Crisis? Networks, Resilience, Disorder
Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre (CCS) Conference

WHEN: 9am – 5pm Monday 7th & 9am – 5pm Tuesday 8th December 2009

WHERE: Room 230, Level 1, Building 10, UTS (B10.01.230)
Jones Street, Ultimo (a short walk from Central Railway Station)

ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

Crisis is ubiquitous: state failure, global insurgency, financial collapse, climate emergency. Systemic disorder prevails. What are its dynamics and drivers? What is the role of disorderly networks? Who wins from crisis, who loses? Who is resilient, who is vulnerable? This conference aims to explore global crisis as a normal state-of-play, deeply stratified and embedded.

The conference forms part of a broader project, ‘Chaos, Information Technology, Global Administration and Daily Life’ at CCS: http://cosmopolitancivilsocieties.com


Please see the conference programme over the page for more details on each of the presentations.

REGISTRATION

Please RSVP via email: ccs@uts.edu.au. This is a free event, but places are limited, wheelchair accessible.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Sessions may break for coffee and tea mid-stream; lunch on both days will be served at the conference venue. Speakers on panels are expected to limit their contribution to twenty minutes (half-an-hour for ‘strategy’ sessions).

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

9.15 Registration
9.30 Welcome
   Convenors: James Goodman, Didar Zowghi, Jon Marshall

9.30-11.30 SOCIAL CRISIS
Nour Dados: *Australia’s ‘Boat People’ Sagas: Crisis, Distance and Responsibility.*
Mai Hansford: *Asylum-seekers in crisis?*
James Goodman: *Humanitarian protection: a new international security order?*
Wafa Chafic: *Another Crisis! Australian Muslim Men and Agency.*
Gregory Martin: TBC.

11.30-12.30 CRISIS STRATEGIES #1
Tony McGrew: *Governance and Crisis.*

12.30-1.30 Lunch

1.30-3.30 ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS
Bronwyn Mcdonald: *An Aversion to ‘Climate Crisis’.*
Melissa Edwards: *(Dis)organised Mechanisms for Local Resilience.*
Stephen Wearing: *Who’s Crisis are we talking about?: Managing Tourism on the Kokoda Track PNG.*
Donna Houston: *Materialising Environmental Justice: Activist Memory-Work with Things that Matter.*

3.30-5.30 FINANCIAL CRISIS
Ross Morrow: *The Relevance of Marx for Understanding the Global Financial and Economic Crisis.*
Tad Tietze: ‘*Social liberalism’, the global economic crisis and the Left.*
TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

9.00-10.00 CRISIS STRATEGIES #2
Michael Fraser and Gobinda Chowdhury: *A model for a sustainable knowledge ecology.*

10.00-12.00 SECURITY CRISIS
Sai Thite Naing Oo: *Burma: cross-border civil society, chaos, crisis and the struggle for democracy.*
Peter Rogers: *From Crisis to Resilience: Integrated Emergency Management (IEM) for ‘All’ or ‘Any’ Hazards.*
Marcus O’Donnell: *Apocalypse Now: Traumascapes in the Sphere of Public Imagination.*

12.00-1.00 LUNCH

1.00-3.00 TECHNOLOGY FAILURES AND SUCCESSES
Theresa Anderson: *Disorderly information in the network: The politics of Finding and Valuing Information.*
Greg Shapley: *The Sound of Technology Failing.*
Didar Zowghi: *Augmented Reality and the Digital Divide.*
Francesca Da Rimini: *Becoming Multitude: Pier to Pier Resistance in Hong Kong.*

3.00-4.00 STRATEGIES #3
Bob Hodge: *Critical incidents, theory and analysis: strategies for coping with the ambiguous products of chaos.*

4.00-5.00 Closing Remarks: The Convenors