



## RESEARCH AND PROJECTS REPORT 2010 and 2011



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# Rector's View

Our world has been shaken to the core by the recent financial crisis, which has resulted in austerity measures throughout much of the Global North. This has also led to a global reduction in funding for development activities, including budgets available for research and teaching. The Dutch government has recently reduced the aid budget from 0.8% to 0.7% of GDP. Moreover, in the Netherlands public and political attention is increasingly focused on internal issues and interest for issues of international development is at best based on meeting domestic needs. At the same time, the economies of China, India and Brazil have proven more resilient to the financial crisis. As a result, our world is increasingly becoming multi-polar and the hegemonic post 1945 world view is on the retreat.

However, climate change, depletion of resources, environmental degradation and issues of food security are of major public concern and could potentially have a huge impact on the global order. This makes all the more relevant the study of political, economic and social developments in Africa, Asia, Latin America, North Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, in addition to new developments in North-South and South-South relationships. Taken together, this can be described as the focus of ISS' research: the study of global issues of international development, social justice and equity.

In the Netherlands, the report by the Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR) 'Less Pretention, More Ambition' was published in January 2010 and sets the agenda for Dutch aid over the coming period. It indicates that there is a need to prioritize and professionalize the delivery and organization of aid and recommends that aid be targeted in terms of region, sector and key themes.



Professor Leo de Haan, Rector ISS

## Some Facts and Figures about ISS



The report also makes a plea for more research into what works and why and posits the idea of a research network focusing on global issues, in which the Dutch could take the lead. Furthermore the Advisory Council for Science and Technology Policy (AWT) report 'Knowledge without Frontiers: Knowledge and Innovation in a Global Context', also published in January 2010, underlines the importance of global networks of innovation and knowledge production in relation to development and global issues. This approach fits the ambition and character of ISS and the experience available within it.

Recently water, food security, reproductive health and security and rule of law were chosen as the priority themes for Dutch development cooperation. It will be necessary to connect ISS research to these themes to a certain extent, without at any time losing sight of our responsibility as an academic institute to remain independent of the national political agenda. ISS will therefore strengthen its strategic partnerships with relevant ministries in the Netherlands.

Since July 2009, ISS has been a university institute of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). Being part of a wider academic community presents ISS with new opportunities in which joint ventures both in research and teaching can create access to new target groups, serve as a catalyst for innovation and open up new sources of funding. The mutual added value needs to be further exploited under the broad strategic objectives of the EUR relating to internationalization and societal relevance. ISS research contributes to the achievement of the objectives concerning internationalization through its international network – not in the least in the Global South – enhancing EUR's network of partners outside the Netherlands.

- Established in 1952 and became a University Institute of Erasmus University Rotterdam in July 2009
- Located in The Hague, City of Peace and Justice
- Annual budget of € 21m
- Core business in research, teaching and societally relevant engagements, with a focus on global social issues of major concern to international development, social justice and equity
- Total academic staff of 60 full-time equivalents (FTEs)
- Organization in four Staff Groups: Economics of Sustainable Development (SGI); States, Societies, World Development (SGII); Human Resources and Local Development (SGIII); Rural Development, Environment and Population Studies (SGIV)
- A four-year Doctoral Programme, with 10-15 PhD graduations every year
- Master's Programme in Development Studies of 15.5 months, with annual enrolment of some 180 students and five specializations offered in 2012
- Various offerings of postgraduate and diploma programmes, tailor-made training and refresher courses
- Regular Development Research and Research in Progress seminars open to the general public
- Office of Research, Projects and Advisory Services with 8 FTEs for management support
- Own library with access to all electronic sources available at Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Own housing facilities for resident students
- Active student association SCHOLAS
- More than 11,000 alumni worldwide who increasingly are being connected through social media LinkedIn and Facebook



## Our Strategic Aims

The International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) is a university institute of the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) and as such uses its unique position as the first and oldest development studies institute in the Netherlands to contribute to its overall research profile.

In its vision, ISS aspires to be a research-led, teaching-based and societally relevant university institute in the social sciences, with a focus on global social issues of major concern to international development, social justice and equity. Our mission is to create and share groundbreaking critical and constructive knowledge pertaining to global issues of international development, social justice and equity, together with scientific peers and others, in order to contribute to the resolution of fundamental social problems. We conceive this mission as a pivotal contribution to EUR overall research strategy.

Strategically, our present and future research orientation aims to build on the Institute's strength and its position as a globally renowned institute that combines research excellence with social relevance. We aim to deepen and augment our activities in and with the global knowledge structures and networks concerned with the fundamental social problems which confront humanity, and the Global South in particular.

Debating and influencing the academic and policy discourse on social justice, equity, sustainability, governance and welfare creation is central to our research orientation and project work throughout the world. In pursuit of this, we aim to reinforce our current position as an open intellectual community and network-based institution collaborating with partners from around the world and sensitive to perspectives originating in the Global South and the Global North.

Beyond recognition, visibility and work done in the Netherlands and providing an important Dutch contribution to the global knowledge economy, ISS will showcase and project the qualities of the Netherlands' image abroad as a global player in informing and influencing international development cooperation for the benefit of all.

## Recent and Ongoing Developments

### A University Institute

Since 2009 ISS has been part of Erasmus University Rotterdam. EUR is a comprehensive Dutch university clustering its education and research into three main fields of expertise which have acquired international recognition: Economics and Management, Medicine and Health Sciences, and Law, Culture and Society. Research is conducted in research schools, institutes, centres or research groups. As a relatively small newcomer, ISS is an atypical Dutch university research-led education institute that seeks to consolidate its unique added value within EUR's faculties. ISS aims to strengthen EUR's position at the interface of development and global justice.

Compared to most of Erasmus University Rotterdam, ISS staff and PhD candidates form a multicultural and international environment. In contrast to the Dutch system, almost none of the PhD candidates are employed by the Institute, but receive fellowships. Due to its international composition and the work that it carries out in situ, the Institute has acquired specific, and sometimes unique, knowledge of practice in the Global South.



### Assessing the Quality of our Research

One implication of ISS joining forces with EUR is that it has adopted the standard six-year quality assurance cycle that applies to all Dutch universities. 2010 and 2011 were special years for the research community. First of all the accreditation of CERES, the Dutch research school on development, took place. In this accreditation ISS scored high relative to other CERES-members. Second, ISS prepared itself for its first self-evaluation study in preparation for a site visit by the International Peer Review Committee in March 2012. The Rector Magnificus of Erasmus University Rotterdam appointed the Committee to assess the quality of ISS research. Highlights of the outcome of this assessment will be published in our 2012 Research and Projects Report.

## Towards Establishing Research Programmes

Since 2011, ISS has embarked on a path to establish a number of research programmes with the aim of improving the organization of research and augmenting the quality of its research. The research programmes will give further impetus to the Institute's efforts to become a research-led and education-based institute. This entails conceiving and implementing an ambitious, innovative and inspiring research agenda, including presenting a powerful profile as a knowledge institute to the outside world. Research collaboration takes place with national partners, particularly EUR but also Leiden University and Delft University of Technology, and with international partners. Forming forums and networks both in the Global South and North is the key element of the research programmes.

The objectives of the research agenda include the formation of viable programmes capable of achieving ISS' strategic objective to become a global leader in development research with robust research organization, renowned academic leadership, sustainable funding and a stimulating research environment.

## Embedding PhD Researchers

Since its establishment about 30 years ago, over 100 researchers have obtained a PhD degree in Development Studies at ISS. At present, there are about 50-55 resident and non-resident PhD researchers in any given year.

By 2012, these PhD researchers will also be embedded in the Institute's research programmes. They will enjoy support by the creation of a stimulating research environment and with the research programmes becoming their intellectual homes. This includes limited teaching, so that they gain skills that will enable them to respond better to future academic challenges.

The overall objective of embedding these researchers into the research programmes is to allow them to benefit from the networks and play an active part in the workshops, conferences and seminars linked to the



programmes. This will help make ISS a vibrant and more attractive institution, also for prospective PhD candidates. ISS operates a four-year programme which includes tailor-made training on methodology and course work targeted to individual student needs. It also involves field-work for data collection. The dissertation is written in English.

## Strengthening Research Support

Since 2011, ISS has had a Deputy Rector for Research Affairs, Professor Mohamed Salih, as overall responsible for research and projects. He is supported by the Office of Research, Projects and Advisory Services (ORPAS), headed by Dr Johan van Dijk, which manages the research programmes and project work in the Netherlands and abroad. ORPAS works with a group of ten staff including members of the Editorial Board of the journal Development and Change. Every year, ORPAS attracts a number of project-based staff, interns and trainees to assist with the knowledge services for research and projects.

Two committees oversee the Institute's research and project activities. The Research Committee - chaired by Professor Max Spoor - advises the Deputy Rector for Research Affairs on research policy and measures relevant to the programming of research, monitoring and evaluation of research quality and impact and measures to disseminate the results of research. The main objective of the Capacity Development Committee, chaired by Ria Brouwers, is to safeguard the societal relevance and impact of capacity development activities and policy oriented research.

## A Supportive Research Environment for Young and Upcoming Talent

ISS invests in talented young and upcoming staff by creating a supportive and engaging research environment and empowers them to pursue creative lines of enquiry. They will be allocated appropriate time to contribute to emerging research areas. To achieve this, ISS will implement the workload planning tool and use research profiles to ensure that time is made available for research. It will introduce a tenure track policy, based on EUR's existing policy.



# Putting Knowledge in the Service of Society

A glimpse at our knowledge services, research and capacity development shows that ISS produces innovative knowledge which is scientifically solid and societally relevant. In pursuing its objectives, the Institute interacts with other academic and research institutions, policy-makers, practitioners, the press and opinion leaders in civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). ISS is widely recognized in these constituencies, both in the Global South and the North, as an institute at the cutting edge in its fields of expertise. ISS maintains relations with these diverse partners and collaborates with them in knowledge production and dissemination, ensuring that the knowledge generated through the research programmes has the desired social impact.

## Highlight: Rotterdam Global Health Initiative

On 28 October 2011, the Rotterdam Global Health Initiative (RGHI) was internationally launched with the high-level conference 'World Health Stage: Imagining Global Health Anew' in Rotterdam. Over 200 participants from around the world attended this festive occasion and engaged with the theme of innovation in global health efforts, with the Millennium Development Goals on health lagging behind.

The launch formed a milestone in the work of the innovative coalition of research, education and social valorization partners interested in advancing global health. Building the network began in 2010, with ISS as one of the founding institutions. Within a year, RGHI managed to unite the expertise of ISS, the Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam, the Erasmus Institute of Health Policy and Management, the Erasmus Institute of Public Health, the SPREAD Network, Rotterdam-Rijnmond Public Health Service and the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies, with the City of Rotterdam, the Erasmus Centre for Strategic Philanthropy and international NGOs like Cordaid, HealthNet, TPO and the KNCVTB Foundation. All these institutes make a concerted effort to fight against poverty and socioeconomic health inequalities, advance the health of people and contribute to good governance in health and access to health care as a human right.

Strategically, the network is well positioned to share expertise, especially in the fields of health systems research, access to health care, financial systems, health economics, management and logistics, governance and law. RGHI partners are keen to innovate global health research, and contribute to new health knowledge architecture and capacity building, by integrating practical experience into new models of health research and education.

## Showcasing our Major Research and Project Activities

ISS research and project work has been conducted under the umbrella of four Staff Groups.

**Economics of Sustainable Development** (Staff Group I) works on two areas in the field of development economics. The first focuses on structural adjustment and financial reforms and their impact on growth, stability, distribution and poverty. The second area covers determinants of long-run sustainable growth and equitable human development. These two areas overlap and are supported by a third area of quantitative development economics.

**States, Societies and World Development** (Staff Group II) focuses on how societies are organized and governed, both domestically and within the community of nation-states. It examines the roles of state executives, national and local bureaucracies, social movements and non-governmental development organizations.

**Human Resources and Local Development** (Staff Group III) focuses on processes and policies of socioeconomic restructuring of production and reproduction. Particular attention is paid to the changing configuration of labour and gender relations and their implications for employment, income generation and livelihoods. Common interest is shared in local governance and local economic development. While research undertaken may adopt a global, macro or micro level of analysis, the group seeks to achieve synthesis and synergy at the meso level of social groups, sectors and localities.

RGHI partners believe that global health concerns itself with worldwide improvement of health, access to health care, the reduction of disparities and the protection of individuals against health threats. 'RGHI partners are convinced that global health efforts are relevant everywhere. Not only in low or middle income countries, but also in highly developed parts of the world. It is urgent to intensify the interaction between global health and social science researchers, practitioners, social entrepreneurs and policy-makers. ISS brings tested development experience to this field,' says Dr Godelieve van Heteren, Director of Erasmus University Rotterdam Global Health Initiative.



**Rural Development, Environment and Population Studies** (Staff Group IV) is engaged in teaching, research and advisory work on rural and human development, with a focus on poverty, socioeconomic security, social provisioning, population studies, management of rural resources and resource conflicts. Teaching and research is marked by a commitment to the central role of equitable, broad-based and sustainable development. This is combined with an explicit engagement with the analysis of power relations and processes of global change that are reinforcing rather than reducing poverty and socioeconomic insecurity.

### Our Current Activities

By mid-2012, ISS will have established programmes entirely devoted to research. These programmes will inform the public about major research conducted at ISS by staff and students and their partners and networks across the globe. Thematically, the Institute's current activities can be divided into the following overlapping sub-themes.

#### Economics of Development

Many developing countries suffer from endemic poverty, slow economic growth, unequal distribution of income and wealth, low levels of agricultural and industrial investment, and ineffective government services. Compound-

ing, and partly giving rise to, these problems are shocks emanating from the world economy. Current research at ISS focuses on the impact of macroeconomic policies and developments on the economics of states, households, firms and institutions. It also considers the microeconomic effects of situations of conflict especially in the context of natural resources, and addresses at macro scale trade and investment flows to and from developing countries and the global patterns of production. The research of the Economics of Development group enriches the teaching programmes in quantitative economic measures and there are further applications in projects that ISS staff is engaged in, for example in impact evaluation studies.



In a selection of countries in Africa and Asia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' 'Promoting Renewable Energy' programme will be evaluated. Professor Michael Grimm of ISS, together with the *Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung*, Essen, which is lead partner, is involved in these impact studies commissioned by the Ministry's Policy and Operations Evaluation Department (IOB). In April and June 2011, a baseline study was conducted in Rwanda involving household surveys on income and expenditure patterns, safety perceptions and changes in household daily routines and activities after nightfall. It also considers changes in school enrolment and children's study hours at home. All these changes in attitudes and behaviour are gauged at points in time before and after the electrification campaign of the Rwandan Electricity Access Roll-Out Programme: all sampled households in 2011 will be visited again in 2013.

In Sub-Saharan Africa informality dominates the urban labour markets. These markets are very heterogeneous in terms of entry costs, firm size, access to credit, and in human and physical capital endowments. With research funding from the World Bank, ISS tries to better understand the factors that limit the opportunities of informal entrepreneurs to develop their businesses. These constraints could be a lack of finance, insurance, public services, or merely family obligations which hinder the reinvestment of profits. The empirical basis of the research programme is a unique micro data set on informality covering seven West-African countries, Madagascar, Peru and Vietnam. Professor Michael Grimm is project leader.

Firms in the Global North and Global South increasingly outsource production and services to developing countries through global production networks. The 'Capturing the Gains' research programme aims to develop knowledge on the employment and wellbeing of workers

and small producers in such networks. This research brings together international experts from North and South to research and promote strategies for fairer trade and decent work. The programme is funded by the UK Department for International Development, (DFID), the Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI), the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and led by the University of Manchester. Professor Peter Knorrinda, one of the lead researchers in this network, is involved in consolidating research findings from agro-processing in various countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and in interviewing key executives of leading global and regional retailers on their approach towards social standards.

## Governance and Political Economy

Globalization and decentralization have changed the ways in which people, organizations and territories are governed. They have also affected ways in which different actors are able to voice their interests and act upon them. Research at ISS addresses these questions of governance as they manifest themselves at the local, national and international levels and enables the institute's engagement in further strengthening of local capacities in research, teaching and curriculum development following a variety of themes and perspectives.

In Mozambique, ISS has been collaborating with the Academy of Police Sciences, the Higher Institute of Public Administration and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of Eduardo Mondlane University since 2004, initially with Dr Nicholas Awortwi as project leader. Building up local capacities for public administration has produced interesting publications from research conducted in the first project phase, with publication in the *International Review of Administrative Sciences* and *International Journal of Public Administration*. The activities in the second phase culminated on 25 August 2011 with a conference on 'Challenges of Police Training in Democratic Governance'. This high-level gathering was opened by the President of Mozambique, his Excellency Armando Gue-

buza, in the presence of all Cabinet Ministers and Deputy-Ministers, together with the ISS Rector and Deputy Rector Research Affairs, who is the project leader for this second phase, Professor Mohamed Salih. The main conference themes included 'What is the role of the police force in the country's Public Sector reform process?' and 'How are gender imbalances within the police force to be addressed?'.

In Vietnam, with funding from the Dutch embassy, capacities are being strengthened at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Public Administration, one of the country's leading research and teaching institutions. It has a network of political schools at national and provincial level, and almost every public or political official follows training at the academy. Research is driven by two concerns: firstly, the needs of local staff who will feed research findings in their teaching and training programmes, and secondly, the academy is strengthened in its research profile to better honour Government requests for policy



advice on topical issues. In both respects, the academy is still facing insufficient capacity especially for empirical research, a need which has become pressing as Vietnamese society is changing rapidly. The HCMA management is therefore facing the challenge of strengthening evidence-based research and the capacity to formulate strong policy proposals that have an impact on the country's key policy-making institutes. The project, led by Dr Joop de Wit, has implemented various training activities and engaged in four joint research projects on decentralization, conditions for migrants in rural and urban areas, and the impacts of industrialization on local communities. At project end, a Centre for Policy Studies will have been established to safeguard and embed evidence-based studies in the academy's research and teaching programmes.

The open waters surrounding the African, Asian and Australian continents are at the very centre of recent geo-strategic political concerns. ISS research by Professor Mohamed Salih, together with internationally renowned partners, will explore current attempts to build regional identities and institutions across the Indian Ocean Region – with particular reference to the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation (IOR-ARC). The uses of non-traditional security arguments and policy-making will be particularly investigated as means of building bridges and creating regional dialogues. The research will also analyze how notions of regionalism can be used to facilitate the process of 'building' an Indian Ocean region. This research project, commencing in 2012, is led by the University of Adelaide and financed by the Australian Research Council. The South China Sea is the second region where research is under preparation with other knowledge centres and under the leadership of ISS staff member Dr Thanh-Dam Truong into new ways of regional integration.

## Social Policy and Global Health



Research and teaching on social policy features in four domains at ISS. First, Children and Youth studies examine how young people are involved and represented in development processes. More generally, the second domain of Population Studies relates demographic factors such as fertility, mortality and population growth and structure to the dynamics of poverty, inequality and the politics of sex, life and death. Third, Poverty Studies examines the causes of poverty by analysing the structural processes that underlie wealth and its distribution. It also analyzes the conceptualization, identification and measurement of poverty in depth. Finally, the last domain of Work and Employment examines the scope for productive employment and decent work in the context of globalization. Throughout social policy research and teaching, attention is paid to cross-cutting themes like gender and income inequality.

Together with the Erasmus Medical Centre and Institute of Health Policy and Management (iBMG), ISS is a founding partner of the Rotterdam Global Health Initiative. Already at an earlier stage, a number of research and teaching collaborations have started in which ISS is closely cooperating with institutions from Erasmus University Rotterdam, including a European Union-financed programme and a diploma course on International Health and Policy Evaluation.

Research is furthermore being conducted by Professor Arjun Bedi into Community-based Health Insurance in Ethiopia. This programme, financed by NWO-WOTRO, received initial seed money from the ISS Innovation Fund to execute baseline surveys and strengthen the NWO application for funding. In Ethiopia, the determinants and repercussions of health shocks are being studied. In addition, the effectiveness of Community-based Health Insurance initiatives in providing financial protection to health shocks and in reducing barriers to obtaining health care is being measured.

Understanding and Managing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights is an intensive postgraduate course given by Loes Keyzers to professionals from Bangladesh, Malawi and Uganda in December 2010. The course has been held at ISS for the last few years and will now come under the umbrella of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Alliance Netherlands. The training offered an opportunity for a better understanding of the right to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) for all. It analyzed SRH problems in the wider social development context. The questions addressed included 'How to manage SRH interventions which empower women' and 'How to involve men and recognize the rights of young people.' The course highlighted several themes, such as politics and policies intervening in people's choices and rights, the shaping the SRH services and quality of care, which is a complex field of development dynamics involving different actors and often conflicting interests. It also considered how to develop and manage the SRH agenda of national and international institutions, NGOs and social movements with a focus on young people's rights and what could be learned from achievements in the Netherlands, more in particular the Rights-Acceptance-Participation approach.

## Natural Resources and Environment



A convergence of factors has been driving a revaluation of land by powerful economic and political actors. This is happening across the world, but especially in the Global South. As a result, we are witnessing a dramatic rise in cross-border, transnational corporation-driven and, in some cases, foreign government-driven land deals. 'Global land grab' has become a catch-all phrase to describe this explosion of commercial transactions. Land is key to the production and sale of food and biofuels, conservation and mining activities. A systematic enquiry has therefore become urgent. The largest international research network on this subject is coordinated at ISS. This research was boosted in 2006 with the international conference 'Land, Poverty, Social Justice and Development'. Since then, the Institute has continued to position itself in leading initiatives on land grab research, contributing to the establishment of the Critical Agrarian Studies Centre and the Land Deal Politics Initiative (LDPI) programme.

In LDPI, project leaders Professor Max Spoor and Dr Saturnino Borrás work in collaboration with renowned partners, including the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex, PLAAS at the

University of the Western Cape, and the Polson Institute for Global Development at Cornell University. LDPI launched a grant competition which generated high quality papers, including contributions to policy initiatives for the UN Committee on Food Security. A 2011 grant from the Ford Foundation will support a follow up to establish a network of policy-makers, activists, scholars and community members, to fund researchers, and to organize an international conference at Cornell University, USA in October 2012. Also in the context of LDPI, Professor Ben White and Dr Saturnino Borrás will start research on Gulf-State concessions in Indonesia and the Philippines focusing on the contested control of agricultural land and food crops.

The research, which involves PhD and postdoc students, is being conducted in cooperation with the University of Amsterdam and the Gadjah Mada University of Indonesia and funded by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO). Gulf societies, heavily dependent on mass immigrant labour, are being forced to devise novel, extraterritorial strategies to feed their populations.

Transnational land deals raise deep concerns in recipient countries over matters such as who has the power over access and use of farmland and what effects do these changes have on the rural poor in terms of land rights and income security?

More general questions are raised in terms of sovereignty over domestic agricultural production. Research will focus on three levels: the international one, including investors and multilateral organizations, the national level in Indonesia and the Philippines, and the local level, involving farmer communities, local governments and elites, and civil society organizations.

The loss of biodiversity, ecosystems and natural landscapes is a global problem. Nature is increasingly considered as an economic resource with growing demand from, for example, ecotourism. At the same time, Internet and social media have opened new ways to involve the general public in conservation policy. In 2011, Dr Bram Büsher received the prestigious NWO Veni grant for 'Nature 2.0: The political economy of conservation in online and Southern African environments'. He will investigate how the global nature conservation lobby is evolving and how this will affect the relationship between South Africa's nature reserves and the local population. Findings are expected to contribute to new conservation strategies worldwide and insights into the new role of nature as an economic good.

### Human Rights and Gender, Conflict and Security



As part of the larger Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) programme on Women's Rights and Citizenship programme (WRC), Dr Thanh-Dam Truong is leading research on Migration, Gender and Social Justice. The WRC programme, launched in 2006, builds on the vision of a just world for women in the Global South. This involves equitable access to justice and the opportunity to participate in democratic decision-making processes, realizing the full range of rights and freedoms, including on economic and sexual and reproductive rights. The programme seeks to place Southern voices centre-stage in the international debate on gender and development. WRC has been funding several projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Connecting their findings and assessing how these can contribute to the WRC vision is the main objective of the project. Based on 10 case projects, it will make

a strategic contribution to the WRC programme as a whole. In particular, Dr Thanh-Dam Truong's project will create a platform of learning and connecting communities of research and practice. It will thus contribute to a change in attitudes and views in order to bridge differences in the understanding of migration. To achieve these goals, the research on Migration, Gender and Social Justice will support selected projects in deepening the analysis of their data and to placing them in regional contexts. It will consider changes in the political and cultural configurations of identities in migration and their implications for common citizenship rights. The findings will be published as policy briefs and educational materials and will be disseminated in workshops.

Past and present violent conflicts, ranging from civil wars to riots and violent mass protests, affect the lives of millions of people every year across the world. ISS participates in an EU Framework Programme for research on 'A new agenda for European Security Economics' together with 13 European partner institutes. Insecurity is broadly defined to include terrorism and organized crime. The research analyzes the causes, dynamics and long-term effects of human-induced insecurity threats as well as European security policies. The project's focus is on the human drivers of insecurity. Professor Mansoob Murshed is coordinating the Institute's contribution on effective domestic and, within the European Union member states, international security policy on terrorism and organized crime. This includes sustainable policies to address terrorism and crime and the development of social policies targeted at disgruntled immigrant youths and domestic security expenditure. When the programme ends in 2012, it will have established an information base for effective domestic and international security policy, with particular attention to identifying and limiting the costs of anti-terror policies.

International Security and Development Policy is also the subject of a new double degree teaching programme in which ISS participates. The programme is supported by the European Union and the US Department of Education as part of their Transatlantic Degree Programmes. The US and EU face similar global challenges and are leading in their responses to pressing global problems of anti-terrorism, peace-keeping, crisis management, humanitarian crises, post-conflict reconstruction, democratization, state building, sustainable development and human security.

### Social Movements, Civil Society and Markets

Research on Civil Society and Markets at ISS is driven by the simple, but profound awareness that development is no longer the monopoly of the state. While the state continues to be the key source of legitimacy and power, an increasing number of things needed to achieve human well-being, such as adequate food, decent labour conditions and a clean environment, will be the outcome of the interaction between civil society and markets, both through confrontation and collaboration.

This changing role of the state remains a contentious issue: some factions argue that reforms have not gone far enough, while others mobilize to defend the welfare state. Markets are also not perfect. They are strong in producing growth and innovation, but have a poor track record in redistribution, particularly in developing countries where state institutions are weaker. This is why an active and informed civil society that engages with the market is essential for transforming increased economic output into improved living conditions for the poor.

The Dutch development NGO Hivos has collaborated with ISS over the past five years on knowledge related to civic action and civil society building. The role of civic actors is a shared



area of interest and the purpose of the collaboration is to analyze current practices and to explore new and inspiring forms of civil society strengthening. The programme focuses mainly on Southern Africa and Central America and has generated a range of conferences, books, working papers and web blogs. The unique aspect of this collaboration between an academic institute and a donor NGO is mutual responsibility for the design and outcome of the programme. Recurring questions during implementation are 'How useful is this for the Hivos' mission and how useful is it for meeting the objectives of ISS?' This means that academics start thinking more in terms of a practitioner's concerns and that Hivos incorporates more of an academic focus. The collaboration is less based on research, but rather on dialogue and knowledge exchange. Dr Kees Biekart of ISS is coordinating the programme on the part of the Institute.

Capacity development emanating from ISS also addresses social movements in Georgia. Dr Sunil Tankha is project leader of 'Civil Society for

Development: Decentralization and Participation in Georgia', financed by the MATRA Social Transformation Programme of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This project is being executed in collaboration with the Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development. In the years after the 2006 Rose Revolution, civil society and local self-governance in Georgia have dramatically weakened while there has also been a neglect by international and bilateral donors whose focus is mainly on strengthening executive agencies. At first sight, it seems paradoxical that the position of the social movements has deteriorated. The Rose Revolution, after all, has been touted worldwide as a victory of civil society and democracy. Decentralization was proclaimed loudly and became embodied in such steps as the country signing the European Charter of Local Self-Governance in 2004 and implementing the associated legal issues in the following years. However, such changes have remained superficial. Various forms of pressure are making it more likely that a fundamental overhaul of the country's territorial institutions will occur in the near future. The project addresses these challenges through the establishment of a Resource Centre, regional training for NGOs and the design of a Toolkit to assist the mobilization of the public for campaigns.

Indices of Social Development is a World Bank financed research infrastructure based at the ISS. This is a free and online database for policy analysis, monitoring and evaluation and covers six indices. It is based on more than 200 measures from 25 reputable data sources covering the period 1990 to 2010 for almost every country in the world. It emphasizes dimensions previously under-valued or often not measured at all, such as empowerment and social cohesion. The project, led by Professor Irene van Staveren, is a unique form of research valorization through a public good.

### Three Prestigious Journals

ISS is home to the editorial boards of internationally renowned journals, including *Development and Change*, *Journal of Peasant Studies* and *Development*.

*Development and Change* is published by Wiley-Blackwell and owned by ISS. It is one of the oldest and most respected journals in the field, now in its forty-third year of publication. The journal appears six times a year, including regular and special theme issues as well as the popular annual Forum issue.



Being Editor-In-Chief of the Journal of Peasant Studies (JPS), two things are profoundly important and personal to me. The first is to see a young scholar struggling to publish a first article in JPS, having a rough ride during the peer review and eventually managing to produce a brilliant piece of work. Secondly, articles by leading activists in the agrarian, environmental and food movements also get published in JPS. The communities of activists as well as policy practitioners are excited and start using them in their own work. These matters re-energize and inspire me to work harder as JPS Editor



A series of online-only 'Virtual Issues' is currently being developed. *Development and Change* is an interdisciplinary journal, devoted to the critical analysis and discussion of the complete spectrum of development issues. Chair of the Editorial Board is Professor Ashwani Saith.

The editorial headquarters of the *Journal of Peasant Studies*, published by Routledge, is also located at ISS. The Journal's Editor-in-Chief is Dr Saturnino Borrás. JPS is the leading journal in rural development and provokes critical thinking about social structures, institutions, actors and processes of change in relation to the rural world. In 2012, it will publish two special issues: 'Green Grabs: a new appropriation nature' guest edited by James Fairhead, Melissa Leach and Ian Scoones, and 'The political economy of global land grabbing', guest edited by Ben White, Wendy Wolford and Ruth Hall.

*Development*, founded in 1957, is the quarterly publication of the Society for International Development (SID). The journal is currently published by Palgrave Macmillan and its Editor in Chief, Dr Wendy Harcourt, joined the ISS in November 2011. The journal aims to connect research, experience, activism and alternative thinking on development. Through its various sections – thematic, dialogue, local and global encounters, book shelf and window on the world – *Development* publishes a range of scholarly articles and up-to-the-minute opinion pieces written by a wide variety of authors, from committed policy makers and liberal thinkers, to visionary feminists and ecologists working for social justice in development.

## Library and IT Services

ISS offers an information-rich environment with state-of-the-art ICT and access to print and electronic resources. As part of Erasmus University Rotterdam, all central library collections are available to researchers and students through a 1 Gb fibre-optic private line linking with the main campus in Rotterdam. Among the services provided for ISS research and projects are research communications and scholarly networks.

- IRISS Institutional Repository based on open source software, including all articles by ISS staff members, PhD theses and ISS working papers
- Working Papers series, which is available online
- Hall of Fame; the ISS library maintains a set of web pages on the former Rectors and honorary fellows of the Institute
- Web Portals on ISS teaching and research programmes



## Conferences and Seminars



ISS is a meeting place for conferences, seminars, lectures and debate. A selection of the events that took place in 2010 and 2011 is presented here:

- Development Aid: debate on the WRR report 'Less Pretension, More Ambition' (with follow ups on 4, 12 and 23 March), 2 February 2010
- Inaugural Lecture, Prince Claus Chair Patricia Almeida Ashley 'Corporate Social Responsibility: A Role only for Business Leaders?', 30 March 2010
- Farewell Rector ISS Professor Louk de la Rive Box, 'Cooperation for Knowledge demands Know-how for Cooperation', 22 April 2010
- Debate on 'Development Aid in a Time of Financial Crisis: An Investment or a Luxury?' 25 May 2010

- Dies Natalis, Inaugural speech by new Rector Professor Leo de Haan 'Development Studies in Perspective: Sharing the Future at ISS', 14 October 2010
- Target 2020: ISS debate on development cooperation following the WRR report debate of 2010 (with follow up events on 3 and 24 March), 17 February 2010
- Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago, USA. Lecture on her new book 'Creating Capabilities: The Human Development Approach', 5 September 2011
- 'Sub-Saharan Africa and its International Economic and Business Relations: What are the Challenges posed by its "Emerging Partners"?' A symposium organized by ISS and Erasmus Centre for Emerging Markets, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 3 November 2011
- Hague Academic Coalition conference 'Peace Diplomacy, Global Justice and International Agency: Rethinking Human Security and Ethics in the Spirit of Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961)', 9-10 November 2011
- Lecture by His Excellency Amadou Toumani Touré, President of Mali, 'Reflections on the Democratization Processes in Mali and in Africa after the National Conferences of the 1990s and the Question of Peace and Security in the Sahelo-Saharan region', 30 November 2011

ISS organizes a range of seminars, including the Development Research and Research in Progress seminars. The first presents cutting-edge research on development studies by noted scholars from around the world. It aims to stimulate critical discussion about contemporary development issues. The topics covered are challenging and span a broad range of disciplines, from the situation of Burmese migrant workers in Thailand, to combating impunity for violent crimes committed against women in transitional justice situations. The Research in Progress seminar is intended to provide an informal platform to present ongoing research by ISS and other scholars, including staff and PhD candidates.

## Developing Capacities: Making a Difference



In 2010, 15 research assignments were ongoing with ISS as either leading or consortium partner. Funding was secured from various donors, including the Framework Programmes of the European Union, The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the University of Johannesburg. The themes for these areas

are the intellectual product of the academic staff, unlike assignments for contract research, where the research question is formulated beforehand by the commissioning party. A sample of ISS externally funded research projects 2010 and regional reference is presented here:

### European Union (EU)

- FP6: Garnet Good Governance, World
- FP7: European Security Economics EUSECON, Europe

### Netherlands Royal Academic of Science (KNAW)

- Sustainable Resource Use in Rural China: Institutions, Policies and Markets, China
- Changing Livelihood Strategies in Rural Xinjiang: Cotton Production, Environment and Poverty Reduction, China

### Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) and WOTRO Science for Global Development

- Conflict and Cooperation in the Context of Nationalization of Natural Resource Extraction in Ecuador and Bolivia
- Baseline studies of Community Based Health Insurance in Ethiopia
- Thematic Dialogue on China as a Global Power, China

### Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Strengthening Knowledge of and Dialogue with the Islamic and Arab World, the Netherlands

### University of Johannesburg

- Rural Development, Environment and Energy Studies, South Africa

In the same year, an additional 11 projects for contract research were financed by the World Bank, the European Union, the International Development Research Centre of Canada, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs/IOB, Dutch NGOs and others.

### World Bank

- Unlocking Potential: Tackling Economic, Institutional and Social Constraints of Informal Entrepreneurship in Sub-Saharan Africa, Africa
- Indices of Social Development, Global

### European Union (EU)

- Asia Link: Gender and Sustainable Development: Natural Resources Management, Migration and Multi-local Livelihoods, SE Asia

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- IOB: General Framework 'Impact Evaluation of Energy and Development Cooperation supported by the Netherlands', the Netherlands
- IOB: Sustainable Energy in Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Rwanda, Indonesia

### Other

- International Development Research Centre IDRC: Migration, Gender and Social Justice, World
- Woord en Daad: Knowledge Programme on Economic Development, Netherlands

ISS staff contributed to 24, multi-year, capacity development projects in 2010. Some of these also include research and teaching and the supervision of PhD students, others are mainly focused on teaching. The projects have received financing from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nuffic, the European Union, UNDP, overseas universities with which ISS maintains a partnership and the Dutch NGOs Hivos, Cordaid and Oxfam Novib.



#### Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Dutch Embassy Hanoi: Capacity Development for Integrated and Evidence-Based Policy Research, Vietnam
- Dutch Embassy Dhaka: Institutionalizing the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- MATRA: Civil Society for Development: Decentralization and Participation in Georgia, Georgia
- DPRN: Capacity Development, Research Development and Staff Exchange, the Netherlands

#### Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education (Nuffic)

- NICHE: Support for the Centre of Migration Studies, Ghana
- NICHE: Mainstreaming and Strengthening the Social Development Component in the Justice, Law and Order Sector, Uganda
- NPT: Capacity Building in Community Mobilization for Socio-Economic Development, Uganda
- NFP: Training for the Royal Audit Authorities of Bhutan
- NFP: Globalization and Labour: New Global Strategies to Organize Work, Impact on Labour and the Reactions of Society, Sri Lanka
- NESO: Training on Enhancing the Capacity and Competence of Teachers in Values Based Education for Raising Awareness on Anti-corruption Issues, Indonesia

#### Other

- European Union Tempus: Diploma in Public Policy and Child Rights, Egypt
- UNDP: Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Poverty Analysis, Tanzania
- Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs/EVD: Developing Harmonious Business: including Environmental Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility in the Strategies of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the Plastics Processing Industry, China
- National Economics University Hanoi: Master in Development Economics, Vietnam
- Hivos: Knowledge Programme Civil Society Building, Netherlands

#### Advisory work

In 2010, a total of 29 advisory work assignments were taken up for organizations including the European Commission, UNDP, DFID China, the Global Development Network, the University of East Anglia, Cornell University, the University of Bern, the Paris School of Economics, the University of Bergen, the European University Institute, the University of Leiden, the Dutch Ministries of Economic Affairs and of Finance, the Municipality of The Hague and various Dutch and international NGOs. Some of these assignments were for a number of days and others were ongoing for several months.

# Partners in the Netherlands and around the World

In this Annual Research and Projects Report, the work of a few partners in the Netherlands and abroad will be highlighted both as an expression of our gratitude and to profile the relevance and significance of this cooperation.

## Key Partners at Home

The Curatorium of the Prince Claus Chair honours the late Prince Claus of the Netherlands for his work in development and equity. This work is continued by the rotating Chair alternately appointed by ISS and Utrecht University. In 2009-2011, the Chair was held by Brazilian



Professor Patricia Almeida Ashley, who conducted research linking stakeholders' social responsibility with equity and development. In 2012-2013, the Chair will be held by Professor Stella Luz A. Quimbo of the University of the Philippines.

The Hague Academic Coalition (HAC) is a consortium of Hague-based institutions working in the field of international relations, international law and international development. The group includes the Carnegie Foundation, the Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law, ISS, Leiden University Campus The Hague, the Grotius Centre, the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael, The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague University of Applied Sciences and the T.M.C. Asser Institute. HAC was established in 2004, with ISS among the founding members, and intends to promote research, education and public debate in support of enhancement of international law, governance and international policies and negotiations towards justice, peace and sustainable development. Within the coalition, ISS has actively been engaged in The Hague Justice Portal, annual conferences in the series 'From Peace to Justice' and the establishment of The Hague Institute for Global Justice.

ISS researchers contribute to activities of the European Foundation on Social Quality (EFSQ), a non-profit organization dedicated to further theoretical development of the concept of social quality. Main projects executed together with ISS in 2010-2011 include the preparation of an EFSQ contribution at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20 in June 2012, and research into social quality indicators, complementarities of the human security and social quality approaches, and urban development processes in the city of The Hague.

## A Glimpse of ISS Partners by Region

In November 2011, the President of the Korea Development Institute (KDI), School of Public Policy and Management, and the Rector of ISS signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

Both parties have agreed to collaborate in a Global Master's Programme offering selected KDI students the opportunity to enrol in a double degree programme in Development Studies at ISS. Furthermore, ISS and KDI have undertaken to encourage the exchange of students, faculty and research fellows, and the engagement of staff at both institutes in collaborative research, lectures, symposia and workshops.



For almost a decade, ISS and the Tanzanian Economic and Social Research Foundation and Research Poverty Alleviation (REPOA) institute have been equal partners in the design, development and delivery of the postgraduate programme on Poverty Analysis. Financed by UNDP, this programme has proven a successful mix of distance learning and classroom offerings. The programme was successfully reviewed in 2010.

Headquartered in Costa Rica, the United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) was established in December 1980 as a Treaty Organization by the United Nations General Assembly. UPEACE signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ISS in April 2010 to pursue academic programmes of mutual interest. As a new partner, ISS was one of the international venues at which UPEACE celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A symposium on Environmental Refugees and Peace was organized on World Peace Day, 21 September 2011, together with the Institute for Environmental Security, involving ISS guest speaker Dr Thanh-Dam Truong.

# Looking Ahead

In the coming years, knowledge services will follow the innovations in ISS research and teaching. Under the label of 'global issues, international development, social justice and equity', these services will be implemented to enhance our quality, increase our efficiency and achieve closer alignment with the other faculties and institutes of Erasmus University Rotterdam. Other developments envisaged in 2012 include the following:

- ISS will be an active member of the Erasmus Graduate School for Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences. Launched in October 2011, this school is part of the university's dedication to recruit, train and retain scientific talent. ISS will participate together with the Faculty of Social Sciences, Erasmus School of History, Communication and Culture, and the Faculty of Philosophy. The other Graduate Schools at EUR are the Erasmus Research Institute of Management, Tinbergen Institute and Erasmus Medical Centre Graduate School
- During the first half of 2012, ISS will complete the integration of PhD researchers into research programmes. PhD teaching and training will be accommodated in the new Erasmus Graduate School for Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences
- During the second half of the year, ISS Research Programmes will be established
- The first year of the ISS second cycle of the Research Quality Assessment (RQA)
- Finally, 2012 is also a triple lustrum year. We will celebrate the Institute's 60th anniversary, ten years of double degree collaboration with the F.H.R. Lim A Po Institute in Suriname, and ten years of hosting the Prince Claus Chair, together with Utrecht University.



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On 1 July 2009, ISS integrated into Erasmus University Rotterdam as a university institute sui generis. ISS operates administratively as a faculty. The administrative organization of ISS is regulated in the EUR Administration and Management Regulations and the ISS Rules and Regulations.

ISS has an Institute Board (IB), consisting of the Rector, the Deputy Rector for Resources and in a shared function with separate responsibilities, the Deputy Rector for Educational Affairs and the Deputy Rector for Research Affairs.

The management and administration of the Institute are the collective responsibility of the IB members. The Rector carries final responsibility and reports to the EUR Executive Board.

The four Staff Group Boards are responsible for the continuous development of their fields of study, and for coordinating, stimulating and ensuring synergies between all Staff Group teaching, research and capacity development activities. The Staff Groups provide middle management, acting among other as budget-holders and academic recruiters. The Chair of the Staff Group Board is accountable to the ISS Rector. All academic staff, including PhD researchers, are members of a Staff Group.

# Appendices

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## PhD graduations 2010-2011

Name	Nationality	Title Thesis	Promotor
<b>Syed Aamer Abdullah</b>	Pakistan	Political Economy of Conflict. The Social Contract and Conflict in Pakistan	Professor S.M. Murshed
<b>Rose Wambui Wamuthenya</b>	Kenya	Economic Crisis and Women's Unemployment in Urban Kenya	Professor M.E. Wuyts
<b>Le Tan Ngiem</b>	Vietnam	Activity and Income Diversification: Trends, Determinants, and Effects on Poverty Reduction. The Case of the Mekong River Delta	Professor A.S. Bedi
<b>Husnul Amin</b>	Pakistan	From Islamism to Post-Islamism, a Study of a New Intellectual Discourse on Islam and Modernity in Pakistan	Professor G. ter Haar
<b>Piyanit Onoparatvibool</b>	Thailand	Competitive Challenges and Cluster Responses. Orchids, Cars and Electronics in east and Southeast Asia	Professor A.H.J. Helmsing
<b>Francisco Alar</b>	Mozambique	Performance Management of the Police in the Context of Public Sector Reform in Mozambique	Professor J.W. Björkman
<b>Antonio Machohe</b>	Mozambique	Interactive Governance and Improvements in Basic Service Delivery at Local Level in Mozambique	Professor A.H.J. Helmsing
<b>Sampson Kwarteng</b>	Ghana	Private Sector Involvement in Urban Solid Waste Collection. Performance, Capacity and Regulation in Five Cities in Ghana	Professor M.P. van Dijk
<b>Pedro Goulart</b>	Portugal	Schooling and child labour in Portugal	Professor A.S. Bedi
<b>Xiao Liang</b>	China	The Economics of Sustainable Urban Water Management. The case of Beijing	Professor M.P. van Dijk

Name	Nationality	Title Thesis	Promotor
Xiang Feng	China	Regional Tourism Cooperation. Factors Influencing the Performance of Regional Tourism Cooperation in China	Professor M.P. van Dijk
Akimi Yessoufou	Benin	Local Actors in Top-down Implementation of Curricular Reform in Benin's Primary Education System	Professor J.W. Björkman
Henry Aniagoa Kifordu	Brazil	Circularity, Composition and Character of the Core Political Executive Elite, Nigeria (1960-2008)	Professor M.A.R.M. Salih
Bilisuma Bushie Dito	Ethiopia	Essays on Women's Bargaining Power and Intra-Household Resource Allocation in Rural Ethiopia	Professor M. Grimm

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- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of West-Asian and African Studies (IWAAS), China
- European Foundation on Social Quality (EFSQ), the Netherlands, [www.socialquality.org](http://www.socialquality.org)
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- Global Environmental Facility, USA, [www.thegef.org](http://www.thegef.org)
- Hivos, the Netherlands, [www.hivos.nl/eng](http://www.hivos.nl/eng)
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- Knowledge Centre Religion and Development, the Netherlands, [www.religion-and-development.nl/home](http://www.religion-and-development.nl/home)
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