



SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL STUDIES
Department of Politics

**Critical international political economy:
John Christensen, International Coordinator
Tax Justice Network,
talks to the Department of Politics**

14 April 2005, 2-4 pm
Conference room 2, Xfi Building

John Christensen will visit the Department of Politics to talk to a small number of academics who are research-active in international political economy, critical global studies, the role of NGOs and related topics.

The talk takes place in the context of the project on *The Changing Architecture of International Tax Governance* carried out by Claudio Radaelli and Ulrike Kraemer. The project is part of the Integrated Project *New Modes of Governance* led by the European University Institute, Florence, and funded by the European Commission.

Participation is limited to 15 people.

Please book with Ulrike Kraemer, u.s.kraemer@ex.ac.uk, Tel. 01392- 26-4185

John Christensen – Short Biography

When John left the States of Jersey in 1998, after working as economic adviser to that island's government for 11 years, the Financial Times described him as Jersey's 'most prominent dissident' who was leaving to voice his concerns about how the island was being used as a tax haven.

John has worked as a policy adviser to governments, non-profit organisations and business since 1978, and has directed multi-disciplinary, social policy oriented research in many countries. He is also a visiting lecturer and associate member of the Centre for Research into Islands and Small States at the University of Surrey, and economic adviser to War on Want. He holds an honours degree in economics and an M.Phil in economics and law, and has done further post-graduate studies at Templeton College, Oxford, and the London School of Economics and Political Sciences.

Since leaving Jersey, in addition to his work as director of a London-based political economic consulting and publishing company and as coordinator of the international secretariat of the Tax Justice Network, he has authored a number of academic papers on economic development issues and advised Oxfam on their enormously influential paper on tax havens and developing countries. He also remains an economic adviser to several leading politicians in Jersey.

John played a leading role in the international launch of the Tax Justice Network, so much so that when he attended the anti-G8 summit in Geneva in 2003, the Swiss newspaper *Le Temps* said 'John Christensen symbolise l'evolution de l'altermondialisme vers une force de proposition', which loosely translates as 'John Christensen symbolizes the evolution of the global justice movement into a serious force for change.'

John has published a variety of papers on the impact of tax competition and offshore finance on economic and social development, and has also appeared on a number of radio and television programmes.

In February 2005 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce (RSA).