Activity reports July 2010

Method 1: Visuality Cluster

Overview of activities so far
- We have started a collaborative bibliography, including different books and articles on visuality understood in a broad sense. We have focused on a wide spectrum of disciplines, e.g. political science, cultural studies, art history, and psychology.

Activities planned
- Can and Youri have organized panels for the next ISA 2011 in Montreal.
- Axel and Gabi will present a paper on Memory and Visuality at the ISA 2011 on a panel with colleagues from the USA
- Youri, Axel and Gabi will present papers at the SGIR meeting 2010 in Stockholm.
- Axel and Gabi are presenting a paper on Justification and Visuality at a German conference on International Political Theory in June. A short abstract in English will be made available on the webpage.
- Discussion on visuality on the webpage: book (for example Sontag: On photography; Berger: Ways of Seeing) or article to be selected.

Blogging activities
- Blog on our ISA panels in 2011
- Discussion of members' papers
- Gabi will take over the driver's seat for an interim period until we have decided who is able to do this.

Public display of material
- Youha has contributed an article on the Doomsday Clock which will be published by Security Dialogue. A short abstract will be available at the webpage soon. Possibly we will be providing open access.
- Until September we will primarily discuss sample books/articles and launch discussions on different aspects of visuality, i.e. what does visuality mean, in different disciplines, according to different topics, research problems etc. Some of these discussions will be made public.

Method 2: Mapping

Overview of activities so far
- Literature review and forum discussion on readings. There have been two forum topics to date.
- Members of the cluster have been working on their own research and have been evaluating how to integrate their research with mapping methodologies.
- Description of Mapping for the ICCM site.

Activities planned until 30 September 2010
- The literature review/discussion forum posts will continue, albeit with greater frequency and intensity. The aim is to have a wide-ranging review of the ways various authors have engaged with mapping. This spans Actor-Network-Theory, contemporary French sociological theory, and critical geography.
- A discussion will occur on the maps of the US Army Human Terrain System both in Afghanistan and Iraq, thinking through how these maps can be analyzed in terms of critical security studies.
- Create a wiki document for outlining themes in the literature and key terms and concepts.
- The cluster is planning to meet for an extended period of time during the SGRI in Stockholm this coming September.
- Two of our members are included in the "What is critical about methods in Security Studies?" round table at the SGIR.

Blogging activities
- Each member has agreed to blog on their ongoing/upcoming research activity with an eye to mapping. Topics include: mapping European security professionals, small arms control in Bosnia, and statistics/numbers as mapping or mapping as metaphor.

Public display of material until September 2010
- Both the blog and wiki activities have the potential to turn into public documents. The literature review will become a collaborative document which will have a public facing dimension.
- A public update following the SGIR meeting, including themes and ideas generated, will be posted.
- Members will upload readings as they come up for discussion. These uploads will include a short description of their content in relation to the theme of mapping and security studies. Over time, this process will create a library and bibliography that others outside the project may find useful when first engaging with mapping.

Method 3: Discourses and materialities

Overview of activities so far
- Forum discussions on two articles (Jane Bennett and Karen Barad)
- Skype discussion on Jane Bennett's article
- Skype discussion on Karen Barad's article
- Organising one panel for ISA 2011 linked to a series of panels on 'The Stuff of Security'
- Wiki on Skype discussion and questions
- Contributions to News and Events
- Public outreach and invites to externals to join discussions
- Uploading documents to the library

Activities planned until 30 September 2010
- Utilising content from discussions on forum to establish wiki page reflecting on the ways of thinking about discursive and material practices in the 'event' of the volcanic ash cloud. This wiki is to become public eventually.
- Creation of a public bibliography page linking to library resources that investigate material

sites
- Commence planning for a collective piece
- Participation in the SGIR conference/Stockholm
- Further discussion of texts on the forum,
  Laclau, Mouffe
  Giorgio Agamben, Martin Coward

Blogging activities
- Perspectives on discursive and material practices in volcanic ash.

Public display of material
- Book page on perspectives and approaches to discourses and materialities drawn from forum discussions, applied to volcanic ash
- Library page of useful resources for investigating discourses and materialities

Method 4: Situated Knowledge

Overview of activities so far
- Discussing articles on the website forum:
  George Marcus [1995] 'Ethnography in/of the World System: The Emergence of Multi-Sited Ethnography', *Annual Review of Anthropology*
  Luc Boltanski and Laurent Thévenot [1999] 'The Sociology of Critical Capacity', *European Journal of Social Theory*, Vol. 2, No. 3, 359-377
  Donna Haraway [1988] 'Situated Knowledges: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective', *Feminist Studies*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (Autumn, 1988), pp. 575-599
- Organised panel for ISA Conference, 2010: '*Critical Methods in Security Studies Panel 1: Situating knowledge as a critical method of enquiry';* Participants: Xavier Guillaume, Lara Coleman, Jef Huysmans, Erzsebet Strausz, Hannah Hughes, Michael C Williams

Activities planned until 31 October 2010
- Forum discussions of:
  Kanishka Goonewardena [2008] 'Marxism and Everyday Life. On Henri Lefebvre, Guy Debord, and some others', in "Space, Difference, Everyday Life. Reading Henry Lefebvre", edited by Kanishka Goonewardena, Stefan Kipfer, Richard Milgrom, Christian Schmid; Routledge, 2008
  Terry Austrin and John Farnsworth [2005] 'Hybrid genes: fieldwork, detection and the method of Bruno Latour', *Qualitative Research* 5(2): 147-165
  Mustafa Emirbayer and Ann Mische [1998] 'What Is Agency?', *American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 103 Number 4 (January 1998): 962–1023
- Drawing preliminary methodological conclusions from the forum discussions
- Hannah Hughes, "Enlisting Bourdieu to situate security: the case of climate change and the British government", paper to be presented at the Warwick graduate security colloquium.
- Jef Huysmans: "What is in an act? Dispersing politics of insecurity." Paper to be presented at the conference 'The Politics of Securitization' organized by Centre for Advanced Security Theory, Copenhagen 13-14 September 2010
  Jef Huysmans: Representing ICCM at a meeting organized in Paris by The Social Life of Methods (OU, CRESC) and The Medialab (Sciences Po Paris) – 26-27 July 2010

Blogging activities
- to be discussed in the group

Public display of material
- Making forum discussions public
- Posting news items

Method 5: Genealogies, Time, Histories

Overview of activities so far
- we've been conducting a discussion on the forum on what methodological insights we can gain from key readings by Paul Veyne and Dreyfus and Rabinow.
- we've organised a panel for the ISA on temporalities of security.
- we're currently discussing what to read next. Overview of activities thus far:
  One forum thread focused on Veyne's 'Foucault revolutionizes history' and selected chapters from Dreyfus and Rabinow's 'Beyond Structuralism and Hermeneutics'; Organized a Conference panel for the March 2011 International Studies association (ISA) conference in Montreal entitled 'Temporalities of Security'. All four group members of the cluster are expected to present papers.

Activities planned until September 2010
- An additional forum thread centred on Agamben's collection 'What is an apparatus?'

Blogging activities
- A blogging activity is planned in relation to the SGIR conference in September 2010.

Public display of material
- We will make public the entirety of our discussions in the forums section.