



GEST International Project Partners come to UCLAN



Delegates from the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany); Rathenau Institute (The Netherlands); Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development (at the Chinese Ministry of Science of Technology), and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (India) joined the Uclan team at Scholars Suite, UCLAN.

International partners in our most recently funded European Commission project experienced the delights of Preston at a two day meeting held in March in the Scholars Suite at the University of Central Lancashire.

GEST (Global Ethics in Science and Technology) is a Collaborative Science-in-Society Project with a total budget of €696,820, funded by the Seventh Framework Programme. With a co-ordination team led by CPE's Dr Miltos Ladikas and four international partner institutions, GEST runs for 3 years until the end of May 2014.

The main objective of GEST is to analyse the concepts and issues surrounding ethics in science and technology (S&T) in Europe and two of the main technology-intensive emerging economies, China and India. GEST represents the first concerted effort to start a global debate that encompasses the main global actors in S&T. A group of experts, with a wide disciplinary and geographical distribution, and including an illustrious international advisory board, is providing input.

Initial reports have mapped the landscape of ethics in S&T policy decision-making in Europe, and a comparison with China and India is in the process of completion.



The next major meeting of all partners is scheduled for Beijing in September 2012.

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European Commission Expert Report



Front-row from left Jan Staman, Zaneta Ozoliņa, Doris, Richard Sclove

Back row from left: Rene von Schomberg, Carl Mitcham, Paul McCarthy, Emilio Mordini, Guest (all at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense).

In April 2012, the Ethics and Gender Unit of the European Commissions' DG Research published an expert report on *Ethical and Regulatory Challenges to Science and Research Policy at the Global Level*, which was co-authored by Doris. The report was launched at the Science-in-Dialogue conference (<http://scienceindialogue.dk/>) under the auspices of the Danish Presidency of the European Parliament.



Commentators at the launch included Jan Staman, Director Rathenau Institute, the Netherlands and Richard Sclove, Director of Program Development at the Mind & Life Institute, USA. Staman noted: "This is my business, it is close to my heart. I was impressed by this report". Sclove remarked: "An excellent report with philosophical depth". If you would like to have a printed copy of the

report, please write to Cathy (clennon1@uclan.ac.uk). The report is also available for download at:

<http://tinyurl.com/cjcl34>

Thomas Pogge on TED



Check out Thomas on Ted.com

<http://tinyurl.com/6o36grm>

PhD Away Day

For this year's PhD Away Day, we stayed in Preston. The day started with presentations by the students. Afterwards, Cathy and Julie took us on a guided walk through the historical town centre. Non-Prestonians were impressed by the story of Edith Rigby, suffragette, who escaped arrest by cycling away through Avenham Park.



Project News



In November 2011, CPE completed its work on the 3 year European Commission-funded FP7 project BILAT-SILK – *Bilateral Support for the International Linkage with Kina*. Partnered with institutions in Italy, Greece and Sweden, as well as China, CPE's Dr Miltos Ladikas took responsibility for developing a Collaborative Roadmap for Science and Technology Policy Advice between Europe and China.

After evaluating current S&T policy advice practices in European and Chinese Technology Assessment (TA) during the first half of the project, the second period saw CPE bring together representatives of key TA institutes from Europe and China in a workshop in Beijing in September 2010 to describe their respective work. The discussions resulted in a detailed report on overlaps and thematic interests. TA is more developed methodologically in Europe but the thematic priorities are not different to those in China.

A final extensive discussion round on the construction of a collaborative roadmap was organized with TA experts from a variety of S&T policy advisory institutes in China and Europe, in Shanghai and Beijing on 8-11 November 2011.

Overall, the discussions in the Bilat project within the TA communities of Europe and China have provided a unique opportunity to clarify relevant issues and build the roadmap of a successful future collaboration. The communities are now on a strong footing of information exchange and networking, while the platform for future discussions has been developed.

http://www.uclan.ac.uk/schools/school_of_health/research_projects/bilat_silk.php

Plenary Address in Japan



Doris being interviewed by English language students

Doris and one of her PhD students, Roger Chennells, had the privilege of being invited to the Sixth International Conference on Applied Ethics at the Centre for Applied Ethics and Philosophy (Hokkaido University, Sapporo) to deliver a plenary address on *Benefit Sharing and International Justice*. The other plenary speakers were: Michael Slote, Michael Davis and Michael Gross.

World Philosophy Day

Both Thomas and Doris were invited to the UNESCO headquarters in Paris on World Philosophy Day (17 November 2011). Right next to the Eiffel Tower, they took part in a panel on "Philosophy and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits of Science", facilitated by Doris. The panel was welcomed by Pilar Alvarez-Laso, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences with the following words:

Philosophers have a very important role in shedding light on contemporary challenges... For this reason UNESCO will strive to strengthen the philosophical perspective in all its programmes and fields of action.



Above: participants at World Philosophy Day panel at UNESCO's Paris office. Doris and Thomas, 3rd and 4th from left.



Fellow of the University

Dr. Dafna Feinholz, Chief of Bioethics at UNESCO in Paris, was awarded a Fellowship of the University in recognition of her work in global bioethics. Dafna was introduced in our second newsletter as our long-term collaborator. She is pictured left with Vice-Chancellor Malcolm McVicar.

Innova P2, FP7

One-third of all human deaths (18 million every year) are from diseases that could have been prevented, cured or treated. Hundreds of millions more people suffer from these diseases, while the lives of their families are shattered by severe illness and premature deaths. Most of these cases occur among poor people in poor countries, often due to diseases that have been almost eliminated in the developed world, creating a disease burden which perpetuates their poverty. The existing system offers few incentives for the pharmaceutical development of medicines to address the real global disease burden.

Professor Thomas Pogge, of Uclan and Yale University, co-authored a book on the Health Impact Fund (HIF) in 2008 – a proposal to create an alternative system funded by international governments, where pharmaceutical innovators could choose to register new products and then make these available at cost in order to receive a 10 year reward based on the assessment of the drug's impact on the global disease burden.

In 2008 Uclan's Centre for Professional Ethics, (Prof Pogge, Dr Ladikas, Ms Lucas) was awarded a 3 year European Commission grant to coordinate a global research project consortium, Innova-P2. The aim of the project has been to assess and finalise the suggested IPR reform plan. The project's international team has spent the last 3 years developing strong ethical and policy arguments in support of the new plan. The team's research has included a survey of attitudes of policy groups and industry representatives to identify barriers to the proposed scheme and ways to overcome these, work on metrics, distribution mechanisms and impact measurements, and gender considerations, in order to ensure that the final proposals are realistic and appropriate. A consensus for the proposed system has been forged by the dialogue instigated between project participants and policymaking communities in Europe, India and China. A policy consensus document forms the basis of the final policy roadmap, to be adopted in the first instance bilaterally between India and China, and hopefully eventually at the global level.

The project's results will be included in a forthcoming book, and were presented at two very high level international meetings, including an event hosted by Norbert Heuser MEP in the European Parliament at which the keynote address was made by the EU Commissioner for Development, Dr Andris Piebalgs. This event took place in April 2011 and was co-sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

INNOVA P2 (image right)

Ethical Guidance for Food Research



In 2011, Doris chaired an expert group for the European Commission's Ethics Review Sector, of which Miltos was a member. The group drafted guidance for applicants, reviewers and European Commission staff on core issues of ethical concern in the field of food-related research within the EC's ethics review process. The guidance is available at: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ethics_en.html (2nd special guidance note).



Panel discussion of the HIF at the European Parliament (Dr Miltos Ladikas 3rd from left)

Meet Our Collaborators A regular feature taking a look at the eminent careers of some of our key collaborators.



Tomi in San Francisco

Prof. Thomasine Kushner is one of the pioneer bioethicists from the United States; yet her focus has always been global. Since she retired from the post of Clinical Professor of Bioethics at the University of California, Berkeley, she shares her time between Paris and San Francisco. She is the founder and co-editor of the *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics (CQ)* and the co-ordinator of the International Bioethics Retreat and the Cambridge Consortium for Bioethics Education, supported by Cambridge University Press (CUP). In San Francisco, Tomi serves as a Senior Bioethicist in the Program in Medicine and Human Values at the California Pacific Medical Centre.

Her first book on aesthetics and art theory was in print for 20 years. Her most recent book was published by CUP in 2010: *Surviving Health Care: A Manual for Patients and Their Families*. Tomi has been collaborating with the Centre since 2004, when she invited Doris to edit the Human Rights and Health Column of the CQ. Prior to this, Tomi also worked with Prof. Matti Hayry, Doris' predecessor as Director of the Centre for Professional Ethics at Uclan.