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Dear Colleagues,

This past month I have been travelling around the country visiting Universities with my youngest daughter, who has chosen to study Hazard Management and International Development (completely her choice) and have been very struck by the wealth and diversity of courses on offer. Whilst I sit in the DSA Secretariat and am aware of the variety, to experience it first hand and visit the departments has made me realise how many people are involved in delivering world class higher education in this area. The DSA is the umbrella organisation for all these hives of activity and we are the Learned Society for the subject in the UK, but are also privileged to have many international members now whose contributions to conferences and debates bring a broad range of experiences to share. The DSA celebrates this diversity through its membership and stakeholders beyond.

This bulletin is sent to nearly 10,000 individuals, many of whom pass it through their organisations, and we estimate it reaches around 20,000 people worldwide. Members can publicise their news for free in this bulletin and non-members can do so as well, for a small charge (fee schedule is at the end of this bulletin). So, if you are interested in publicising an event, job, call for papers, publications, book launches or interested in joining us as a member, please do get in touch.

In terms of our Conference progress, [Calls for Papers for our Open Panels](#) are now available and we will announce the full list of accepted panels in late June when all the panel abstracts have been received and reviewed.

[Registration is now open](#) for the Conference and we look forward to seeing everyone on 1st November at the Institute of Education in London.

Very best wishes,

Frances Hill,
Executive Director, DSA

News from the DSA

President's Message



I am writing this en route from Dhaka, Bangladesh to Manchester, England. Bangladesh to the UK is always a strange transition and I have done it many times over the last 40 years. But now I reflect upon the post-colonial irony of moving between a contemporary garments producer and an erstwhile one in Manchester, based upon mercantilist, metropolitan exploitation and suppression of Bengal. I first arrived in Bangladesh

with my wife, Angela, in August 1974. The floods that year were massive and the famine extensive. Just coming into downtown Dhaka from the old airport at night was a traumatic experience with thousands of sleeping (or worse) bodies on every available piece of roadside or central reservation. We hurried away from Dhaka and lived in Comilla for the rest of the year and into the next. The country then was ungovernable. Not a civil war, just widespread anarchy as armed groups with weapons left over from the liberation war in 1971 raided police stations and stole more, and terrorised their local territories and fiefdoms.

The ruling party declared itself a presidential, one party government with Sh.Mujibur Rahman at its head. But by August 1975 he was assassinated, heralding a series of military governments until 1991 when democracy was restored. Although there were major disruptions last year, and the same party 'won' a lopsided election uncontested by the opposition, there can be no doubt that Bangladesh has changed out of all recognition. Dhaka itself has grown from a large village into a mega-city, from its erstwhile provincial status to a national capital full of traffic jams, garments factories, tall buildings defying the unstable delta on which they are constructed. Diseconomies of scale are strong. Disproportionate consumption of scarce materials and energy. A middle class expanding daily with new fashion shops, shopping malls and internet cafes springing up almost daily.

The scale of investment is amazing, and an indicator of confidence in the macro-economy where there has been stable low level inflation (except for some key staples and commodities representing a high proportion of poor people's expenditure). But this pattern of growth, fuelled by remittances, services and ostentatious consumption visible in the 4x4s and luxury apartments, also reflects rising inequalities in the country and a rising proportion of the déclassé stranded between the genuine poor working class (urban and rural) and the rapidly rising middle

classes. These have the frustrated aspirations consistent with Marx's immiseration thesis. And Bangladesh has 6% of the world's extreme poor within its borders, approximately 26 million men, women and importantly children. While the country has had significant success in reducing the overall incidence of poverty over the last decade, many more than the extreme poor remain in a highly vulnerable condition. The projections for sea level rise will displace millions of coastal dwellers. When we reflect that India has 33% of the world's extreme poor as well, we realise that the post-2015 development commitments will be central to the future of South Asia and its newborn generation. I hope the world will listen to the analysis and arguments of the Southern Voice movement for the post-2015 SDGs and allow it to take the lead in defining priorities for a global redistribution of opportunities.

This is not the time for the Daily Mail and UKIP in the UK to be calling the shots. So I urge our beleaguered Prime Minister along with his Chancellor to keep their nerve and face down the little Englanders and acknowledge our post-colonial obligations to South Asia and elsewhere in the world.

We will be debating all this at our [November 1st conference](#) later this year. I urge you all to sign up fast, places will be at a premium!

Geof Wood,
DSA President

DSA Subscription Fees

Firstly, after a period of eight years, we passed a motion to raise the annual subscription fees as of 1st January 2014. Individual membership will rise from £30 to £40, Concessionary from £15 to £20 and Institutional from between £134 to £400 depending on the membership level. Read [more](#).

DSA Annual Conference

DSA Annual Conference 2014
Saturday 1st November 2014
Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

This year's Annual Conference returns to London and will again take the form of a one day Conference. We are now inviting proposals for panels and standalone papers.

This year we are maintaining our policy of an open call for panels and papers framed by an opening and closing plenary around a specific theme. This year, the theme of the plenaries, will be Development Post-2015.

[Call for Papers and Panels now open](#)
[Registration now open](#)

DSA Study Groups

View a list of all DSA Study Groups [here](#)

Rising Powers Study Group

"The Rising Powers and Development Post-2015"

Date: 1st November 2014

We are pleased to announce a call for contributions and papers to a Rising Powers Study Group **panel session** at the Annual Conference of the Development Studies Association on Saturday 1st November 2014. [Read more...](#)

Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics Study Group

Understanding child and youth poverty: beyond 'business as usual'

The **DSA/EADI Study Group on Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics** will be organising a panel session at the DSA Annual Conference on Saturday 1 November 2014 on multidimensional child and youth poverty. The papers in this panel should aim to add to the debate by presenting new conceptual

framings and methodological innovations for investigating poverty and wellbeing of children and/ or youth or offering empirical findings that illustrate a move beyond current practice. Topics can include longitudinal analysis of poverty, the use of mixed methods approaches and the role of under-researched factors in child and youth wellbeing such as aspirations, attitudes and agency.

We invite scholars working on this topic to submit an abstract (300-500 words) to the Study Group convenors by **2 June 2013**. The deadline for full papers is **15 September 2014**. Submissions can be sent to Keetie Roelen: k.roelen@ids.ac.uk.

DSA Scotland

DSA Scotland Mini Conference Update

Date: Friday 30th May 2014, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm
Location: University of Strathclyde

The next meeting of DSA Scotland is being planned for Friday 30th May 2014, and for the first time in a few years the 'annual' meeting is scheduled to be held in the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow (Lord Hope Building LH 228/229).

This is an update on the arrangements which are being made for the event. [Read more...](#)

NGOs in Development Study Group

NGOs in the new global context: DSA Conference 2014: Panel Concept Note - Call for Papers

In line with the broad conference theme, the [NGOs in Development Study Group](#) is interested in receiving papers [Read more...](#)

Panel Convenors: [Rachel Hayman](#) and [Susannah Pickering-Saqqa](#)

DSA Ireland

Call for Applications: DSA Ireland Postgraduate Research Workshop 2014

Now in its fourth year, DSA Ireland, with support from Kimmage Development Studies Centre, is pleased to announce the annual two day postgraduate research workshop to be held 19-20 June 2014. The workshop provides an energetic environment in which postgraduate researchers can present and refine their work; improve their skills for communicating confidently in networking conversations; develop contacts with other researchers, potential collaborators or future employers; and engage in lively discussion with peer and experienced researchers and practitioners. The deadline for applications is **16th May 2014**. The full call and application forms are available on the [DSA Ireland website](#).

This event is organised by the [DSA Ireland Postgraduate Researchers Working Group](#), with support from [DSA Ireland](#), [Kimmage Development Studies Centre](#), and [Irish Aid](#). Please send any queries to postgrad@dsaireland.org

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[Gender Mainstreaming in Dutch Development Cooperation: The Dialectics of Progress](#)

Conny Roggeband

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Anouka van Eerdewijk

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Maitrayee Mukhopadhyay

[‘Educating a Girl Means Educating a Whole Nation’ Gender Mainstreaming, Development and Islamic Resurgence in North Cameroon](#)

José C. M. van Santen

[Exploring the Transformative Potential of Gender Mainstreaming in International Development Institutions](#)

Jane L. Parpart

[Feminist Change Revisited: Gender Mainstreaming as Slow Revolution](#)

Tine Davids, Francien van Driel and Franny Parren

Research News

How can research be relevant to policy makers?

Research is no good to anyone if it gathers dust on a shelf, so we work to ensure our research is something policy makers can use. David Hulme, Director of The Brooks World Poverty Institute gives quick insight into how to ensure research is policy-relevant. [View video.](#)

Good enough global governance

The WTO claims it is not a development institution, yet many policy makers take for granted the mantra that trade = growth = development. Rorden Wilkinson of The Brooks World Poverty Institute argues that to prevent the WTO undermining the UN development system, a radical overhaul is required. [Read more](#)

Child protection systems

UNICEF recently hosted a webinar on the intersection between child protection systems and social protection. Armando Barrientos from The Brooks World Poverty Institute presents his slides and a recording of the webinar. [Read more...](#)

What's so interesting about Brazil?

Over the last ten years all Brazilians have seen their incomes rise, but the poorest have benefited significantly more than the richest. So what is so interesting about Brazil's approach to development and can lessons be shared with countries in Africa? [Read more...](#)

Deciphering the new politics of aid

What does it mean for aid to be political? Will the new politics agenda for development assistance be a source of solutions or of problems? Thomas Carrothers spoke to The Brooks World Poverty Institute about how to decipher the confusing new politics of aid. [Read more...](#)

Buying with a conscience: should we be buying garments made in Bangladesh?

Bangladesh is the world's second largest garment exporter supplying most major brands. Yet it has a reputation for poor working conditions and factory disasters, including the collapse of Rana Plaza in 2012 killing over 1,000 workers. These tragedies prompted the formation of the Accord on Fire and

Building Safety, an unprecedented coalition between 150+ brands and key trade unions.

Some question whether we should buy clothes from Bangladesh. Others are working proactively to ensure conditions for workers improve.

This panel discussion brings together leading researchers and actors to debate whether we can buy Bangladesh garments with a conscience – and what can be done to improve conditions for workers in the industry. [Read more...](#)

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Conferences and Events



Humanitarian Innovation Conference

Date: 19-20th July 2014

Location: Keble College, University of Oxford

The emerging trend of 'humanitarian innovation' has captured the minds and practices of humanitarian actors across the globe. Current debate has begun to document examples of ad hoc innovation in practice; however there is a need to develop a common language and greater conceptual clarity. This conference aims to provide a platform for discussion and debate, bringing together actors from UN agencies, NGOs, academia, and both the public and private sectors. [Register for the conference](#) (Deadline: 30 June 2014). [Read more...](#)

Tracking the gender politics of the Millennium Development Goals: what lessons for the post-2015 agenda?

Date: May 15th

Professor Naila Kabeer, Professor of Gender and Development, LSE.

The Millennium Declaration, signed at the start of the new millennium by over 180 world leaders, has been described as 'the world's biggest promise – a global agreement to reduce poverty and human deprivation at historically unprecedented rates through collaborative multilateral action'. The Declaration was translated into 8 goals with accompanying targets to be achieved by 2015. Along with poverty reduction and human development, these goals included gender equality and women's empowerment. Now as we draw close to 2015, there have been worldwide consultations about what will replace the MDGs. This lecture will focus on the gender politics of the processes which gave rise to the specific interpretations of gender equality and women's empowerment which featured in the Millennium Development Goals and the efforts by feminists advocates and activists to deepen and widen these interpretations. It will conclude by examining some of the lessons of this experience and how it is shaping feminist efforts to influence the post-2015 development agenda. [Read more...](#)

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Editors Jeremy Allouche, Marika Djolai, Eric Kasper, Rose Oronje, Ricardo Santos, Shilpi Srivastava and Linda Waldman

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New report looking at rural road(re)construction Transport and rural livelihoods in South Kivu

Substantial international investment has gone into the rehabilitation of the road infrastructure in DRC, but little is known about the impact of road rehabilitation on the organisation of urban-rural

transport or on rural people's lives. This new report is based on a survey among 1250 households in South Kivu, a review of the transport sector and qualitative community research. [Read more...](#)

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Latest Publications



[Gender & Development: Education issue](#)

Edited by Caroline Sweetman

What challenges do women and girls face in gaining access to quality education? The latest issue of the Gender & Development journal

explores the issues with perspectives from India, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Nepal, Honduras, Kenya and South Africa. Topics include the influence of family, the benefits and disadvantages of co-education, and how to challenge violence in schools.

[Hot and Hungry: How to stop climate change derailing the fight against hunger](#)

Anna Ratcliff

By 2050 there could be 50 million more people going hungry, according to evidence cited in the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. We've analysed ten key factors that influence a country's ability to feed its people in a warming world and found serious gaps in all areas, including weather monitoring systems, social safety nets, agricultural research and adaptation finance. We are calling for action to prevent hunger from governments, businesses and the public.

[Effective Public Policies and Active Citizenship: Brazil's experience of building a food and nutrition security system](#)

Marília Mendonça Leão and Renato S. Maluf

Brazil's Zero Hunger strategy enabled 28 million people to break free from hunger. Our new joint report looks at the factors which helped make this possible, and finds that political will and civil

society engagement were key to the campaign's success. As the West Africa Zero Hunger initiative launches Oxfam and others are looking to learn from Brazil. Read contributions from the UN and West Africa food justice campaigners in a [preface](#) to the report.

[Quick Guides to gender, rights and power analysis](#)

In our busy lives we all need something that will tell us the basics in

the time we have available. Our new Quick Guides do exactly that. The guides were developed to help Oxfam staff and partners get up to speed, and they have proved so useful we are now sharing them externally. Topics include Gender Analysis, Gender Sensitive Indicators, Women's Participation, Rights-based Approaches and Power Analysis.

[2012-13 Effectiveness Reviews](#)

We are committed to evaluating the success of our programmes and learning from the results to improve the impact we have on people's lives. As part of that commitment we've published 23 evaluations of our 2012/13 programmes. The effectiveness reviews cover our work in 23 countries and across 6 thematic areas: humanitarian response, adaptation and risk reduction, livelihood enhancement, women's empowerment, citizen voice, and policy influencing.

[A Tale of Two Britains: Inequality in the UK](#)

Sarah Dransfield

Income inequality in the UK has grown under successive governments over the past 25 years. Today, the five richest families in the UK are wealthier than the bottom 20 per cent of the entire population. Oxfam is calling for increased revenue raising from companies and individuals who avoid paying taxes, rather than relying on cuts to services that have a disproportionate impact on the poorest in society.

[Reversal in Progress on World Hunger Likely as Climate Change Threatens Food Security](#)

Tim Gore

New evidence of how climate change could damage our global food system is presented in the latest report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). This briefing summarises some of the key findings of the IPCC Working Group II report.

[Climate Change Resilience: The case of Haiti](#)

Marc Cohen and Bhawan Singh

The prospects for building Haiti's resilience to climate change are closely tied to post-earthquake reconstruction. As Haiti prepares for more disasters and rebuilds infrastructure, there is an opportunity to integrate climate resilience. This report analyses Haiti's adaptive capacity, and reviews finance and governance issues.

[British Foreign Policy in an Unequal World](#)

Ed Cairns

The age of interventions, such as those in Iraq and Afghanistan, is over. But a new rule-based world in which China, India, and others unite with Western powers to protect civilians and end conflicts has not come into being. After the 2015 UK general election, the test for UK foreign policy will be what it can do to help build that world.

[Close the Gap: How to eliminate violence against women beyond 2015](#)

Daniela Rosche

One in three women worldwide will experience some form of violence during their lifetime. Efforts to eliminate violence against women do not match the scale of the problem. As governments

and civil society review the Beijing Platform for Action and consider the post 2015 framework, there is an opportunity to close the gap.

[Global Humanitarian Indicator: Synthesis Report](#)

Marilise Turnbull

In 2011 Oxfam developed a framework of 'quality indicators' as an additional means to monitor, evaluate and learn from its programmes, and to enhance accountability to all stakeholders. This report contains the results of the five programme-specific evaluations and an evaluation of Oxfam's overall performance in 2012.

[Within and Without the State: Effective programming in fragile contexts](#)

Louie Fooks

Within and Without the State is piloting innovative approaches to working with civil society to promote more accountable governance in conflict-affected and fragile contexts. This report provides an overview of WWS's work from 2011 to 2013 in Yemen, South Sudan, Afghanistan and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

[Building Civil Society in the West Bank: A report of the Fostering Community Change project](#)

Louie Fooks

This report outlines the main activities of the Fostering Community Change in the Occupied Palestinian Territories project, which worked with civil society in the West Bank to identify its needs and priorities, and engage with power holders. The report describes the project's impact between April 2010 and November 2012, and offers key insights and lessons.

[Fostering Community Change in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Capacity building for non-state actors](#)

Samar Zidani-Baidoun

This external evaluation report sets out the main findings from the Fostering Community Change in the Occupied Palestinian Territories project. The evaluation details the areas of assessment, and makes recommendations for the future work in the West Bank and the design of future governance programmes.

[Building Inclusive Coconut-Based Livelihoods in Post-Haiyan Reconstruction in the Philippines](#)

Joel Rodriguez

Typhoon Haiyan damaged or destroyed more than 33 million coconut trees in the Philippines, putting at risk the livelihoods of more than one million farming households. This paper summarises the key results of consultations in affected provinces, held to help inform the government's rehabilitation and recovery plans.

[Rebuilding Fishing Communities and Fisheries: Post-Haiyan Reconstruction in the Philippines](#)

Grizelda Mayo Anda

Fishing and coastal communities in the Philippines are among the poorest and the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and the risk of disasters. This paper outlines the immediate recovery needs and gaps in the reconstruction efforts, and presents recommendations drawn from the fishing communities themselves.

[Afghanistan at a Crossroads: Recommendations for the UN Security Council on the 2014 UNAMA mandate](#)

Steph Cousins and Liz Cameron

As Afghanistan prepares for presidential elections and the withdrawal of international forces, insecurity continues to spread across the country. This multi-agency briefing outlines the key

concerns of civil society organizations in Afghanistan and puts forward suggested action for the consideration of UN Security Council members.

[Conflict Transformation: Transforming cultures of violence to overcome injustice and poverty](#)

Olloriak Sawade

This paper is part of a series of policy notes which outline our approach in humanitarian situations. Through thorough conflict analysis, founded on the experience and insight of local partners, Oxfam's work moves beyond conflict-sensitive aid to specific work designed to transform conflicts into peaceful societies.

[Review of Myanmar's Disaster Management Law from the Angle of Inclusivity](#)

Adele Peers

The Myanmar government passed its Disaster Management Law in July 2013, and is currently showing a willingness to move inclusive disaster management up the political agenda. This report points to the gaps in the implementation of the Disaster Management Law from the point of view of vulnerable groups.

[What Next for Mali? Four priorities for better governance in Mali](#)

Surendrini Wijeyaratne and Nicolas Vercken

This briefing note, based on the experiences of Oxfam and its Malian civil society partners, calls on the new Malian government to ensure: equitable development across all regions of the country; increased citizen participation, improved access to justice; and the promotion of national reconciliation.

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Gender in Political Economy Analysis

How is gender incorporated in political economy analysis, and which tools are used to do this? [View the response](#)

Topic guide on Safety, security and justice

Safety, security and justice are priorities for poor people and are associated with development outcomes. What do we know about what has – or hasn't – worked in safety, security and justice programming, and where? This new Topic Guide for policymakers and practitioners synthesises the evidence, challenges and approaches that emerge from the literature. [Download the guide.](#)

Prioritising and sequencing public sector reform

Identify and summarise literature on prioritising and sequencing public sector reform in developing countries. Where possible, focus on policy and planning, public financial management (PFM) and civil service reform. [View the response.](#)

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[Civil Society at a Crossroads - Most significant findings 40 years of NGO development: Time to rediscover a purpose?](#)

Brian Pratt

General Publications

Crisis

[Forced Migration Review, Issue 45](#)

Many people who are displaced, or become 'trapped', in the context of diverse humanitarian crises do not fit well within existing legal, policy and operational frameworks for the protection of refugees and IDPs. This raises questions about whether there needs to be – or can be – more systematic ways of dealing with assistance and protection for people affected by 'crises' such as environmental disruption, gang violence, nuclear disasters, food shortages and so on. FMR 45 contains 33 articles on crisis, migration and displacement, and eight general articles on other subjects relating to forced migration. [Read and download.](#)

[Revisiting therapeutic governance: the politics of mental health and psychosocial programmes in humanitarian settings](#)

RSC Working Paper 98, Katherine Rehberg, March 2014

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RSC Report, Louise Bloom, March 2014

Take the Gender & Development survey



Gender & Development aims to support all those involved in promoting gender equality and women's rights in development and humanitarian work. In 2014, the journal reaches the age of 21. As part of the journal's coming of age, a short survey has been designed to help *Gender & Development* meet its readers' interests and needs. It would

be greatly appreciated if you could give a short time to complete the survey, giving your opinions on what the journal does well, less well, and how it might do better in the next 21 years! [Click here to take part in the survey.](#)

Fieldwork in the Global South: Ethical Challenges and Dilemmas

The chapters cover fieldwork carried out in countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America on a broad sweep of development-related topics. This book should have wide appeal to undergraduates, postgraduates, and early-career researchers working under the broad umbrella of development studies. Although focused on fieldwork in the Global South, the discussions and reflections are relevant to field research in many other countries and contexts.

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Results in Advocacy | Evaluation Training Course

22nd & 23rd May 2014 | London

'Results in Advocacy' has an acclaimed portfolio of international alumni. Over two days this new course takes participants on a journey through the advocacy evaluation landscape. The course begins by highlighting the unique challenges faced in advocacy evaluation, supporting participants to understand which approaches, methods and tools will work best for their contexts. Learn how to get the best from theory of change processes in advocacy evaluation and learn the key steps in Process Tracing, a rigorous non-experimental advocacy impact assessment approach. To learn more: www.pamoja.uk.com/training.

Massive Open Online Course on Cooperation in the Contemporary World

The School of Government and Society at the University of Birmingham will be launching its first MOOC in May. The

University has partnered with FutureLearn on a number of MOOCs, and you can see the [full list](#). MOOCs are massive open online courses. So, they are free to do, carry no accreditation and no certificate, and are open to anyone. Just go onto the FutureLearn website and sign up. Ours begins on 12 May and runs for three weeks. The topic is Cooperation in the Contemporary World and the course features two of the staff in the International Development Department at Birmingham (Paul Jackson, Professor of African Politics; and Fiona Nunan, Director of IDD). [Read more...](#)

Key Concepts and Methods in Ethnography, Language and Communication

Date: 30th June – 4th July 2014

Is 'qualitative data analysis' too vague for you? Are you wondering how to do justice to your data?

If you're researching social processes, institutions, culture or identity etc, but you're unsure about how to analyse the discourse data from your fieldwork, then consider joining the 5 days research training course: 'Key concepts and methods in ethnography, language & communication.'

The programme is designed to help PhD and post-doctoral researchers to navigate the twin perils of over- and under-interpreting discourse data. It introduces a range of key perspectives and tools used to study language and communication ethnographically and it facilitates the study of social practice in a wide range of different settings – education, workplace, recreation, health etc. Initiated with ESRC funding in 2007 and now based in the King's ESRC Interdisciplinary Social Science Doctoral Training Centre, this will be our sixth ELC five-day course.

The programme team is: Prof Ben Rampton (Director), Prof Jan Blommaert, Dr Jeff Bezemer, Dr Carey Jewitt, Dr Adam Lefstein, Dr Julia Snell. For more information, please click [here](#).

IDS-DLGN Learning Retreat: Civic Engagement and Socially Inclusive Service Delivery

Tuesday 17 June 2014 - Friday 20 June 2014

Based at the Institute of Development Studies. [Read more...](#)

IDS-DLGN Learning Retreat: Public Financial Management and Decentralisation in developing countries

Monday 23 June 2014 - Thursday 26 June 2014

Based at the Institute of Development Studies. [Read more...](#)

Impact Assessment

Date: 2-4th June 2014

NGOs and CSOs are under growing pressure to assess the impact of their development efforts. They need to be able to justify their spending, learn to become more effective and, not least, to be accountable to their stakeholders.

This course explores some of the different approaches to impact assessment that can be used by NGOs; the value of planning for impact; and how to build impact assessment into existing structures and systems. It also offers an opportunity to experiment with a number of tools and methods, and with how to use findings for organisational learning. [Read more...](#)

Theory of Change Approaches

Date: 9-11th June 2014

There has been an increased interest in Theories of Change (ToCs) in the development sector. Some donors now require organisations to provide ToCs to accompany their proposals. Organisations who have already developed a ToC for their programmes have found that the process and the product can provide greater clarity for communication, planning and M&E; enhance partner relationships and support organisational development. This course gives participants an understanding of

what ToCs are; how they complement other planning, evaluation and impact assessment processes; and how they can be applied in different organizational contexts and situations. Knowledge and skills from this course can be applied to the development of Theory of Change approaches to planning, evaluation and assessing impact within programmes and organisations.

This three day course offers a clear conceptual overview of ToC, taster sessions in developing different elements of a ToC, and provides tailored guidance on designing and facilitating ToC processes which respond directly to participants' own identified needs. [Read more...](#)

Advocacy and Policy Influencing

Date: 23-27th June 2014

This course gives participants a thorough understanding of how to influence the policy making process in their own context to achieve policy change. You will learn skills to help you plan and deliver effective advocacy strategies; enhance your ability to lobby decision makers; and gain confidence in the ways in which you relate to different audiences. You will also have a more thorough understanding of power dynamics in an advocacy context. [Read more...](#)

If you have any questions about the courses or the application process, please contact: training@intrac.org or phone +44 1865 263040.

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Limited Term Assistant Professor Position in Conflict and Development *Simon Fraser University School for International Studies*

Deadline: May 16th, 2014

The School for International Studies invites applications from candidates in any social science discipline, for a one-year limited term position at the Assistant Professor level, in the field of Conflict and Development, starting in August 2014. The successful candidate will be expected to teach on insurgency and civil war, humanitarian intervention and peace-building at both graduate and undergraduate levels, and must also be ready to teach foundation courses in International Studies. Candidates will be expected to have expertise regarding a region of the developing world. In addition an ability to employ and teach mixed – quantitative and qualitative - methods will be an advantage. [Read more...](#)

Reader in Human Geography

Engineering and Environment
Ref: EAE13/28
Salary: £47,787 - £55,375
Closing date: May 11th 2014

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You must hold a first degree and be qualified to Doctoral level in a relevant discipline and have subject expertise in Human Geography with specialist knowledge gained through research activity, professional practice or consultancy. Proven ability to deliver high quality research led teaching within an appropriate field and a publication profile commensurate with the post of Reader are essential.

For informal enquiries about this post please contact Dr Mike Deary, Acting Head of Department of Geography on (0044) 0191 227 3593 or Professor John Woodward, Associate Dean Research and Innovation, on (0044) 0191 227 3048
[Visit the department page](#)

Teaching Fellow (fixed-term post)

We are seeking to recruit an exceptional individual with a clear commitment to the field of international development and a level of professional achievement commensurate with the post. The successful candidate will hold a degree in a relevant subject area, teaching experience at University-level in the area of Development Economics, and be able to satisfy the essential criteria detailed in the job description.

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For informal enquiries please contact:

Dr [Joe Devine](#), Head of Department, at (or +44(0)1225 383539); or

Prof [James Copestake](#), Head of the International Development Group, (or +44(0)1225 383859)

Director of the Child Poverty Global Initiative (0720)

Closing date: 15th May 2014

Save the Children is looking for a dynamic and experienced candidate to take on the role of Director of the Child Poverty Global Initiative (GI). You will provide the strategic leadership required to drive forward international learning, strengthen capacity to deliver quality programmes in the Save the Children membership, and advance the global child poverty priorities of Save the Children in development and humanitarian settings around the world. [Apply for the role](#)

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Call for Papers/Panels/Research

Many low- and middle-income countries are achieving good rates of economic growth, but high inequality remains a priority concern. Some countries meanwhile have low growth, high inequality, and pervasive poverty—often linked to their fragility. There is now an active debate on whether countries should set themselves goals for not only achieving absolute poverty reduction, but also lower inequality. But policy action needs to be better served by analysis and data.

This conference on 'Inequality – measurement, trends, impact, and policies' focuses on the latest developments in the measurement of inequality in income, wealth, and human development, drawing also on advances in measurements in the advanced economies. It will examine what we know about trends in inequality and discuss the impact of inequality on development, and the impact of development on inequality. And as the global development debate moves from the Millennium Development Goals to the post-2015 development agenda, the conference will draw out the implications of inequality for development policy and poverty reduction.

[Call for papers](#) for the conference is open until 15th May.
[Read more about the conference and submit an application on the event website.](#)

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For Students

PhD candidates in the field

The Brooks World Poverty Institute supports a number of PhDs to take on new research into poverty. Sally Cawood has recently returned from Bangladesh where she saw the reality of what she was researching. Find out what desk research could never have told her about collective action in slums. [Read more...](#)

Scholarships for Distance Learning with the International Development Department at the University of Birmingham

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission has awarded the IDD MSc in International Development (Conflict, Security and Development) DL up to five (full-fee) scholarships for 2014. The deadline for applications to the CSC is 16 May 2014. To apply, candidates must (a) apply for a place on the programme via the University of Birmingham's admissions system; and (b) apply separately (and immediately) for the scholarship via the CSC's [Electronic Admissions System](#). Scholarship candidates from Bangladesh, Cameroon, Mozambique, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Rwanda must provide evidence of their English competency with an IELTS score of no less than 6.5 (with at least 5.5 in each band).

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