

# CPHSJ Newsletter

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Welcome to our third newsletter. Please forward to friends and colleagues who share an interest in understanding philanthropy.

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## New associate member of CPHSJ

Dr Monika Krause, recently arrived at Kent from New York University, is the newest member of our team. Monika's research focuses on management practices in international relief organizations. We are very glad to be able to draw on her expertise and ideas and look forward to announcing details of the projects she will be leading.

## Visiting Dutch academic and the relationship between giving and financial security

We are delighted to welcome Dr Pamala Wiepking from Vrije University in Amsterdam, who will be based at CPHSJ during the first week of April 2009. She is writing a paper with Beth Breeze called 'Feeling Poor, Acting Stingy: the effect of money perceptions on charitable giving'.

The paper uses data on Dutch and UK givers to argue that people's perception of how much money they have is an important factor in the amount they choose to give away, regardless of their actual wealth. This finding has significant consequences for major donor fundraising as under-estimations of wealth by the rich, result in an under-estimation of their philanthropic capacity. A draft version of the paper is available [here](#) and the authors would welcome comments on this topic.

## CPHSJ researcher developing links in the USA

Dr Balihar Sanghera, a member of CPHSJ's team, is currently visiting the US to strengthen our transatlantic links. In April he will visit the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and on the 8th May 2009 he will give a paper on *Philanthropy, Ethics and Social Class* at Boston University.

Indiana and Boston are home to some of the leading global experts on philanthropy, and we look forward to developing stronger links with both institutions in the coming months and years.

Balihar would be glad to hear from anyone interested in learning more about any aspect of his work.

## Don't Panic! Why the recession could be the making of major philanthropy

A packed room of people from both charities and academia came together at Newcastle University on the 24th February 2009 to hear how the latest research from the UK and the US indicates that philanthropy could survive, and even thrive, despite the current economic crisis. Beth Breeze's [paper and powerpoint slides](#) are available on the Events page of our website.

## Guardian event on charities and the recession

It was great to see so many friends of CPHSJ at The Guardian's event on 'Surviving the crash – your charity in 2009' which took place at the newspaper's London HQ on 27th February 2009.

If you didn't make it along and want to know what we said, our presentation is available [here](#).

## Keeping in touch

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