

## **Symposium: Drugs, Politics and Society in the Global South**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016, St Antony's College, Oxford**

### **Speakers' Biographies**

#### **Orkideh Behrouzan**

Orkideh Behrouzan is a physician, medical anthropologist, anthropologist of science and technology, and the author of *Prozak Diaries: Psychiatry and Generational Memory in Iran* (2016, Stanford University Press). She is a 2015-16 fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) and teaches at King's College London. For more, please see: <http://orkidehbehrouzan.com>.

#### **Isaac Campos**

Isaac Campos is Associate Professor of history at the University of Cincinnati. He holds a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University. His book, *Home Grown: Marijuana and the Origins of Mexico's War on Drugs* (University of North Carolina Press, 2012), which won 2013's Best Book Prize from the New England Council on Latin American Studies, explored the development of drug policy and drug war ideology in Mexico between the 16th century and 1920. His current project examines illicit drugs in Mexico, and to some extent greater North America, between 1912 and 1940.

#### **Neil Carrier**

Neil Carrier is Departmental Lecture in Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford. He has a long standing research interest in the anthropology of drug use, having studied the substance khat for his PhD research at the University of St Andrews. More recently he has published extensively on the theme of drugs and Africa alongside Gernot Klantschnig and Charles Ambler. Other research interests include migration, trade and urban transformation, heritage in East Africa, and the anthropology of photography.

#### **Juan Fernandez Ochoa**

Juan Fernandez Ochoa is Team Assistant at the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), where he provides administration and communications support to the Secretariat. Before joining IDPC, he was Policy Officer at the Beckley Foundation, carrying out research and overseeing the development of two reports on drug policy and regulation. He occupied communications roles at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (UK Branch) and DrugScience. He holds a double Masters degree in European Studies from the London School of Economics and Sciences Po.

#### **Maziyar Ghiabi**

Maziyar Ghiabi (MPhil Oxon) is an Italian/Iranian DPhil candidate in Politics at the University of Oxford (St Antony's College) and a Wellcome Trust Scholar in Society & Ethics. His doctoral research is a study of drug policy and drug addiction in modern Iran, with an especial focus on the post-revolutionary period. Based on historical research and ethnographic fieldwork, Maziyar has studied the interaction between the phenomenology of drug (ab)use and processes of state formation, engaging with international, national and local organisations. His broader interests fall in the fields of popular politics, political ethnography and social history. He has previously been OX-PO Visiting Researcher at SciencesPO-Paris (CERI) during 2015/2016 and Teaching Fellow and member of the Paris School of International Affairs.

### **Gernot Klantschnig**

Gernot Klantschnig is Senior Lecturer in Social Policy/Crime and Director of the MA in Global Crime and Justice at the University of York. His research focuses on the politics of drugs and their control, organised crime and policing in Nigeria, as well as China's growing engagement with Africa. He is the author of *Crime, Drugs and the State in Africa: The Nigerian Connection* (Leiden: Brill/RoL 2013) and co-editor (with Neil Carrier and Charles Ambler) of *Drugs in Africa: Histories and Ethnographies of Use, Trade and Control* (New York: Palgrave 2014).

### **Anais Medeiros Passos**

Anaís Passos is a PhD candidate in the field of comparative political sociology at Sciences Po Paris. Her thesis deals with the undergoing role that military forces in Brazil and Mexico have been assigned in public security, in the context of the war on drugs in these countries. She also is a researcher at OPALC (Observatoire Politique d'Amérique Latine and Caraïbe), dealing mostly with Latin American current political issues.

### **James Mills**

James Mills is Professor of Modern History at the Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare (CSHHH) Glasgow. His publications include *Cannabis Britannica: Empire, trade and prohibition, 1800-1928* (2003), *Cannabis Nation: Control and consumption in Britain, 1928-2008* (2012) and the edited volume of papers (with Patricia Barton), *Drugs and Empires: Essays in Modern Imperialism and Intoxication, c.1500 to c.1930* (2007). He is currently PI on the Wellcome Trust funded project 'The Asian Cocaine Crisis: Pharmaceuticals, consumers and control in South and East Asia, c. 1900-1945'.

### **Saeyoung Park**

Saeyoung Park works on political subjecthood, financialization, and warfare in East Asia (1600-present). A concern that unifies her work is a desire to excavate plural, non-Eurocentric genealogies of political theory, thought, and practice in order to expand and diversify the range of possible futures that we can currently theorize. In terms of drugs research, her work on Korean tobacco seeks to theorize from below, exploring questions such as: 'what does the history of our relationship with smoking tell us about the shifting landscape of political subjecthood across the state/nation-state divide?' She is the editor for a forthcoming special issue in the *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* (Winter 2016) on the resurrection of the East Asian tribute system and its challenges. In 2016, she was the youngest workshop director at the SSRC Inter-Asia V conference and is currently editing a special issue with Filippo Osella on financialization in Asia based on those proceedings. Currently she is an assistant professor of Modern Korean Studies at Leiden University.

### **Kelly Parra Alba**

Kelly is the Communications Director for Students for Sensible Drug Policy UK. She gained an interest in Drug Policy through her undergraduate dissertation which analysed US foreign policy in Colombia focusing on the 'War on Drugs' and also gained experience as an intern and communications assistant at IDPC. She recently finished a Masters research at the University of Bristol on the Limitations of Gender Mainstreaming Drug Policy and exploring the role of female leaders in Drug Policy work. She has held various volunteer roles with organisations such as the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services, vInspired, Volunteer Uganda and Eliminate Domestic Violence Global Foundation. She is currently part of a cohort of European youth organisations receiving drug policy training across Europe.

### **Dennis Rodgers**

Dennis Rodgers is professor of International Development Studies at the University of Amsterdam (UvA). A social anthropologist by training, his research focuses broadly on issues relating to the political economy of urban development, in particular as this relates to the dynamics of conflict and violence in Latin America (Nicaragua, Argentina) and South Asia (India). Much of his work focuses on the study of youth gangs – he has been conducting longitudinal ethnographic research on a Nicaraguan gang since 1996 – but he has also worked on the economics of drug dealing, urban inequality, the politics of socio-spatial segregation, participatory governance processes, as well as on the epistemology of development knowledge in fiction and film. Prior to joining the UvA, Dennis was Professor of Urban Social and Political Research at the University of Glasgow, Senior Research Fellow in the Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI) at the University of Manchester, and Lecturer in Urban Development and Development Studies at the London School of Economics (LSE). He was also a member of a Nicaraguan youth gang for a year, as well as manager of a market stall selling rice and beans in Managua markets for six months.

### **Pablo Seward**

Pablo is a Chilean Ph.D. student in cultural anthropology at Stanford University. He is broadly interested in how changing political, economic, and social formations shape the subjective and social lives of people living in marginalized settings in Latin America. His doctoral project focuses on an expansive network of informal neo-Pentecostal addiction treatment centers for young male coca paste users in Peru. Prior to his doctoral work, Pablo earned a B.A. in Anthropology and Psychology from UC Berkeley and made an illustrated documentary film in Easter Island which engaged with themes such as colonized subjectivities, indigeneity and ontology, and the politics of memory.

### **Jonas von Hoffman**

Jonas is a doctoral student at the University of Oxford, working under the supervision of Professor Ezequiel Gonzalez Ocantes. His research examines the variation of recent cannabis policy reforms in Latin America. He has previously worked and published on cannabis reform in Uruguay. Jonas received a BA in Politics, Psychology and Sociology from the University of Cambridge (2013) and a MPhil in Latin American Studies from the University of Oxford (2015). He was awarded the Crawley Price for his Masters' dissertation, held an Amelia Jackson Scholarship from Exeter College and his current research is funded by the ESRC.

### **James Windle**

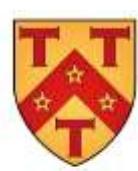
James Windle, PhD (Loughborough University) is a senior lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of East London, UK. His research focuses on illicit drug markets, illicit enterprise and street gangs. He is author of *Suppressing Illicit Opium Production: Successful Intervention in Asia and the Middle East* (IB Taurus, 2016) and lead editor of the forthcoming *Historical Perspectives on Organised Crime and Terrorism* (Routledge, forthcoming). He Tweets at JamesWindle6. His work can be found here: [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/James\\_Windle](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/James_Windle)

### **Giulia Zocatelli**

Giulia Zocatelli is a Research Associate in The Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery at King's College London. She has recently gained a PhD in Anthropology from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). Her work is based on extensive ethnographic work in Southwest China and explores the socio-material articulation of medical activism in contexts of extreme social marginality, particularly among populations of HIV positive heroin users and sex workers.



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