

**Professor Russell King**  
**Cultural Geographies of Counter-Diasporic Migration: The Second Generation Returns "Home"**  
**End of year report for 2008**

**Highlights of the research /important findings [where applicable]**

We have collected extremely rich empirical data during both the pilot and main phase of our research and we are in the process of transcribing (and translating when necessary) the oral narratives, in-depth interviews and focus group discussions conducted in Greece (Athens, Thessaloniki, Volos, Mytilene), Cyprus, the US (New York) and Germany (Berlin). We are planning to start the analysis of our data in early 2009 while working on the completion of the book of the project.

**Progress of the project**

The project has been progressing very well. Year 2 involved fieldwork in Greece and Cyprus, mainly participant observation of the lives and families of second-generation 'returnees' and collection of oral and written narratives. During the main period of fieldwork in Greece we exceeded our target collection of 60 life-narratives, plus key-informant interviews and participant observation and a total of ten interviews with first-generation Greek-Cypriot returnees in Cyprus.

Research conducted by Ms. Janine Givati-Teerling, DPhil student attached to the project went ahead on schedule and targets were achieved.

**Public presentations**

A public seminar was given at the Department of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece, in February, 2008. This presentation was attended also by participants, an academic and non-academic audience.

**Conferences**

Papers were presented at:

- 1) The Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, Boston, US, April 2008.
- 2) The IMISCOE 'Theories of Diaspora' conference at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, April, 2008.
- 3) The Royal Geographical Society, Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference in London, August, 2008.
- 4) The European Urban and Regional Studies conference in Istanbul, September, 2008.