

## Michaelmas 2015: Week 4

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## InSIS News

### Steve Rayner at the British Academy

On 21 October InSIS Director Prof Steve Rayner was invited to give evidence to the British Academy (BA) working group on interdisciplinary research. The BA policy project on interdisciplinarity, launched earlier this year, aims to examine how the move to greater engagement in interdisciplinary research affects, and is affected by, the various structures and infrastructures within which research takes place, from publication routes to research assessment. The British Academy is anticipating that a final report presenting the findings from this research will be published in the first quarter of 2016.

### RAI conference - Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change

InSIS researcher Sophie Haines is co-organising a panel session at the Royal Anthropological Institute Conference: [Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change](#), to be held 27-29 March 2016 in London. The panel is titled, 'Knowing the Atmosphere: exploring conceptual and practical dimensions of weather and climate knowledge for environmental decision-making' and will be co-convened by Emma Gamett. The [call for papers](#) for this panel is now open (deadline January 8 2016).

### Controlling Environments Workshop

On October 15 InSIS Director Steve Rayner and Deputy Director Javier Lezaun attended the [Controlling Environments Workshop](#), held at The University of Oxford's School of Geography and Environment. This one-day interdisciplinary workshop focussed on addressing the historical and contemporary significance of the cybernetic sciences as an array of related disciplines that have, and continue to, inform the environmental sciences and other disciplinary conceptualisations of human-environment relations.

### InSIS welcomes Dr César Enrique Giraldo Herrera

This month InSIS welcomes Dr César Enrique Giraldo Herrera, a Victoria Maltby Junior Research Fellow at Somerville College, Oxford. Trained in biology and anthropology, César holds a PhD in Social Anthropology from the University of Aberdeen, where he completed a thesis (*Sweet Dreams Rocking Viking Boats, Biocultural Animic Perspectivism through Nordic Seamanship*) under the supervision of Tim Ingold. Most recently he was a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Iceland, working on the project *Biosocial Relations and Hierarchies* with Gisli Palsson and Barbara Prainsack. His research interests include biosemiotics, the physiology of perception, environmental anthropology, bicultural syncretism, craftsmanship and studies of science, technology and medicine. At InSIS César will be working on the book manuscript *Microbes and other spirits: Crossroads of microbiology and Amerindian shamanism*, and working with Javier Lezaun on new research on the intersections of anthropology and the life sciences.

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## Upcoming Events

### InSIS Seminar Series - Ecologies of Expertise

The InSIS seminar series 'Ecologies of Expertise' continues through the Oxford University Michaelmas Term.

Seminars in this series are held weekly and explore how experts, expert knowledge, and expertise come to

be recognised as credible, legitimate, and authoritative.

Upcoming speakers include: Penny Harvey (University of Manchester), Maria Weimer (University of Amsterdam), Justus Lentsh (Goethe University), and Linsey McGoey (University of Essex).

Date: Tuesdays, 13th October-1st December (Oxford Uni. Michaelmas Term wks1-8)

Time: 3pm-5pm

Venue: Seminar Room, 64 Banbury Road, Oxford

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### **Sophie Haines and Steve Rayner at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Meeting - Denver 18-22 November, 2015**

InSIS researcher Dr Sophie Haines has co-organised the following sessions at the [American Anthropological Association meeting](#) to be held in Denver, Colorado 18-22 November 2015.

- Anticipating familiar/strange environments: the social lives of scientific predictions (parts 1 and 2). Co-convened with Renzo Taddei (Federal University of Sao Paulo (UNIFESP)).

[Part 1 more info>](#)[Part 2 more info>](#)

- Translating natures: relations, (in)determinacies and the work of translation in natural resource use. Co-convened with Piergiorgio di Giminiani (Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile)

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InSIS Director Steve Rayner will also present at the AAA meeting on 18th November. His presentation, 'Earth, Air, Fire, and Water: The Role of Prediction in the Management of Climatic Variability in South Australia' will be part of the '[Anticipating familiar/strange environments: the social lives of scientific predictions part 2](#)' session.

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## **Publications**

### **Journal Articles**

Bellamy, R. (2015) A Sociotechnical Framework for Governing Climate Engineering, *Science, Technology, & Human Values*. DOI: 10.1177/0162243915591855.

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Bellamy, R. and Lezaun, J. (2015) Crafting a public for geoengineering, *Public Understanding of Science*. DOI: 10.1177/0963662515600965.

[Read>](#)

Lezaun, J and Montgomery, C. (2015) The Pharmaceutical Commons: Sharing and Exclusion in Global Health Drug Development, *Science, Technology & Human Values* 40(1): 3-29. [Read>](#)

Lezaun, J and Porter, N. (2015) Containment or Competition: Transgenic Animals in the One Health Agenda. *Social Science and Medicine*. 129: 96-105.

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Woolgar, S. and Lezaun, J. (2015) Missing the (question) mark? What is a turn to ontology? *Social Studies of Science*. 45(3): 462-467.

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### **Books**

Rayner, S. and Caine, M. (eds.) (2014) *The Hartwell approach to climate policy*. Earthscan, London. This book is part of the Earthscan Science in Society Series, also edited by Steve Rayner.

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### **Book Chapters**

Funtowicz, S.O. and Ravetz, J.R. (2015) Peer Review and Quality Control. In: M. Gross and L. McGoey (eds.) *International Handbook of Ignorance Studies*. Routledge.

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Heyward, C. and Rayner, S. (2015) Uneasy Expertise: Geoengineering, Social Science, and Democracy in

the Anthropocene. In: M. Heazle and J. Kane (eds) *Policy Legitimacy, Science and Political Authority: Knowledge and Action in Liberal Democracies*. Routledge Earthscan, Abingdon.

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Ravetz, J.R. (2015) From Descartes to Rumsfeld: The rise and decline of ignorance-of-ignorance. In M. Gross and L. McGoey (eds.) *International Handbook of Ignorance Studies*. Routledge.

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Ravetz, J.R. and Funtowicz, S.O. (2015) Science, New forms of. In: J.D. Wright (ed), *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2nd edition, Vol. 21*. Elsevier.

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Rayner, S. (2015) To know or not to know? A note on ignorance as a rhetorical resource in geoengineering debates. In M. Gross and L. McGoey (eds.) *International Handbook of Ignorance Studies*. Routledge.

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## Book reviews

Lezaun, J. (2015) Democracy in America 3C. *Journal of Cultural Economy*. 8(2): 235-244.

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Lezaun, J. (2015) Speculative Markets: Drug Circuits and Derivative Life in Nigeria, by Kristin Peterson, Somatosphere

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## Other

Bellamy, R. (2015) Multicriteria Mapping of Climate Engineering, *International Federation of Operational Research Societies (FORS) Newsletter*. 9(3): 20.

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Rayner, S. et. al. (2015) Oxford in 2065. *Oxford Today: The University Magazine*. 27(2): 36-44.

Climate Geoengineering Governance - Briefing Notes (June 2015), Climate Geoengineering Governance Project.

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## Press + blogs + video

### Steve Rayner at MVI Conference - Keynote available

On 24 August InSIS Director Professor Steve Rayner presented a keynote address at the Fourth International Conference on Responsible Innovation in The Hague. A recording of the presentation, titled 'Responsible Innovation or Reckless Folly?', is now available to view.

[View here>](#)

### 2015 Mary Douglas Memorial Lecture - audio now available

An audio recording of the 2015 Mary Douglas Memorial Lecture is now available at the [Oxford University Podcasts](#) webpage.

The Mary Douglas Memorial Lecture is an annual event held in the memory of Dame Mary Douglas. The lecture is sponsored by the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography at the University of Oxford, the Department of Anthropology at UCL, the Royal Anthropological Institute, and St Anne's College, Oxford.

The 2015 lecture, 'The Societalization of Social Problems: Recent Social Crises and the Civil Sphere' was presented by Professor Jeffrey C. Alexander, Lillian Chavenson Saden Professor of Sociology at Yale University.

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