



## Greetings! This newsletter features:

1. RGRG at the RGS-IBG in London 31 Aug. to 2 Sep. 2011. Listing talks, times & venues
2. Studentship, Undergrad prize news
3. Books
4. CCRI Winter School for postgrads
5. GEORge's View: Lyrics for lecturers by Warwick Murray

### Thanks to RGS-IBG for use of their historic photos!

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Editor, RGRG Newsletter

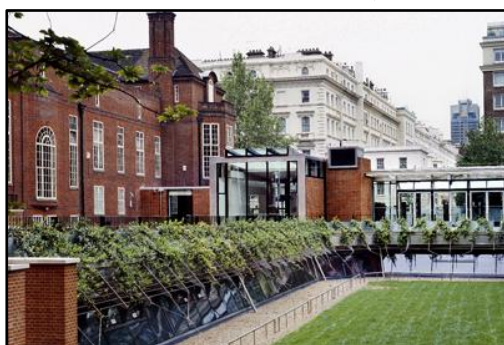
**First, a word on our RGRG AGM.** It is in the plenary timeslot on Weds 31 August in **Lowther Room** (photos courtesy RGS-IBG). The plenary runs 13:10 to 14:25, so we meet in that window. Grab lunch and come to discuss the RGRG Constitution, finances, matters referred from the 27 June committee meeting at University of Nottingham, and vote on officers (see below).



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## 1. RGRG at RGS-IBG, Kensington Gore, London 31 Aug -2 Sep. 11



Theme: The Geographical Imagination  
Conference Chair:  
Stephen Daniels  
University of Nottingham



Session Title & Convenors, Presentations & Speakers,	Affiliations, Day, Timeslot, Room			
<b>AGM - Rural Geography Research Group (RGRG):</b> Chair, Keith Halfacree (Swansea). Come & discuss RGRG Constitution, etc.	RGRG	Wed	Plenary	RGS-LR
<b>Emerging geographies of animal-technology co-productions.</b> Convenors: Christopher Bear (Aberystwyth ), Lewis Holloway (Hull), Katy Wilkinson (Hull), Carol Morris (Nottingham)  The breeding ground: urban malaria and insect-human domestication. Ann Kelly (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), Javier Lezaun (University of Oxford)  The spacing of emotion and affect through horse-human-technology co-productions. Cheryl Nosworthy (University of Reading)  Re-capturing bovine life: robot-cow relationships, freedom and control in dairy farming. Christopher Bear (Aberystwyth University), Lewis Holloway (University of Hull), Katy Wilkinson (Univ.of Hull)  Geographies of killing: Exploring the techno-slaughter of farm animals. Marc Higgin (Cardiff University), Adrian Evans (Cardiff University), Mara Miele (Cardiff University)  Emerging modes of human-animal-technological engagement within UK livestock breeding. Lewis Holloway (University of Hull), Carol Morris (University of Nottingham)  Co-modifying Farm Animals. Henry Buller (University of Exeter), Emma Roe (University of Southampton)	RGRG, SCGRG	Fri	Session 1	SKE-201
<b>Geographies of transition: the role of food (1).</b> Convenors: Geoff Wilson (Plymouth), Colin Sage (UC Cork)  Food relocalisation and community resilience. Geoff Wilson (University of Plymouth)  Community Groups, growing veg: re-skilling and re-connection Rebecca Sandover (University of Exeter)  Local food, agriculture, transition and tourism Paul Cleave (University of Exeter)  The political ecology of local food and urban communities in SW England Wendy Miller (University of Plymouth)	RGRG, PERG	Wed	Session 3	SKE-301
<b>Geographies of transition: the role of food (2).</b> Convenors: Geoff Wilson (Plymouth), Colin Sage (UC Cork)  The place of food in geographies of transition. Colin Sage (University College Cork, Ireland)  Absurdist sustainabilities in a time of 'transition': the carbon labelling of food in the UK. Mike Goodman (King's College London)  Shelf life: postsocialism, food self-provisioning and the politics of sustainable consumption in Czechia. Petr Jehlicka (The Open University), Joe Smith (The Open University)  Scoping the Future Today: The role of social enterprise in sustainable food systems. Kevin Morgan (Cardiff University)	RGRG, PERG	Wed	Session 4	SKE-301



**Take time to walk through the historic RGS-IBG headquarters.**

<p><b>Imaginative Geographies: Where Land and Water Meet (1).</b>  Convenors: Julie Urquhart (Greenwich), Tim Acott (Greenwich), Owain Jones (Uni-West of England)</p> <p>Tales of an Upland River: A performative account of the land-water interface. Keri Jenner (University of Exeter)</p> <p>Riparian landholders and the land-water interface: A model of knowledge and behaviour related to waterway health. John Cary (Victoria University, Australia), Anne Pisarski (Queensland University of Technology, Australia)</p> <p>Crafting the maritime in Cornwall: representation and regeneration of littoral places. Tim Martindale (Goldsmiths, University of London)</p> <p>Unwelcome entanglements: Emotional geographies, boundary transgressions and flooding. Natalie Beale (Northumbria University)</p>	CMWG, RGRG	Fri	Session 3	SHE-7
<p><b>Imaginative Geographies: Where Land and Water Meet (2).</b>  Convenors: Julie Urquhart (Greenwich), Tim Acott (Greenwich), Owain Jones (the West of England)</p> <p>Interpreting the qoliqoli: sustenance for Fiji's urban poor? Jenny Bryant-Tokalau (University of Otago, New Zealand), Tim Bayliss-Smith (University of Cambridge)</p> <p>Legal Geographies of the Shore Zone – Examples from the North Atlantic and the Gulf of Bothnia. Convenors: Michael Jones (NTNU, Trondheim, Norway)</p> <p>Between control and freedom? The liminality of the surf zone. Jon Anderson (Cardiff University)</p> <p>Mapping Tides of Time and Space: The Coast is Not Clear, but Muddy. Kenneth Olwig (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)</p> <p>Waves, Processes and Environmentalism. Tim Acott (University of Greenwich)</p>	CMWG, RGRG	Fri	Session 4	SHE-7
<p><b><i>The three day Annual International Conference of the RGS-IBG attracts over 1,000 geographers from around the world.</i></b></p>				
<p><b>Imagined Ruralities (1).</b> Convenors: Susanne Seymour (Nottingham), Daniel Keech (Southampton), Charles Watkins (Nottingham)</p> <p>Moving Beyond Representations with Rural In-migrants' Lives. Keith Halfacree (Swansea University), Maria Jesús Rivera Escribano (Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados, Spain)</p> <p>Looking for the Good Life. Productions of Rurality in the German Uckermark. Julia Rössel (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz)</p> <p>Staying in Here, Being from There: Landscape and Imaginings of Rural Settlements at Brazilian Amazon. Thais Tartalha do Nascimento Lombardi (State University of Campinas, Brazil) Eduardo Marandola Jr (State University of Campinas, Brazil)</p> <p>Imagined Geographies: Towards an Understanding of Rural Nursing as a Place-based Practice in New Zealand. Jean Ross (Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand)</p>	RGRG	Wed	Session 2	SKE-307

<p><b>Imagined Ruralities (2).</b> Convenors: Susanne Seymour (Nottingham), Daniel Keech (Southampton), Charles Watkins (Notts)</p> <p>Passionate about An/other Rural: Imagining a Future for a Former Coalfield. Katy Bennett (University of Leicester)</p> <p>From (Geo-)politics to Poetics and Back Again: Imagined Rurality and the Rurality of Imaginations in the Kumaon Himalaya, India Martin Gerwin (Heidelberg University, Germany) Christoph Bergmann (University of Heidelberg, Germany)</p> <p>Ethical Consumption and the Preservation of the Developing World. Nicki Cole (University of California, United States)</p> <p>Imagining (Hidden) Instances of Rural Displacement in the UK. Owain Jones (University of the West of England)</p>	RGRG	Wed	Session 3	SKE-307
 <p><b>Ondaatje Theatre, a cool setting on hot days.</b></p>				
<p><b>Imagined Ruralities (3).</b> Convenors: Susanne Seymour (Nottingham), Daniel Keech (Southampton), Charles Watkins (Notts)</p> <p>Imagining Nature: How You Experienced Nature in Victorian England if You Happened Not to be a Fit, Middle-class Man. Elizabeth Baigent (University of Oxford)</p> <p>Nakanome Orchard and Garden in Mizusawa: Horticulturist, Taki Handa's Cross-cultural Practice, Knowledge and Imaginings in Rural Japan. Setsu Tachibana (Kobe Yamate University, Japan)</p> <p>Securing the Land and the Lanes – Looking into Rural Futures from the English Green Lanes Network. Richard Spalding (University of the West of England)</p> <p>Fluid Ruralities: Fish, Flows and Stories. Jacob Bull (Uppsala University, Sweden)</p> <p>Geopolitical Ruralities: Maori Ecologies and International Art and History. Divya P. Tolia-Kelly (Durham University)</p>	RGRG	Wed	Session 4	SKE-307
<p><b>New and Emerging Rural Researchers (1): Rural society.</b> Convenors: Stacey Coppock (Nottingham), Daniel Keech (Southampton), Kevin Cahill (Exeter). Chair Richard Yarwood (Plymouth).</p> <p>Invisible Return: Migration and Belonging in Rural Ireland. Christina Noble (University of Aberdeen)</p> <p>Social Enterprise: a fruitful future for old orchards? Daniel Keech (University of Southampton)</p> <p>Kombinacja, Social Credit and Varieties of Territoriality in Socialist and Postsocialist Poland? Edyta Materka (London School of Economics and Political Science)</p> <p>Polish identity in rural England. Kirstie Bowden (University of Exeter)</p>	RGRG	Thu	Session 3	RGS-DR

<p><b>New and Emerging Rural Researchers (2): Rural Cultures and Tourism.</b> Convenors: Stacey Coppock (Nottingham), Daniel Keech (Southampton), Kevin Cahill (Exeter). Chair Richard Yarwood.</p> <p>Understanding Rural Creative Industries: the case of the Stroud District, Gloucestershire, England. Carmel Conefrey (University of the West of England)</p> <p>Conceptualising the role of SMEs in sustainable rural tourism development. Annabelle McLaren-Thomson (University Aberdeen)</p> <p>An evaluation of the role of culture in engendering and sustaining new models of rural community tourism development in Jamaica. Ernest Taylor (Coventry University)</p> <p>Investigating the Sub-regional Economic Impacts of Restoring Historic Farm Buildings. Christopher Bell (University of Gloucestershire)</p> <p>Vivid city or sleepy village? - Young people in an urban tourism destination in rural Sweden. Maria Thulemark (Högskolan Dalarna, Sweden), Peter Möller (Dalarna University, Sweden)</p>	RGRG	Thu	Session 4	RGS-DR
<p><b>New and Emerging Rural Researchers (3): Rural Development and Farming.</b> Convenors: Stacey Coppock (Nottingham), Daniel Keech (Southampton), Kevin Cahill (Exeter). Chair Matt Reed (CCRI).</p> <p>Developing an interdisciplinary methodology to explore the relationship between farmers' environmental careers and ecological outcomes. Susanne Jarratt (University of Nottingham)</p> <p>Rural Transformations: Livelihood Adaptation to Climate Change in Uganda. Sarah Cooper (University of Reading)</p> <p>An exploration of some of the factors which are currently influencing the agricultural restructuring decisions of a sample of medium scale dairy farmers located within the South East of the Republic of Ireland. Mary O'Shaughnessy (University College Cork, Ireland)</p> <p>Rural Territorial Dynamics in the Jiquiriçá Valley, Northeast Brazil. Julian Quan (University of Greenwich)</p> <p>Developing and Applying Rural Sustainability Indicators using Collaborative Planning for Rural Areas in Malaysia. Syarifah Nuraida T Mohd Apandi (University of Reading)</p>	RGRG	Fri	Session 1	SHE-6
<p><b><i>Tell colleagues about networking &amp; training opportunities enjoyed by RGRG members.</i></b></p>				
<p><b>Rural Mobilities: Engaging with Rurality (Whilst) On the Move (1).</b> Convenors: Keri Jenner (Exeter), Rosie Emeny (Sheffield)</p> <p>Mobile Ruralities: Migrations, Mobilities, and Place Identity in rural Wales. Paul Milbourne (Cardiff University), Lawrence Kitchen (Cardiff University)</p> <p>Dynamics of rural mobility in the High Mountains of Sinai Peninsula. Ahmed Assem Shams El Din (IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Italy)</p> <p>Mobility and the 'decommunitization' of rural South Africa: Evidence</p>	RGRG	Thu	Session 1	SAF-121

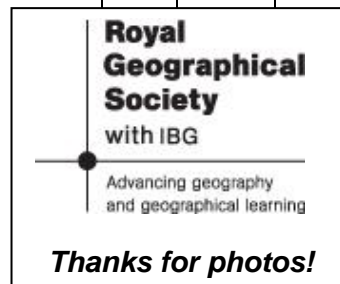
<p>from the Eastern Cape. Paul Hebnick (Wageningen University, The Netherlands), Lothar Smith (Radboud University Nijmegen)</p> <p>Globally engaged farmers, transnational mobility and rural belonging. Lynda Cheshire (University of Queensland, Australia), Michael Woods (Aberystwyth University)</p> <p>Ray's outback mail run: tracking rural mobility and the materialities of remoteness. Chris Gibson (University of the West of England), Andrew Warren (University of Wollongong, Australia), Lisa Andersen (University of Technology Sydney, Australia), Chris Brennan-Horley (University of Wollongong, Australia)</p>				
<p><b>Rural Mobilities: Engaging with Rurality (Whilst) On the Move (2).</b> Convenors: Keri Jenner (Exeter), Rosie Emeny (Sheffield)</p> <p>I'm Leslie Mabon and I'm a recovering rural mobilities researcher... Methodological reflections on conducting mobilities research in rural areas. Leslie Mabon (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p>Rural Rides-cycling with fruit and veg from city to countryside. Richard Spalding (University of the West of England)</p> <p>A home in the wilderness - tourists perceptions of the Norwegian landscape. Bjørn Egil Flø (Centre for Rural Research, Norway), Heidi Vinge (Centre for Rural Research, Norway)</p> <p>Rural Auto-mobilities: Looking in the Rear-view Mirror. Rosie Emeny (University of Sheffield)</p>	RGRG	Thu	Session 2	SAF-121
<p><b>Sustainability, landownership and power (1).</b> Convenors: Keith Halfacree (Swansea), Rob McMorran (Uni Highlands &amp; Islands)</p> <p>The forest is ours! State, private and community woodland ownership in context. Anna Lawrence (Forest Research), Bianca Ambrose-Oji (Forest Research)</p> <p>Can agrarian reform create sustainable livelihoods?: Evidence from Bohol Island, Philippines. Brandon Vista (University of Otago, New Zealand), Etienne Nel (University of Otago, NZ), Tony Binns (University of Otago, NZ)</p> <p>A political ecology of scale in Tanzanian community-based natural resource management. Kathryn Humphries (Uni-Cambridge)</p> <p>The ambivalence of land tenure reform and rural development in South Africa. Maano Ramutsindela (University of Cape Town, South Africa), Monene Mogashoa (University of Cape Town, SA)</p> <p>The interface between poverty alleviation and ecosystem protection in the Amazon basin. Sergei Shubin (University of Aberdeen), Antonio A. R. Ioris (University of Aberdeen)</p>	PERG, RGRG	Wed	Session 3	SHE-6
<p><b>Sustainability, landownership and power (2).</b> Convenors: Keith Halfacree (Swansea), Rob McMorran (Uni Highlands &amp; Islands)</p> <p>Community estates – The holy grail for sustainable rural development? Rob McMorran (University of the Highlands and Islands)</p>	PERG, RGRG	Wed	Session 4	SHE-6



**Between Hyde Park and RGS-IBG lies Royal Albert Hall. Tickets can be cheap or free at curtain time.**



<p>Sporting estates and hunting tourism in Scotland: Can they contribute to rural sustainable development? David Watts (University of Aberdeen)</p> <p>Woodland owners and collaborative partnerships at the landscape scale in Great Britain. Anna Lawrence (Forest Research), Bianca Ambrose-Oji (Forest Research), Norman Dandy (Forest Research)</p> <p>The impact of state rescaling and new forms of sub-regional governance on rural stakeholder partnerships and networks in the UK: conflict or coherence in delivering sustainable rural development? Simon Pemberton (University of Birmingham), David Shaw (University of Liverpool)</p> <p>Landcare groups in Germany – Rural governance or implementation tool? Katrin Prager (Macaulay Land Use Research Institute)</p>				
<p><b>Agricultural transitions:</b> Convenor: Stephanie Wyse (RGB-IBG)</p> <p>Community resilience and land degradation: evidence from the EU LEDDRA Project. Geoff Wilson (University of Plymouth)</p> <p>Economic Change and Urban Agriculture on the Zambian Copperbelt: the Cases of Ndola and Kitwe. Jessie Smart (University of Otago, New Zealand), Tony Binns (University of Otago, NZ), Etienne Nel (University of Otago, NZ)</p> <p>Imagining a future without rice in South India – the social-ecological impacts of land use change on marginalised farmers. Isabelle Kunze (Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany)</p> <p>Transitioning dairying to a middle ground in Uganda and East Africa. Bruce Scholten (Durham University)</p>		Thu	Session 3	SHE-6



Info: \* <http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/AC2011.htm>  
 \* [http://www.rgs.org/NR/rdonlyres/56384848-6799-4EB4-BF7C-E5083820E573/0/AC2011Timetable\\_2011\\_08\\_09.pdf](http://www.rgs.org/NR/rdonlyres/56384848-6799-4EB4-BF7C-E5083820E573/0/AC2011Timetable_2011_08_09.pdf)

Thanks to RGS-IBG for photographs from its website. Here, the Map Room was commissioned in 1930, but is inspired by the architecture of 1870s Lowther Lodge. The Kensington Gore HQ has hosted expedition planning, from the era when rivals Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke competed to discover the head of the River Nile, to the contemporary TV motorcycling circumnavigations of Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman. Honour rolls and plaques off the Exhibition Main Hall are marked by names such as Charles Darwin, Gertrude Bell, Neil Armstrong and more. *Enjoy the meeting!*



## 2a. Studentship: Dan Keech's Anglo-German orchards



The *RGRG Newsletter* editor – who once lived and worked in Germany – was happy to hear Daniel Keech has a studentship in Germany, comparing orchards there to those in the UK. The co-opted RGRG committee member co-convenes several RGRG sessions at the RGS-IBG London meeting this summer. A 2nd year PhD student at Southampton University, Dan Keech was chosen to receive one of this year's two Soddy Postgraduate awards, from the

Frederick Soddy Trust, via the RGS-IBG. The Trust supports postgraduate fieldwork in human geography ([www.soddy.org](http://www.soddy.org)). Dan is comparing factors which influence the operation of rural social enterprise development in Germany and England. Specifically, he is interested how the multiple aims of social enterprise, such as generating an income, supporting nature conservation and strengthening social networks, are applied in attempts to economically revive traditional orchards. Traditional orchards are understood to be tall-stemmed and widely-spaced trees from which fruit falls and is gathered from the ground for juice or fermented cider or perry. These orchards may also be seasonally grazed.

The structural diversity of such spaces makes them very valuable for wildlife, and the evocative landscapes they form are distinctive in some areas, such as the West Country and South-West Germany, where Dan's fieldwork takes place. Changes in farming and consumption patterns mean these orchards often cost more to husband than they generate as income, and so many have been grubbed out.

Dan is working with the National Trust in England and with local and national environmental NGOs in Germany, such as Naturschutzbund Deutschland, BUND (Friends of the Earth) and the Landschaftspflege Verband. His qualitative methods and analysis seek answers to questions such as: *How do social enterprises differ in the two countries? How important is the role of the state and NGO facilitation? How do governance structures influence enterprise outcomes? To what extent do local social contexts influence participants' perceptions of the value of orchards?*

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## 2b. RGRG Undergraduate Dissertation Prizes 2010



Those of us who read submissions for this year's RGRG Undergraduate Dissertation Prizes were impressed by the level of scholarship, which promises continued academic success in postgraduate studies.

One particularly exciting example includes analysis in rural China, which might in future years bear fruit when applied to development studies in India.

RGRG Chair Keith Halfacree announces these winners:

**1st Rebecca Ward**, University of Edinburgh, The Political Ecology of Cushnie Wind Farm Proposal, £50

**2nd Jennie Meredith**, University of Bristol, 'Fail Again, Fail Better'. Narrating the Trials of Writing a Live Project Whilst Searching for Landscape in the 'Lake District', £40

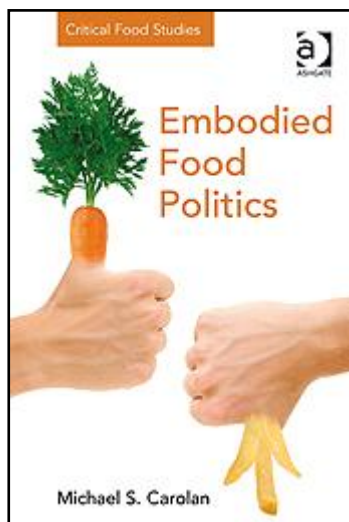
**3rd Chang Liu**, University of Oxford, From the Household Responsibility System to the Present: Economic Differentiation Between Rural Households in Xiaotan Village, Inner Mongolia, £30

Congratulations to the 2010 winners! The process of judging 2011 submissions is underway.

*Send studentship, prize and job news to RGRG Newsletter*



### 3. Books.



**Embodied Food Politics Michael S. Carolan, Colorado State University, USA.**

Links to contents, chapter 1, and the index:

<http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781409422099>

Michael Goodman and Damian Maye kindly sent a book announcement that is likely to have wide appeal, especially to scholars of performativity. The promising index lists Hannah Arendt, Ulrich Beck, Zygmunt Baumann, Pierre Bourdieu, and the ubiquitous Michael Pollan, though not Julie Guthman, author of the influential 2004 book *Agrarian Dreams*). More info below.

While the phenomenon of embodied knowledge is becoming integrated into the social sciences, critical geography, and feminist research agendas it continues to be largely ignored by agro-food scholars. This book helps fill this void by inserting into the food literature living, feeling, sensing bodies and will be of interest to food scholars as well as those more generally interested in the phenomenon known as embodied realism. This book is about the materializations of food politics; "materializations", in this case, referring to our embodied, sensuous, and physical connectivities to food production and consumption. It is through these materializations, argues Carolan, that we know food (and the food system more generally), others and ourselves.

\* **Contents:** Thinking about food relationally; Some backstory; Making sense with CSAs; Thinking with Heritage Seed Banks; The sensibilities of chicken coops; Cultivating communities; Steps to an ecology of social change; References; Index.

\* **About the Author:** Michael S. Carolan, Associate Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University, USA

\* **Reviews:** 'Carolan brilliantly demonstrates that bodies tuned to Global Food can, through shared practice in new spaces such as urban chickens, seed exchanges, and community supported agriculture, create tacit knowledge for innovation in food systems that more closely link production with consumption. He supports his reflexive deep descriptive case studies by a wide-ranging and well-chosen literature that he both critiques and takes to the next level.'

Cornelia Butler Flora, Iowa State University, USA

'Michael Carolan provides a timely analysis of the changes that creep into our experiences with alterations of food production and distribution. Combining interviews and reminiscences with perspectives from sociology, history, and philosophy, this book explores what is being lost as food production loses its singular locations, as well as what can be regained with a greater appreciation of "embodied knowledge".'

Carolyn Korsmeyer, SUNY, Buffalo, USA



'Michael Carolan's Embodied Food Politics explains a lot. It goes deeper than the current impassioned food politics and reaches the core of where the passion actually emanates from, or should. Whether it's heritage seeds or heritage breeds, he makes the point that behind these are individuals and communities who remember and have cared - people who would feel incomplete without the throbbing connections to the past and to one's fellows that these seeds and breeds allow and signify. It's all in the dwelling, and this book urges us to begin.'  
Virginia D. Nazarea, University of Georgia, USA

#### **4. CCRI Winter School 10-11 November 2011.**

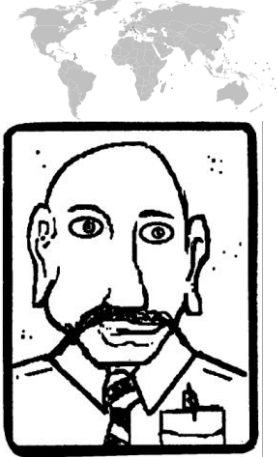


Damian Maye reports that plans for this year's Countryside and Community Research Institute for postgraduates have now been finalised. The CCRI Winter School will take place at the University of Gloucestershire (Park Campus, Cheltenham) on the 10th November 2011 and the morning of the 11th. RGRG postgrads are very welcome. RGRG postgrads who would like to attend should first of all submit a short abstract (max 200 words) and title for their paper to Julie Ingram ([jingram@glos.ac.uk](mailto:jingram@glos.ac.uk)) and Damian Maye ([dmaye@glos.ac.uk](mailto:dmaye@glos.ac.uk)) by 15th September.

There will be no charge to attend the CCRI Winter School, but RGRG postgrads will need to find somewhere to stay on the night between the two days booked (the CCRI has a list of hotels/B&Bs to be circulated to RGRG attendees nearer the time). We will also try to arrange an evening meal somewhere in Cheltenham on the 10th. RGRG postgrads will therefore need to find funding to cover the hotel/hostel and dinner.

*Send event invitations to RGRG Newsletter*

## 5. GEORge's View: Lyrics for Lecturers



Beset with global economic malaise, the Browne Report cuts to higher education, and looming loss of his university parking place, George has a lot on his mind. Don't even mention the Research Excellence Framework (REF). To top it off, he's reading James Lovelock's last book on Gaia theory. Now he fears the IPCC are downplaying the probability of imminent climate apocalypse.

Do you know anyone like George? If he is to be fit for the 2011/12 teaching year, he needs to relax. His student (i.e. customer) evaluations were not flattering last year. George is trying too hard. Fortunately, art, music and poetry can help.

To the rescue comes Professor (& part-time poet) Warwick Murray. He graces antipodean airwaves as the Singing Lecturer (YouTube link below). Certainly he inspired determination to improve our own lecture delivery, at the 2009 RGS-IBG annual meeting in Manchester. Even without a guitar (In Rural South sessions convened by Charles Howie & Bruce Scholten), Warwick added a few good laughs during his serious study of post-Allende economic development in Chile. *Thanks!*



Picture by Tim Cuff (00 64 21 110 5786 NZ mobile) - 14 December 2007 - The Musical Professor, Warwick Murray PhD, at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand.

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## **God This Lecture's Boring**

*God this lecture's boring  
I don't understand a word  
It's so poorly expressed  
It's the worst I've ever heard*

*God this lecture's boring  
Without a structure it just seems wrong  
He's got no idea on the subject  
And makes it up as he goes along*

*God this lecture's boring  
I wonder if he's alive or dead  
It's 12 midday, he's lacking energy  
Or, has he just got out of bed?*

*God, this lecture's boring  
Come 1pm so I am free  
And release me from this misery,  
Because the lecturer is me.*



### **Prof. Warwick Murray, PhD**

Human Geography / Development Studies  
Director, Victoria Institute for Links with Latin America (VILLA)  
Editor in Chief, Asia Pacific Viewpoint (SSCI-listed)  
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand  
\* <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sgees/staff/warwick-murray.aspx>  
\* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRj0DxH6uQ4>  
*Thanks again to Professor Warwick Murray for lightening the load.*

*GEOrge is a sporadic feature that welcomes your reflections on time & space*

**Finally – RGRG Newsletter** invites contributions to the Winter edition.  
Deadline is November 15, 2011.

Please send reports and photos from RGRG linked sessions, fieldwork, jobs, awards, book reviews, poems, advice – whatever you deem important. Participants at Seattle AAG 12-16 April or other 2011 events can still submit reports.

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