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House of Lords report on Genetically Modified Insects

The House of Lords [Science and Technology Select Committee](#) have published a report on Genetically Modified Insects, after its recent inquiry on the subject. This report draws on several points included in the evidence provided to the Committee by InSIS and authored by Dr Javier Lezaun and InSIS PhD researcher Christiaan de Koning.

The Select Committee report can be found [here](#)>

Water Security 2015 conference

InSIS Director Professor Steve Rayner and researcher Dr Sophie Haines participated in the [Water Security 2015](#) conference, held 9-11 December in Oxford. This three-day event convened leading global thinkers and practitioners from government, enterprise, civil society, and academia to advance and debate risk-based analysis of water security. The event was hosted by the [Oxford Martin School](#) and [St Catherine's College](#), Oxford.

In addition, Sophie participated in a series of pre-conference workshops with [REACH](#) research teams from the UK, Kenya, Bangladesh, and Ethiopia.

Dr Sophie Haines in Geneva

On December 15-16 InSIS researcher Dr Sophie Haines participated in a 2-day workshop of the Dialogue Platform has been invited to attend a workshop of the Dialogue Platform on [Forecast-based Financing](#) in Geneva, Switzerland. The workshop was hosted by the [International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#) (IFRC) and the [German Red Cross Society](#) (GRC) and brought together scientists, practitioners, and policy makers to explore the opportunities and challenges for using weather and climate forecasts to trigger humanitarian funding and actions.

Dr Javier Lezaun presents keynote to Chilean STS Network

On 15 January InSIS Deputy Director Dr Javier Lezaun gave a keynote presentation to the 3rd Meeting of the [Chilean STS Network](#). The title of Javier's presentation was 'On the edge of experimentality; rethinking citizen engagement in Science and Technology Studies'.

Dr Javier Lezaun to speak at Legalism: Property and Ownership workshop

On 29-30 January InSIS Deputy Director Dr Javier Lezaun will participate in the workshop '[Legalism: Property and Ownership](#)' at St John's College, Oxford. This workshop aims to sustain an ongoing interdisciplinary dialogue, rooted in careful cross-cultural comparison of concrete examples, between historians, anthropologists, lawyers and others engaged in the study of law. It will focus on exploring the ways in which the concepts of 'property' and 'ownership' can take legal forms, and the nuances and problems thrown up by cross-cultural comparisons. The event is generously funded by the St John's Research Centre and the Craven Fund. Javier will be speaking on 'Naturally occurring monsters: property law and new biotechnologies'.

Upcoming Events

Urban Governance and its Discontents

Urban Governance and its Discontents will be held on 18-19 February 2016 at St Anne's College, University of Oxford. Academics on the cutting edge of global urban scholarship will be put face-to-face with established innovative practitioners - architects, activists, policy makers, and artists - in a series of public dialogues.

Date: Thursday 18th - Friday 19th February

Venue: St Anne's College, Oxford

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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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Book Chapters

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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Linner, B-O. and Rayner, S. (2015) An Innovation Investment Framework? In K. Bäckstrand & E. Lövbrand, (eds) *Research Handbook on Climate Governance*. Edward Elgar, Cheltenham.

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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 3D. *Journal of Cultural Economy*. 8(2): 235-244.

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Other

Bellamy, R. and Healey, P. (2015) *A Report on the Climate Geoengineering Governance project Scenarios Workshop*. CGG.

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

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Haines, S. and Lopez, A. (2015) Interdisciplinary working means stepping outside your comfort zone. Oxford Martin School *Opinion*.

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Healey, P. and Rayner, S. (2015) Key Findings from the Climate Geoengineering Governance Project. CGG Working Paper no. 25. InSIS, Oxford.

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Healey, P. and Rayner, S. (2015) Geoengineering and its governance: If geoengineering technologies could help to address climate change, how should they be governed? Living with Environmental Change (LWEC) Policy and Practice Note No. 18.

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Lezaun, J., and de Koning, C. (2015) Memorandum on regulatory pathways for genetically modified insects. House of Lords Science and Technology Committee inquiry into Genetically Modified Insects.

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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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