

RICHARD C CROOK (r.crook@ids.ac.uk)

Nationality: British

Qualifications:

1977: PhD (Government), LSE, University of London.

1968: MA (Social Sciences), University of Durham.

1967: BA Law and Politics, University of Durham

Languages spoken: English (native); French (fluent).

Country experience: mainly West Africa (Anglophone and Francophone), Uganda and India

Posts Held:

2012 Visiting Professorial Fellow, Governance Cluster, IDS and Honorary Professor of Development Studies, University of Sussex

2009 (Feb) Professorial Fellow, Governance Team, Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex

2006 Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London

2003 Emeka Anyaoku Professor of Commonwealth Studies, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London.

1999 Governance Research Fellow, IDS, University of Sussex

1977 Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Glasgow

1974 Research Fellow in Political Science, CWAS, University of Birmingham

1972 Lecturer in Politics, Huddersfield Polytechnic

Selected grants/consultancies:

Grants:

2007- 12: **DFID Research Programme Consortium**, ‘Africa Power and Politics’, member of international team led by ODI, awarded £3.75 million. Member of Consortium Management Board.

2005-7: **ESRC: Non-Governmental Public Action Programme**, project leader and award holder for grant of £227,229 on: ‘South-North non-governmental networks, policy processes and policy outcomes’.

2001-5: **DFID (SSRU)** ‘The Law, Legal Institutions and Land Rights in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire’, £288,386.

2002-5: **DFID/ IDS Centre for the Future State:** ‘The politics of urban public and citizen-based partnerships: building effective public services in Ghana and India’.

2000-3: **Ford Foundation:** ‘Civil Society and Governance’ (22 country study with J. Manor and colleagues at IDS).

1999: **DFID (ESCOR)** (with Dr P. Houtzager) ‘Access to Justice: Legal Institutions, Processes and the Poor’.

1991-3: **ODA (ESCOR)**(with Professor J. Manor) ‘Enhancing participation and institutional performance: democratic decentralisation in South Asia and West Africa’

Consultancies:

2004: **DFID** (with ODI) ‘Drivers of Change’ report on Ghana.

2003: **DFID** (with ODI and IIED), Project Memorandum ‘Strengthening Customary Land Secretariats in Ghana’.

2001/2004: **DFID/World Bank:** Background Papers for *World Development Reports*, 2001 (*Decentralisation and poverty*) and 2004 (*Services for the poor*).

2001: **SNV** (with J. Manor) ‘Local governance and decentralisation in Zambia’.

2000: **DFID** (with Dr A.M. Goetz and Professor J. Gaventa) *‘Bringing Citizen Voice and Client Focus into Service Delivery’*.

Managerial and Administrative Experience:

2008-12	Team Leader, Local Justice Research Stream, APPP RPC
2007-12	Management Board member, ‘Africa Power and Politics’ (APPP) RPC Editor of the APPP Working and Discussion Paper series.
2006-9	Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London
2005	Appointed member of the 2008 RAE Panel on Development Studies,
2005	Project administrator and principal investigator, ESRC programme grant of £227,229, and coordinator of research team of 6 investigators and collaborating teams in Pakistan, India, Ghana, Malaysia and Canada.
2003:	Convenor, MSc in Globalisation and Development, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London
2001-2002	Coordinator IDS/IDD Governance Resource Centre, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
2001–2005	Project administrator of DFID SSRU Research Grant of £288,386 (held at IDS and ICWS) and coordination of international research teams based in Ghana and Cote d’Ivoire
1999-2002	Convenor, new MA programme in Governance and Development, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
1999-2001	Co-Director, IAS/IDS Study Course, Institute of Development Studies

Selected Recent Publications:

2014	“Alternative dispute resolution and the Magistrate’s Courts in Ghana: a case of practical hybridity” Afrique contemporaine , no. 250, Special issue ‘What is the outlook for the justice system in Africa?’
2014	(with Kojo Asante) “The state, ‘hybrid institutions’ and the provision of more accessible justice in Africa: the case of Ghana’s Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice”, Harvard Human Rights Journal , Vol 26 Online Symposium, November 2014 http://harvardhrj.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Crook-Asante-11-6-014.pdf
2012	“The influence of transnational NGPAs on policy processes and policy outcomes: rethinking North-South relations” in Jude Howell (ed) Global Matters for Non-governmental Public Action , Palgrave Macmillan, Non-governmental Public Action Series, London, 2012
2011	Popular Concepts of Justice and Fairness in Ghana: Testing the Legitimacy of New or Hybrid Forms of State Justice” in Peter Albrecht, Helene Maria Kyed, Deborah Isser and Erica Harper (eds) Perspectives on Involving Non-State and Customary Actors in Justice and Security Reform , IDLO (Rome) and DIIS (Copenhagen) http://www.idlo.int/DOCCalendar/DIIS_Book.pdf
2011	Editor (with David Booth) “Working with the Grain? Rethinking African Governance” Special Issue of IDS Bulletin , 42, 2, 2011
2011	(with David Booth) “Rethinking African governance and development”, IDS Bulletin , 42, 2, 2011, 97-101
2011	(with Kojo Asante and Victor Brobbey) “Popular concepts of justice and hybrid judicial institutions in Ghana”, IDS Bulletin , 42, 2, 2011, 64-75
2010	‘Popular Concepts of Justice and Fairness in Ghana: Testing the Legitimacy of New or Hybrid Forms of State Justice’, APPP Working Paper 14 , London: Africa Power and Politics Programme, http://www.institutions-africa.org/filestream/20101026-appp-working-paper-14-crook-et-al-popular-concepts-of-justice-fairness-in-ghana-oct-2010

- 2010 “Rethinking civil service reform in Africa: ‘islands of effectiveness’ and organisational commitment”, **Commonwealth and Comparative Politics**, 48, 4, 479-504
- 2008 ‘Customary justice institutions and local ADR: what kind of protection can they offer to customary landholders?’ in: J. Ubink and K. Amanor (eds) **Contesting Land and Custom in Ghana: State, Chief and Citizen**, Leiden: Leiden University Press, 2008, Chapter 6.
- 2008 ‘Transnational communities, policy processes and the politics of development: the case of Ghanaian hometown associations’ **ESRC-NGPA Working Paper series, Research Paper no. 13**, http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/NGPA/publications/ngpa_wp13.htm
- 2007 **The law, legal institutions and the protection of land rights in Ghana and Cote d’Ivoire: developing a more effective and equitable system**, (with D. Hammond and S. Affou et al.) *IDS Research Report no 58*, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies.
- 2006 (with Aye, Joseph) ‘Urban service partnerships, 'street level bureaucrats' and environmental sanitation in Kumasi and Accra, Ghana: coping with organisational change in the public bureaucracy’, **Development Policy Review**, 24, 1, 2006
- 2006 Développement de systèmes alternatifs de règlement de différends au Ghana: exemple de la Commission pour les Droits de l’Homme et la Justice Administrative’, **Notes et Travaux du GIDIS-CI**, Abidjan, numéro special, 2006, pp 126-147
- ‘Pluralisme juridique, différends fonciers et protection des droits fonciers: comparaison entre le Ghana et la Côte d’Ivoire’, **Notes et Travaux du GIDIS-CI**, Abidjan, numéro spécial 2006, pp 3-6.
- 2005 ‘The role of traditional institutions in political change and development’, **CDD/ODI Briefing Paper No. 4**, ODI, London and CDD, Accra, November 2005.
- 2005 ‘The role of faith-based associations in political change and development’, **CDD/ODI Briefing Paper No. 5**, ODI, London and CDD, Accra, November 2005
- 2005 ‘Access to Justice and Land Disputes in Ghana’s State Courts: the Litigants’ Perspective’, **Journal of Legal Pluralism**, 50, 3 , 2005
- 2005 'Does decentralization contribute to poverty reduction? Surveying the evidence', in Peter Houtzager and Mick Moore (eds) **Changing Paths: the New Politics of Inclusion**, Michigan: University of Michigan Press, Chapter 10.
- 2005 ‘State courts and the regulation of land disputes in Ghana: the litigants’ perspective’, **IDS Working Paper 241**, IDS, Brighton
- 2003 (with Joseph Aye) ‘“Toilet Wars”: Urban Sanitation Services and the Politics of Public-Private Partnerships in Ghana’, **IDS Working Paper, 213**, December 2003
- 2003 'Decentralisation and Poverty Reduction in Africa: the Politics of Local-Central Relations', **Public Administration and Development Vol 23 No 1: 77-88**
- 2001 (with Alan Sturla Sverrisson) 'Decentralisation and poverty-alleviation in developing countries: a comparative analysis or, is West Bengal unique?', **IDS Working Paper 127**, Brighton: IDS
- 2001 Editorial Introduction: ‘Making law matter’, **IDS Bulletin**, Special Issue ‘Making Law Matter: Rights, Rules and Security in the Live of the Poor’, Vol 32 No 1
- 2001 'Cocoa Booms, the Legalisation of Land Relations and Politics in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana: Explaining Farmers' Responses', **IDS Bulletin**, Vol 32 No 1: 35-45
- 2000 'La politique de décentralisation: les Assemblées de district et la démocratie sans parti' in Comi M. Toulabor (ed.) **Le Ghana de J.J. Rawlings**, Paris: Karthala, pp.101-126.
- 2000 **Democratic decentralisation**, (with J. Manor), OED Working Series, No 11, Washington DC: The World Bank
- 1999 ‘No-party politics and local democracy in Africa: Rawlings’ Ghana and the Ugandan model in the 1990s’, **Democratization**, 6 ,4 , pp.114-138

- 1998 (with J. Manor) **Democracy and Decentralisation in South Asia and West Africa: Participation, Accountability and Performance**, Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press
- 1997 'Winning coalitions and ethno-regional politics: the failure of the opposition in the 1990 and 1995 elections in Cote d'Ivoire', **African Affairs**, 96, 383: 215-42, April
- 1996 'Democracy, participation and responsiveness: a case study of relations between the Ivorian communes and their citizens', **Public Administration**, 74, 4: 695-720, Winter
- 1995 'Does democratic decentralisation lead to better institutional performance? A comparative analysis of four Asian and African countries', (with J. Manor), **Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics**, 33, 3: 309-34
- 1995 'Multiparty democracy and political change in Cote d'Ivoire: surviving the crisis' in J. Wiseman (ed.), **Democracy and Political Change in Africa**, London: Routledge
- 1994 Review article: R. Rathbone (ed.), **British Documents on the End of Empire Series B, volumes 1-2: Ghana** in **Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics**, 32, 1: 111-114.
- 1994 'Four years of the Ghana District Assemblies in operation: decentralisation, democratisation and administrative performance' in **Public Administration and Development**, 14: 339-364
- 1992 'Les changements politiques en Cote d'Ivoire: une approche institutionnelle' in **Année Africaine, 1990-91**, Bordeaux: CEAN, Bordeaux, 87-114
- 1991 'Economic management, institutional capacity and agricultural development in Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria' in **Governance and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa**, Oxford: Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, May, [Conference paper]
- 1991 'Decentralisation and participation in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire' in R.C. Crook and A.M. Jerve (eds) **Government and Participation: Institutional Development, Decentralisation and Democracy**, Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute, University of Bergen, 93-118
- 1991 'Introduction' (with A.M. Jerve) in R.C. Crook and A.M. Jerve (eds) **Government and Participation: Institutional Development, Decentralisation and Democracy**, Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute, University of Bergen, 1-28
- 1991 'State, society and political institutions in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana' in J. Manor (ed.) **Rethinking Third World Politics**, London: Longman, 213-41
- 1990 'Politics, the cocoa crisis and administration in Cote d'Ivoire' in **Journal of Modern African Studies**, 28, 4: 1-21
- 1990 'State, society and political institutions in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana', **IDS Bulletin**, 21, 4: 24-34
- 1989 'Patrimonialism, administrative effectiveness and economic development in Cote D'Ivoire' in **African Affairs**, 88, 351: 205-28
- 1988 'Introduction: constitutions and the development of national identity' in Special Issue of **Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics**, 26, 2: 119-122
- 1988 'State capacity and economic development: the case of Cote d'Ivoire', **IDS Bulletin**, 19, 4: 19-26
- 1988 'Farmers and the State in Africa' in D. Rimmer (ed.) **Rural Transformation in Tropical Africa**, (London: Belhaven Press, 116-39)
- 1987 'Legitimacy, authority and the transfer of power in Ghana' in **Political Studies**, 35, 4: 552-72
- 1986 'Decolonisation, the colonial state and chieftaincy in the Gold Coast' in **African Affairs**, 85: 75-105