

UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Programme

UNESCO Chair Annual Progress Report

UNESCO Chair:	HIV/AIDS Education and Health Security in Africa www.unesco.org.uk/AberystwythChair
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Date Chair Established: (mm, yyyy)	September 2007
Period of Activity Under Report: (mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)	July 2009 – July 2010
Report Established By: (name, position)	Professor Colin McInnes: Chairholder Email: cjm@aber.ac.uk ; Tel: +44 (0) 1970 622691

1. Executive Summary:

Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)
(Not exceeding 500 words)

The focus of the Chair is research. Its major objectives are: mapping policy on HIV, AIDS and security; empirical investigation into major claims made about HIV, AIDS and security; and developing partnerships and new capacity.

Mapping policy. Work is now well under way in the major 4 year programme funded by the European Research Council. The programme examines the global governance of HIV in relation to a series of major narratives and in comparison to other health issues (initially 3 other issues, but additional funding is likely to increase this to at least 4 and possibly 5 giving us a broad basis for comparison). A major series of interviews was undertaken in Geneva with key international bodies working on HIV/AIDS, with further interviews scheduled for the next reporting period. In addition a fixed term Research Assistant (Dr Huw Williams) was employed to map securitising claims made for HIV/AIDS in the United Nations. The results were used in 2 major articles and a conference paper produced by Dr Rushton and Professor McInnes questioning the extent to which HIV/AIDS had been embedded as a security issue within the UN system.

Empirical investigation into claims made. Work on the claim that conflict acts as a vector for the spread of HIV has continued, with an initial analysis of a limited number of sub-Saharan conflicts now being expanded. The chairholders work here is supported by an RA (Dr Marie Woodling) and an initial data search has already produced useful results in demonstrating that a relationship exists but is more complex than originally claimed.

Developing partnerships and new capacity. After the disappointment of the failure to secure funding from the Leverhulme Trust, work has focused upon building an informal global network of researchers broadly focussed on health and security but with special reference to HIV and Africa, and on building capacity at Aberystwyth University. The first has been achieved through participation in a number of conferences and events in the UK and overseas, but crucially in the Chair's role in organising a series of panels at the key international conference, the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association. This has proven very effective in raising and maintaining the Chair's profile amongst the key peer group. In terms of capacity building, the Chair now consists of the Chairholder (Professor McInnes), two full time Research Fellows (Drs Rushton and Williams) one part time Research Assistant (Dr Marie Woodling) and one part time administrator (Dr Rachel Owen). We have one PhD student working with us researching EU policy on securitising health.

2) **Activities:**

Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period

a) Education/Training/Research

(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period)

i) Education	None
ii) Training	None
iii) Research	<p>The Chairholder's research has focused on three main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing his work on the relationship between conflict and the spread of HIV.• The impact of securitising HIV on policy, especially in the UN system.• A book project on the global politicisation of health issues such as HIV. <p>Dr Huw Williams assisted the Chairholder and Dr Rushton in their research on the securitisation of HIV; Dr Woodling assists the Chairholder in his work on HIV and conflict, and is also conducting research on development as a normative frame for HIV/AIDS and other health issues.</p> <p>Dr Rushton has been examining the global governance of HIV/AIDS and the links between health and security, as well as the broader system of global health governance as a whole. Research has involved detailed engagement with the existing literature, analysis of official documents, and a series of semi-structured interviews carried out with officials in a number of global health institutions in Geneva in February 2010. A number of outputs have been produced (see 2d), below) and work has been presented at a variety of conferences to both academic and policy audiences.</p> <p>Dr Owain Williams' work in the reporting period also mainly involved fieldwork and research on the ERC programme. His main area of research has been on the issue of access to medicines, global health governance, and the economics of global health. Initial studies involved literature reviews and policy document analysis. In February 2010 he undertook 4 weeks of fieldwork in Geneva, interviewing staff at the WHO, WTO, ILO, the Global Fund and GAVI. He is co-organising conferences in India (September 2010) on generic drug production in the Global South, and attended a high-level Rockefeller/Bellagio meeting on the G20. He was also a visiting fellow at the University of Queensland, Australia. A number of outputs have also been completed or initiated.</p>

b) Conferences/Meeting

(key conferences and meetings organised by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)

The Chair organised a series of panels at the high profile annual International Studies Association (ISA) Convention, held this year in New Orleans, and has proposed a series for next year's in Montreal. This has primarily been the work of Drs Rushton and Owain Williams. The Chairholder has been appointed programme convenor for the 2012 joint British International Studies/ISA Convention in Edinburgh, where health and HIV/AIDS will figure prominently.

The Chairholder delivered the following:

- 'Climate change and global health:the governance challenge' presentation to C3W [Climate Change Consortium for Wales], Aberystwyth, May 2010.
- 'From AIDS to swine flu: the politicisation of global health' public lecture, Aberystwyth, March 2010.
- 'HIV/ AIDS and Securitisation' paper to the annual ISA conference, New Orleans, February 2010, with Simon Rushton.
- 'Key findings of the Interim International Security Forum', RCUK Conference on *Global Uncertainties, Security for All*, Church House London, January 2010.
- 'The limits of health as security', presentation to conference organised by Institut Relations Internationales et Strategiques (IRIS) *Health as a Geopolitical Issue* Enghien les Bains, Paris December 2009.

Papers delivered by other members of the Chair are detailed in 2(d).

c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships

(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions)

The Chair has a close relationship with the Centre for Global Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr Kelley Lee from the Centre is Co-Investigator for the ERC grant held by the Chairholder, and the Centre also employs two Research Fellows as part of this grant.

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials*(major publications and teaching/learning materials)*

tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:

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Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (edited)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Books (chapters)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Journal Articles (refereed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Conference Proceedings & Occasional Papers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Teaching/Learning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

Professor McInnes:

- 'HIV, AIDS and Conflict in Africa: why isn't it (even) worse?', *Review of International Studies* (published in CUP Firstview, June, 2010).
- 'HIV, AIDS and security: where are we now?', *International Affairs* 86/1, (January 2010), pp.225-245. With Simon Rushton.
- *Global Uncertainties, Security for All: Key Findings. Report of the RCUK Interim International Security Forum* (Swindon, ESRC: 2010)
- 'National security and global health governance', in Adrian Kay and Owain Williams eds., *Global Health Governance: Crisis, Institutions and Political Economy* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), pp.42-59.
- Conflict over resources: will environmental change make war more likely?', *Britain in 2010* (ESRC, 2009), p.57.

Dr Simon Rushton:

- (with Colin McInnes), 'HIV, AIDS and Security: Where are we now?', *International Affairs* 86:1 (January 2010), pp.225-245.
- 'Global Governance Capacities in Health: WHO and Infectious Disease' in Adrian Kay & Owain Williams (eds.), *The Crisis of Global Health Governance: Challenges, Institutions and Political Economy* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009)

See also Rushton's conference presentations with Williams.

Dr Owain Williams

- (with Adrian Kay), ed. *Global Health Governance: Crisis, Institutions and Political Economy* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).
- (with Adrian Kay), 'The International Political Economy of Global Health Governance' in Owain D. Williams & Adrian Kay (eds.), *Global Health Governance: Crisis, Institutions and Political Economy* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).
- 'Global Health Governance: Failure and Solutions' CIGI Working Paper Series, paper presented to the Rockefeller/Bellagio Centre Meeting on Global Governance (November 2009).
- (with Simon Rushton), 'Partnerships and Foundations in Global Health Governance'. Paper for 51st International Studies Association Convention, New Orleans, 17-20 February 2010.
- Owain D. Williams, 'Global Health Governance: Failure and Solutions', paper presented to the

Rockefeller/Bellagio Centre Meeting on Global Governance 27th-30th November 2009.

- (with Simon Rushton), 'The Struggle for Global Health Governance'. Paper for Global Health and International Relations Workshop, Munich Center on Governance, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich, 19-21 October 2009.
- (with Simon Rushton), 'Global Health Governance and the Battle of Ideas'. Paper for 21st World Congress of Political Science, Santiago, Chile, July 2009.
- (with Simon Rushton), 'Global Health Governance as a Contested Space: Competing Discourses, Interests and Actors', Paper for 50th Annual International Studies Association Convention, New York, 15-18 February 2009.
- Owain D. Williams, 'Global Health Governance is Up for Grabs: the IPE of Global health' Paper for the RMIT, Melbourne, Centre for Globalisation, 27th April, 2009.

In addition the Chair produced as a collective effort 'Response to European Commission consultation process: The EU Role in Global Health'. (December 2009). Available at

<http://ec.europa.eu/development/how/consultation/index.cfm?action=viewcons&id=4765>

e) Other
(any other activities to report)

None

3. Available Resources

Overview of resources placed at the disposal of the Chair in the reporting period

a) Human Resources

- Professor Colin McInnes (Chairholder)
- Dr Simon Rushton 1.0 FTE Research Fellow
- Dr Owain Williams 1.0 FTE Research Fellow
- Dr Rachel Owen 0.25 FTE Administrator
- Dr Huw Williams (Sept and Oct 2009) 1.0 FTE Research Assistant
- Dr Marie Woodling from April 2010, 0.6 FTE Research Assistant
- Sonja Kiettelsen PhD student (from Sept 09)

b) Other Resources

tick sources of financial contribution

Host Institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partner Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government Body	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
UNESCO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other UN Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
IGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
NGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Private	<input type="checkbox"/>

Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.

The host University provides individual office space for staff associated with the Chair. In addition the Department provides staff with a research allowance of £900 p.a. and staff can apply to the University for a similar amount of additional travel expenditure. The Department also provides secretarial, computing, telephone and photocopying services.

The ERC grant provided €430,000 for the period 1 Jan09 - 30 June 2010 to the Chair, resulting in travel costs plus employment of:

- Professor Colin McInnes (Chairholder and Principal Investigator) 0.6 FTE
- Dr Simon Rushton 1.0 FTE Research Fellow
- Dr Owain Williams 1.0 FTE Research Fellow
- Dr Rachel Owen 0.25 FTE Administrator

The host University also provided:

- A two month 1.0 FTE Research Assistant to work with the Chairholder on mapping securitising claims (Dr Huw Williams);
- A three year 0.7 FTE Research Assistant (Dr Marie Woodling) to work with the Chairholder on HIV and conflict and development.

4. Future Plans and Development Prospects:

Outline of action plan for the next biennium. And short/medium and long term development prospects. Please feel free to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 500 words)

The Chair will continue to work on the Global Health Governance programme, with a number of publications and conference presentations already planned for the next reporting period. A key element of this will be:

- assessing how different frames have produced different policy responses;
- the relative effectiveness of different frames in developing policy responses;
- how this can lead to more effective global governance of health, especially HIV and AIDS.

The Chair will also continue to work on the relationship between HIV and conflict, developing a data base correlating conflict and HIV prevalence rates. We are considering making this an online resource. We will also use this data base to refine further the model developed to explain the relationship between conflict and HIV.

The Chair has also proposed a number of panel sessions at the 2011 ISA conference in Montreal, maintaining the momentum developed over the previous two years at this key annual conference.