This worked well in terms of cost effectiveness, but also internal and external networking.

Oxford seminars A seminar series was held during term time in Oxford from 1998 to 2002 (for a full list please see appendix 3.3). This series provided an excellent opportunity for research projects to disseminate their research to an interested academic audience, but also for academics in the wider field to offer their findings and learn about TransComm. We are grateful to the School of Geography, University of Oxford for providing the venue for the duration of the series.

Director's site visits Throughout the life of the programme the director was on call to answer queries, offer advice and solve difficulties encountered by the projects. In addition to this, regular update meetings were held with the individual projects either at their research institution or in Oxford where he gave advice about user engagement and potential cross-overs with other projects.

external communication activities

Most of the events listed above also contributed to the external communication of research, as did the published materials detailed section 8 that follows.

Website The website was extremely well received by users. Some visitor comments regarding the site, include:

'This one of the best web pages that I have ever visited, in terms of both its content and design.'

'Congratulations on the site! It is very helpful!'

'Your site is a sterling effort at disseminating work on transnational communities. Keep up the good work.'

'I found your website most interesting and will be useful in my teaching and research.'

'I'm just glad to have found the TC website - it's been very helpful to me'.

'I have been using the website regularly, and hope that all the material will be available also after the programme ends.'

Easy navigation around the site was a priority and something users have said that they appreciated. The front page as shown above acted as a message board (scrolling messages were updated regularly) and provided signposts for each of the main facilities. A Google search function also enhanced the website's usefulness. Specific pages include:

- *Home, Overview and Research.* These pages offer general information the nature of the programme objectives, structure and management, individuals attached to the Programme, and descriptions and contact details for specific research projects.
- *Events* This was an important page for advertising the Programme's weekly seminar series in Oxford, conferences and workshops that were sponsored by the TransComm Programme, and related events taking place in the field around the world.
- *Links* Over 70 sites were listed on this page, including numerous research programmes, institutions and electronic information sources of relevance to the study of transnational communities.
- *Briefings, Newsletters, Working Papers, Book series and Global Networks* Publications of the TransComm Programme (see below).
- *Bibliography* Designed and managed by Prof. Robin Cohen of the University of Warwick (and a member of the TransComm Advisory Board), the bibliography was split into a variety of categories concerning diasporas and transnational communities, organized by theoretical content as well as ethnic category. Ever expanding over the five year life of the TransComm Programme (particularly as website users contributed new additions), the bibliography and study guide came to list over 6000 entries.
- *Mailing List* Users of the website were invited to join the Programme mailing list in order to receive hard copies of the newsletter and email updates on TransComm activities. This

resulted in a database of over 600 contacts to add to the Programme's database of users and academics.

Publications The following Programme-level publications were all linked with the Programme; the TransComm Programme and ESRC are acknowledged in all publicity material and in published volumes. [also see Section 8 and Appendix 5]

- ❑ *Diasporas* book series (first UCL Press, taken over by Routledge)
- ❑ *The International Library of Studies on Migration* (Edward Elgar Publishers)
- ❑ *Transnationalism* book series (Routledge)
- ❑ *Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Affairs* (Blackwells Publishers)

Briefings and Newsletter. Eight briefings on project findings, intended primarily for non-academic user audiences, were produced in downloadable pdf format, as were seven newsletters providing updates on a range of Programme activities. [Both the Briefings and Newsletter series were produced and widely distributed in hard copy as well.]

Conference Booklets Some conferences, namely user events, were not likely to lead to the publication of papers. Therefore, the proceedings were summarised in small booklets. For example, 'Policy Challenges of the New Migrant Diasporas' and 'Skilled Worker Migration: Economic Impacts of Migration and Policy Implications'. These were particularly useful for policy makers and practitioners.

Information Packs At each conference organised by TransComm or those attended by the Director folders of information were made available. These could be tailored to the specialisation of the conference, but would often include: general programme information, the latest newsletter, relevant project briefings and leaflets giving information about our recent publications.

Posters Large, laminated posters with the TransComm/ESRC identity were made up grouping the projects into four main sections of research: Migration, Economics, Politics and Society and Culture. These offered a back-drop to information areas in break-out rooms at all our conferences.

launch and final conference The launch conference took place in September 1998, when all the commissioned project teams, along with a selected sample of users, were brought together for the first time. Prof. Ulf Hannerz (a pioneer in the study of Transnationalism, as well as a member of the Programme Advisory Board) opened the event with a keynote speech. This proved an excellent opportunity for projects to give presentations, a discussion of common themes and the development of ideas for future co-operation.

To mark the end of the TransComm programme two events were held. The first, an academic event in Oxford in June 2002, brought together all the project teams to present their findings to one another. In parallel sessions, the project teams presented their research and an expert respondent was invited to review, in advance, project output and to provide comments and criticism. A distinguished panel of experts (Nina Glick-Schiller of the University of New Hampshire, Ulf Hannerz of Stockholm University, Robin Cohen of the University of Warwick, and Catherine de Wenden of the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris) discussed the overall theme of transnationalism and the ways in which the Programme and its projects have contributed to our understanding of it. The second event, a public conference in London in October 2002 entitled 'People without Frontiers: The New Global Communities', was held to disseminate the programme findings to all users and practitioners in the field of transnationalism.. For further detail on this event please see 'programme highlights'.



8. Publications at Programme Level

branding/logos in the initial stages of TransComm a designer (Mark Healey from Arra Design) was commissioned to design the branding for the programme. The logo aimed to promote the human aspect of globalisation and connections between people. Having a suitable image was essential in giving a common look to all our publications and promotional material.

Working Papers (for the complete list see appendix 4.5) Drawn predominantly from TransComm weekly seminars and workshops, as well as through networking with colleagues working on the subject, the TransComm Working Paper series totalled 82 downloadable .pdf publications by well-known senior authors alongside mid-career and young scholars. Hard copies were also available on request.

Traces This on-line news digest, managed by Dr Alisdair Rogers of the School of Geography, University of Oxford, monitored and summarized news stories from the global press relevant to transnationalism. Traces was produced quarterly on-line and collated annually as a working paper. An index was also produced allowing for an easy search of topics and stories.

Transnationalism Series (for the complete list of titles see appendix 4.1) This series is published by Routledge and edited by Steven Vertovec. The series hit a niche market by providing high quality works contributing to a major, and arguably new, field of study. Serving to ground theory and research on 'globalization', the series offered the latest empirical studies and ground-breaking theoretical works on the contemporary socio-economic, political and cultural processes which span international boundaries. Contributions will were drawn from Sociology, Economics, Anthropology, Politics, Geography, International Relations, Business Studies and Cultural Studies. The series will continue in a revised format beyond the life of the programme.

Global Networks (for the complete of published articles see appendix 4.4) This journal is edited by Dr Alisdair Rogers, University of Oxford and co-edited by Prof. Steven Vertovec, University of Oxford and Prof. Robin Cohen, University of Warwick. The journal has published high quality, refereed articles on global networks, transnational affairs and practices and their relation to wider theories of globalization. The journal provides a forum for discussion, debate and the refinement of key ideas in this emerging field. It includes World View essays designed to elicit discussion and Book Review essays on major publications. The journal has been extremely well received and continues to receive a large number of submissions.

Global Diaspora series (for full list of texts in this series see appendix 4.3). Edited by Professor Robin Cohen, University of Warwick and published by UCL and Routledge this series aimed to unpack the assumption that minorities and migrants will demonstrate an exclusive loyalty to the nation-state. The old idea of "diaspora" provided the framework for the analysis throughout this interlinked series of volumes that aimed to capture transnational relationships operating at home and abroad.

International Library of Studies on Migration (for list see appendix 4.2) The series, edited by Professor Robin Cohen and published by Edward Elgar bought together journal articles in the main fields of research in migration. The editors of each title wrote comprehensive introductions to accompany their selection of articles. The series is already an essential reference source for students, scholars and professionals concerned with migration.

TransComm conference books A substantial amount of the conferences that TransComm organised or co-organised led to the publication of edited books (for list see appendix 4.6).

TransComm Journal contributions In 2002 the Director edited, and wrote the Introduction for, a special issue of the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies. This issue brought together many papers on the issue of Transnationalism and Identity, the majority of which were produced by researchers on the programme. The Director also wrote an article on Transnationalism and the nature of the TransComm Programme for the journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies. This and the special issue have become seminal publications for anyone being introduced to or working in this field. The results of two collaborative conferences, bringing together the ESRC TransComm Programme and the International Migration Programme of the American SSRC, are currently in press as a special issue of *International Migration Review* (co-edited and with a co-written Introduction by Prof. Vertovec).

TransComm Overview publication In order to round up all that the Programme has produced and been involved in we have commissioned the publication of a glossy summary brochure. This will be sent out to all those that have worked with, and taken an interest in, the programme.



9. Major Difficulties

Difficulties faced by the Programme directorship were fairly routine. These include (in no particular order):

From the Director's point of view:

- changeover of Administrator early 2001. The original Administrator, Anna Winton, left the Programme for a more lucrative job at the BBC. This necessitated advertisement and re-appointment of an Administrator, who turned out to be Emma Newcombe. The latter faced a particularly difficult task of taking control of a juggernaut more than mid-way through its course. She managed to do this with outstanding results.
- chasing recalcitrant project leaders for information, reports and briefings. This was perpetually frustrating, if not exasperating, and no single strategy was effective. Many project leaders and teams required special forms of relationship, coaxing, threat or circumvention in order to obtain what was required. In only a few cases and instances did such efforts still produce limited or no responses.
- trying to get information and advice (particularly from ESRC External Relations) on users, journalists, public speakers, etc. Responses from External Relations were very uneven.

From the Administrator's point of view:

- From time to time the distance between the 19 projects caused logistical problems because some tended to see themselves as discreet entities rather than part of a wider whole. Therefore, chasing up people became a big part of my job and led to some disappointments, for instance not being able to produce a full set of research briefings.
- Although I did not feel that we had any major difficulties in terms of the activities we were involved in there were frequent minor ones and many things to learn from. I often felt it would have been useful to speak to other administrators, to share best practise and to pool ideas and skills, rather than re-invent the wheel each time we tried something new.
- Finally, although we are extremely proud of the extent of our communication strategy it was hard providing overview information that would be suitable and interesting for *all* the users of the research at the same time. The final conference we organised was very well received by most who attended, but it was no mean feat trying to bring the tremendous diversity of subjects together into one event and presenting them to a hugely diverse audience.



10. Implications for Future ESRC Investments

It is hoped the very considerable activities (of the Director and Administrator not least), research outcomes, user links and published materials might provide some positive models for future ESRC investments such as research programmes. The final points are offered as additional matters to consider.

Administrator's views count Especially since they are the ones doing much of the actual programme development work and are at the coalface of everyday relations with project leaders and teams, the views and experiences of programme administrators should be more valued within ESRC discussions. Ways this might be facilitated are through special sections for Administrators' views in Annual reports, attendance and contributions in troika meetings, and regular meetings of programme and centre administrators (as well as administrator 'master classes') alongside those of programme and centre directors.

streamline programme advisory boards Based on the TransComm Advisory Board experience, it is suggested that future programmes might: (a) continue to appoint the high profile academics and users, because these do indeed often impress other academics and users, and because such members may provide invaluable contacts; (b) do not place many expectations on them in terms of direct programme or project engagement; (c) instead of two collective meetings per year, perhaps hold only one plus a set of smaller, troika-like meetings with key Board members. This would be much more time- and cost-effective, thematically focussed and productive than generalized and unevenly attended meetings taking up the time and effort of important individuals.

reward Directors with fellowships The job of Programme (or Centre) Director usually means having to set aside much of one's own research and writing in order to conduct large-scale management activities (as well as to continue many regular university duties including a degree of teaching). At the end of a Programme (or Centre), there is little time to pull together thoughts, overviews, data and other materials for a general write-up such as a book. [Prof Vertovec has been fortunate to receive a year's fellowship from the Wissenschaftskolleg / Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin, which has allowed him the space and resources to undertake such a write-up.] The ESRC should consider rewarding Directors with a year's fellowship to pursue such overview writing; otherwise, the experience and insights gained through managing and providing the intellectual glue for a Programme (or Centre) might be diminished or lost.



Appendix 1 – List of Projects

Application No.	Principal Investigator	Project Title	Total Budget	Start Date	End Date
L214 25 2001	Dr J V Beaverstock University of Loughborough	Embeddedness, Knowledge and Networks: British Expatriates in Global Financial Centres	£94,795	01/10/1998	31/12/2000
L214 25 2006	Prof R D Whitley Manchester Business School	Transnational Communities: Japanese and Korean Expatriate Managers in the UK	£136,894	15/03/1999	14/03/2001
L214 25 2007	Dr K D Willis University of Liverpool	Gender, Households and Identity in British and Singaporean Migration to China	£39,877	01/10/1998	30/06/2001
L214 25 2008	Dr R Black University of Sussex	Mobilisation of Transnational Exile Communities in Post-Conflict Reconstruction	£120,220	01/10/1998	31/12/2000
L214 25 2011	Prof A Phizacklea University of Warwick	Impact of Legal Status and Children on Transnational Household Strategies of Migrant Domestics	£172,068	01/09/1998	30/12/2001
L214 25 2012	Dr F N Pieke University of Oxford	All the Margins of the Chinese World System: The Fuzhou Diaspora in Europe	£197,958	25/11/1998	24/02/2002
L214 25 2021	Prof Z Layton-Henry University of Warwick	Transnational Communities and the Transformation of Citizenship	£118,954	01/03/1999	30/06/2001
L214 25 2022	Dr E Østergaard-Nielsen London School of Economics	Diaspora-politics of Immigrants and Refugees from Turkey Residing in Germany, The Netherlands, UK and Denmark	£82,055	01/02/1999	28/02/2002
L214 25 2023	Dr S A Radcliffe University of Cambridge	'We Are All Indians?': Ecuadorian and Bolivian Transnational Indigenous Communities	£125,398	01/04/1999	11/07/2001
L214 25 2030	Dr C T Cheesman University of Wales - Swansea	Axial Writing: Transnational Literatures, Cultural Politics and State Policies	£140,149	01/10/1998	30/06/2002
L214 25 2031	Dr P A Crang University College London	Commodity Culture and South Asian Transnationality	£151,980	01/03/1999	28/02/2002
L214 25 2032	Dr P K Dresch University of Oxford	Connection and Imagery: Transnational Culture- Flows and the Arab Gulf	£220,625	01/04/1999	30/09/2002
L214 25 2036	Prof A D Lane University of Wales - Cardiff	The Information and Maintenance of Transitional Seafarer Communities	£246,672	01/09/1998	31/10/2001
L214 25 2038	Dr N J Melvin University of Leeds	The Russian Diaspora and Post-Communist Political and Economic Transformation	£225,148	01/01/1999	30/06/2002

L214 25 2039	Prof J S Nielsen University of Birmingham	Ethnicity, Politics and Transnational Islam: A Study of An International Sufi Order	£222,866	01/10/1998	31/03/2001
L214 25 2042	Dr M S Stewart University College London	Citizenship and Belonging: Local Expression of Political and Economic Restructuring	£172,441	01/10/1998	31/12/2001
L214 25 2046	Prof G Benton University of Wales - Cardiff	Ethnic Entrepreneurship, Class and the State: The Chinese in Britain, Southeast Asia and Australia	£110,559	01/05/1999	30/04/2002
L214 25 2047	Dr R Ballard University of Manchester	Kinship, Entrepreneurship and The Transnational Circulation of Assets.	£51,887	01/10/1999	31/03/2002



Appendix 2 – Networking Arrangements and Communication Activities

2.1 user events

1999

- ◆ Policy Challenges of the New Migrant Diasporas, Chatham House, London, April. (Organised in Collaboration with The Royal Institute of International Affairs and Metropolis)

2000

- ◆ Transnational Communities Research Programme Briefing Workshop for Canadian Minister and Civil Servants, University of Oxford, 7 March

2001

- ◆ Seminar on Skilled Worker Migration: Economic Impacts of Migration and Policy Considerations, Institute of Materials, London, 22 March (Organised with Metropolis and IPPR – Institute of Public Policy Research)
- ◆ TransComm hosts Metropolis International Steering Committee meeting, St Antony's College, Oxford, 23–24 March, 30–1 July
- ◆ Seafarers International Research Centre Asia Pacific Conference, Merchant Court Hotel, Singapore, 4 October
- ◆ Transnational Communities: Tracing new migration systems and networks, workshop at Sixth Metropolis Conference, Rotterdam, 26–30 November

2002

- ◆ People without Frontiers: The New Global Communities, Church House, Westminster, London, 25 October

2.2 academic conferences and workshops

1998

- Transnational Communities Programme Annual conference, St. Antony's College, Oxford, 21-23 September 1998
- The Indian Ocean: Trans-regional creation of societies and cultures, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, 21 March
- ICCR International Workshop on Transnationalism, Manchester, 16-18 May
- Post-Migrant Turkish-German Culture: Transnationalism, Translation and Politics of Representation, 27-29 November

1999

- History, Culture and Politics of the Islamic World: The Historical Roots of Islamic Transnationalism, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, January-March
- Globalization and Identities, Manchester Metropolitan University, July
- A New Politics? Representation, Mobilisation and Networks in the Information Age, University of Birmingham, September
- New approaches to Migration: Transnational Communities and the Transformation of Home, University of Sussex, September

- The Mobilisation and Participation of Transnational Exile Communities in Post-Conflict Reconstruction, University College London, September
- Economic Actors, National Systems and International Contexts, University of Copenhagen, September
- Media in Multicultural and Multilingual Contexts, Klagenfurt University, Austria, November

2000

- Transnationalism and Migration, University of Oxford, 11 January
- Culture and Economy in the Indian Diaspora, India International Centre, New Delhi, 8-10 April
- Conceiving Cosmopolitanism: Politics in Transnational Perspective, University of Warwick, 27-29 April
- Panel on 'Transnational Spaces', AAG Conference, Pittsburgh, 8th April
- New African Diasporas, University College London, 5 May
- Migration from the People's Republic of China to Europe and Asia, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 26-27 May 2000 (with European Science Foundation)
- Transnationalism in Post-Socialist Societies, University College London, 21 June
- Dangerous Designs, South Asian Fashion and Style in Global Markets, Professor Parminder Bhachu, Clark University, 29 June
- Transnational Migration: comparative, conceptual and research perspectives, University of Oxford, 7-9 July 2000 (with the American Social Science Research Council [SSRC])
- Sending Countries, London School of Economics, 10 July
- Workshop on 'Politico-Religious Diasporas' within Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Krakow, July
- Transnational Communities in the Asia-Pacific: Comparative Perspectives, National University of Singapore, 7-8 August
- Panel on 'Diaspora and Social Integration,' Congress of the International Association for the History of Religion, Durban, 6-10 August
- Refugees and Reconstruction: Mobilisation and participation of Transnational exile communities in post conflict reconstruction, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 14 September
- Writing Diasporas: Axial Writers, Plural Literacies, Transnational Imagination, University of Wales Swansea, 20-23 September
- Workshop on 'Transnationalism and Migration: What's Old, What's New, What's Policy Relevant' within Fifth International Metropolis Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 13-17 November
- Chinese Business and Culture in Global and Local Contexts, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 16-18 November

2001

- Programme Workshop, Royal College of General Practitioners, London, 12 January
- Living on the Edge: Migration, Conflict and State in the Backyards of Globalisation, Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen, 15-17 January
- Chinese Business and Culture in Global and Local Contexts, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 15-16 February
- Transnational Migration: Comparative Perspectives, Princeton University, 30-1 July
- International Conference on the Caribbean Diaspora, South Bank University, London, 30 August – 1 September
- Multinational Enterprises: Embedded organisations, transnational federations or global learning communities?, University of Warwick, 6-8 September
- Borders as Barriers and Bridges: A Comparative Look at three Borderlands, Science and Research Center, Koper, Slovenia, 14-16 September
- Connections and Identities: Understandings of the Arab Gulf, University of Oxford, 26-29 September
- Traditions of Learning and Networks of Knowledge (The Indian Ocean: Trans-regional creation of societies and cultures), University of Oxford, 29-30 September

2002

- Gender and Transnational Families, University of Amsterdam, 31-1 June
- Creolization and Diaspora: Historical, Ethnographic and Theoretical Approaches, UCL, London, 27-28 July
- Final Academic Conference for Transnational communities programme, at Keble College, Oxford, 1-4 July
- After September 11th - University of Wales, Swansea, 9-11 September
- Dissemination of programme material at International Metropolis 7th Annual Conference, Oslo, September
- Oxford University Press Launch of *Conceiving Cosmopolitanism* co-edited by Steven Vertovec and Robin Cohen, October

2003

- Migration and Health, University of Cape Town, 27-29 January
- Globalisation of India and Indianisation of the Globe, LSE, 14-16 February

2.3 Programme weekly seminars

Seminars Trinity 1998 'Conceiving Transnational Activity'

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| 8 May | Professor Martin Albrow, Roehampton Institute
<i>Frames and Transformations in Transnational Studies</i> |
| 15 May | Professor Kevin Robins, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne
<i>Space of Global Media</i> |
| 22 May | Professor Leslie Sklair, London School of Economics
<i>Transnational Practices and the Analysis of the Global System</i> |
| 29 May | Professor Alejandro Portes, Princeton University
<i>Globalisation from Below: The Rise of Transnational Communities</i> |
| 5 June | Professor Zygmunt Bauman, University of Leeds
<i>Ethnic Networks in a Networked World</i> |
| 12 June | Professor Stephen Castles, University of Wollongong
<i>New Migrations, Ethnicity and Nationalism in Southeast and East Asia</i> |
| 19 June | Professor Robin Cohen, University of Warwick
<i>Transnational Social Movements: An Appraisal</i> |

Seminars Michaelmas 1998 Globalisation and the 'Old' Diasporas

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| 22 October | Dr Frank Pieke, University of Oxford
<i>The overseas Chinese and the world system: new configurations of an 'old' diaspora</i> |
| 29 October | Dr Michael Stewart, University College London
<i>Hungarians in Romania: from mother tongue education to regional autonomy</i> |
| 5 November | Dr Susan Pattie, University College London
<i>New Homeland for an Old Diaspora? The Armenian world in transition</i> |
| 12 November | Dr George Prevelakis, Institut de Géographie, Paris
<i>Finis Graeciae or the return of the Greeks? State and diaspora in the context of Globalisation</i> |
| 19 November | Mr Ronald Segal, Author
<i>Globalisation and the Black diaspora</i> |
| 26 November | Professor Thomas Acton, University of Greenwich
<i>Globalisation, Romani communities and Gypsy politics</i> |

- 3 December Dr Jonathan Webber, Centre for Hebrew Studies, University of Oxford
Transnationalism and the problem of static models: some reflections on the Jewish case

Hilary 1999

Transnational Spaces, Cosmopolitan Places

- 28 January Dr Thomas Faist, University of Bremen
Transnationalism and Models of Citizenship: National, Multicultural and Transnational
- 4 February Dr Neil Melvin, University of Leeds
The Russian diaspora and nation-building in Former Soviet Territories
- 11 February Professor Robert Parkin, University of Kent
The development of regional identities in an integrating Europe: a challenge to the nation state?
- 18 February Dr Nick Henry, University of Birmingham
Transnational Economic Space? Birmingham: Postcolonial workshop of the world
- 25 February Professor Tony Lane and Dr Erol Kahveci., University of Cardiff
Transnational seafaring communities
- 4 March Dr Ayse Caglar, Free University, Berlin
Urban spaces, popular culture and the new scripts of 'community': German-Turks in Berlin
- 11 March Dr Marco Martiniello, University of Liege
Multi-level politics in a transnational social space: The case of Brussels

Trinity 1999

Transnational Religious Communities: Muslim and Hindu movements and networks

- 29 April Professor Paul Lubeck, University of California, Santa Cruz
Global Islam
- 6 May Professor Peter van der Veer, University of Amsterdam
Cosmopolitanism, Secularism and Transnational Religion
- 13 May Professor Dale F. Eickelman, Dartmouth College
Shifting Centres and Emerging Peripheries: The Changing Political Geography of Muslim Transnationalism
- 20 May Professor Werner Schiffauer, Europa University Viadrina, Frankfurt
Islamism in the Diaspora: the fascination of political Islam among second generation German Turks
- 27 May Dr Rohit Barot, University of Bristol
Local, global and transnational: the case of the Swaminarayan movement.
- 3 June Dr Jocelyne Cesari, CNRS, Paris and New York University
Islam in the West: the issue of pluralism in the context of globalization
- 10 June Dr Chetan Bhatt, University of Essex
Ideologies of Indigenism
- 18 June Dr James Piscatori, University of Oxford
On Transnational Religious Communities

Michaelmas Term 1999

'Considering Creolization'

- 14 October Professor Ulf Hannerz, University of Stockholm
General introduction to creolization
- 21 October Dr Charles Stewart, University College London
Creolization, genealogy and destiny
- 28 October Dr Karen Fog Olwig, University of Copenhagen
From creolized colonial order to ethnicized nation state: Caribbean migration experience
- 4 November Dr David Cleary, Harvard University
Creole nation: race, nationalism and social theory in Brazil
- 11 November Dr Ben Rampton and Dr Roxy Harriss, Thames Valley University, London
Creolization, language ideologies and interaction

- 18 November Professor Daniel Yon, York University, Canada
Making identities in global times: creolization and the elusive cultures of youth
- 25 November Professor Stefan Palmié, University of Maryland
Creolizing theory: Fernando Ortiz and the cooking of history
- 2 December Professor Thomas Hylland Eriksen, University of Oslo
Mauritian creolodom and the concept of creolization

**Hilary 2000 [in conjunction with the Linacre Lectures]
'Consciousness of connections: global environments in the new millennium'**

- 27 January The Hon. Maurice F. Strong, Chairman, The Earth Council
Global sustainable development
- 3 February Professor Marcia Langton, University of Northern Territories
Indigenous concepts of connectedness and the new environmentalism
- 10 February Professor Herbert Giradet, Urban Futures, London
Cities, people, planet
- 17 February Dr Calestous Juma, Harvard University
International trade and environment
- 24 February Professor Steven Yearley, University of York
Social movements as problematic agents of global environmental change
- 2 March Professor Eugene P. Odum, University of Georgia
The transformation of ecology
- 9 March Peter Melchett, Executive Director, Greenpeace UK
Global Citizens - campaigning for environmental solutions
- 15 June Professor Manuel Castells, University of California Berkeley
Global Networks and Local Societies: Cities in the Information Age

**Trinity Term 2000
'Economic Sociology of Transnationalism'**

- 4 May Dr Ayse Caglar, Free University Berlin
Media Corporatism and Cosmopolitanism
- 11 May Professor Danny Miller, University College London
Ethnography, the Internet and Diaspora Nationalism
- 18 May Professor Alan Bryman, Loughborough University
The Disneyization of Society - Continuities and Discontinuities with MacDonalidization
- 25 May Professor Simon Frith, University of Stirling
World Music - Globalization from Above and Below
- 1 June Dr Roger Ballard, University of Manchester
The dynamics of transnational process; some reflections on South Asian developments
- 8 June Dr Claire Dwyer, Dr Philip Crang, Professor Peter Jackson, University College London and University of Sheffield
Tracing Transnationalities through Commodity Culture
- 15 June Professor Manuel Castells, University of California Berkeley
Global Networks and Local Societies: Cities in the Information Age
(part of last series/Linacre Lectures)
- 22 June Professor Alejandro Portes, Princeton University
Measuring Transnationalism; Determinants and Effects among Latin American Immigrants in the United States

Michaelmas Term 2000
'Transnationalism in the Asia Pacific'

12 October	Professor Paul Spoonley, Massey University <i>Reinventing Polynesia: The Cultural Politics of Transnational Pacific Communities</i>
19 October	Professor David Ley, University of British Columbia <i>Seeking 'home economicus' transnationally; the strange story Canada's Business Immigration Programme</i>
26 October	Dr William Kelly, Manchester Business School <i>The East Asian Crisis and Japanese Communities in the United Kingdom</i>
2 November	Professor Katharyne Mitchell, University of Washington <i>Liberal Education and its Discontents</i>
9 November	Professor Jeffrey Henderson, Manchester Business School <i>Chinese business networks, real estate speculation and the making of vulnerable economies in East Asia</i>
23 November	Dr Katie Willis, University of Liverpool <i>Expatriates as transnationals: Britons and Singaporeans in China</i>
30 November	Dr Nicola Piper, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen <i>Labour Migration from the Philippines to Japan - Transnational Activism towards improved protective mechanisms</i>

Hilary Term Seminars 2001
Borders

18th January	Prof. Warwick Armstrong, McGill University <i>'The Janus face of international borders'</i>
25th January	Prof. Ulrike Meinhof, University of Bradford <i>'Changing nations, states and identities in German-Polish border regions'</i>
1st February	Prof. Matthew Sparke, University of Washington <i>'Transnationalism at the border: outlining the research horizons'</i>
8th February	Rainer-Elk Anders, University of Warwick <i>'Boundaries as social processes: the Finnish-Russian border'</i>
15 th February	Dr Olivier Kramsch, Catholic University of Nijmegen <i>'Towards cosmopolitical governance of the transborder regions of the European Union'</i>
22 nd February	Dr Venetia Evergeti, University of Surrey <i>'Identity politics within borderline minorities: Muslim communities in Western Thrace'</i>
1 st March	Prof. Gerald Blake, University of Durham <i>'Geographical contributions to international boundary questions'</i>
8 th March	Prof. James Anderson, Queen's University – Belfast <i>'Approaches to theorising state borders'</i>

Michaelmas Term Seminars 2001
'Transnationalism and Migration'

18th October	Steven Vertovec, University of Oxford <i>"Transnational social formations"</i>
25th October	Frank Pieke - University of Oxford <i>"Configurations of Chinese migration to Europe"</i>
1st November	Bridget Anderson - University of Warwick <i>"State, space and human relations - the lives of migrant domestic workers"</i>
8th November	Erol Kavechi - University of Wales <i>"Families and ex-patriate seafaring communities"</i>
22nd November	Tony Lane - University of Wales <i>"The ship as a transnational community"</i>

- 29th November Richard Black - University of Sussex
"Transnationalism and return migration as keys to development: the case of West Africa"
- 6th December Katie Willis - University of Liverpool
"Expatriates: the British and Singaporeans in China"

Hilary Term Seminars 2002
'Transnational Economic Networks'

- 24th January Glenn Morgan - University of Warwick
"Global Managers and Japanese Multinationals"
- 7th February Phil Crang, University College London
"The "Indian Restaurant" in London and Mumbai"
- 14th February Roger Ballard, University of Manchester
"Making Sense of Diasporic Developments: Translocal Networks with Routes in South Asia"
- 21st February Laszlo Czaban, Manchester Business School
"Networks and Businesses in the Russian Diaspora"
- 28th February Sarah Radcliffe, University of Cambridge
"Andean Indians in Transnational Circuits: Making Local and Global Spaces"
- 7th March Michael Bommers, Universität Osnabrück
"Migration, Space and Networks - Theoretical Problems of Transnational Migration Research"

Trinity Term Seminars 2002
'The Cultural Politics of Transnationalism'

- 25th April Zig Layton-Henry, University of Warwick
The Limits of Transnationalism
- 2nd May Jorgen Nielsen, University of Birmingham
Transnational Sufism: A Case Study
- 9th May Susan Pattie, University College London
Transforming Transnational Narratives in Armenia
- 16th May Tom Cheesman, University of Wales
Translational Community: Kanak Attack in Alemania
- 23rd May Kevin Robins, University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
Banal Transnationalism
- 30th May Micheal Stewart, University College London
Hungary's Status Law and Issues of Citizenship
- 6th June Paul Dresch, University of Oxford
Debates on Marriage and Nationality in the United Arab Emirates

2.4 visiting advisors:

The following academics were invited to advise TransComm and specific projects:

Professor Werner Schiffaeur, Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (April to June 1999)

Paul Lubeck, University of California, Santa Cruz (April to June 1999)

Ulf Hannerz, Stockholm University (October to November 1999)

Alejandro Portes (May to July 2000)

Andreas Wimmer, Swiss Forum for Migration Studies (2000)

Parminder Bhachu, (Crang project) (2000)

Robert Ludlow, Russian Academy of Sciences (Nielsen project) (2000)



Appendix 3 – Publications at Programme Level

3.1 Transnationalism, Routledge Publishers

1. *New Transnational Social Spaces – International migration and transnational companies in the early 20th Century*
Edited by Ludger Pries
2. *A New Politics? Culture and Politics in the Information Age.*
Edited by Frank Webster
3. *Transnational Muslim Politics: Reimagining the Umma.*
By Peter Mandaville
4. *New Approaches to Migration? Transnational Communities and Transformation of Home.*
Edited by Khalid Koser and Nadjie Al-Ali
5. *Work and Migration: Life and Livelihoods in a Globalizing World.*
Edited by Karen Fog Olwig and Ninna Nyberg Soerensen
6. *Communities Across Borders: New Immigrants and Transnational Cultures.*
Edited by Paul Kennedy and Victor Roudometof
7. *Transnational Democracy: Political Spaces and Border Crossings.*
Edited by James Anderson
8. *Transnational Spaces.*
Edited by Peter Jackson, Phil Crang and Claire Dwyer
9. *The Media of Diaspora.*
Edited by Karim Karim
10. *Transnational Politics: Turks and Kurds in Germany.*
By Eva Ostergaard-Nielsen
11. *Culture and Economy in the Indian Diaspora.*
Edited by Bhikhu Parekh, Gurharpal Singh and Steven Vertovec
12. *International Migration and Globalisation.*
Edited by Rey Koslowski
13. *Transnational Communities in the Asia-Pacific.*
Edited by Katie Willis and S Fakhri
14. *Transnational Activism in Asia: Problems of Power and Democracy.*
Edited by Nicole Piper and Anders Uhlin

3.2 The International Library of Studies on Migration, Edward Elgar Publishing

Theories of Migration
Edited by Robin Cohen

Geography and Migration
Edited by Vaughan Robinson

Sociology of Migration
Edited by Professor Robin Cohen

Migration in European History (Vols I and II)
Edited by Colin Holmes

The Politics of Migration
Edited by Robin Cohen and Zig Layton-Henry

Law and Migration
Edited by Selina Goulbourne

Migration and Social Cohesion
Edited by Steven Vertovec

Migration and Public Policy
Vaughan Robinson

Migration, Diasporas and Transnationalism
Edited by Dr Steven Vertovec and Robin Cohen

Gender and Migration
Edited by Katie Willis and Brenda Yeoh

3.3 Global Diasporas, Routledge Publishers

Global Diasporas: An introduction
by Robin Cohen *University of Warwick, UK*

New Diasporas: The mass exodus, dispersal and regrouping of migrant communities
by Nicholas Van Hear

The Sikh diaspora: The politics of homeland
by Darshan Singh Tatla

Italy's Many Diasporas
by Donna R. Gabaccia, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

The Hindu Diaspora: Comparative Patterns
by Steven Vertovec, Oxford University, UK

3.4 Global Networks: a Journal of Transnational Affairs, Blackwells Publishers

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Globalization, the knowledge society, and the Network State: Poluantzas at the millennium

Martin Carnoy and Manuel Castells

Development, the state and transnational political connections: state and subject formations in Latin America

Sarah A. Radcliffe

Between universalism and particularism: the historical bases of Muslim communal, national, and global identities

Ira M. Lapidus

Gender, class, and network: social structure and migration patterns among transnational Israelis

Steven J. Gold

'Intercourse in every direction': America as global phenomenon

Joel Hudson

volume 1(2)

Chains and Networks, Territories and Scales: Towards a Relational Framework for Analyzing the Global Economy

Peter Dicken, Philip F. Kelly, Kris Olds and Henry Wai-chung Yeung

Transnational women's activism in Japan and Korea – the unresolved issue of military sexual slavery

Nicola Piper

Transnational Communities and Business Systems

Glenn Morgan

'Regrounding the "Ungrounded Empires": the Geographical Condition of Transnationalism - Chinese high tech and accounting firms in Los Angeles'

Yu Zhou and Yen-Fen Tseng

Networking Globalization: a tapestry of introductions

Matthew Sparke

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The Debates and Significance of Immigrant Transnationalism

Alejandro Portes

Ariadnes' web: Cape Verdean women in transnational webs

Maria Margarida Marques, Rui Santos, Fernanda Araújo

Transnational political practices and the receiving state: Turks and Kurds in Germany and the Netherlands.

Eva Kristine Østergaard-Nielsen

The Role of Migrant Networks in Linking Local Labour Markets: the Case of Asian Indian Migration to New York and London

Maritsa V. Poros

Salvadoran Economic Transnationalism: Embedded Strategies for Household Maintenance, Immigrant Incorporation, and Entrepreneurial Expansion

Patricia Landolt

Transnational Migration: Taking Stock and Future Directions

Peggy Levitt

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Transnational politics at the edges of sovereignty: Social movements, crossings and the state at the US-Mexico border

Hilary Cunningham

Migration, mobility and globaloney: Metaphors and rhetoric in the sociology of globalization

Adrian Favell

Place, space, networks, and the sustainability of collective action: the *Madres de Plaza de Mayo*

Fernando J. Bosco

NGOs' transnational advocacy networks: From 'legitimacy' to 'political responsibility'?

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On the trail of the global green bean: Methodological considerations in multi-site ethnography

Susanne Freidberg

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Inderjeet Parmar

Governance for reconstruction in Africa: challenges for policy communities and coalitions

Pamela Mbabazi, Sandra J. MacLean, and Timothy M. Shaw

Track three diplomacy and human rights in Southeast Asia: the Asia Pacific Coalition for East Timor

Herman Joseph S. Kraft

Between the state and global civil society: non-official experts and their network in the Asia-Pacific, 1925–45

Tomoko Akami

Transnational think-tank networks: purpose, membership and cohesion

Raymond J. Struyk

The Global Development Network

Lyn Squire

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Transnational religion: Hindu and Muslim movements

Peter Van Der Veer

Attending to the world: competition, cooperation and connectivity in the World City network

J. V. Beaverstock, M. A. Doel, P. J. Hubbard and P. J. Taylor

Calling capital: call centre strategies in New Brunswick and New Zealand

Wendy Larner

Cosmopolitanism or cosmopolitanisms? The Universal Races Congress of 1911

Robert John Holton

Telling it like it is: news websites and online newspapers

Fiona Moore

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Transnational households and ritual: an overview

Katy Gardner and Ralph Grillo

Death of a migrant: transnational death rituals and gender among British Sylhetis

Katy Gardner

A wedding in the family: home making in a global kin network

Karen Fog Olwig

Reformulating tradition and modernity: Moroccan migrant women and the transnational division of ritual space

Ruba Salih

Place, gender and power in transnational Sikh marriages

Kanwal Mand

Gender relations, transnational ties and rituals among Bosnian refugees

Nadje Al-Ali

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Rethinking comparative studies: an agent-centred perspective

Gordon L. Clark, Paul Tracey, and Helen Lawton Smith

Globalization and cultural mediation: the construction of Arabia in London

Christa Salamandra

Methodological nationalism and beyond: nation–state building, migration and the social sciences

Andreas Wimmer and Nina Glick Schiller

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Networking across borders: the South Asian Research Network on Gender, Law and Governance

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Stillborn Chrysalis: Reflections on the fate of national culture in neoliberal Zambia

James Ferguson

Mediated management of meaning: on-line nation building in Malaysia

Paula Uimonen

Rethinking migration, ancient to future

Roger Sanjek

Armenians of Athens and Istanbul: the Armenian diaspora and the 'transnational' nation

Ulf Björklund

The cosmopolitan organization: an essay on corporate accountability

Christina Garsten

Fields, networks and frames: advertising social organization in Japan

Brian Moeran

Closeted cosmopolitans: Israeli gays between centre and periphery

Moshe Shokeid

Overcoming temptation: on masculinity and sexuality among Muslims in Stockholm

Lena Gerholm

Manchester on my mind: a memoir

Keith Hart

3.5 Transnational Communities Programme Working Paper Series 1998 – 2002

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