

Curriculum Vitae A. J. M. (Tony) Vickers BSc (Hons.), MSc, MRICS

Current Position

Project Researcher on a Scoping Study contract for English Partnerships awarded (Feb 07) to Kingston University to review the future of the National Land Use Database (NLUD). Part-time doctoral student and independent land and geo-data policy researcher; occasional lecturer at Kingston University, London in School of Surveying (Green Taxes) and School of Earth Sciences and Geography (Geodata Policy).

Education

Brighton College of Technology, BSc (Hons.) (CNA) in Construction Technology and Management 1965-69

Hong Kong Polytechnic University, MSc in Information Systems (Distinction) 1992-94

Kingston University, PhD (ongoing since 2001)

Appointments held

Proprietor, Modern Maps (independent research specialising in geo-data policy) 1995-

Chief Executive (p/t), Henry George Foundation of Great Britain 1998-2002

Head of Policy (p/t job-share) National Centre for Volunteering 1997-99

Various posts as a Military Survey officer 1980-94, latterly (1991-94) as Chief Geographic Officer, British Forces Hong Kong (and MOD Far East); also posts in MOD, Australia and Ordnance Survey

Recent Research Grants

2005: Joseph Rowntree Foundation (Director's fund: £5,000) to assist with writing *Tax Shift Now! Regaining our Common Wealth* for the Centre for Reform (see publications below)

2003: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge MA USA (US\$15,000) *Landvaluescape and UK Tax Reform: aspects of the Oxfordshire Land Value Taxation Study*

2002: Lincoln Institute (US\$25,000) *The Impact of the Jubilee Line Extension of the London Underground Rail Network on Land Values*

1999-2002: Lincoln Institute (David C. Lincoln Fellowship in Land Value Taxation for 3 successive years, totalling US\$120,000), *Preparing for Land Value Taxation in Britain*

Selected Posts/Activities

AGI Council member (elected 2004 for 2005-2007); Chair, AGI Local Government Special Interest Group (2006-); Guest Participant: Seminar (for Lithuanian and Latvian government officials) on Introducing Market-based Mass Appraisal System for Taxation of Real Property, Vilnius, LI Oct 2005; Member, West Berkshire Council (2003-7); Chair of Area Planning Committee (2003-5), Vice Chair Planning Policy Working Group, Chair Affordable Housing Task Group; Lead Member on Affordable Housing, Association of Councils in the Thames Valley Region (ACTVaR); Member, Liberal Democrat Tax Commission (2005-7); Editor *Land & Liberty* (2002, Spring); Member RICS Geographic and Land Information Management (GLIM) Panel (1995-7); Defence Geographic Adviser, MOD (Asia-Pacific Region) (1991-94); Project Officer, Military Survey Information Systems Strategy Study (1990); Project Officer, Army Survey Topographic Information System (ASTIS), Royal Australian Survey Corps (1983-85); Digital Data Marketing & Development Manager, Ordnance Survey (1982-83).

Selected Publications

2007: *Location Matters: Recycling Britain's Wealth* (100pp) London: Shephard-Walwyn

2007: in press, with Sayce S., Connellan O. and Morad M.: Evaluating local property tax assessments as a potential strategic planning tool for the UK: Can 'Landvaluescape' play a role?, *Local Economy*.

2006: Vickers T., Sayce S., Connellan O. and Morad M.: *Value Maps: The Next Utility?* Paper presented at XXIII World Congress of Surveyors (FIG2006), Munich 9 Oct 2006.

2006: Vickers T., Sayce S., Connellan O. and Morad M.: A Revealing Landvaluescape: making property tax more acceptable using value maps, in *Critical Issues in Environmental Taxation: International and Comparative Perspectives, Vol III* (eds. Cavaliere A., Ashiabor H., Kreiser L., Milne J.) Richmond Law & Tax, London. pp 565-590.

2006: Vickers A. J. M.: *Landvaluescape and UK Tax Reform: a report on aspects of the study of land value taxation carried out in Oxfordshire 2003-5*. Working Paper WP06AV1 for Lincoln Institute <http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=1109>

2005: *Tax Shift Now: Regaining our Common Wealth* discussion paper for CentreForum published only at <http://www.freethink.org/policy/land-value-taxation/ignition/>

2004: contributing author to Connellan O.: *Land Value Taxation in Britain: Experience and Opportunities*, Lincoln Institute, Cambridge MA, USA

2003: Vickers T. From Z to V: using property tax assessments to monitor the economic landscape. in *Critical Issues In Environmental Taxation: International and Comparative Perspectives Volume I* (eds. Milne J., Deketelaere K., Kreiser L., Ashiabor H). Richmond Law and Tax, London pp 461-473

2003: Vickers A. J. M. *A Blueprint for Smart Tax in Britain*. Working Paper WP03AV1 for Lincoln Institute <http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=861>

2002: Vickers T. and Thurstain-Goodwin M. *Visualising Landvaluescape without a Cadastre*. Paper presented at XXII World Congress of Surveyors (FIG2002), Washington 12 April 2002

2001: Carpenter T. G., Gilham A. V., and Vickers A. J. M.: Ch 37: Implementation of Sustainable Development in *Environment, Construction & Sustainable Development: Vol. 2 Pt 4* (pp. 689-700) ed. Carpenter T. G. Wiley & Co.

2001: Vickers A. J. M. British Perceptions of a Smart Landvaluescape in *International Journal of Property Tax Assessment & Administration* March 2001

2000: Vickers A. J. M. *Prospects for a Smart Property Tax* proceedings of GIS2000 conference of the AGI Sep 2000 www.gisexpo.com

1998: McCluskey W., Connellan O., and Vickers A. J. M. *The Role of Surveyors in Land Value Taxation* paper presented at XXI World Congress of Surveyors, Brighton 18 Sep 1998

1994: Vickers A. J. M. *Whose Maps?* Paper for Hong Kong Government Lands Department

1983: *Report of the Investigation of User Requirements for Digital Map Data (1982-1992)* Confidential paper for Ordnance Survey, Southampton, England

Tony Vickers has worked in various fields over several decades on the policy aspects of land and geographic information. From before the computer age and in the 'front line' on major housing construction sites, where he managed the co-ordination of underground service laying and recording; through a variety of positions in defence mapping and geographic support, where he had a key role in the management of very large budgets and strategic classified projects affecting weapon systems and field army command and control systems; advising and liaising with overseas governments on their survey and mapping modernisation programmes and reporting developments to MOD; and advising software suppliers, policy think-tanks and governments on the implications of – and options for - legal and policy choices and developments in national and international land and geo-data policy, especially in relation to land valuation.

Tony is a very experienced manager of 'information rich' change management and research projects and an accomplished public speaker.