

# InSIS newsletter

## Hilary 2017: Week 4

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## InSIS News

### InSIS Welcomes Chris Goldsworthy

InSIS is happy to welcome new Postdoctoral research fellow [Chris Goldsworthy](#), who will be joining the Institute to work on the new research project '[How Institutions Think](#)' (HIT). Chris completed his PhD at Cardiff University in 2016. This research examined the organisation of the professional system surrounding the identification, diagnosis and treatment of Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome across medico-legal and medical organisational settings. Chris' work on HIT aims to empirically explore the consequences of radically distributed cognition within an institutional framework which places institutions as part of our cognitive processes.

### New Website Launch

InSIS is currently in the process of creating a new Institute website that will be launched in early March, to coincide with the going live of a new website for the Oxford University School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography. To ensure consistency of design and features, InSIS has worked closely with the School's Web Design Committee, and we hope the new site will be more user friendly and provide a better web experience to all visitors to the site.

### REMINDER - InSIS Seminar Series - 'Science in your own hands? Promises and Perils of DIY Science'

To kick off the new [CEKA](#) project, InSIS will be holding a seminar series, 'Science in Your Own Hands: Promises and Perils of DIY Science'.

In the 21st century, the production of scientific knowledge has moved beyond academic or industrial laboratories to online communities, low-rent "hackspaces", personal wearable devices, and low-cost kits ordered from the internet. Does DIY science provide a more democratic, relevant and accountable form of self-guided expertise? Or are authority and control simply shifted and permeating the production of DIY activities in unknown ways? How are quality and outcomes assessed? Like an ever-evolving ecosystem, knowledge production and use is expanding into new niches and functioning in creative ways among new sets of actors. This seminar series explores the changing ecologies of knowledge and the implications of the public taking the production of science "into their own hands".

Seminars will be held on Tuesdays of the Oxford University Hilary Term (January to March) 2017, at 3pm, at 64 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6PN.

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### Interdisciplinary Microbiome Project publically launched

On 2nd February the [Interdisciplinary Microbiome Project](#) was publically launched with the first of its Hilary Term seminar series. Presented by [Andrew Singer](#), Senior Scientist at the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, this talk focussed on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in the wider environment, and what it means for environmental policy. More information on this seminar can be found [here](#).

The next seminar in the series will be held on Wednesday, 15th February, and be presented by [Hannah Landecker](#), Director of UCLA's Institute for Society and Genetics. The title of the talk is, 'The Food of our Food: Microbial Lessons From the History of Growth Promoters'.

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### New publications

Sophie Haines' latest publication is now available to view online:

Haines, S (2017) [Imagining the Highway: Anticipating Infrastructural and Environmental Change in Belize](#). *Ethnos (online)*. DOI:10.1080/00141844.2017.1282974

In addition, InSIS visitor Prof Lisa Dilling has recently published online:

Dilling, L., et al (2017) [Drivers of adaptation: Responses to weather- and climate-related hazards in 60 local](#)

## Upcoming Events

### InSIS Seminar Series - 'Science in your own hands? Promises and Perils of DIY Science

All seminars in this series will be held on Tuesday, 3-5pm, at 64 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6PN.

**7 Feb.** 'N of 1: Self-Tracking as Personal Science' by *Gina Neff* (Oxford Internet Institute, and University of Oxford Department of Sociology)

**14 Feb.** 'Smart Citizenship. Recovering the productive role of society through new technologies' by *Guilliem Camprodon* (Fab City Global Initiative)

**21 Feb.** 'Civic Science and DIY Enquiry: Critical perspectives and experiences from Jerusalem, London and New York' by *Hagit Keysar and Cindy Regalado* (Public Labs)

**28 Feb.** 'Do-it-yourself Biology (DIYBio): between education, innovation, subversion and empowerment' by *Markus Schmidt* (Biofaction)

**7 Mar.** 'DIYBio: freedom of experimentation' by *Ilya Levantis* (London Biohackspace)

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## Publications

### Journal Articles

Haines, S (2017) Imagining the Highway: Anticipating Infrastructural and Environmental Change in Belize. *Ethnos* (online). DOI:[10.1080/00141844.2017.1282974](https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2017.1282974)

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### Book Chapters

Lezaun, J., Marres, N., and Tironi, M. (2016) Experiments in Participation. In: *The Handbook of Science and Technology Studies*, Cambridge: The MIT Press.

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