

Staff Profile

Professor Tom Franks Professor in Water Resources and Development

Date of birth: 1948
Nationality: British

Educational record:

BA	Mech. Science	1975	Cambridge University
MA	Mech. Science	1985	Cambridge University

SUMMARY

Professor Franks has expertise and experience in water and natural resources planning and management, with a particular focus on water governance, and land and water management. In addition he has a wide range of experience in project planning and management for development.

Professor Franks' research interests have included a major project investigating livelihoods, and, more recently, an ESRC-funded seminar series on water governance. Presently he is leading a programme of study of project management for regeneration. He has an active programme of consultancies in water resources and development.

Professor Franks co-ordinates a masters course on Project Planning and Management. He is responsible for training programmes in project management in a number of international locations, including Tajikistan, Pakistan and the Caribbean.

Full-time employment history

2005 –date	Professor, BCID, University and Bradford
2001-2005	Senior Lecturer, BCID, University of Bradford
1998-2001	Project Team Leader, Sustainable Management of the Usangu Wetland and its Catchment, Tanzania
1993-1998	Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Development and Project Planning Centre
1991-1993	Project Team Leader, Northwest Regional Study, Bangladesh
1984-1991	Lecturer, Development and Project Planning Centre
1974-1984	Senior Engineer, Sir M.MacDonald and Partners
1970-1974	Engineer, John Laing and Sons

Membership of Professional Institutions

Date	Organisation
1975 – date	Member, Institution of Civil Engineers
1984 – date	International commission on irrigation and Drainage Chair, British Section, 1998-2001
2004	Association for Project Management

Main research activities

Professor Franks' research interests extend across the whole field of water resources and development, with a particular focus on water governance, land and water management, and project management for regeneration. He has an extensive record of publication and dissemination events round these activities.

Recent research activities include:

2008 – date	Projects for Regeneration: Making them Work A pilot study looking at a selected number of projects within the regeneration portfolio of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
2007 – 2008 Sept - April	Regeneration and Development Organised a programme of seminars, and a concluding conference round the themes of regeneration, development and wellbeing. http://www.brad.ac.uk/acad/bcid/research/Regeneration/
2006 - 2007 March - Mar	Water Governance Dissemination Project Principal Researcher, disseminating the outcomes of water governance research, via website and id21 Briefing Paper http://splash.bradford.ac.uk/home/
2005 Jan – Apr	Water Governance and Poverty – What works for the Poor? Research director, investigating aspects of water governance through co-ordination of a series of reflective case studies from international practitioners
2004 – 2006 Nov - Feb	Water Governance – Challenging the Consensus Convenor, ESRC Seminar Series, with academic and third sector partners in UK and the Netherlands. The series consisted of six seminars investigating different aspects of water governance
2003 – 2006 July - Sept	Organised a series of workshops with partners FAO and IPTRID during the annual ICID conference, round the theme of capacity development for agricultural water management
2001 - 2004 April - March	Goodbye to Projects Co-ordinator of a DFID-funded research study team investigating the institutional impacts of a sustainable livelihoods approach on development interventions and project cycle management.

Recent Publications

Franks T, Garces-Restrepo C, Putuhena F (2008) Editorial: Developing Capacity for Agricultural Water Management: Current Practices and Future Directions. *Irrigation and Drainage* 57 (3) pp 255-267

Cleaver F and Franks T (2008) Distilling or Diluting: Negotiating the Water Research-Policy Interface. *Water Alternatives* 1(1): 157-177

Franks T (2007) Managing regeneration projects: what can we learn from international development. Seminar, Leadership and Management in Regeneration, Bradford Centre for International Development
<http://www.brad.ac.uk/acad/bcid/research/Regeneration/>

Franks T and Cleaver F (guest editors) (2007) New Directions for Water Governance. *Id21 Insights* 67, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex.

Franks T and Cleaver F, (2007) Water Governance and Poverty: A Framework for Analysis, *Progress in Development Studies*, 7(4) pp291 -306

Franks T (2006) Modernizing Irrigated Agriculture: Capacity-Building and Institutional Development. Paper presented at the Symposium on Modernising irrigated Agriculture in Syria, Damascus, March 28-30

Franks T (2006) Water Governance: A Solution to all Problems. Paper presented at final seminar of ESRC-funded seminar series, Water Governance – Challenging the Consensus.
www.bradford.ac.uk/acad/bcid/seminar/water/seminar5/papers

Toner A, Franks T (2006) Putting Livelihoods into Practice: Implications for Development Management. *Public Administration and Development* Vol 26, pp 81-92

Cleaver F and Franks T (2005) How Institutions Elude Design: River Basin Management and Sustainable Livelihoods. BCID research paper 12,
www.bradford.ac.uk/acad/bcid/research/papers/ResearchPaper12CleaverFranks.pdf

Cleaver F.D, Franks T.R, Boesten J, Kiire A (2005) “Water Governance and Poverty: What Works for the Poor?” Research Report to DFID

Franks T (2004) “Water Governance – What is the Consensus”. Paper presented at launch seminar of ESRC- funded seminar series, Water Governance – Challenging the Consensus.
www.bradford.ac.uk/acad/bcid/seminar/water/seminar1/papers/

Kay M, Franks T, Tato S (2004) “Capacity needs assessment in agricultural water management - methodology and processes.” Paper presented at Workshop on Capacity Needs Assessment, 55th meeting of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage

Recent Professional Activities

2008 June	Trainer, Pakistan Planning and Management Institute Project Implementation and Management
2008 Jan	Trainer, International Monetary Fund, St. Lucia Project Management: Concepts and Application
2007 November	Guest presentation, ICID, London Water Governance: from Analysis to Diagnosis
2007 - date September	External Examiner, Oxford University M.Sc in Water Science, Policy and Management
2007 July-August	Trainer, Caribbean Development Bank, Trinidad Project Execution
2007 June	Trainer, Pakistan Planning and Management Institute Project Implementation and Management
2007 January	Guest lecture, Royal Geographic Society Water for Africa: can irrigation feed a hungry continent?
2006 December	Witness to the Parliamentary International Development Committee on Water and Sanitation
2006 to date June	Co-ordinator, Caribbean Development Bank Projects Training
2004 Aug, Dec	Consultant, DFID-JWL Project, Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management in the Komadugu-Yobe basin
2004 - 2006 September	Chair, Annual Workshops on 'Capacity Needs Assessment in Agricultural Water Management' ICID
2004 June	Co-ordinator, Building Capacity in Project Management Aga Khan Development Network, Tajikistan
2004 February	Conference organizer, BCID, Bradford Where next for sustainable livelihoods approaches
2003 June	Course Director, Education Project Management Course Lower Secondary Education Project, Vietnam
2003 May	Conference Convenor Alternative Water Forum