

Centre for  
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CURDS



Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies:

# A brief history



## The Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS) 1977-2011.

CURDS originated from a strong tradition of applied economic geography at Newcastle. The Department of Geography was established in 1927 in Armstrong College, then part of the University of Durham, later Kings College, Durham and, since 1963, the University of Newcastle. Henry Daysh was appointed lecturer in Geography in 1930 and the first Professor of Geography in 1943, a post he held until his retirement in 1966 after a spell as Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Under Henry Daysh's influence the Department of Geography at Newcastle became noted for its interest in applied research, especially in economic geography, an approach pursued by succeeding heads of department.

In 1975, in keeping with this tradition and in honour of Henry Daysh the Newcastle University Trust funded a research chair giving the holder the title of Henry Daysh Professor of Regional Development Studies. John Goddard, whose primary research interests lay in the role of office location and activity in urban and regional development, was appointed

as the first holder of this chair. In 1976 the University established the Sir Sadler Forster Fellowship in Regional Development Studies funded by private subscription as a memorial to Sir Sadler's life and work, particularly that part relating to his efforts on behalf of the North East and West Cumberland, and his Chairmanship of the English Estates Corporation. The first holder of this Fellowship was Alfred Thwaites, with research interests in entrepreneurship and the regional dimensions to technological change in manufacturing industry.

In 1977, on the initiative of John Goddard, the University established the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies, to bring together for the purposes of research, academics and others interested in furthering understanding of urban and regional development problems. It was anticipated that support for the research would come from a range of funding bodies notably those outside the host University. This expectation has been realised over the years with research grants received from a

wide variety of sources including research councils, central and local government, the European Union, charities and industry. At current values, CURDS has generated in the order of £30 million of research income over the 1977-2011 period.

Between 1977 and 2011 the Centre has engaged over 160 staff of whom over 100 have held research posts. In addition, over 50 PhDs have been awarded for research conducted in CURDS and almost 100 people have graduated from our masters programmes.

Many of our staff have moved on to senior positions elsewhere. In particular, in addition to John Goddard there are now 27 people associated with CURDS who have gone on to be awarded professorial positions, with six still at CURDS.



## Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies: an introduction

The Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS) was founded at Newcastle University in 1977 to provide a focus for research in this field. The distinctive mission of CURDS over the past 34 years has been to produce research which is both academically rigorous and policy relevant. The Centre aims to enhance its international research reputation and standing through publication, research grants and consultancy and to sustain and develop our research capacity and culture through professional support for staff and postgraduate programmes. Its excellence is reflected in its outstanding record of publication in the best journals and its ability to continue to attract research council and other income. Its relevance lies in the fact that policy-makers, civic organisations and the media continue to turn to it for impartial and authoritative research and advice in the field.

CURDS research is diverse and wide-ranging, but among the key themes over the years has been a concern with defining regions and exploring relationships between people and places. At the core of CURDS work is a focus on the conditions that shape local and regional development, including patterns of corporate restructuring, the role of financial systems, the role of indigenous enterprise and innovation and knowledge and questions of culture and regeneration. CURDS work has strong focus on the role of institutions, public policy and governance systems in shaping local and regional development, especially the contribution of place-based development

strategies. It has a particular concern with peripheral places and peripherality in shaping patterns of development.

These concerns are reflected in research projects in the Centre conducted over recent years including Social Inclusion through the Digital Economy (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), participation in the UK Spatial Economics Research Centre (Economic and Social Research Council, the Department for Business Innovation and Skills, Department for Communities and Local Government, Welsh Assembly Government), The University and the City (Leverhulme Trust), Islamic finance in the UK and US (British Academy) and Place Branding for Urban Development (ESRC).

At the same time, CURDS seeks directly to influence public debates as reflected in a range of recent projects including Non-state Actors in Local Economic Governance (OECD), Urbanisation, industrialisation and growth in Henan (Henan Provincial Government, China), The Future of Regional Policy (Australian Business Foundation), Assessing the Importance and Value of Historic Buildings to Young People (English Heritage), Land Use Futures (Government Office for Science), Defining Housing Market Areas (Department for Communities and Local Government), Decentralisation and Public Service Provision (Department for Communities and Local Government), Universities in the Innovation Economy (National Endowment for Science

Technology and the Arts) and The Impact of Restructuring at Northern Rock Bank (One North East).

A recent external, independent review of the Centre acknowledged its international academic standing and the distinctiveness of its twin academic and policy research agendas and the impacts of its research regionally, nationally and internationally and its ability to respond to changing research and policy contexts. The review also noted the role of Centre in training future researchers and developing distinguished senior academics.

The occasion of the 2011 Regional Studies Association Annual International Conference hosted by CURDS in Newcastle provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the history of the Centre and to think about its future in a continually changing academic and policy environment.

John Tomaney  
Henry Daysh Professor of Regional  
Development Studies  
Director, Centre for Urban and Regional  
Development Studies

Newcastle, April 2011

# 1977



John Goddard,  
Founding Director of CURDS

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (CURDS)

John Goddard, First Director

The initial work of CURDS centres around the interests of a small group of researchers; **John Goddard** (Henry Daysh Professor in Regional Development Studies), **Alfred Thwaites** (the first Sir Sadler Forster Fellow in Regional Development Studies), **Stan Openshaw** (subsequently Professor of Human Geography, University of Leeds and is now retired), **Peter Taylor** (Peter is currently Professor of Geography, Loughborough University), **Mike Coombes**, **John Dixon**, **Vicki James**, **Neill Marshall** and **Grant Rabey** with **Sheila Spence** as CURDS' first secretary.

There were three elements to the initial work of the Centre; firstly, office location and the role of services in regional development; secondly, the role of technological change in manufacturing in regional development; and, thirdly, the definition of functional regions in Britain. Each of these strands of work combined conceptual development and empirical testing, and each formed the basis of research directions which persist to the present day.

Originating contracts include:

Telecommunications and Office Location,  
DoE.

Data Organisation for British Cities,  
SSRC.

Selected Publications:

**Goddard, J.B.** and **Pye, R.**,  
Telecommunications and Office  
Location. *Regional Studies*, 11: 19-30.



Andrew Gillespie joins CURDS

**Ray Oakey** (currently Professor of Business Development, Manchester Business School) joins CURDS to work on the regional dimensions to technological change and subsequently to develop a theme of work around innovative small firms and industries.

**Andrew Gillespie** (currently Head of the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology) joins CURDS to help establish (in a joint project with Durham University) a computerised information system for monitoring local employment and unemployment trends in the UK. He goes on to develop a theme of work around the geography of the information economy with a particular interest in communication issues.

**Ian Smith** (now retired) becomes the second Sir Sadler Forster Fellow in Regional Development Studies. His work concerned the implications of corporate restructuring, notably take-over and merger activity, for local economic development.

#### Selected Publications:

**Coombes, M.G., Dixon, J.S., Goddard, J.B., Openshaw, S. and Taylor, P.J.** Towards a More Rational Consideration of Census Areal Units: Daily Urban Systems in Britain. *Environment and Planning* 1978, 10 1179-1185.

**Goddard, J.B. and Smith, I.J.** Changes in Corporate Control in the British Urban System. *Environment and Planning A* 1978 10 1073-1084.

**Thwaites, A.T.** Technological Change, Mobile Plants and Regional Development. *Regional Studies* 1978 12 445-461.

Two pioneering contracts won in 1978:

Industrial Innovation and Regional Development, DoE.

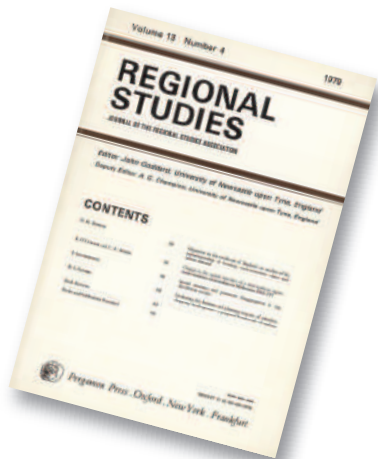
National On-line Manpower Information System (NOMIS) with University of Durham, MSC.



# 1979

John Goddard is appointed Editor of *Regional Studies*

Fred Robinson (currently at St Chad's Durham) joins CURDS and begins work on the impact of the Tyne and Wear passenger transport system (The Metro) on local labour markets and property development later conducting studies on to the impacts of economic restructuring on the people of the North East of England.



Selected Publications:

**Marshall, J.N.**, Corporate Organisation and Regional Office Employment. *Environment and Planning A* 1979 11 553-563.

Key Report:

**Goddard, J.B., Thwaites, A.T., Gillespie, A.E., James, V., Nash, P., Oakey, R.P. and Smith, I.J.** The Mobilisation of Indigenous Potential in the UK, Report to Regional Policy Directorate. EEC. CURDS, University of Newcastle.

CURDS first substantive involvement with the European Commission raises new perspectives on the processes and options for regional development in focussing on indigenous potential. The report has been said to have influenced a generation of European regional policies.

CURDS is awarded Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Designated Research Centre (DRC) status.

This provided core research funding for nine years.

The initial work of the DRC focussed on:

- Technological change and local industrial development
- Local labour markets and industrial change
- Area based policies and spatial organisation

These themes were expanded over the life of the DRC to include fundamental work on the roles of new and small firms in regional development, spatial data processing and geographic information systems.

**David Owen** (currently at the Warwick Institute for Employment Research) joins CURDS to develop research on the changing structure of labour demand and skills in the British space economy.

**Professor Norman McCord** (now retired), an Associate Director of CURDS and **David Stoker** undertake a project on the economic and social history of the North Tyne Valley for the Northumbrian Water Authority.



#### Selected Publications:

**Goddard, J.B.** Technology Forecasting in a Spatial Context, *Futures* 1980 12 90-105.

**Goddard, J.B. and Thwaites, A.T.** Technological Change and the Inner City, SSRC, London, 1980.

**Oakey, R.P., Thwaites, A.T. and Nash, P.A.** The Regional Distribution of Innovative Manufacturing Establishments in Britain. *Regional Studies* 1980 14 235-253.

**Rhind, D., Goddard, J.B., Gillespie, A.E. and Owen, D.** Pilot Information System for Local Employment Office Areas. Report to MSC, CURDS, Newcastle and University of Durham, Durham, 1980.

#### Key Contracts:

The Interregional Diffusion of Production Innovation in Great Britain, CEC/DTI:

CURDS is awarded the first of a number of empirical and policy oriented studies for the EC and DTI associated with the generation and take up of new technologies at national and regional scales.

# 1981

**David Gibbs** (currently Professor of Economic Geography at the University of Hull) becomes a member of the CURDS research team exploring the diffusion of innovations and the location of R&D in the UK.

**Mike Taylor** (currently Professor of Human Geography at the University of Birmingham) is appointed as CURDS' first Visiting Research Fellow to work on the regional implications of the corporate restructuring of industry.

**David Storey** (currently Professor of SMEs and Director of the Centre for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick) joins CURDS and initiates a stream of work on new firm formation, the economic performance of small firms and their relationship to local and national economic development. He is joined in this research by **Rob Watson** (currently Professor of Finance at the Department of Accounting & Finance, University of Glasgow).

**Betty Robson** (now retired) joins CURDS as a secretary and subsequently becomes the longest serving member of CURDS support staff.

#### Selected Publications:

**Gillespie, A.E. and Owen, D.W.**  
Unemployment Trends in the Current Recession. *Area*, 1981 **13** 189-196 (and subsequent comments) 14 (1): and 14 (4).

**Oakey, R.P., Thwaites, A.T. and Nash, P.**  
Technological Change and Regional Development: Some Evidence of Regional Variations in Product and Process Innovation. *Environment and Planning A* 1981 **14** 1073-86.

**Storey, D.J.** New Firm Formation, Employment Change and the Small Firm in the County of Cleveland. *Urban Studies* 1981 **18** 335-345.

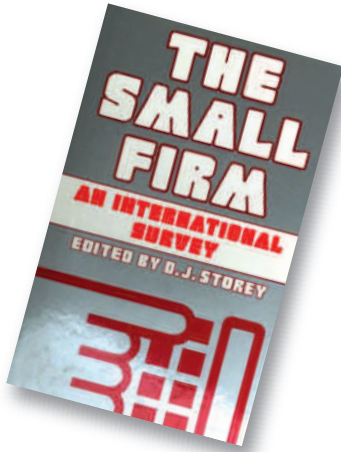




Alfred Thwaites,  
Deputy Director of CURDS

### Alfred Thwaites becomes Deputy Director of CURDS.

Ash Amin (currently Professor of Geography at the University of Durham) becomes the third Sir Sadler Forster Fellow in Regional Development Studies focussing his initial work on the processes of productive restructuring and location in the European car industry. He goes on to develop more fundamental concepts around the state, institutions and regional development.



#### Selected Publications:

**Coombes, M.G. and Openshaw, S.** The Use and Definition of Travel to Work Areas in Great Britain: Some Comments. *Regional Studies* 1982 **16** 141-149.

**Marshall, J.N.** Linkages between Manufacturing Industry and Business Services. *Environment and Planning A* 1982 **14** 1523-1540.

**Owen, D.W. and Gillespie, A.E.** The Changing Relationship between Local and National Unemployment Rates in Northern England 1971-1980. *Environment and Planning A* 1982 **14** 183-193.

**Storey, D.J.** *Entrepreneurship and the New Firm* Croom Helm, London.

**Thwaites, A.T.** Some Evidence of Regional Variations in the Introduction and Diffusion of Industrial Products and Processes within British Manufacturing Industry. *Regional Studies* 1982 **16**: 371-381.

#### Key Contracts:

The Location of R&D Establishments in Great Britain, CEC/DTI.

The Implications of New Information Technology for the Less Favoured Regions of Europe, CEC: CURDS is awarded a contract by the Commission of the European Communities which initiated a strand of work on the regional dimension to information and communications technology that subsequently became a major and enduring theme of CURDS research.

# 1983

Andrew Gillespie is appointed as a 'New Blood Lecturer' in Human Geography within CURDS.

CURDS moves from its initial home in a 19th century former residence to a permanent location on the University campus, the fourth floor of the Claremont Bridge building.

Pooran Wynarczyk (currently Professor of Small Business in Newcastle University Business School) joins CURDS to work with David Storey on various aspects of small firm performance and goes on to make an important contribution to our understanding of inter-regional contrasts in SME performance.

Neil Alderman (currently senior lecturer in Newcastle University Business School), on completion of his PhD in CURDS, joins the staff, working on the location of R&D in UK manufacturing industry. He goes on to develop and lead a number of studies on innovation and the processes of innovative change in manufacturing industry.

Martin Charlton (currently Deputy Director of the National Centre for Geo-computation, Ireland) formerly a postgraduate student, becomes a member of CURDS research staff with a particular interest in spatial analysis techniques.

Judith Houston (now retired) becomes CURDS' first Administrative Assistant, on a part-time basis.

#### Selected Publications:

Gillespie, A.E., (ed) *Technological Change and Regional Development*/ London: Pion, 1983.

Goddard, J.B., Thwaites, A.T., Gillespie, A.E. and Robinson, F., Study of the Effects of New Information Technology on the Less Favoured Regions of Europe. Report to the Directorate General for Regional Policy, CEC, CURDS, Newcastle.

Storey, D.J., *The Small Firm: An International Survey*, Croom Helm, London, 1983.

#### Key Contracts:

CURDS wins a prestigious project to review Travel to Work Areas for the **Dept of Employment**, the results of which have important implications for academic research, policy-making and implementing agencies.

Location of R&D Establishments in Great Britain, DTI/CEC.

Industrial decline in the regions of the European Community, CEC.

National classification of 1981 Census Data for Britain at the enumeration district level, SSRC.

Inventory of regional policy research, CEC.



**Colin Wren** (currently Professor of Economics, in Newcastle University Business School) joins CURDS to work on the evaluation of various aspects of regional policy.

**Anne Green** (currently a Professorial Fellow at the Warwick Institute of Employment Research), following her post-graduate work in CURDS, joins the research staff to pursue interests in labour market analysis.

**Stan Openshaw** makes a major input to the construction of 'Super-Profiles', a geodemographic segmentation system, which groups the UK's enumeration districts into 40 predictive and independent target markets, ranked in order of affluence, to provide a powerful marketing tool.

An inter-disciplinary workshop was organised by CURDS on the theme of "Technological change, industrial restructuring and regional development".

#### Selected Publications:

**Gillespie, A.E., Goddard, J.B., Robinson, J.F., Smith, I.J. and Thwaites, A.T.**, The Effects of New Information Technology on the Less Favoured Regions of the Community, *Regional Policy Series No 23*, CEC, Brussels, 1984.

**Openshaw, S.**, The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem, *CATMOG 38*, Geo Books, Norwich, 1984.

**Owen, D.W., Gillespie, A.E. and Coombes, M.G.**, Job Shortfalls in British Local Labour Market Areas: A Classification of Labour Supply and Demand Trends, 1971-81. *Regional Studies*, 1984 **18** 469-488.

# 1985

**David Charles** (currently at Strathclyde University), after completing his PhD in CURDS, begins work on the first of a stream of regional and technology policy-related and evaluative studies undertaken for the EU and Departments of Central and Local Government.

**Jeremy Howells** (currently Eddie Davies Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Manchester) is appointed to develop research on the regional aspects of restructuring in the service industries.

**Mark Hepworth** (currently at Geoeconomics) joins CURDS to work on the geography of the information economy.

**Howard Williams** (now at the Oxford Internet Institute) joins CURDS on a project identifying the regional location of IT production. He goes on to explore the implications of telecommunications deregulation on regional economic development and the use of ICTs in organisations.

#### Selected Publication:

**Green, A.E. and Coombes, M.G.**  
Local Unemployment Rates: Statistical Sensitivities and Policy Implications.  
*Regional Studies* 1984 **19** 268-273.

#### Key Contracts:

Domesday Project, British Broadcasting Corporation, **BBC**.

The Role of Services in European Regional Development, FAST Project, **EEC**.

Regional Location of New Information Technology Production in the European Community, **EEC**.

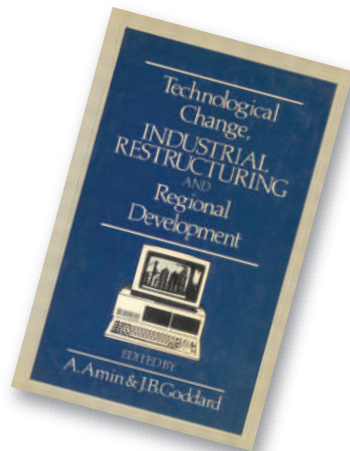
Job Generation: An International Review, **ESRC**.



John Goddard awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) (for services to Social Sciences and Regional Development).

CURDS becomes one of six centres supported by the ESRC/DTI Programme on Information and Communication Technologies (PICT) focusing initially on "Mapping and measuring the geography of the information economy".

Sue Robson comes to CURDS as a temporary secretary and is now the longest serving member of the support staff (25 years).



#### Workshop:

Anglo-American workshop on "The geography of the information economy," Howard University, Washington DC, USA, organised by Mark Hepworth.

#### Selected Publications:

Amin, A. and Goddard, J.B. (eds), *Technological Change, Industrial Restructuring and Regional Development*, Allen and Unwin, London, 1986.

Hepworth, M. The Geography of Technological Change in the Information Economy", *Regional Studies* 1986 20 407-424.

Openshaw, S., *Nuclear Power: Siting and Safety*, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1986.

Openshaw, S., Coombes, M.G. and Green, A.E. An Efficient Algorithm to Generate Official Statistical Reporting Areas: The Case of the 1984 Travel to Work Areas Revision in Britain. *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, 1986 10 943-953.

Thwaites, A.T. and Oakey, R.P. (eds), *The Regional Economic Impact of Technological Change*, Pinter, London, 1986.

#### Key Contracts:

Research and technological development in the less favoured regions of the Community, EEC.

Predicting patterns of diffusion of selected innovations. MSC.

CURDS sets up the **Regional Industrial Research Unit (RIRU)** with **Ed Sciberras** (currently at Industry Policy Consultants, Sydney) as its first director, funded by DoE, DTI, MSC and English Estates (North). The objective of the unit was to carry out practical research designed to underpin the activities of the sponsors relating to the economic regeneration of the North of England and to advise on their policy and programme initiatives.

**Nicola Parker** (later Academic Registrar at Durham University) joins as CURDS' first full-time Administrative Assistant.

**Simon Raybould** (now at Curved Vision), following his PhD at CURDS, joins the staff as a specialist in quantitative analysis techniques and applies these skills in a range of studies concerned with the 'well being' of individuals and groups of individuals e.g. access to housing and education, exploration of lifestyles and social deprivation.

**Irene Hardill** (currently Professor of Public Policy at Northumbria University), a former CURDS PhD student, joins the staff to undertake research on the regional implications of economic restructuring.



#### Selected Publications:

Champion, A., Green, A., Owen, D., Ellin, D., Coombes, M.G., *Changing Places: Britain's Demographic, Economic and Social Complexion*, Edward Arnold, London, 1987.

Goddard, J.B., Charles, D.R., Howells, J. and Thwaites, A.T., *Research and Technological Development in the Less Favoured Regions of the Community*, Office of Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg, 1987.

Hepworth, M. *Information Technology as Spatial Systems. Progress in Human Geography*, 1987 **11** 157-180.

Hepworth, M., Green, A. and Gillespie, A.E. *The Spatial Division of Information Labour in Great Britain. Environment and Planning A*, 1987 **19** 793-806.

Howells, J. *Developments in the Location, Technology and Industrial Organisation of Computer Services: Some Trends and Research Issues. Regional Studies* 1987 **21** 493-503.

Openshaw, S., Charlton, M., Wymer, C. and Craft, A. *A Mark 1 Geographical Analysis Machine for the Automated Analysis of Point Data Sets. International Journal of Geographical Information Systems* 1987 **1**: 335-358.

Storey, D. and Johnson, S., *Job Generation and Labour Market Change*, Macmillan, London, 1987.

Wynarczyk, P., Storey, D., Keasey, K. and Watson, R. *The Performance of Small Firms*, Croom Helm, London, 1987.

#### Key Contracts:

Technical Change and International Competitiveness in the Telecommunications Subscriber Equipment Industry, **Leverhulme**.



CURDS appointed ESRC NorthEast Regional Research Laboratory (NE.RRL). Core funding was provided for three years during which the RRL developed databases and analyses - notably those exploiting the new software of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - with a strong emphasis on user needs, as to provide a foundation of clients for the RRL's self funding future.

**James Cornford** (currently at Norwich Business School) joins the PICT team in CURDS to undertake research on the regional implications of regulatory change and economic restructuring in the audio-visual and telecommunications industries. He subsequently develops a strand of research on the 'Virtual University'.



#### Conference:

Telecommunications and New Economic Opportunities in Europe, Sponsored by CEC/Mercury Communications, Newcastle, organised by Andrew Gillespie.

#### Selected Publications:

**Coombes, M.G., Green, A.E. and Owen, D.W.** Substantive Issues in the Definition of 'Localities': Evidence from Sub-Group Local Labour Market Areas in the West Midlands. *Regional Studies* 1988 **22** 303-318.

**Howells, J. and Green, A.E.** *Technological Innovation, Structural Change and Location in UK Services*, Avebury-Gower, Aldershot, 1988.

**Monck, C.S.P., Porter, R.B., Quintas, P.R., Storey, D.J. and Wyncarczyk, P.** *Science Parks and the Growth of High-Technology Firms*, Croom Helm/Peat Warwick, London, 1988.

**Openshaw, S., Charlton, M., Craft, A. and Birch, J.** An Investigation of Leukaemia Clusters by the Use of a Geographical Analysis Machine", *The Lancet*, 1988 Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 272-273.

**Robinson, J.F. (ed)**, *Post-Industrial Tyneside*, Newcastle upon Tyne City Libraries and Arts, Newcastle, 1988.



# 1989

**Neil Alderman** is awarded a University Research Fellowship to develop an interdisciplinary programme of innovation research.

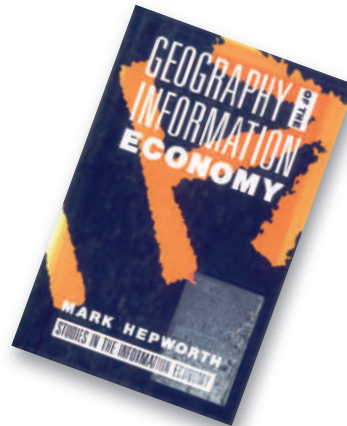
**Neill Marshall** rejoins CURDS after a period of time in the Department of Geography at the University of Birmingham.

**Cecilia Wong** (currently Professor of Planning, University of Liverpool) joins CURDS to develop particular research interests in the use of quantitative techniques to conduct spatial analysis of economic change and social deprivation.

**Kevin Robins** (currently Professor of Communications, Goldsmiths College, University of London) joins CURDS as a visiting fellow on the PICT programme. He subsequently joined CURDS staff and developed a range of research themes around the cultural industries, regional identities, and the implications of the information society for cities.

**John Taylor** (currently Professor of Government Caledonian Business School, Glasgow) joins CURDS to work on the PICT Programme, undertaking research on information systems and telecommunications as applied to questions of governance.

**Chris Brunsdon** (currently Professor of Geographic Information at the University of Leicester) joins CURDS as a specialist in quantitative techniques and analysis. Whilst at CURDS he applied these skills to the detailed analysis of crime in the North East of England.



#### Selected Publications:

**Charles, D.R., Monk, P. and Sciberras, E.** *Technology and Competition in the International Telecommunications Industry*, Pinter Publishers, London, 1988.

**Gillespie, A.E. and Robins, K.** Geographical Inequalities: The Spatial Bias of the New Information Technologies. *Journal of Communications*, 1988 **39** 7-18.

**Hepworth, M.** *Geography of the Information Economy*, Pinter Publishers, London, 1988.

**Robins, K. and Levidow, L.** *Cyborg Worlds: The Military Information Society*. Free Association Books, London, 1988.

#### Key Contracts:

Indicators of potential for regeneration, DoE.

A study of HEI/Research Centre/Industry interfaces including relevant mechanisms, EEC.

The evaluation of Business Growth training scheme: option 3, DE.



Amanda Stonehouse joins CURDS secretarial staff.



Selected Publications:

Alderman, N. and Davies, S. Modelling Regional Patterns of Innovation Diffusion in the UK Metal Working Industries. *Regional Studies*, 1990 **24** 513-528.

Amin, A. and Robins, K. The Re-emergence of Regional Economies? The Mythical Geography of Flexible Accumulation. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 1990 **8** 7-34.

Howells, J. The Internationalisation of R&D and the Globalisation of Research Networks. *Regional Studies* 1990 **24** 495-512.

Taylor, J. and Williams, H. The Highlands and Islands Initiative: New Opportunities for Development. *Telecommunications Policy* 1990 **14** 189-193.

# 1991



John Tomaney

John Tomaney (currently Director of CURDS) joins the research staff, having previously undertaken a PhD within the PICT Doctoral Training Programme.

Yvonne Stavers joins CURDS secretarial staff.

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#### Selected Publications:

Amin, A. and Robins, K. These are not Marshallian Times in R Camagni (Ed) *Innovation Networks: Spatial Perspectives*, Belhaven Press, London, 1991.

Marshall, J.N., Alderman, N. and Thwaites, A.T. Civil Service Relocation and the English regions. *Regional Studies* 1991 25 499-510.

Robins, K. Tradition and Translation: National Culture in its Global Context\* in Corner, J and Harvey, S (Eds.) *Enterprise and Heritage: Cross-Currents of National Culture*, London, Routledge.

Taylor, J. A. and Williams, H. Public Administration and the Information Polity", *Public Administration* 1991 69: 171-190.

#### Key Contract:

Technology, competition and cohesion, ESRC.

**John Goddard** is awarded the Victoria Medal of the Royal Geographical Society (for services to urban and regional studies).

**Ranald Richardson** joins the PICT team in CURDS, researching the implications of ICTs for cities and regions. He subsequently developed a strand of work on the implications of telephone call centres for service sector re-organisation and locational change.

**David Bradley** joins CURDS to explore strategies for local/regional economic development and area regeneration.

**Danny Dorling** (currently Professor of Geography, University of Sheffield) joins the CURDS spatial analysis group.

**Feng Li** (Feng is currently Professor of E-business Development, Newcastle University Business School) takes up a research position in CURDS following his PhD on the geography of organisational change associated with information systems.

**David Maffin** (currently Head of Engineering Design at BOC) was recruited from industry to work on a project on engineering design. As an engineer, he reinforced the multidisciplinary character of CURDS research. He later returns to industry after completing his PhD and three projects.



John Goddard

#### Selected Publications:

**Aksoy, A. and Marshall, J.N.**, The Changing Corporate Head Office and its Spatial Implications. *Regional Studies*, 1992 **26** 149-162.

**Aksoy, A. and Robins, K.** Hollywood for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Global Competition for Critical Mass in Image Markets. *Cambridge Journal of Economics* 1992 **6** 1-22.

**Amin, A., Charles, D.R. and Howells, J.** Corporate Restructuring and Cohesion in the New Europe. *Regional Studies* 1992 **26** 319-332.

**Charles, D.R. and Howells, J.**, *Technology Transfer in Europe: Public and Private Networks*, Belhaven Press, London, 1992.

**Cornford, J. and Robins, K.** Development strategies in the audiovisual industries: the case of North East England. *Regional Studies* 1992 **26** 421-435.

**Robins, K. (Ed)**, *Understanding Information: Business, Technology, Geography*, London, Belhaven, 1992.

#### Key Contract:

Engineering design and project development and its interface with manufacturing, Joint Committee EPSRC-ESRC.

Transport and communications: industrial dynamics, ESRC/CEST.



**Andy Pike** (currently Deputy Director of CURDS) joins the staff to develop research on the political economy of economic restructuring and local economic development policy. Andy was appointed to a Temporary Lectureship in Geography and CURDS in 1995, to a full Lectureship in 1999 and to a chair in 2010.

**Bruce Reed** joins CURDS as a Visiting Professor.

#### Selected Publications:

**Coombes, M. G. Openshaw, S. Wong, C. and Raybould, S.** Community Boundary Definition: A GIS Design Specification. *Regional Studies* 1993 27 280-286.

**Giannopoulos, G.A. and Gillespie, A.E., (Eds)** *Transport and Communications Innovation in Europe*, Belhaven Press, London, 1993.

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#### Key Contracts:

Review of Travel to Work Areas, **DE**.

Movement and mobility in the post-Fordist city, Transport and the Environment Programme, **ESRC**.

The role of universities in their local communities, **CVCP**.

Effects of international collaboration on UK HEI-Industry relations, **ESRC**.





EUNIT Summer School, Dortmund. From (l-r) Ranald Richardson, Andrew Gillespie, John Tomaney, John Goddard and David Charles

**John Goddard** becomes Dean of the Faculty of Law, Environment, and Social Sciences.

**Andrew Gillespie** is appointed Executive Director of CURDS, with John Goddard as Honorary Director.

**Pooran Wynarczyk** is awarded an ESRC Senior Research Fellowship.

**John Goddard** and **David Charles** are awarded two major Human Capital and Mobility grants from the EU. One is titled the European Network on Industry, Innovation and Territory (EUNIT): a six partner research training network. The second was for four visiting European young researchers to work on regional innovation policies.

**Arnoud Lagendijk** (now at Nijmegen University) joined CURDS from the Netherlands to co-ordinate EUNIT and to pursue research on territorial production systems and clusters. Four HCM Fellows were also appointed: **Annaflavia Bianchi** (Italy), **Michael Mechthold** (Germany), **Peter Ache** (Germany) and **Concepcion Torres** (Spain).

#### Selected Publications:

**Amin, A.** (Ed), *Post-Fordism: A Reader*, Oxford, Basil Blackwell.

**Amin, A., Bradley, D., Howells, J., Tomaney, J. and Gentle, C.** Regional Incentives and the Quality of Mobile Investment in the Less Favoured Regions of the EC. *Progress in Planning* 1994 41 1-122.

**Coombes, M.G. and Wong, Y.L.C.** Methodological Steps in the Development of Multivariate Indexes for Urban and Regional Policy Analysis. *Environment and Planning A*, 1994 26 1297-1316.

**Gentle, C., Doring, D. and Cornford, J.** Negative equity in Britain: Causes and Consequences. *Urban Studies* 1994 31 181-199.

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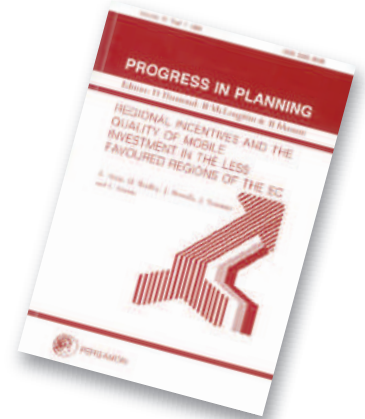
#### Key Contracts:

Localities and City Regions, **ESRC**.

Evaluation of Community Initiatives of STRIDE,TELEMATIQUE and PRISMA, **EU**.

Consolidated Actions of Public Authorities for European Cities in the Transition to an Information Society (C.A.P.A. Cities), **EU**.

Technological Trajectories at the Local Scale: Product Development in Engineering, **ESRC**.



# 1995

Pooran Wynarczyk sets up the Small Enterprise Research Unit (SERU) specialising in action research on small enterprise performance and growth.

SERU aims to facilitate the transfer of best practice, experience and expertise between SMEs, business support agencies, policy makers and universities at local, regional, national and EU levels.

Elaine Adam (currently a Lecturer in Management at the University of Aberdeen) becomes CURDS' first ESRC CASE student, jointly with Newcastle Chronicle and Journal Ltd. Her PhD was awarded in 2001.

To date CURDS has been awarded fifteen ESRC CASE studentships undertaken with a range of partners from the public and private sectors.

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Amin, A. and Tomaney, J. *Behind the Myth of the European Union: Prospects for Cohesion*, London, Routledge, 1995.

Lagendijk, A. The Foreign Take-over of the Spanish Automobile Industry: a Growth Analysis of Internationalisation. *Regional Studies* 1995 29: 381-393.

Marshall, J.N. and Wood, P. *Services and Space*, Longman, London, 1996.

Robins, K. and Morley, D. *Spaces of Identity: Global Media, Electronic Landscapes and Cultural Boundaries*, London, Routledge, 1995.

#### Key Contracts:

North East Technology Foresight Network Programme, DTI.

The Economic Performance, Role and Growth of Sub-Contracting Small Firms in the UK, ESRC.



**Andrew Gillespie** is awarded a personal Chair, becoming Professor of Communications Geography

**Mike Coombes** is awarded an ESRC Senior Research Fellowship on the topic of 'Measuring Urbanisation'.

**Paul Benneworth** (currently at the University of Twente) joins CURDS to work on the Regional Competitiveness project, the focus of which was to benchmark the performance of the North East against national and European comparators. His current research interests include innovation, clusters and the development of regional development agencies in England.

**George Kania** joins the University to provide computer support to both the Department of Geography and CURDS.

**Cheryl Conway** (currently working on development projects in Guatemala) joins CURDS from the University of Durham to conduct applied policy research with an emphasis on small and medium sized firms, and subsequently research on universities, graduate labour markets and learning.

#### Selected Publications:

**Amin, A. and Thomas, D.** The Negotiated Economy: State and Civic Institutions in Denmark *Economy and Society* 1996 **25** 255-281.

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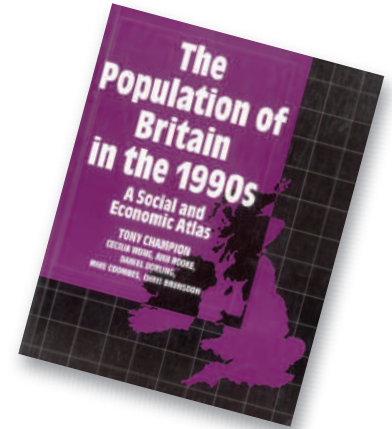
**Robins, K.**, *Into the Image: Culture and Politics in the Field of Vision*, London, Routledge, 1996.

**Thwaites, A.T. and Wynarczyk, P.** The Economic Performance of Innovative Small Firms in the South East and Elsewhere in the UK' *Regional Studies* 1996 **30** 135-149.

#### Key Contracts:

Good Practices in Cluster Development, ADAPT, EU.

North East Competitiveness Project, ERDF.



Andrea Corbett becomes secretary to the Executive Director of CURDS.



(l-r) Neil Alderman, Tomaz Ponce Dentinho and Mike Coombes

#### Selected Publications:

Coombes, M.G. and Raybould, S. Modelling the Influence of Individual and Spatial Factors Underlying Variations in the Levels of Secondary School Examination Results. *Environment and Planning A*, 1997 29 641-658.

Maffin, D., Thwaites, A., Alderman, N., Braiden, P. and Hills, W. Managing the Product Development Process: Combining Best Practice with Company and Project Contexts. *Technology Analysis & Strategic Management* 1997 9: 53-74.

#### Key Contracts:

Concrete Needs of People and Their Impact on Television Programming, **European Broadcasting Union**.

Flexible Work Practices and Communication Technology, **EU Framework Programme**.

Space, Place and the Virtual University, **ESRC Virtual Society Programme**.

Higher Level Skills in Small Firms, **GONE**.

**John Goddard** becomes Pro Vice Chancellor of the University.

**Mike Coombes** is awarded a personal Chair, becoming Professor of Geographic Information.

**Neill Marshall** is awarded a personal Chair, becoming Professor of Economic Geography, and also becomes Head of the Department of Geography.

**Bob Catterall**, the editor of *City* journal, joins CURDS as a Senior Visiting Fellow.

**Vicki Belt** (currently senior Research Manager at UKCES), formerly a PhD student, joins the staff of CURDS with research interests in gender relations and the changing nature of work in the service economy.

**Paul Chatterton** (currently at Leeds University), a former graduate of Newcastle, joins the staff of CURDS to undertake research on the contribution of universities to the economic and social life of cities.

**Neil Pollock** (currently Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh) joins CURDS to undertake research on the implications of the adoption of ICT systems for universities.

**Andrea Bailey** joins CURDS as an administrative assistant with particular responsibility for financial matters.



21st Anniversary reception held at the Hatton Gallery

#### Selected Publications:

**Alderman, N.** Innovation Performance in the Periphery: The Case of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. *Scottish Geographical Magazine*, 1998 114 94-102.

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#### Key Contracts:

New Media and Urban and Regional Development Opportunities in the UK, *Virtual Society?* Programme, ESRC.

Negotiating Spaces: Media and Cultural Practices in the Turkish Diaspora in Britain, France and Germany, *Virtual Society?* Programme, ESRC.

Universities and Regional Development (UNIREG), EU Framework Programme.

Mapping Funding Initiatives Tackling Poverty and Deprivation in England, National Lottery Charities Board.

Economic Links between Leeds and the Yorkshire Humber Region, Leeds City Council.

# 1999

**Chris Ivory** (currently Lecturer in the Newcastle University Business School) joins CURDS to explore management issues in large-scale and long term capital goods projects.

**Ian Jones** (currently at the Skills Funding Agency) who had been on secondment from Tyneside TEC, joins the staff of CURDS to pursue his interests in local labour markets and the contribution of skills to regional development.

#### Selected Publications:

**Charles, D.R. and Benneworth, P.** Plant Closure and Institutional Modernisation: Siemens Electronics in the North East, *Local Economy*, 1999 **14**: 200-213.

**Goddard, J.B. and Chatterton, P.** Regional Development Agencies and the Knowledge Economy: Harnessing the Potential of Universities. *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy* 1999 **17** 685-699.

**Goddard, J.B. and Chatterton, P.**, The response of Higher Education Institutions to Regional Needs, OECD, Paris, 1999.

**Legendijk, A.** The Emergence of Knowledge-Oriented Forms of Regional Policy in Europe. *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie* 1999 **90** 110-116.

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**Tomaney, J.** New Labour and the English question *The Political Quarterly*, 1999 **70** 75-82.

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#### Key Contracts:

North East of England labour market study, **GONE**.

Evaluation of the RITTS programme, **EU**.

The role of strategic procurement in the management of long term projects, **ESRC**.

ICT access to university expertise, **ERDF**.

Nation and regions - understanding the dynamics of constitutional change, **Leverhulme**.

The role of core cities within their city region, **Core City Group**.

Planning for clusters, **DETR**.



**Nick Henry** (currently Visiting Professor and Principal Consultant at GHK) joins CURDS as Reader in Urban and Regional Studies. His primary research interests are in regional development in the 'advanced' economies, particularly high technology and the service industries.

**Liz Robson** (currently Visiting Fellow and Senior Analyst at One North East) joins CURDS to further her research interests in the cultural industries, occupational transitions, self-employment and small business survival.

**Peter Hetherington**, Regional Affairs Editor of The Guardian, joins CURDS as a Visiting Professor.



#### Selected Publications:

**Chatterton, P.** The Cultural Role of Universities in the Community: Revisiting the University - Community Debate. *Environment and Planning A*, 2000 **32** 165-181.

**Chatterton, P. and Goddard, J.B.** The Response of Higher Education Institutions to Regional Need. *European Journal of Education*, 2000 **35** 475-496.

**Coombes, M.G.** Defining Locality Boundaries with Synthetic Data. *Environment & Planning A*, 2000 **32** 1499-1518.

**Coombes, M.G. and Raybould, S.** Policy-Relevant Surfaced Data on Population Distribution and Characteristics. *Transactions in GIS* 2000 **4** 319-342.

**Cornford, J.** The Virtual University is... the University made concrete? *Information, Communication and Society*, 2000 **3** 508-525.

**Giunta, A., Lagerdijk, A. and Pike, A.,** *Restructuring Industry and Territory: The Experience of Europe's Regions*, Norwich, The Stationary Office, 2000.

**Lagerdijk, A. and Cornford, J.** Regional Institutions and Knowledge - Tracking New Forms of Regional Development Policy. *Geoforum*, 2000 **31** 209-218.

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**Richardson, R. and Gillespie, A.E.** Call Centre Periphery: Teleservices and Economic Development in Rural Scotland. *Geocarrefour* 2000 **75** 79-86.

**Tomaney, J.** End of the Empire State? New Labour and Devolution in the United Kingdom. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 2000 **24** 677-690.

**Tomaney, J. and Ward, N.** England and the New Regionalism. *Regional Studies*, 2000 **34** 471-478.

#### Key Contracts:

Regional Contributions of Higher Education, HEFCE.

Students as Users: The Role of ICTs in the Changing University/Student Relation, ESRC.

Skills Foresight for the Retail Financial Services Call Centres, NTO.

Monitoring Devolution Through Four Territorial Networks (with UCL), ESRC.

Analysis of Spatial Planning and Emerging Communications Technologies (ASPECT), EU Interreg Programme.

# 2001

**John Goddard** becomes Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Newcastle.

**Pooran Wynarczyk** is awarded a personal Chair, becoming Professor of Small Enterprise Research, University of Newcastle.

CURDS is awarded an EU Marie Curie training site programme on university-region interactions.

Rt Hon **Joyce Quin**, MP, (now Baroness Quin) joins CURDS as a Visiting Professor.

**Stuart Dawley** (now Lecturer in Economic Geography) joins the research staff in CURDS to pursue interests in labour market and institutional issues associated with regional development.

**Lynne Humphrey** (now Visiting Fellow, Newcastle University Business School) following research for the Trade Union movement, comes to CURDS to work on projects that monitor the political development of regional governance and government.

**Rae Vacher** takes up the position of Administrative Assistant.

**Lesley Nicholson** becomes part of the CURDS secretarial team.

## Selected Publications:

**Alderman, N.** Distributed Knowledge in Complex Engineering Project Networks: Implications for Regional Innovation Systems. In Fischer MM and Frohlich J, (Eds) *Knowledge, complexity and innovation systems*, Springer, Berlin, 2001

**Benneworth, P.** Academic Entrepreneurship and Long-Term Business Relationships: Understanding 'Commercialization' Activities, Enterprise and Innovation. *Management Studies*, 2001 **2** 225-237.

**Benneworth, P.**, "Regional Development Agencies: Their Early Years, 1998-2001", Seaford, Regional Studies Association, 2001.

**Charles, D.R. and Benneworth, P.** Are We Realising Our Potential? Joining up Science and Technology Policy in the English Regions. *Regional Studies*, 2001, **35** 73-79.

**Chatterton, P. and Hollands, R.**, *Changing our 'Toon'*, Newcastle, University of Newcastle, 2001.

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**Henry, N., Pollard, J. and Sidaway, J.** Beyond the Margins of Economics: Geographers, Economists and Policy Relevance. *Antipode* 2001 **33** 200-207.

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**Pike, A.** Corporate Retreat and Host Economy Abandonment in the Era of the 'Globalisation' of Capital: The Case of 'ManufacturingCo' in the North East region of England. *Capital and Class* 2001 **74** 31-59.

**Richardson, R. and Belt, V.** Saved by the bell? Call centres and Economic Development in Less Favoured Regions. *Economic and Industrial Democracy* 2001 **22**: 67-98.

**Tomaney, J. and Ward, N.** *A Region in Transition: North East England at the Millennium*, Aldershot, Ashgate, 2001.

## Key Contracts:

Business Incubators: A Comparative Analysis of European BICs, NE England BIC.

Culture Cluster Mapping and Analysis, **One NorthEast**.

Regional Skills Research Network, **One NorthEast**.

Powers and Functions of a Regional Assembly, **NE Regional Assembly**.

## 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the CENTRE FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES.

David Charles, Neil Alderman and James Cornford  
join Newcastle University Business School.

John Tomaney is awarded a personal  
Chair, becoming Professor of Regional  
Governance, University of Newcastle.

Dr Bob Dobbie, formerly Director of the  
Government Office North East, joins CURDS  
as a Visiting Professor.

Paul Benneworth is awarded an ESRC Post  
Doctoral Fellowship.

Andrew Gillespie receives the Back Award from  
the Royal Geographical Society for 'contribution to  
research linked to public policy on the role of  
information technologies in supporting and  
encouraging local change'.

Alfred Thwaites retires as Deputy Director of CURDS.  
Paul Chatterton leaves CURDS to take up a post at Leeds  
University, while David Charles, James Cornford and  
Neil Alderman take up posts in Newcastle University Business  
School. Andrea Bailey leaves CURDS. Emma Pinkney joins  
CURDS to work on projects on regional governance, while  
Jon Rutherford (currently at LATTs, Paris) joins CURDS to  
work on European projects.

### Selected Publications:

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and Interactive Service Work in Telephone Call Centres.  
*New Technology, Work and Employment* 2002 **17** 20-34.

Cornford, J. and Pollock, N. The University Campus as  
Resourceful Constraint, Process and Practice in the Construction  
of the Virtual University, pp. 170-18. In Lea, M. R. and Nicholl, K.  
(Eds.), *Distributed Learning: Social and Cultural Approches to  
Practice*, London, RoutledgeFalmer, 2002.

Gillespie, A. E. Digital Lifestyles and the Future City. In Leach, N.  
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Birmingham- Postcolonial Workshop of the World? *Area*, 2002  
**34** 117-127.

Pike, A. Task Forces and the Organisation of Regional  
Development: The Case of the North East Region of England.  
*Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy*, 2002 **20**.

Pike, A., O'Brien, P. and Tomaney, J., Regionalisation, Devolution  
and the Trade Union Movement. *Antipode*, 2002 **34**.

Tomaney, J. The evolution of English regional governance.  
*Regional Studies*, 2002 **36** 721-31.

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Bristol, Policy Press, 2002.

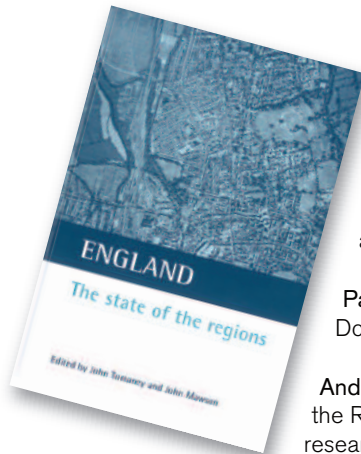
### Key Contracts:

Industrial Decline, Skill and the Service Economy: Training for  
Call Centre Work, **ESRC**.

STELLA: Sustainable Transport Links in Europe and Links and  
Liaisons with America, **EU**.

ARTURI: Advanced Research Training in University-Regional  
Interaction. **EU FP5 Marie Curie**.

Telecommunications and Networks, **EU ESPON/Interreg**.



**Andy Gillespie** (currently Head of the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology) becomes Director of the University's Institute for Policy and Practice. **Mike Coombes** becomes the third Director of CURDS.

**Alison Stenning** and **Jane Pollard** join CURDS from Birmingham University. Alison (now Professor of Social Geography in the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology) develops work on post-socialism and migration, while Jane develops work on the financialisation of the economy. **Vicki Belt** takes up a position in Newcastle University Business School.



The CRITICAL project team meet in Tampere, Finland. The CURDS team included, Professor David Charles (project coordinator) and Dr Stuart Dawley and Cheryl Conway.

#### Selected publications:

**Marshall JN, Willis RM, Richardson RGW.** Demutualisation, strategic choice, and social responsibility. *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy* 2003, 21(5), 735-760.

**Alderman N, Coombes, M, Raybould, S.** Mapping grants to deprived areas. London: Community Fund, 2003.

**Richardson RGW, Gillespie AE.** The call of the wild: Call centres and economic development in rural areas. *Growth and Change* 2003, 34(1), 87-108.

**Coombes MG, Raybould SR.** Planning a network of sites for the delivery of a new public service in England and Wales. In: Stillwell J; Clarke G, ed. *Applied GIS and spatial analysis*. Chichester: Wiley, 2003, pp. 315-333.

#### Key projects

CRITICAL: City regions as Intelligent Territories. EU FP5.

Potential Economic Impacts of the Closure of RAF Boulmer. Northumberland County Council.

Public Sector Relocation; English Regional RDAs.

Tony Champion retires from Geography and joins CURDS as an Emeritus Professor to continue how work on migration and cities. Following completion of her PhD, Liz Dixon joins the staff to work with Ranald Richardson on an FP6 Project on Innovative Relational Services. Pooran Wyncarczyk and Yvonne Stavers leave CURDS to take up positions in Newcastle University Business School. Jon Rutherford leaves CURDS for a position in Paris. Lesley Nicholson and Andrea Corbett leave CURDS, while Jolene Black joins the clerical team.



#### Selected publications:

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**Coombes MG, Raybould SR.** Finding work in 2001: Urban-rural contrasts across England in employment rates and local job availability. *Area* 2004, **36**(2), 202-222.

**Pollard JS.** From industrial district to 'Urban Village'? Manufacturing, money and consumption in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. *Urban Studies* 2004, **41**(1), 173-193.

**Marshall JN, Bradley DP, Hodgson CM, Richardson RGW, Alderman A, Benneworth P, Tebbutt G, Charles DR, Gillespie A, Tomaney J, Goddard JB.** Public Sector Relocation from London and the South East: Evidence to the Lyons Review on behalf of the English Regional Development Agencies. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS), Newcastle University, 2004.

**Pike A, Tomaney J.** Sub-national governance and economic and social development. *Environment and Planning A* 2004, **36**(12), 2091-2096.

**Rutherford JA, Gillespie AE, Richardson RGW.** The territoriality of pan-European telecommunications backbone networks. *Journal of Urban Technology* 2004, **11**(3), 1-34.

#### Key projects

Building Science Regions in the European Research Area, ESRC.

**Darek Swaitek** (currently at Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences) joins CURDS to work on an ESRC project on social exclusion in post-socialist economies, while **Emma Pinkney** leaves to undertake postgraduate study and **Rae Vacher** leaves to take up a position at Science Learning Centre North East.

A CURDS team led by **Andy Pike** takes over editorship *Regional Studies*. CURDS become the first institution to twice edit the journal. Sarah Wray and Gail Welsh work as editorial assistants on the journal.

**Young-Chool Choi** (currently Professor at of Public Administration at Chungbuk National University in South Korea) spends a year as a visiting fellow in CURDS.



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#### Selected publications:

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**Marshall JN, Hodgson CM, Bradley DP.** Public sector relocation and regional disparities in Britain. *Environment and Planning C: Government & Policy* 2005, 23(6), 883-906.

**Marshall JN, Bradley DP, Hodgson CM, Alderman NF, Richardson RGW.** Relocation, relocation, relocation: Assessing the case for public sector dispersal. *Regional Studies* 2005, 39(6), 767-787.

**McEwan C, Pollard JS, Henry N.** The 'global' in the city economy: Multicultural economic development in Birmingham. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 2005, 29(4), 916-933.

**Champion T.** The counterurbanisation cascade in England and Wales since 1991: the evidence of a new migration dataset. *Revue Belge de Géographie* 2005, 1-2, 85-101.

#### Key projects:

Assessing the Local Impacts of International Migration; Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

Economic Viability and Self-containment of Geographical Economies; Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.



John Tomaney is appointed the fourth Director of CURDS.

Mario Vale (currently Professor of Economic Geography at the University of Lisbon) joins CURDS as a visiting professor for 4 months to work on projects with Andy Pike.

Sir Peter Hall, University College London, gives the first CURDS Annual Distinguished Lecture.



#### Selected publications:

**Pike A.** 'Shareholder value' versus the regions: The closure of the Vaux Brewery in Sunderland. *Journal of Economic Geography* 2006, 6(2), 201-222.

**Pike A, Rodríguez-Pose A, Tomaney J.** *Local and Regional Development*. London: Routledge, 2006.

**Benneworth PS, Dawley SJ.** Managing the university third strand innovation process? Developing innovation support services in regionally engaged universities. *Knowledge, Technology, and Policy* 2006, 18(3), 74-94.

**Henry N, Pollard JS, Benneworth P.** Putting Clusters in Their Place. In: Asheim B; Cooke P; Martin R, ed. *Clusters in Regional Development*. London: Routledge, 2006.

Parkinson M, **Champion T**, Evans R, Simmie J, Turok I, Cookston M, Katz B, Park A, Berube A, **Coombes MG**, Dorling D, Glass N, Hutchins M, Kearns A, Martin R, Wood P. *State of the English Cities*. London: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, 2006.

#### Key Projects:

New Public Management in Norway; Norwegian Research Council.

Post-colonial Economic Geographies; ESRC.

Women in Innovation, Science and Technology; EU FP6.

What Works in Regional development?; One North East.

CURDS celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

CURDS is ranked second globally to UCLA (University of California at Los Angeles) in terms of the number of highly cited papers in economic geography over the past 25 years (see Jamie Foster, Chris Muellerleile, Kris Olds and Jamie Peck (2007) Circulating economic geographies: citation patterns and citation behaviour in economic geography, 1982 – 2006. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 32 (3), 295-312.)

Amanda Lane, Lynne Humphrey, Paul Benneworth and Catherine Hodgson leave CURDS to take up positions in Newcastle University Business School. Andy Cook joins CURDS from Glasgow University to work on ESRC funded work on migration, while Laura Toft temporarily joins the support staff. Nick Henry joins GHK, while taking up a position as visiting professor in CURDS.

Henry Yeung of the National University of Singapore gives the second CURDS Annual Distinguished Lecture

#### Selected publications:

**Pike A.** Editorial: Whither regional studies?. *Regional Studies* 2007, 41(9), 1143-1148.

**Dawley S.** Fluctuating rounds of inward investment in peripheral regions: Semiconductors in the north east of England. *Economic Geography* 2007, 83(1), 51-73.

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**Dawley S.** Making labour-market geographies: volatile 'flagship' inward investment and peripheral regions. *Environment and Planning A* 2007, 39(6), 1403-1419.

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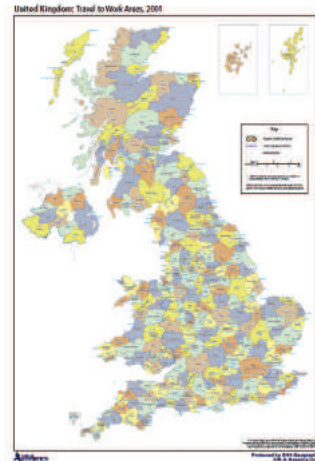
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Travel to Work Analyses; Office for National Statistics.



Lorraine Vincent joins CURDS as research centre coordinator. Vassilis Tselios joins CURDS as Temporary Lecturer in a post linked to CURDS work in the Spatial Economics Research Centre. Simon Raybould leaves CURDS after 21 years to join Curved Vision. Gail Welsh leaves to take up a job in publishing. Laura Toft moves to a position in Faculty of Medical Sciences and Jolene Black joins the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology.

John Goddard retires as Deputy Vice-Chancellor and returns to CURDS as Emeritus Professor of Regional Development Studies to continue his work on universities and regional development. Paul Vallance joins CURDS to work with John Goddard on a project funded by the Leverhulme Trust.

Aneta Slowik joins CURDS as visiting fellow for one year to work with Alison Stenning.

CURDS joins the UK Spatial Economics Research Centre. Led by the London School of Economics, the Centre is funded by a grant of £2.4 million over an initial three years, by the Economic and Social Research Council, Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, Communities and Local Government and the Welsh Assembly Government.

Jamie Peck, University of Wisconsin at Madison and Nik Theodore of University of Illinois at Chicago give the third CURDS Annual Distinguished Lecture.



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Evaluation of the Impact and Policy Response to Restructuring at Northern Rock; One North East.

Spatial Economics Research Centre; ESRC, BIS, CLG, Welsh Assembly Government.

Regional Insights: An International Speaker Programme; One North East.

Northern Futures, Northern way.

Emma Wilson joins the CURDS Support Team. Gianpiero Torrisi joins CURDS to work on SERC related projects. Cheryl Conway and Liz Dixon leave CURDS.

Andy Pike is appointed Deputy Director of CURDS.

Prof. Gavin Kitching of the University of New South Wales gives the CURDS Annual Distinguished Lecture.



Andy Pike receives 'RSA Best Book Award' for *Whither Regional Studies?* from Sir Peter Hall (right) and RSA Chair, Professor David Bailey (centre).

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Sense of Place, Social Capital and the Historic Environment; English Heritage.

Social Inclusion through the Digital Economy ; EPSRC.

Housing Market Areas, National Housing and Planning Unit.

Evaluating the local authority child poverty pilots. Child Poverty Unit.



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John Tomaney becomes the second holder of the Henry Daysh Chair in Regional Development Studies following the retirement of John Goddard. **Andy Pike** is appointed to a personal chair in Local and Regional Development.

Following completion of his PhD **Pedro Marques** joins the staff. Following completion of his PhD **Xuefeng Wang** joins the staff to work on CURDS' projects in China. **Graeme Mearns** joins CURDS to work with Randal Richardson on the SIDE project funded by EPSRC.

The Regional Insights international seminar series, developed with One North East, concludes. Speakers over the three year life of the programme included Ron Martin (Cambridge), Andr s Rodr guez-Pose (London School of Economics and IMDEA, Madrid), Joan Fitzgerald (Northeastern University, Boston), Susan Christopherson (Cornell), Phil O'Neill (University of Western Sydney) and Ron Boschma (Utrecht).

Prof. Philip McCann of Groningen University gives the CURDS Annual Distinguished Lecture.



#### Selected publications:

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Assessing the Importance and Value of Historic Buildings to Young People; English Heritage.

Decentralisation and Public Service Provision; Department for Communities and Local Government.

Urbanisation and Regional Development in Henan Province, China; Henan Development and Reform Commission.

Jane Pollard is appointed to a personal chair in Economic Geography.

Following completion of her PhD Angela Abbott joins the staff to work with Randal Richardson on the SIDE project. Lorraine Vincent leaves CURDS to take up the post of Research Manager in Newcastle University Business School. Sue Robson celebrates 25 years of service to CURDS.

Spanish and Chinese translations of *Local and Regional Development* are published.

CURDS hosts Regional Studies Association Annual International Conference 17-20<sup>th</sup> April.

As part of an ongoing project for the Henan Development and Reform Commission (HDRC), CURDS organise an international seminar in Zhengzhou to help inform the province's strategy for economic development.

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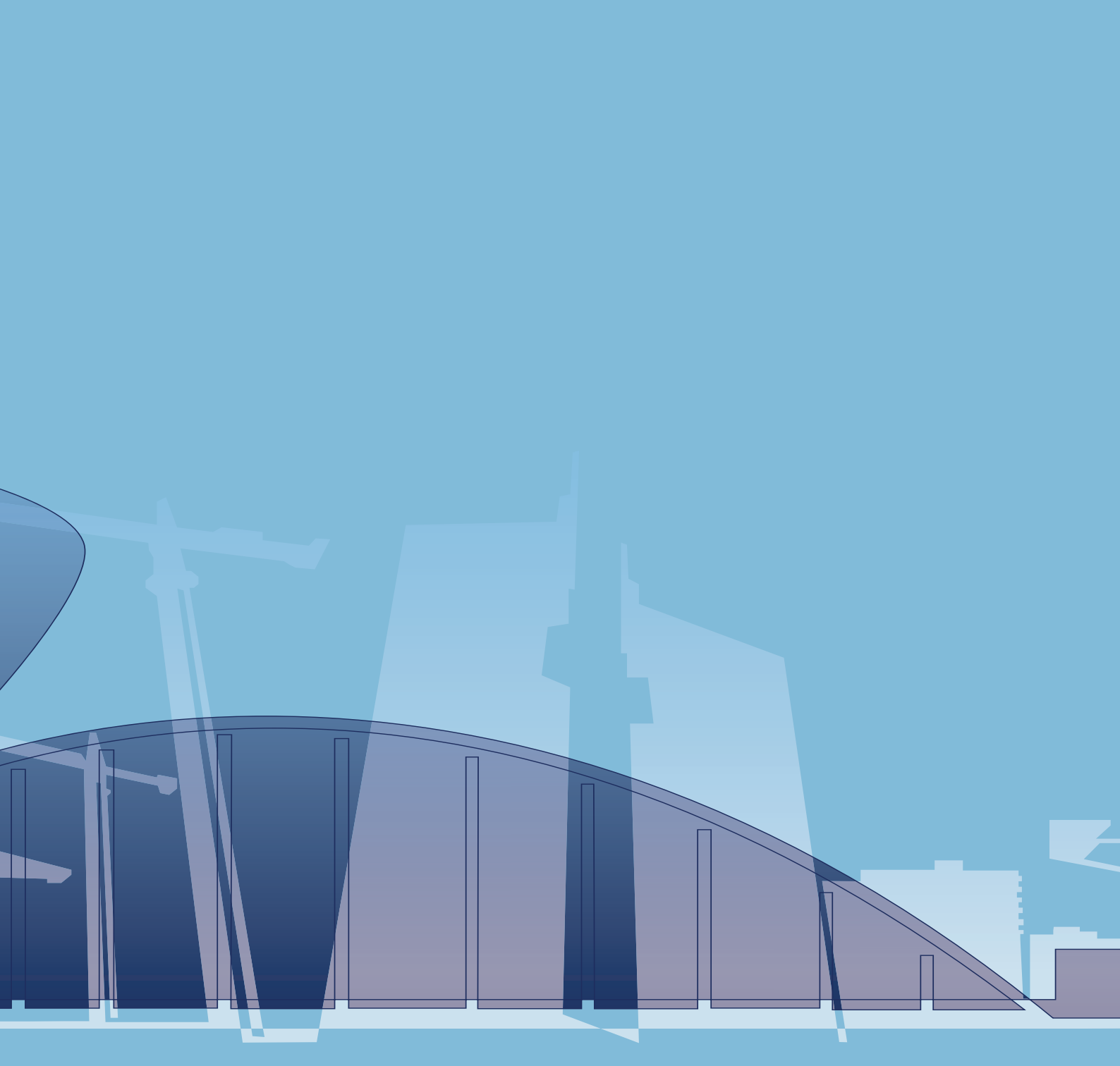
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