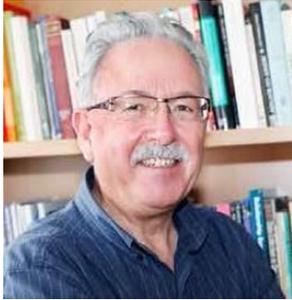




Welcome to the DSA Bulletin for October 2016

President's foreword



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I do hope that you found the DSA conference at Oxford productive and enjoyable. The feedback we have received has been excellent with many colleagues energised and even inspired by the event – despite the storm clouds that surround international cooperation, indeed internationalism, in the UK and Europe. As the final plenary session argued, do try to find the time and energy to engage politically with the Brexit negotiations to minimise damage/maximise advantages for international development cooperation from the unfolding debates.

Please pencil next year's dates – 6 to 8 September 2017 – into your diary. Start thinking about 'what' sessions/panels you would like to convene and 'who' we should invite to our keynote lectures at the University of Bradford. It is always amazing how fast the 'calls' for panels and papers come around again.

Off to the Conservative Party Conference this week to hear their plans for international development. Left wondering from last week about Labour Party's ability to be an effective opposition at a time when £1.5 billion of ODA can be converted into research funding (the Global Challenges Research Fund) at the drop of a hat. Many scientists in the UK seem to be putting their time into asking 'how can I present my blue sky research as ODA compliant?' when, in truth, such research simply may not be close to meeting the ODA requirements.

All best wishes,

David Hulme, DSA President
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DSA News

DSA2016 in Oxford

Over 600 colleagues attended the DSA's annual gathering which was a lively event of 65 panels, over 400 presentations, a book exhibit of 13 stalls, two keynotes and much more. It was not only a chance to discuss new work, but to meet up with old friends, and make new connections. To follow up or simply to read what you may have missed, check the [website](#).

DSA2017 in Bradford, 6-8 September, 2017

Next year's conference will take place in the north of England and information will be posted on the DSA website later this autumn. In the meantime put these dates in your diary now!

New council members

Elections were held at the recent AGM during DSA2016 in September. Tom Travers remains treasurer; Sarah White was elected for a second term; Sarah Peck was elected Student Representative; Pia Jolliffe (University of Oxford), Helen Yanacopulos (Open University) and P. B. Anand (University of Bradford) were all elected for their first term in Council. Laura Hammond, who was elected onto the Council last year, takes on the position of Honorary Secretary.

DSA members could register as GCRF peer reviewers

The ESRC is seeking applicants to join the Global Challenges Research Fund Peer Review Group, formed specifically to assist with the review of applications to ESRC [Global Challenge Research Fund](#) calls. This Group will sit alongside the ESRC Peer Review College which has been established for some years and provides an extremely valuable resource for the peer review of grant applications to the ESRC.

An active interdisciplinary GCRF Peer Review Group will be critical to ensuring all proposals to GCRF calls are fully and appropriately peer reviewed. Good quality peer review is fundamental to the ESRC's ability to ensure robust and transparent funding decisions and to supporting the very best social science.

While individual contributions may vary, it is anticipated that each Review Group member will be invited to review up to around 10 proposals over any rolling year. For certain GCRF calls Review Group members may alternatively be invited to join an assessment panel where they will be allocated a group of proposals to review and invited to take part in a funding decision meeting.

Prospective members should complete [this form](#) and send it along with their CV to [GCRFCollege\(at\)esrc.ac.uk](mailto:GCRFCollege(at)esrc.ac.uk).

New website – members directory

Along with the new look, responsive design [DSA website](#) there is a new members directory, accessed by a link in the purple horizontal toolbar. We will shortly email all members regarding how to update the information we hold (much of which is out of date) and how to best use it. But in the meantime there's nothing to stop you [taking a peek](#).

If you have photos you'd like to contribute to the site, or news/material please contact [web\(at\)devstud.org.uk](mailto:web(at)devstud.org.uk).

Study Group news

DSA Scotland

Report of DSA Scotland Conference, 17th June 2016, University of Edinburgh

DSA Scotland's 2016 meeting was held in the University of Edinburgh's King's Buildings campus on 17th June. It was well-attended, with a peak of 50 participants, and led to lively discussion.

The intention is still that a full report and copies of presentations will be available on the University of Edinburgh's Global Development Academy [website](#).

The programme included the following presentations and discussions:

- The Sustainable Development Goals, NCDs and Global Health Governance: Towards Policy Coherence

– Jeff Collin, Evgeniya and Sarah Hill, Global Public Health Unit, University of Edinburgh

- Reflections on the SDGs in Scotland: towards new models of partnership across domestic and international development – Rehema White, University of St Andrews and May East, CIFAL Scotland
- Neglected Tropical diseases: Indicators for equality in the post-2015 Development agenda – Michelle Taylor and James Smith, University of Edinburgh
- Indigenous rights in the post 2015 era – Nicole Vidal and Suzanne Fustukian, Queen Margaret University
- Deconstructing resilience in development and querying its application to health system – Majdy Ashour, Anuj Kapilashrami, University of Edinburgh and Suzanne Fustukian, Queen Margaret University

The meeting was organised by Anuj Kapilashrami and Suzanne Fustukian

DSA Media and Development Study group

New convenor(s) required for the DSA Media and Development Study group

After 3 years as the co-chairs of the DSA Media and Development Study group, Dr Martin Scott (University of East Anglia) and Prof. Helen Yanacopulos (Open University) have decided to step down.

Since 2013 they have organised six different book launches and ensured that media was well represented at the DSA annual conference each year with 2-3 dedicated panels.

Anyone interested in taking over the role can find out more information [here](#) and is welcome to contact either Martin or Helen to discuss the role.

DSA Business and Development Study Group Meeting

Moving past 'business as usual': What role for the private sector in development?

10am, 6th December 2016

83 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5ES (new facility of the University of Bath)

[See website](#)

The Business and Development Study Group welcomes all those with research, practitioner or policy interests in the changing role and impact of the private sector in development. The group provides a forum for exploring a wide variety of issues from practices and critiques of corporate social responsibility to a broader understanding of the relationship between business and developing societies.

DSA Premium Members

Premium membership enables your institution to lend strong support to the DSA's mission to represent the discipline, while also gaining access to the full range of DSA services: conference, website, Heads of Centres meetings, etc. If your institution is interested to join the list below, please email: [president\(at\)devstud.org.uk](mailto:president(at)devstud.org.uk)

- [CIDT, University of Wolverhampton](#)
- [Department of Development Studies and the Department of Economics, SOAS](#)
- [Development Planning Unit \(DPU\), University College London](#)
- [Development Policy and Practice, DPP, Open University](#)
- [Global Development Academy, University of Edinburgh](#)
- [IDS, University of Sussex](#)
- [International Development Department, University of Birmingham](#)
- [International Development Institute, King's College London](#)
- [Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford](#)
- [GDI, University of Manchester](#)
- [The Sheffield Institute for International Development \(SIID\)](#)



Premium member news

Global Development Institute (GDI)

Conference poll

Many thanks to all of the DSA conference participants who voted in the poll at our stand, which asked: what matters most for improving the prospects of low-income and disadvantaged people?

[Find out if politics, institutions, economic growth or something else won!](#)

GDI & Uganda research project

A team of researchers from Makerere University (Kampala), MGSOG/UNU-Merit (Maastricht University), the Global Development Institute (The University of Manchester) and the Expanding Social Protection Programme, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (Kampala) are working on research that looks at the economic case for social protection in Uganda. [Click here to read about the project.](#)



Oxford Department of International Development

ODID [hosted the 2016 annual DSA conference](#) in Oxford in September. The event was a great success, bringing together over 600 development academics and practitioners from all over the world for three days of scholarly exchange around the theme of Politics in Development. ODID researchers and students presented 16 papers at the conference and convened or co-convened eight panels on themes as diverse as the use of digital tools by diasporas to the role of politics in food governance.

The Director of the **Refugee Studies Centre** Professor Alexander Betts spoke at a High-Level Side Event on refugee self-reliance at the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19 September in New York. The event was attended by, amongst others, Ban Ki-moon (Secretary-General of the United Nations), Filippo Grandi (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), and Ministers from Denmark, Jordan, and Uganda. Watch the video [here](#). Professor Betts wrote opinion pieces about the UN summit in [The Observer](#) and [The Irish Times](#).



Professor Betts also attended the [Concordia Summit](#) on 20 September, moderating a panel on innovative approaches to refugee skills matching,

The **Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative** (OPHI) helped organise a High-Level Side Event at the UN General Assembly on 22 September to provide updates on how countries are using measures of multidimensional poverty to advance the Sustainable Development Goals. Watch the video [here](#).

A new report from **Young Lives**, [Shaping Aspirations and Outcomes: Gender and Adolescence in Young Lives](#), explores how children's lives change during adolescence – the period between 10 and 19 years of age – and the difference that gender inequalities and gender norms make to their pathways.

Courses

INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre)

Monitoring & Evaluation and Using Evidence – Lao PDR (Laos)

We are hosting our first face to face trainings in Lao PDR (Laos), Southeast Asia in November! This two trainings will bring together local knowledge, peer-to-peer learning and international perspective to the heart of Vientiane. The courses are delivered in English and are available on a non-residential basis only.

[Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation: 1-4 November, Lao PDR \(Laos\), Southeast Asia](#)

[Using Evidence, Evaluation and Research in Development Programmes: 7-9 November, Lao PDR \(Laos\), South East Asia](#)

Facilitation Anywhere – 22-24 November 2016, Oxford, United Kingdom

“It was very useful to have the time and space to reflect on how to facilitate, without the normal pressures of the 'day-job'. I learned a lot of techniques that were completely new to me. I am now more confident that I can continue to improve with experience”.

Think about the last good meeting, workshop or event you attended: what made it good, left you inspired, full of ideas, eager to follow up on connections? This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to think about and practise designing and facilitating gatherings of people in ways that bring all of their talents into the room.

Free workshop: Listening, Power and Inclusion: Languages in Development NGOs Wednesday 2 November, 1.30pm School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London

How does language affect relationships between NGO workers and the people and communities with whom they work? What challenges are NGO workers confronted with when attempting to listen to people from different cultural backgrounds? Does the dominance of English in organisations influence power relationships on the ground? As part of the Listening Zones project, we are inviting you to this participatory workshop to:

- Hear about the research so far, drawing on historic case studies
- Reflect on what we can learn from this for current practice
- Shape the next steps of the research
- Ensure outputs from the project are relevant and useful

For more information visit [this website](#) or contact [w.tesseur\(at\)reading.ac.uk](mailto:w.tesseur(at)reading.ac.uk)

London International Development Centre (LIDC)

Evaluation for Development Programmes 7 - 11 November 2016

LIDC's Evaluation for Development Programmes short course returns for a third year, taking place in London from 7-11 November 2016. Aimed at anyone looking to gain an in-depth knowledge and comprehensive background of evaluation methods for development programmes, this course will cover a range of topics including: What is evaluation? Why evaluate? and, what questions do you want to answer? The short course is run with evaluation experts from 3ie, LSHTM, SOAS and IOE.

In previous years the course was attended by a range of people from different backgrounds including development professionals who commission and use evaluation studies, academics who plan to work on future evaluation studies of development programmes and PhD students who are looking to advance their understanding of the fundamentals of evaluation methods. This blog post gives a good overview of the 2015 course. Applications can be made via the [LIDC website](#).



Join the DSA!

The DSA is the largest and most coherent national platform for people studying, teaching and researching development issues. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in development studies.

Join today by visiting <http://www.devstud.org.uk>

Events and conferences

Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), Queen Margaret University

IGHD Grand Challenges Seminar October 5th 2016

IGHD invite you to the first in the Grand Challenges Seminar series

2016-17. Join Professor Jeff Collin from the Global Public Health Unit at University of Edinburgh with his seminar:

Public health policy and unhealthy commodities: Assessing strategic and structural links across alcohol, tobacco and ultra-processed food manufacturers.

The increased prominence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) within global health and development agendas is epitomised by their inclusion within the Sustainable Development Goals. Yet the terms of this inclusion highlight major tensions that undermine the efficacy and legitimacy of national and international health initiatives. The commercial drivers of NCD epidemics are largely ignored, while commitments to partnership with alcohol and food producers ignore conflicts between health objectives and economic interests. Conversely, tobacco control is to be pursued via a distinctive model of health governance centred on protecting health policy from tobacco industry interference.

This presentation questions the viability of 'tobacco exceptionalism' within health policy. Alongside the comparable health impacts of alcohol, ultra-processed food and tobacco products, there has been increasing recognition of strategic similarities, policy learning and collaboration across their leading producers. This presentation adds an examination of structural links through mergers and acquisitions and via interlocking directorates, exploring inter-firm ties, cross-sectoral links and access to political elites as well as to health and development agencies. Through a case study of SAB Miller, a leading brewer with extensive ties across tobacco and food industries, the seminar will highlight the potential significance of understanding such links to transforming health governance.

There will be a chance to discuss the topic with the speaker afterwards over tea, coffee and cakes.

Register for this event [here](#). If you have any questions, please email us on [ighd\(at\)qmu.ac.uk](mailto:ighd(at)qmu.ac.uk)

This seminar will be held in Room 0066, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, EH21 6UU

Can't make it? Don't worry! This lecture will be livestreamed [here](#).

The virtual room will open 15 minutes before the lecture starts and you will have an option to sign in as a guest. We will also post the video on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages to watch after the lecture.

New Scottish Government programme

[Dr Alison Strang](#) has been instrumental in shaping a new Scottish Government programme to aid migrants in their resettlement in Scotland through interaction with local people and English language lessons. The second phase of the 'New Scots' strategy from the Scottish Government was announced mid September. Read more about the announcement [here](#).

You can catch Alison presenting on the 11th October as part of the Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network event: 'The Language of Distress'. You can register [here](#) for a free ticket to this event.



Queen Margaret University
INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH
AND DEVELOPMENT

Open University SDG Roadshow

Wednesday 5 October, 2.30-5pm, Edinburgh

Further information and booking [here](#).

Background information to the roadshow itself is also available on the OU website [here](#).



The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU)

**Bangkok. On Transformation and Urbanisation - Book Launch
October 5 2016, 5.30 – 7pm, 34 Tavistock Square, London**

[Website](#).



European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)

EADI NORDIC Conference 2017:

Globalisation at the Crossroads – Rethinking Inequalities and Boundaries

21-23 August 2017 Bergen, Norway

Are you keen to challenge globalisation, to tackle inequalities, to query (planetary) boundaries, to join the flow of ideas? Participate in the [EADI NORDIC Conference 2017!](#)



Call for Panels and Ad-hoc Working Groups

The organisers cordially invite expressions of interest from interested institutions, researchers, NGO- and academic networks and study/research consortia and EADI working groups to organize a panel. Each panel should include at least one researcher/speaker from the Global South. Panel organizers are encouraged to focus on the interdisciplinary nature of the conference. Multi-institutional, interactive panels will be encouraged. Deadline for panels is 17 October 2016.

Call for Papers

Researchers on development issues are invited to present papers for the EADI NORDIC 2017 Conference under the Working Group sessions or the Ad hoc Panels. Papers should be related to the topics of the working group sessions / Ad hoc panels of the conference. Please consult the session descriptions and use the online submission tool to submit your abstract by 16 January 2017. We welcome submissions in English and French.

Please see the [conference website](#) for further information on the [submission of paper abstracts](#) or an [expression of interest for panels](#).

The conference is a joint partnership between EADI (European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes), NFU (Norwegian Association of Development Research) and the University of Bergen (UIB).

The EADI General Conference is organized every third year. It serves as the association's public forum for academic exchange, reflection and debate on pressing global and developmental questions. In the Nordic context, a biennial Nordic Development conference is organized by one of the respective national development research associations, the most recent one held in Gothenburg in 2015. In 2017, EADI and NFU join forces together with the University of Bergen (UIB) as the local host to invite scholars, policymakers and practitioners to a three-day conference to engage in new approaches to understand global challenges and reflect on paths forward.

University of East London (UEL)

UEL International Development Undergraduate Conference

November 12 2016

[Website](#)



International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA)

'Mainstreaming Better Cotton for Global Sustainable Impact'

Speaker: Lena Staafgard

Wednesday 12 October 2016, 18h00 for 18h30

The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, WC1N 3AT



Cotton is one of the world's most important natural fibres. Nearly everyone uses or wears cotton products every day. To meet this demand, over 25 million tonnes of cotton are produced each year in around 85 countries around the world, supporting 250 million people's livelihoods. Cotton is a renewable natural resource but the future of cotton production is vulnerable due to poor environmental management, poor working conditions and unstable markets. In 2005, a group of organisations (retailers, manufacturers, NGOs) came together to work out a practical solution that would secure the sustainable future of the industry. The result was the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI). In turn, this has led to the development of a Better Cotton Standard, aimed at improving the production of cotton through better cultivation and working practices, connections between supply and demand, and supporting farmers. BCI channels funds from its members and other partnerships back to the supply chain through farm-level training and standards verification.

Lena Staafgard is BCI's chief operating officer. Her presentation will cover:

- Background on the world cotton economy: global volumes grown and produced, where, international trade, value chain, employment at different stages
- Who are the main actors: growers, traders, spinners, textile manufacturers, clothing firms, etc.
- Supply chains, mark-ups and margins, seasonal fluctuations
- How do agricultural subsidies distort the market
- Role of BCI: members, roles, funding, initiatives and results (e.g. Better Cotton Standard System, BCI Growth & Innovation Fund)
- Longer term aims

The paper will be available after the meeting [here](#). Future meetings dates and topics can be found [here](#).

Oxford Department for International Development

Seminar Series

The International Migration Institute at the Oxford Department of International Development will host a series of seminars **Border crisis, open borders, no border: Radical perspectives in migration studies**, taking place on Wednesdays at 1pm in Seminar Room 3, Queen Elizabeth House, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford, OX1 3TB:

12 October 2016, Nick Gill (University of Exeter) 'Segue to revolution: Border activism in the meantime'

19 October 2016, Martina Tazzioli (University of Aix-Marseille and King's College London) 'Track, sort and archive: the temporality of visibility and border surveillance between EUROSUR and JORA'

26 October 2016, Paolo Cuttitta (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) 'Humanitarian non-state actors and the delocalised EU border of the Central Mediterranean'



2 November 2016, Vicki Squire (University of Warwick) 'Governing migration through death in Europe and the US: Identification, burial and the crisis of modern humanism'

9 November 2016, Antoine Pécoud (University of Paris 13) 'Between knowledge and power: understanding how international organisations see migration'

16 November 2016, Bishawjit Mallick (Vanderbilt University Nashville) 'Cyclone–migration–adaptation nexus in the social context of Bangladesh'

23 November 2016, Lisa Åkesson (University of Gothenburg) 'North-South migration and postcolonial encounters: Portuguese labour migrants in Angola'

30 November 2016, Jane Freedman (CNRS and University of Paris 8) 'Gender, violence and vulnerability: Examining the politics of protection in the current refugee 'crisis''

For more information, visit the [website](#).

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

Development Studies Seminars Term 1 2016/17

Please find below the programme for this term's SOAS Department of Development Studies & Bloomsbury DTC for the Social Sciences seminar series, featuring Anwar Shaikh, David Harvey, Anastasia Nesvetailova and other eminent speakers.



*** Tuesday 11 October * 5-7PM**

Professor Anwar Shaikh (Professor of Economics at the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science of the New School University, New York, USA)

Capitalism: Competition, Conflict, Crises

Room BGLT (SOAS Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre)

Abstract: Competition and conflict are intrinsic features of modern societies. Inequality is persistent, and booms and busts are recurrent outcomes throughout capitalist history. State intervention modifies these patterns but does not abolish them. This book is an attempt to show that one can explain these and many other observed patterns as results of intrinsic forces that shape and channel outcomes. Social and institutional factors play an important role, but at the same time, the factors are themselves limited by the dominant forces arising from "gain-seeking" behaviour, of which the profit motive is the most important. These dominant elements create an invisible force field that shapes and channels capitalist outcomes. The approach of this book is very different from that of both orthodox economics and the dominant elements in the heterodox tradition. There is no reference whatsoever to an idealised framework rooted in perfect firms, perfect individuals, perfect knowledge, perfectly selfish behaviour, rational expectations, and so-called optimal outcomes. Nor is there any need to explain particular observed patterns as departures from this Edenic state arising from "imperfections" of various sorts. The book develops microeconomic and macroeconomic theory from real behaviour and real competition, and uses it to explain empirical patterns in microeconomic demand and supply, wages and profits, technological change, relative prices of goods and services, interest rates, bond and equity prices, exchange rates, patterns of international trade, growth, unemployment, inflation, national and personal inequality, and the recurrence of general crises, such as the current one which began in 2007-2008.

Anwar Shaikh is one of the world's leading heterodox economists, and the author of three books and six-dozen articles. He is Professor of Economics at the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science of the New School University, where he has taught for the last 30 years, and is an Associate Editor of the Cambridge Journal of Economics. In 2014 Cambridge University Press included him in the second volume of Eminent Economists, a compendium of essays on the personal philosophies and theoretical approaches of influential living economists. In that same year he was awarded the Social Science Prize of the NordSud International Prize for Literature and Science of the Fondazione Pescarabruzzo in Italy. His most recent book is *Capitalism: Competition, Conflict, Crises* (Oxford University Press, 2016), and recent works include *Globalization and the Myths of Free Trade* (2007, Routledge). He has written on international trade, finance theory, political economy, econophysics, U.S. macroeconomic policy, the welfare state, growth theory, inflation theory, crisis theory, national and global inequality, and past and current global economic crises.

All welcome, no need to book but please do arrive early to be sure of a seat. See the [website](#) for details of all events in the seminar series. Seminars are followed by a formal reception event.

***Tuesday 18 October* 5-7PM**

Dr Alessandra Mezzadri (Department of Development Studies, SOAS, UK)

Book Launch: The Sweatshop Regime: Labouring Bodies, Exploitation and Garments Made in India

Room (S)ALT (110) (SOAS Alumni Lecture Theatre, Senate House North Block)

***Tuesday 25 October* 5-7PM**

Dr Genevieve LeBaron (Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, UK)

Combating the Business of Forced Labour in Global Supply Chains

Room (S)ALT (110) (SOAS Alumni Lecture Theatre, Senate House North Block)

***Tuesday 1 November* 5-7PM**

Dr Benjamin Selwyn (Centre for Global Political Economy, University of Sussex, UK)

The Struggle for Development

Room (S)ALT (110) (SOAS Alumni Lecture Theatre, Senate House North Block)

Further details are available on the SOAS Development Studies Department [website](#).

Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

[Emergency Shelter and Forced Migration](#)

RSC Public Seminar Series, Michaelmas term 2016

This interdisciplinary seminar series examines the nature and challenges of emergency shelter in the context of forced migration. What are the key issues in the design and provision of shelters? What does better shelter mean and how can we get there? How can political dynamics be managed in the organization of camps and urban areas? What lessons emerge from over forty years practical work in the shelter sector? The speakers in this series include academics and practitioners from the fields of architecture, planning, anthropology, humanitarianism, and design. The seminar series complements the forthcoming issue of Forced Migration Review Emergency Shelter, to be published in 2017.

Seminars are held on Wednesdays in Seminar Room 1, Oxford Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, OX1 3TB. No registration is required and all are welcome to attend.

This term's series is convened by Tom Scott-Smith and Mark E. Breeze.



Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS) Conference

Interdisciplinarity and the Social Sciences: Global Challenges and Opportunities

Tuesday 11 October 2016, 10.15 – 4.30

Venue: 33 Finsbury Square, LONDON EC2A 1AG

Tickets: £55-£95 - DSA members are eligible for the discounted Academy affiliated rate of £85 for the day. Early Career Researchers can access £55 tickets using promotional code ACSSECR2016.

[Visit website for programme and to book.](#)

Professor David Soskice (LSE) and Professor Colette Fagan (University of Manchester) will open the discussion, casting light on challenges and opportunities for social science found in the British Academy's Crossing Paths research on interdisciplinarity. Professor Veronica Strang (Durham University) will then focus on interdisciplinary practice as a catalyst for reform.

The afternoon panel will focus on the future of the disciplines, with David Sweeney (HEFCE) giving a closing keynote on Interdisciplinarity and the coming REF.

University of Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands

Symposium Announcement

23 – 24 November 2016

Engendering the Energy Transition

Theory meets policy and practice - South meets North

The symposium seeks to create a multi-discipline platform where a number of leading researchers, from the South and the North, will share experiences and understanding about how gender shapes and is shaped by context. We aim to bring together for mutual learning researchers from different disciplines and sectors with an interest in gender. The symposium is being held in conjunction with the inaugural lecture of Professor Joy Clancy, Chair of Energy and Gender.

More information from the Symposium [website](#).

Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

Call for papers

Beyond Crisis: Rethinking Refugee Studies

Thursday 16 March – Friday 17 March 2017

Keble College Oxford

The Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, will host a major international conference in March 2017, thirty-five years after the RSC was founded. Its purpose will be to reflect on the role that Refugee Studies can play in the world. In the context of profound changes in the nature of forced displacement, this conference will assess what kinds of knowledge, evidence, and concepts are needed to understand and respond to contemporary challenges.

Over the past year, the so-called European refugee crisis has created unprecedented public interest in forced displacement, as well as a demand for research. Yet despite a series of policy-oriented conferences, there have been few spaces in which to reflect on the state of Refugee Studies and to explore the extent to which we have the academic tools necessary to think about and respond to a changing world. Against this backdrop, this conference seeks to reinvigorate scholarly debate on ways in which we can conceive of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. By bringing together a range of reflective thinkers and their work, alongside policy-makers and practitioners, our hope is to develop a research agenda and scholarly community that can engage meaningfully with the long-term challenges of forced displacement.

We seek papers on any aspect of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, from any disciplinary perspective, which can serve to stimulate engaging debate. The conference will aim to take the core concepts and ideas of Refugee Studies and critically reassess through inter-disciplinary dialogue.

Submissions

Maximum length: 300 words

Deadline for submissions: 5pm (GMT), 15 November 2016

Details online [here](#).



The Sheffield Institute for International Development

Ethical dilemmas and cognitive dissonance in international development

CALL FOR PAPERS

Workshop on 3 February 2017, University of Sheffield

Visit the [website](#) for further details



People working in international development assistance frequently face very difficult ethical dilemmas, particularly when they work for donor agencies that provide support to authoritarian regimes. Several of the countries considered to use aid most effectively to produce poverty-reduction, economic growth and improved service provision also have poor records on human rights and political freedom, clashing with the liberal democratic principles on which Western foreign assistance is based.

Debate on the ethics and politics of decision-making in these contexts has grown in recent years, but little is known about the psychological dimensions of development workers' engagement with these issues. As well as raising crucial moral and political questions, day-to-day engagement with these issues involves significant cognitive and emotional strain. The experience of intense 'cognitive dissonance' (Festinger 1957) is likely to be a regular feature of work in places where strong narratives of improvement and developmental progress coexist with regular evidence of human rights abuses, repression and social exclusion. Cognitive dissonance refers to a situation in which a person holds two beliefs simultaneously that seem to conflict with one another, leading to mental stress which they seek consciously or unconsciously to resolve in pursuit of the comfort of internal consistency.

Although there is growing interest in the application of social psychology to international development, exemplified by the 2015 World Development Report (WDR) on 'Mind, Society and Behaviour', the vast majority of this work is concerned with how social psychology can inform our understanding the 'minds of the poor'. The cognitive and emotional dimensions of working in international development, and how these influence attitudes and decision-making, have been largely ignored. Meanwhile, in psychology there has been a resurgence of interest in cognitive dissonance since the turn of the millennium but little exploration as yet of these psychological processes in the context of international development assistance.

Workshop aims and scope

This innovative interdisciplinary workshop aims to bring together people from across the social sciences with an interest in international development and psychologists working on the cognitive and emotional dimensions of decision-making. The aim is to situate psychological processes alongside the broader moral and political dilemmas of development assistance in difficult contexts, to explore these issues in a holistic way.

We invite theoretical and empirical papers for 20-minute presentations on any aspect of the above, including (but not limited to) work on the following:

- Ethical and political dimensions of delivering international aid in authoritarian/controversial contexts
- Cognitive processes and decision-making in contexts of real-world ethical dilemmas
- Emotional dimensions of international development practice
- Linking institutional practices and values to individual attitudes and beliefs

The one-day workshop will combine papers selected through this call with invited speakers from a range of disciplines. We have funding to cover the travel costs of participants (and accommodation for select participant where necessary) as well as a workshop dinner after the event.

Please submit your abstracts to t.goodfellow@sheffield.ac.uk by **14 October 2016**.

Jobs

The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

[DPU Job Opportunities](#)

- Teaching Fellow MSc in Urban Economic Development (UED) Module: The Informal Economy and Urban Development (UE7)
- Professor of Development Planning
- Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC) - Centre Administrator
- Participatory Methods Volunteer Researchers – Secure Livelihoods
- Teaching Fellow MSc in Building and Urban Design in Development (BUDD)



Publications

University College London (UCL)

[New website: Washington Group on Disability Statistics](#)

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics Secretariat and Leonard Cheshire Disability, is pleased to announce the launch of a new website for the Washington Group.



The Washington Group has developed several tools such as The Six Questions which have been recommended by the United Nations as the means to collect and analysis disability data. This new website can help international development researchers accurately evaluate and monitor disability in line with international recommendations via the online training and digital resources. Leonard Cheshire Disability is the host of the Washington Group Secretariat thanks to a grant from the Australian Government.

Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS)

Making the best of Brexit: Supporting UK Science, Higher Education and Research for the Future

The Academy of Social Sciences and its Campaign for Social Science have published a [briefing note](#) addressing the consequences of the prolonged period of uncertainty in the three months since the Brexit vote on June 23. The note makes recommendations about immediate steps the government should take to support UK science and ensure the long-term health of research is kept to the fore during the negotiation process.

The recommendations include:

- The government should **ensure the participation in the negotiations of a representative of the UK higher education and science community**. Additionally, The Academy and Campaign would welcome the inclusion of a proposed Deputy Director for Research Innovation and Higher Education within the newly-created Department for Exiting the European Union (DEEU).
- As the UK is a net beneficiary of EU funds, receiving an estimated €3.4 billion more than it paid into the EU in terms of funding for research, development and innovation activities, the government should **announce that it will protect and replace EU funds for research after Horizon 2020**.
- The Department for Education and BEIS **should collate evidence of cases from universities where collaborations have been put at risk in the shadow of Brexit**, and actively raise them with the EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science.
- The government should recognise the importance of EU and other international staff in UK universities and the research sector, and **develop appropriate visa policies for UK universities and research should that be necessary**.

[Read the full briefing: Making the best of Brexit: Supporting UK Science, Higher Education and Research for the Future](#)

[Read 'EU Referendum – Leave: What next for UK social science?'](#)

[Watch our panel discussion 'After the EU Referendum – where next for social science?'](#)

International Development Department (IDD), Birmingham

[Governance of Natural Resources](#), Topic Guide, by Fiona Nunan, for Evidence on Demand

[IDD 2015-16 Annual Report](#)

DLP research papers

[Development leadership in the Philippines: Educational experiences, institutions and networks](#)

GSDRC helpdesk reports

[Communicating peace agreements](#)



[Transitional shelter in post-disaster contexts](#)

[Social assistance and idiosyncratic shocks](#)

[The impact of protracted crises on attitudes and aspirations](#)

[Methods and approaches to understanding behaviour change](#)

[Primary and secondary prevention of child protection violations](#)

GSDRC literature reviews

[Donor interventions on women's political empowerment](#)

GSDRC reading packs

[Social protection systems](#)

Short videos with reading pack authors, including Martine Zeuthen (RUSI) discussing [violent extremism](#) and Professor Katherine Gough (Loughborough University) exploring [youth employment](#), are available to watch on the [GSDRC YouTube channel](#).

GSDRC topic guides

[Open data, transparency and accountability](#)

[Organised crime, violence and development](#)

[Transitional justice](#)

The topic guide on [safety, security and justice](#) has been updated to include more recent evidence and literature.

Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), Queen Margaret University

Our Lecturer and Researcher [Oonagh O'Brien](#) along with Research Fellow [Fiona O'May](#) and IGHD (Institute for Global Health and Development) MSc graduate Fatou Baldah have recently published a report with funder Roshni on an innovative participatory action research project with communities affected by Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Scotland called 'MyVoice'.

Phase 2 of this research is about to be undertaken, but you can read the first report [here](#).



Queen Margaret University
INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH
AND DEVELOPMENT

London School of Economics

[Working paper "Passive agents? Bureaucratic agency in Africa-China negotiations - a case study of Benin"](#)

By Folashadé Soulé-Kohndou

University of Oxford

[Learning, Migration and Intergenerational Relations](#)

by Pia Jolliffe was published with Palgrave Macmillan in September 2016.

The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

[City profile: The Bogotá Metropolitan Area that never was](#)

By Daniel Oviedo (with Luis A. Guzman and Juan Pablo Bocarejo)

[DPU Working Paper #183. Mumbai's urban metabolism and the role of waste management through informality by Mariangela Veronesi](#)



[Participatory Mapping to Disrupt Unjust Urban Trajectories in Lima](#)

By Rita Lambert and Adriana Allen

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[News from Routledge: Journals recently listed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index](#)

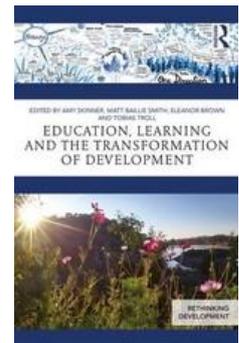
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INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre)

INTRAC blog

[Five pitfalls in working with evidence](#)

INTRAC Senior Research Consultant Dan James outlines some common pitfalls in working with evidence through the programme cycle, and how to avoid them. Read, comment and share our latest blog: [Five pitfalls in working with evidence](#).



Oxford Department for International Development

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and the **International Migration Institute** (IMI) released a new report: [Migrants in Countries in Crisis Emerging Findings: A Comparative Study of Six Crisis Situations](#) by Maegan Hendow, Robtel Neajai Pailey, Alessandra Bravi

The report presents emerging findings from their ongoing research on migrants caught in countries experiencing crisis. This research broadens the evidence base on the situations of migrants in crisis-affected countries, particularly focusing on socio-economic and long-term implications at the micro-, meso- and macro-levels. Ongoing research presented in this report is being carried out with research partners in 11 countries on six specific crisis situations in Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Lebanon, Libya, South Africa and Thailand.

A new paper by Christopher Adam, David Bevan and Douglas Gollin was published in *World Development*: [Rural-Urban Linkages, Public Investment and Transport Costs: The Case of Tanzania](#).



Global Development Institute (GDI)

Working paper

The latest GDI Working Paper is by Gale Raj-Reichert on [Exposing forced labour in Malaysian electronics: the role of a social auditor in labour governance within a global production network](#)



Book extract

[Click here](#) to read an extract of Prof David Hulme's latest book *Should Rich Nations Help the Poor?*

Refugee Studies Centre – University of Oxford

Forced Migration Review

[Local communities: first and last providers of protection](#)

Marion Couldrey, Maurice Herson (eds), 2016



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Other News

INTRAC

INTRAC has a new website, visit it [here](#).

EMES International Research Network

The EMES international research network is organizing a big international conference on social enterprise in July 2017 in Belgium. This may be of interest to DSA members, in particular thematic line 7 about "informal sector, popular economy, micro finance and development". See [website](#).

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