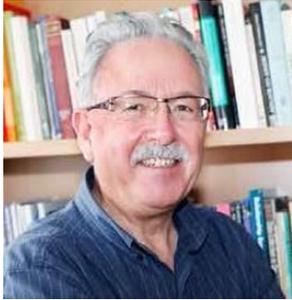




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President's foreword



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Dear Colleagues

A big month...US Presidential Elections and COP 22.

Almost impossible for me to comment on the former without moving into expletives. Take a look at the New York Times for a weekly summary of one of the candidates' speeches: "...loser...hopeless...pathetic.....successful businessman ...loser...no idea...successful businessman...idiot...loser". Enough to put one off the practice of democracy for a long time. More positively, perhaps COP 22 will build on the opportunities for cautious optimism that COP 21 created...as long as our climate-change denying (and wig-wearing) friend is the loser I think he will be. Watch this space.

More domestically, I am delighted to announce that to Robert Mwanamanga from Bradford University has been awarded the 2016 DSA/ICEA (International Consulting Economists Association) dissertation prize. See more about this award and other commended paper, in the DSA news section which follows this.

It is already time to start putting the wheels into motion for the ICEA Dissertation Prize 2017. This will be made at the next DSA annual conference at University of Bradford (6-8 September 2017). Could all Development Studies Centres running MA/MSc programmes nominate a member of staff to lead on their selection of the candidate/thesis they would like to nominate? Dates of the nomination process are in the following section of DSA news.

I am planning a late night/early morning on 8 and 9 November...my fingers are crossed (very crossed) for the right result.

All best wishes,

David Hulme, DSA President

[president\(at\)devstud.org.uk](mailto:president(at)devstud.org.uk)

DSA News

Call for Nominations for the 2017 DSA/ICEA Prize

For the 2017 prize, all Development Studies and Economics departments in the UK are invited to submit one dissertation each for consideration. This year nominations will be accepted between **1 November and 28 February**.

The award will be given during the Opening Plenary of DSA2017, to be held at the University of Bradford.

Nominations should be sent to: [membershipadmin\(at\)devstud.org.uk](mailto:membershipadmin(at)devstud.org.uk)

Full details including criteria can be found [here](#).

DSA News

The 2016 DSA/ICEA Dissertation Prize

The 2016 DSA/ICEA dissertation prize has been awarded to Robert Mwanamanga from Bradford University, for his work "Does foreign aid promote growth? Evidence from Malawi". The prize includes £1000 and an invitation to present the findings of the dissertation at the DSA's annual conference.

Robert's dissertation reviews the extensive literature on the relation between aid and economic growth and tests different statistical models against data from Malawi. The judges noted:

The prize winning paper tackles perhaps the central question of development aid: the extent to which aid contributes to economic growth. It starts with an extremely capable literature review, covering aid-growth theories from the 1940s onwards presented in a neat structure of 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation theories. This is paralleled by a review of empirical studies over the same period. The major criticisms of aid are also reviewed.

After reviewing the broader economic background in Malawi, the paper presents a set of statistical analyses testing different aid-growth models reflecting different theories on the mechanisms which link aid and economic growth. The study concludes that increased aid to Malawi shows diminishing, even negative returns, but recognises that this at least partly reflects the fact that Malawi is one of the most aid dependent countries in the world.

The judges also highly commended Takeshi Miwa (University of Sheffield) for his work, "Drug prescription practices in the private health sector: a case study of Lugala Lutheran Hospital in rural Tanzania". The judges said:

[The dissertation] reviews literature discussing how an average of 2.4 drugs are prescribed, where the WHO recommended range is below 2. Various causes are suggested, most prominent the grade and experience of the prescriber. The paper tests these hypotheses against data from the records of a private hospital in southern Tanzania. The results suggested that prescribing at the hospital was 'somewhat suboptimal' and that staff experience was a factor.

The prize is offered each year by the Development Studies Association and International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA). For more information and to read the dissertation, see the [prize page](#) on the DSA site.

Study Group news

Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Study Group

Analysing natural resource governance: learning from contrasting approaches

Workshop at University of Birmingham

12 May 2017

The workshop will aim to compare and learn from different approaches that have been taken towards analysing the governance of renewable natural resources in developing countries. Abstracts of up to 300 words are invited for paper presentations and may address any renewable natural resource and explore any aspect of governance. Abstracts should be submitted to [f.s.nunan\(at\)bham.ac.uk](mailto:f.s.nunan@bham.ac.uk)

Deadline: 16 January 2017 See [website](#) for full details.

Wellbeing, Psychology and Therapeutic Culture in ID Study group refocussed

Following an engaging panel at the recent annual conference this study group has broadened and re-structured.

This study group is dedicated to critical, empirically and theoretically informed analysis of the new politics of the personal in international development, as expressed in the rise of discourses of wellbeing, increased attention to mental health, the rise of therapeutic culture and the growing use of psy-expertise and behavioural economics. For advocates, these developments bring a new humanity and scope for liberation and/or a more cost effective means to reduce poverty. For critics, they potentially represent increasingly invasive surveillance of the poor and the denial of structural causes of global inequality. Read more on the [SG webpage](#).

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)

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- [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

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

The latest edition of the SOAS Department of Development Studies newsletter is out now.

This includes news, events, publications and media and online items.

The online version is [here](#) and people can subscribe to receive these termly updates [here](#).



Global Development Institute (GDI)

Prof David Hulme wrote in the Guardian about the challenges of reducing income inequality: [How has billionaire Donald Trump become the voice of those left behind?](#)

The GDI Lecture series is being livestreamed: [click here](#) for details on the schedule and how to watch!

- The first lecture in the GDI Lecture Series was delivered by Prof David Hulme, who asked: "should rich nations help the poor?" [Watch it again here](#).

GDI's academics attended and wrote about UN's Habitat III conference:

- Diana Mitlin discussed how Habitat III [could address global inequalities](#)
- Joanne Jordan asked what Habitat III [might do for people affected by climate change](#)
- Tanja Müller reflected on [welcoming refugees in a Berlin neighbourhood](#)
- Armando Barrientos talked about [childhood urban inequalities](#)
- Luis Eduardo Perez Murcia wrote about [the New Urban Agenda and one asylum seeker's experience](#)



An Open Access Special Issue of [The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance](#) on research by the [International research Initiative on Brazil and Africa](#) (IRIBA) has been dedicated to Professor Werner Baer.

The latest GDI Working Paper is by Professor Stephanie Barrientos and Adwoa Owusuaa Bobie on [Promoting Gender Equality in the Cocoa-Chocolate Value Chain: Opportunities and Challenges in Ghana](#). This research guided [Mondelez International](#) in their new strategy for promoting women's empowerment in cocoa supply chains.

Professor Philip Woodhouse co-edited a special issue of the [Journal of Southern African Studies](#) on the political economy of sugar in Southern Africa. [Click here to read more](#).

Oxford Department of International Development

New Professor of Development Economics

ODID was delighted to welcome Professor [Christopher Woodruff](#) as our new statutory Professor of Development Economics.

Professor Woodruff's research focuses on enterprises in low-income countries, with noted work on returns to capital investments in microenterprises and the effect of formal registration on enterprise performance. He is a pioneer in the use of field experiments in firms.

He currently holds an Advanced Grant from the European Research Council for work measuring productivity in the readymade garment sector, with a particular focus on the challenges women face in moving into supervisory positions in the Bangladeshi garment sector.

Professor Woodruff joins us from the University of Warwick, where he was Professor of Economics.



World Bank new poverty measure

The World Bank has announced it will broaden the way in which it measures poverty by introducing for the first time a new 'multidimensional' measure that captures non-monetary aspects of poverty, using a methodology developed by Sabina Alkire and James Foster of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at ODID.

The introduction of the new metric, to be used in conjunction with the Bank's \$1.90 measure of extreme poverty, was one of the recommendations made by a commission led by Oxford economist Sir Tony Atkinson and contained in the Monitoring Global Poverty report, released by the World Bank on 18 October.

OPHI has pioneered an approach to poverty measurement that goes beyond income by incorporating non-monetary deprivations, for example poor sanitation, malnutrition or lack of education. Individuals are defined as 'multidimensionally' poor if they experience a given number of such deprivations at the same time.

The bank said it would start tracking non-monetary deprivations in three domains: educational outcomes; access to health care; and access to basic services, such as water, sanitation and electricity. [Find out more.](#)

New Director of the International Migration Institute at ODID

[Mathias Czaika](#), Associate Professor of Migration and Development, took up his new position as Director of the International Migration Institute at ODID on 1 October, taking on the role from [Oliver Bakewell](#), who has led IMI since 2011, first as co-Director with Hein de Haas, and then as Director from 2015.

Oliver Bakewell said: "After much deliberation, I am stepping down as Director, which will enable me to focus more energy on my role as the Research Co-ordinator on Migration and Development for the Horn of Africa Research and Evidence Facility of the EU Trust Fund for Africa over the next couple of years. It has been a great privilege to play a role in building up IMI over the last ten years but it is now time to pass on the reins. I am very happy to announce that from the beginning of October, my colleague Mathias Czaika will take over as the Director of IMI. Mathias has played a vital role in the development of IMI and I know that he has new and exciting plans to take it forward into its second decade."

Mathias Czaika said: "Over the last 10 years IMI has not only been established as a place known for sound and thoughtful migration research but has also become a growing network of friends, colleagues, and collaborators around the globe. I consider it both a privilege and responsibility to take up this new role as IMI director, and it is my aim to continue the good work of my predecessors and to consolidate IMI as a research centre."

Migrants in Countries in Crisis Project update

The [Migrants in Countries in Crisis project](#), implemented by ICMPD in conjunction with the International Migration Institute, has published a research brief on the [Long-term socioeconomic implications of 'crisis-induced' return migration on countries of origin](#), authored by IMI's Robtel Neajai Pailey. The research brief evaluates the potential long-term socio-economic implications of return migration on countries of origin in the 'post-crisis' phase because both the circumstances and consequences of return during 'ordinary times' are likely to be different from crisis-induced return.

Young Lives has produced a number of working papers and policy briefs on child marriage recently:

[The Interplay Between Community, Household and Child Level Influences on Trajectories to Early Marriage in Ethiopia](#)

by Alula Pankhurst, Agazi Tiemelissan, and Nardos Chuta. Young Lives Working Paper 162, October 2016

[Child Marriage and Early Child-bearing in India: Risk Factors and Policy Implications](#)

by Jennifer Roest. Young Lives Policy Paper 10

[Understanding teenage fertility, cohabitation, and marriage: the case of Peru](#)

by Marta Favara and Alan Sanchez. GRADE research progress paper 22.

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The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

DPU, UCL, London

[Vanesa Castán Broto awarded the Philip Leverhulme Prize](#)

We are delighted that [Vanesa Castán Broto](#), Senior Lecturer at the DPU, has been Awarded the Philip Leverhulme Prize for her research contributions to Geography.

The Philip Leverhulme Prizes recognise the achievement of outstanding researchers whose work has already attracted international recognition and whose future career is exceptionally promising. More information is available [here](#).



[Faculty Materialisation Grant 2016 awarded to 'Refugee Cities: the Actual Spaces of Migration'](#)

The DPU led interdisciplinary 'Refugee Cities' research project has received the Faculty Materialisation Grant 2016. This project is conceived as a speculative and anticipatory investigation around the actual cost and impact of the migratory wave in Europe. The initial, specific focus, is on Lampedusa and Calais, observing them as continental immigration entry and exit nodes.

[SLURC Launched at Habitat III](#)

[Dr Andrea Rigon](#) and [Dr Alexandre Apsan Frediani](#) coordinated and supported a delegation from Freetown (Sierra Leone) at the [UN Habitat III](#) conference. The delegation included Sam Gibson, Mayor of Freetown, Sulaiman Parker, the Environment and Social Officer of Freetown City Council and the two co-directors of the [Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre \(SLURC\)](#), Dr Joseph Macarthy and Braima Koroma. SLURC is a research centre created through a partnership between the Bartlett Development Planning Unit and Njala University with the aim of generating knowledge that could bring together city actors to achieve just urban development.

[DPU participation at Habitat III - First 3 days review](#)

11 academics and staff members from the Development Planning Unit are currently in Quito, Ecuador for the United Nations third conference on Human Settlements – Habitat III. Over 40,000 people are attending the conference, where national stakeholders will decide on the New Urban Agenda, intended to guide national governments in urban development policies over the next 20 years. Outside of these official negotiations, hundreds of side events and other gatherings with government officials, NGOs, private companies and civil society members are taking place, advancing dialogue on a wide range of urban issues.

[Reducing Relocation Risk in Urban Areas Research Shared at Habitat III](#)

The DPU ongoing collaborative research project '[Reducing Relocation Risk in Urban Areas](#)' presented their research findings presented at Habitat III following a [two-day workshop](#) in Quito, Ecuador.

[Wrap-up of DPU activities at Habitat III](#)

The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) concluded on Thursday in Quito, Ecuador, with the adoption of the [New Urban Agenda](#) (NUA), meant to guide city development world-wide over the next two decades. The NUA is supposed to be bolstered by the [Quito Implementation Plan](#), a set of commitments from various partners to contribute to the implementation of the NUA.

Courses

Global Development Institute: University of Manchester

Scholarships for Distance Learning MSc Programmes

The University of Manchester is making available full-fee scholarships for study starting in January 2017 on one of two distance learning Masters programmes offered by the University's Global Development Institute:

- [MSc in Human Resource Management and Development](#)
- [MSc in Management and Information Systems](#)



One scholarship is available for applicants from any (DAC list) developing country: deadline 30 November 2016. Further scholarships are available specifically for applicants from Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda: deadline 10 November 2016.

Further details of the scholarships can be found [here](#).

INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre)

["Facilitation Anywhere"](#)

Oxford, United Kingdom

22-24 November 2016

"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.

Events and conferences

Development Policy and Practice, Open University

Annual International Development Seminar Series

This seminar series at the Open University is hosted by Development Policy and Practice and supported by the IKD research centre. The seminars are free and open to all and a buffet lunch is available from 12.00, followed by the presentation and discussion 12.30 - 14.00. (Some timings may differ – please check the [website](#).)



2 November 2016

Solidarity and Participatory Methods in Research on Activism and the Third Sector: Dr Elena Vacchelli, (Middlesex University), Dr Akwugo Emejulu (Edinburgh University), Dr Umut Erel (OU) and Dr Sara de Jong (OU)

9 November 2016

Under What Conditions Are Innovations Inclusive in Economic Theory?: Professor Smita Srinivas (Head, School of Economic Development, Indian Institute for Human Settlements)

23 November 2016

Global Retail Value Chains: Transforming Work and Gender in African Agri-Processing: Professor Stephanie Barrientos (Global Development Institute) (**am**)

Engaged Scholarship in/on Turkey: Ms Ezgi Basaran (University of Oxford), Dr Ayça Çubukçu (LSE) Dr Ulrike Flader (DEMOS) and Dr Agnes Czajka (POLIS, OU) (**pm**)

14 December

Higher Education and International Development: Dr Jo Beall (British Council).

You can find out more and view the abstracts on IKD's [website](#).

School of International Development, University of East Anglia, Norwich

One-day Workshop

Epistemological Issues in International Development

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 26 November 2016

This workshop targets PhD students of development and will be held at the University of East Anglia, Norwich. There is no registration fee for the workshop but places are limited so register early!

See [website](#) for more details.



Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bradford

Postgraduate Research Conference

Theme: "Navigating Crisis in our Contemporary World: Towards a Fairer Future?"

7 April 2017

Keynote speaker: Radha D'Souza, Reader in Law, University of Westminster, and social justice activist.



Call for Papers

The past decade has been characterised by a strong sense of pervasive economic, social, political and ecological crisis, affecting every part of the world. The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Bradford is hosting a conference in April 2017 to examine the dimensions and implications of contemporary perceptions of crisis, at different levels of analysis and from a range of different disciplinary and inter-disciplinary perspectives. Key questions to be addressed include: What constitutes a crisis? Whose crises are we concerned about and what shapes our perceptions of crisis? What are the dominant discourses on contemporary crisis, and (how) should they be challenged? Does the invocation of the idea of a crisis disrupt or entrench relations of power?

Alongside these broad questions, we would like to invite papers in the following intersecting but still distinct key themes:

- Global security issues
- Building sustainable societies
- Social movements, justice, activism, and political participation
- Crises of identity
- Economic development challenges

Visit the [website](#) for more detail and how to submit your abstract – **Deadline: 10 January 2017.**

University of East London (UEL)

UEL International Development Undergraduate Conference

November 12 2016

[Website](#)



International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA)

'The Case for a Steady State Economy'

Speaker: Dr Dan O'Neill

Wednesday 9 November 2016, 17h30 for 18h00

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



Dan will be presenting the case for a Steady State Economy as the only sustainable way to reconcile the finite nature of the earth's resources with continuing human activity. He is the Chief Economist of CASSE (Centre for the Advancement of a Steady State Economy) and joint author of "Enough is Enough, Building a sustainable economy in a world of finite resources".

He is presently a Lecturer in Environmental and Ecological Economics at the University of Leeds, and the current leader of the Economics and Policy for Sustainability Research Group. His research focuses on the changes that would be needed to achieve a sustainable economy within planetary boundaries, and the relationships between resource use and human well-being.

Please note the earlier start time as Dan needs to leave promptly at 8pm to return to Leeds.

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:



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)

SOAS Department of Development Studies & the Bloomsbury DTC Social Sciences seminar series. Further details are available on the SOAS Development Studies Department [website](#).

Tuesday 1 November 5-7PM

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

The Struggle for Development

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



Thursday 17 November (note change of day) 5-7PM

Professor David Harvey (Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Geography at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, USA)

Anti-Value in Marx

Room: BGLT (SOAS Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre)

Tuesday 22 November 5-7PM

Professor Anastasia Nesvetailova (City Political Economy Research Centre, City, University of London, UK)

The Russian Crisis and Global Geopolitics: Dilemmas of Authoritarian Rule

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

Tuesday 29 November 5-7PM

Dr Johnna Montgomerie (Department of Politics and International Relations, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK)

Is Debt Write-off a Viable Solution to the Crisis of Financialisation?

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

Tuesday 6 December 5-7PM

Professor Barbara Harriss-White (University of Oxford), Professor Terry Byres (SOAS, UK), Professor Henry Bernstein (SOAS, UK), Professor Jan Douwe van der Ploeg (Wageningen University, Netherlands), Chaired by Dr Jens Lerche (SOAS, UK)

Special Panel Event: Agrarian Questions Then And Now

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

All welcome, no need to book but please do arrive early to be sure of a seat.

Seminars are followed by a formal reception event.

IDS, Sussex University

Sixth Annual Summer School, 15-26 May 2017

ESRC STEPS Centre at IDS, Sussex University, near Brighton, UK

Application deadline: 29 January 2017 at 1700 GMT

To apply visit the [website](#)



Applications are invited from highly-motivated doctoral and postdoctoral researchers working in fields around development studies, science and technology studies, innovation and policy studies, and across agricultural, health, water or energy issues.

Participants will explore the theme of pathways to sustainability through a mixture of workshops, lectures, outdoor events and focused interaction with STEPS Centre members. The STEPS Centre is hosted by IDS and the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of Sussex.

There is a fee to attend, but scholarships are available.

Visit the [website](#) to watch testimonials from participants of their Summer School experiences and other material about this event.

Sustainable Lifestyles, Livelihoods and the Circular Economy

University of Sussex

27 to 29 June 2017

The third International Conference of the Global Research Forum (GRF) on Sustainable Production and Consumption, hosted by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of Sussex.

Visit [website](#) for details.

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.



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](#).



Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS)

Annual SAGE Publishing Lecture 2016

Enough of experts? Data, democracy and the future of expertise

Speaker: Professor Beth Simone Noveck, Yale University, Director, The Governance Lab.

Tuesday 22nd November 2016, 4:30pm for 5pm followed by drinks reception

61 Whitehall London SW1A 2ET. Booking [here](#)

For more information about the Campaign and other upcoming events, please visit the [website](#).

Jobs

Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich

Livelihoods and Institutions: 1273 Social Scientist - Quantitative Socio-economic Methods

The [Natural Resources Institute](#) (NRI) is an internationally renowned multi-disciplinary centre of the University of Greenwich that undertakes research, consultancy and training to support global food security, sustainable development and poverty reduction. NRI is recruiting a Social Scientist to work principally on Monitoring and Evaluation and Impact Assessment. You will have a higher degree in economics/environmental economics or other relevant subject, experience in the design and use of quantitative methods in research and/or development and some developing country field experience. The position is based at our Medway campus and will involve frequent short-term overseas travel. Further information [here](#).



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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

Development Officer

Location: either London or New York.

Deadline for applications: 23 November 2016 (12:00pm EST/5:00pm GMT).

See the full details & how to apply [here](#).

Publications

IDS, University of Sussex

[IDS Annual Review 2016](#)

[Foresight in International Development](#)

Edited by Jim Sumberg and Gioacchino Gioel

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[Precarious Lives: Food, Work and Care After the Global Food Crisis](#)

IDS-Oxfam Report

[Towards Greater Effectiveness and Accountability in Impact Investing](#)

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IDS Evidence Report 204

[Explaining the Effectiveness of Community-Based Crime Prevention Practices in Ibadan, Nigeria](#)

IDS Working Paper 479

Practical Action Publishing



[The Global Child Poverty Challenge](#) [In search of solutions](#)

Edited by Richard Morgan

In a major effort to counter the invisibility of children in thinking on poverty reduction, The Global Child Poverty Challenge takes stock of a wide range of evidence on how children can be put at the centre of policies and programmes, in ways that recognize their capacities and centrality to future prosperity. The contributors look at experience with key interventions for investing in children – including social protection, basic services, skills development for future livelihoods, responsible microfinance and opportunities for decent work. 'Child sensitive' approaches based on child rights principles are seen as central to making these interventions work for the poorest children.



[Poor People's Energy Outlook 2016](#)

Practical Action (Open Access title)

What do poor people in the developing world identify as their most pressing energy needs – electric lighting, modern cookstoves, power for health clinics? Drawing on in-depth consultations with selected energy-poor communities in Bangladesh, Kenya and Togo, the PPEO 2016 shines a light on the energy access priorities of some of the world's poorest and most marginalized communities, highlighting the mix of energy solutions which could help enable them to lead the lives that they value.



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International Development Department (IDD), Birmingham

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[Decentralisation and cash transfer programmes](#)

[Drivers of conflict in the Swat Valley, Pakistan](#)

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[Humanitarian contingency plans for military operations](#)

GSDRC reading packs

[National climate governance and politics](#)

Short videos with reading pack authors, including Professor Kunal Sen (GDI) exploring [governance, politics and economic growth](#), and Professor Paul Jackson (University of Birmingham) discussing [security and justice](#), are now available to watch on the [GSDRC YouTube channel](#).

DLP research papers

[Thinking and working politically to support developmental leadership and coalitions: The Pacific Leadership Program](#)

[What happens to economic growth when high-growth autocracies become democracies?](#)



The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

DPU, UCL London

[Bangkok. On Transformation and Urbanism](#)

[DPU News 60. Urban Transformations: The New Urban Agenda - Challenges, opportunities and DPU contributions](#)

[Finance for City Leaders Handbook](#)

Co-edited by Le-Yin Zhang and published by UN Habitat



Blogs

[Harnessing ideas, partnerships and resources to transform urban Sierra Leone](#)

By Andrea Rigon

['Africa Regional Dossier' highlights some key issues raised by civil society groups in advance of Habitat III](#)

By Rafaella Simas Lima

In the Media

[Here's what happened at Habitat III – the world's biggest conference on cities](#)

By Vanesa Castán Broto, Published by The Conversation

[DPU and SLURC press conference at Habitat 3 available on UN TV](#)

[Le-Yin Zhang features in this video titled 'Managing Urban Futures' produced by Urban Management Program TU Berlin](#)

[Disrupting urban 'risk traps': Bridging finance and knowledge from climate resilient infrastructural planning in Lima \(English\)](#)

[Interrumpiendo 'trampas de riesgo' urbano: Integrando conocimiento e inversión para una planificación justa y resiliente en Lima \(Español\)](#)

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INTRAC blog

[INTRAC's Monitoring and Evaluation manifesto](#)

The idea for the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) manifesto came from INTRAC's M&E consultants and associates. We wanted to put together a statement that reflects why we work on M&E, how we think that M&E contributes to strengthening civil society and what our approach is to M&E.

[This manifesto](#) briefly sums up the values that will guide our M&E work.



INTRAC Publications

[Praxis Series Paper No.1. What remains. Programming for sustainability](#)

What makes a partner or programme more or less likely to be sustainable?

This paper seeks to answer this question by drawing on learning generated from INTRAC's evaluation of EveryChild's Responsible Exit Process. In 2012, the organisation decided to close all of its programmes over the following three years. INTRAC visited four countries – Cambodia, India, Malawi and Nepal – between April and June 2015 to see which partners and programmes remained up to 15 months after EveryChild's exit.

[The paper](#) asks what the findings tell us about programme sustainability, and explores some of the implications this has for other development actors seeking to make their interventions more sustainable.

[INTRAC Newsletter October 2016](#)

Our new bi-monthly newsletter provides updates on all the latest INTRAC news, publications and events; and includes a viewpoint and an external contribution. It is one of a [new suite of publications](#) that we have developed alongside our rebranding.

Sheffield University

[Urban land and conflict in the global South \(special issue of Urban Studies\)](#)

Edited by Melanie Lombard and Carole Rakodi

This special issue of Urban Studies presents five papers exploring specific cases of urban land conflict (four from Africa and one from Mexico), accompanied by the presentation of a new analytical framework for studying this theme in the editorial introduction.



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[Climate 2020](#)

The annual climate publication is intended to raise understanding ahead of COP and contribute to a constructive meeting – the core distribution for the hard copy is world leaders in government and business, as well as IGOs.

We hope the publication is also of interest to academics and we are very keen to get feedback and ideas for inclusion in next year's edition.

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Other News

Leeds Centre for Global Development (CGD)

The Centre has grown significantly under the leadership of Dr Polly Wilding, who has now ended her term of office. Many thanks to Polly for all she has achieved! CGD welcomes incoming Co-Directors Professor [Caroline Dyer](#) and Professor [Barbara Evans](#).



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CGD's 2016 Summer School 'Just Practices of Development' was held in cooperation with EADI this year. It was a huge success, bringing together 20 students from 13 different nations for a week packed full of interactive workshops, lectures, masterclasses and student-led sessions on development related topics ranging from cities to journalism to water to the role of the private sector in development. We were delighted to welcome Professor Joyeeta Gupta from the University of Amsterdam who delivered the keynote address 'Sharing our Earth in the Anthropocene' to students, academics and members of the public from Leeds and beyond. Her fascinating lecture covered a wide range of issues associated with the shrinking environmental utilization space or 'Ecospace' and the questions this raises for development, including the right to develop, who can develop and in what ways? Her abstract can be found [here](#). Professor Gupta also delivered a masterclass on climate change and development.

Read the summer school blog [here](#).

In June 2016, CGD and the School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) at the University of Leeds launched a new Civil Society, Democracy and Development Research Cluster. The Cluster aims to establish a collaborative network of academic/intellectual capacity to engage with the themes of civil society, democracy and development and how they intersect. The event began with the launch of a new book 'Negotiating Knowledge: Evidence and Experience in Development NGOs' and a networking event which brought together academics and practitioners to explore how we might better promote more academic-practitioner collaboration. The link to the book, published by Practical Action Publishing Limited is [here](#).

INTRAC

[Introducing INTRAC's new branding and logo](#)

Our new logo represents coming together, with the circular marquee reflecting discussion groups and forums. Our multi-coloured palette embodies different cultures working together and uniting to be more effective in addressing poverty and inequality.

We are a not-for-profit, and we are unashamedly 'for civil society'. To celebrate the launch of our logo and branding, we have created [a brand-new website](#).



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