

# InSIS newsletter

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## InSIS News

### InSIS Welcomes Louise Bezuidenhout and Sara de Wit

InSIS is happy to welcome two new Postdoctoral research fellows, [Louise Bezuidenhout](#) and [Sara de Wit](#). Louise holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Exeter (UK, 2014) and an MA in bioethics from KU Leuven (Belgium, 2008). Her research interests are broadly centred on data sharing issues within the life sciences. Louise will be working on the new InSIS research project '[Changing Ecologies of Knowledge and Action](#)' (CEKA). Sara is trained in anthropology and African Studies and has a strong empirical orientation, with long-term fieldwork experience. Her research has broadly focused on globally circulating ideas such as climate change and notions of development travel. Sara joins InSIS as part of the '[Forecasts for Anticipatory Humanitarian Action](#)' (FATHUM) project.

### New Institutional Links project on Zika

Javier Lezaun has been awarded a British Council/Newton Fund grant to research the ongoing Zika virus epidemic in Brazil. The project will be conducted in collaboration with researchers at the [Oswaldo Cruz Foundation](#) in Brazil (Fiocruz), and will study the response of public health research institutions to the emergence of a new infectious disease, as well as the translation of scientific knowledge into novel forms of vector control and clinical care. The project will be launched in April and will extend until the summer of 2019.

### New Website Launched

On 28 February InSIS launched its new look website. With a new graphic design and easy-to-use navigation we hope the new site will be more user friendly and provide a better web experience to all visitors to the site. Visit [here](#)>

### Postdoctoral Research Assistant on the Social Dimensions of the Microbiome - Applications close 13 March 2017

The [Interdisciplinary Microbiome Project](#) (IMP) and the [Good Germs, Bad Germs](#) projects are seeking to appoint a postdoctoral research assistant to work on the social dimensions of the microbiome. This is a full-time, 12-month position based in the School of Geography. The post-holders' workload will be divided between the two projects. The closing date for applications is 12:00 noon on Monday 13 March 2017. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### Sophie Haines at the meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology

Sophie will be presenting at the [77th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology](#), to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 28 March to 1 April. Her presentation, 'Forecasting futures: uncertainty and accountability in weather/climate prediction for resource and hazard management' will be part of the panel session she has organised with [Heather Lazrus](#) (NCAR), 'Ethnographic futures of weather and climate forecasting'. [Shirley Fiske](#) (University of Maryland) will act as the panel discussant. This panel is a follow-on event from the inaugural meeting of the Network for [Anthropologies of Forecasting Weather & Climate](#), held in Oxford in May 2016.

### Upcoming InSIS presentations

InSIS visitor, Prof Lisa Dilling, will be presenting a seminar for the [Environment and Sustainability Research Group](#) at the University of Exeter on 23 March. The title of the lecture is 'Drivers of adaptation at the local level: How do differences in worldviews and risk tolerance matter'.

On 30 March, Javier Lezaun will be giving a research seminar at the [Centre for the Sociology of Innovation](#) (CSI) at the Ecole des Mines de Paris. The title of the presentation will be, 'Gene drive law: biotechnological ferrets and the end of containment'.

### **Sophie Haines at the meeting of the American Association of Geographers**

Sophie will be presenting at the [Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers](#), to be held in Boston, April 5-9. Her presentation, 'Forecasting futures: uncertainty and accountability in weather/climate prediction for resource and hazard management' will be part of the panel session 'Global politics and economies of climate services'.

### **"The Cult Next Door" on BBC 2**

Steve Rayner was interviewed in the BBC 2 Documentary "[The Cult Next Door](#)" shown on 26th January. The cult in question was the 1970's Workers' Institute of Marxism-Leninism Mao Zedong Thought, which was the subject of Steve's 1982 paper "The Perception of Time and Space in Egalitarian Sects: A Millenarian Cosmology" in M. Douglas (ed) *Essays in the Sociology of Perception*. Recent interest in the group has been prompted by the jailing of its leader on sexual abuse charges related to the long-term confinement of former members and his own daughter in a South London flat.

### **Past presentations**

On 25 February Lisa Dilling presented a seminar at [King's College London](#) titled, 'Surprise and the dynamics of vulnerability: What drought and flooding in urban areas can teach us about climate adaptation'. She also participated in a workshop for the University of Oxford [Environmental Change Institute](#) Combined Masters programs titled, 'Knowledge brokering in theory and practice', on February 3.

On 2 March, Javier Lezaun spoke about 'open sourcing pharma: the case of antimalarial drug discovery'; at the workshop [Critical Studies of Citizen Science in Biomedical Research](#), held at King's College London.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Interdisciplinary Microbiome Project (IMP) Seminar Series**

The next seminar in the IMP seminar series will be held on Thursday, 9th March, and will be presented by [Fulvio D'Acquisto](#), Deputy Director of the Centre for Biochemical Pharmacology, and Biomedical Research Theme Lead for the Life Science Institute, at the [William Harvey Research Institute](#). The title of the talk is, 'The immunological side of emotions and feelings. What's s..t got to do with it?'.  
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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](#)

[Read here](#)>

### **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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