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Connecting and promoting the development research community



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News from the DSA

DSA Study Group NEWS

Study Groups are the heart of the Development Studies Association (DSA). They provide the opportunity for scholars, practitioners and the wider development community to come together to discuss cutting edge issues. Study groups are there to encourage the development of new ideas, and to facilitate interaction and exchange. They are a dynamic part of the DSA and their trajectory and life span varies from group to group.

The DSA does all it can to support study group activities. There is a small fund for events, and a dedicated part of the development studies association website. Study groups have a chance to develop discussions through the annual meeting, exploratory workshops and online discussions. Previous panels have included study group sponsored sessions on 'NGOs in the new global context', 'The rising powers and global development governance in the post-2015 era', 'Desertification, livelihood security and sustainable land/water use management in Africa and Asia', and 'Poverty and anti-poverty in south Asia'.

Anyone can start a study group! *The only qualification is that you are a member of the DSA.*



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Study Groups Coordinators

[Giles Mohan](#) and [Ben Jones](#): *Do get in touch if you want to start a new study group or have any questions about their work.*

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Juan M. Villa

[Falling Inequality in Latin America: Policy Changes and Lessons, edited by Giovanni Andrea Cornia \(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, ISBN 978-0-19-870180-4, £60.00 \(h/b\), pp. 370.\)](#)

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[Natural Resource Extraction and Indigenous Livelihoods: Development Challenges in an Era of Globalization, edited by Emma Gilberthorpe and Gavin Hilson \(Surrey: Ashgate, 2014, ISBN 978-1-4094-3777-2, £65.60 \(h/b\), pp. 279\).](#)

Paul Robert Gilbert

Conferences and Events



Upcoming Conferences

Street trading in the Global South: Practical and theoretical challenges

Date: 25th March 2015

This full-day exchange seminar intends to connect isolated researchers and practitioners working on the topic from different regions of the world to contribute critically to existing or new theories towards the 'conceptualisation' of street trading in the Global Cities.

A provisional programme, information about the speakers and their papers, and registration information is all available via the DPU [Read more >](#)

www.devstud.org.uk

7th International i-Rec Conference: Reconstruction and Recovery in Urban Contexts

Dates: 6-8th July 2015

Disasters and crises are occurring more frequently and with greater intensity in urban areas. Such crises pose particular challenges for recovery and reconstruction. This conference seeks to push the boundaries of knowledge on reconstruction and develop new areas of inquiry that help to solve the complex problems faced in urban areas.

The event will bring together practitioners and academics from around the world. The call for Abstracts is still open, the deadline is on 2 March 2015. [Read more >](#)

International Conference on 'Gender Relations and Increasing Inequalities'

University of East Anglia, Norwich

Date: 6-8th July 2015

The Gender and Development Research Group at the School of International Development, University of East Anglia has a particular interest in social change, specifically the social and gendered dimensions of poverty reduction, inequality and social injustice.

The conference will be a good opportunity to reflect on global changes and the new challenges confronting the push for gender equality over the past two decades. The conference aims to bring together leading academics, researchers and research scholars for a sustained consideration of changing gender relations in contexts of rising inequality, and new ways of thinking about gender relations. We believe that a better understanding of how gender relations influence and are affected by processes of economic and social polarisation, at a range of scales from the very local to the global, is critical in order to inform development policy.

The conference has seven major panels:

- Migration, status and multi/trans-national relations
- Education / learning and changing aspirations
- "Gender Equality" norms, mobilisation and policy change
- Gender inequality, consumption and changing identities
- Labour markets, microfinance and women's empowerment
- Environmental/climatic change and gendered inequalities
- Gender and violence

Although places are limited, we also welcome the participation of individuals who are not presenting. [Read more >](#)

The History of Refuge

RSC Public Seminar Series, Hilary term 2015

Refugee Studies and Historiography have only lately begun to draw on each other more considerably. Some important studies in other disciplines have drawn on and examined historical events and developments of forced migration. Nonetheless, refugee research has long lacked an empirically rich history of its subject. Moreover, the focus of this fruitful cooperation is often directed at historical experiences and causes of flight. In contrast, this seminar series

will be concerned with the history of refugee protection, with hospitality, sanctuary and asylum for forced migrants throughout history. Speakers will present pre-modern forms of protection as well as various historical refugee policies in modern contexts. Their papers will illustrate continuities and transformations of refuge over time. Thereby, the seminar series will contribute to revealing the historicity of past and current challenges in refugee protection and to illuminating opportunities of lessons from the past.

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.

[Read more >](#)

This term's series is convened by [Dr J. Olaf Kleist](#).

International Summer School in Forced Migration

Date: 6-24th July 2015 ***Registration now open***
Oxford Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TB / Wadham College, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PN

Please note: Asfari Foundation and Saïd Foundation bursaries are available for Summer School candidates who work on refugee-related issues from Palestine, Lebanon and Syria (or Palestinians and Syrians resident in the Arab world).

Candidates wishing to be considered for bursary support must apply directly via the International Summer School office and not contact the funding body directly. The deadline for all complete bursary applications is **1st March 2015**. The deadline for all other applications is 1st May 2015.

The International Summer School in Forced Migration fosters dialogue between academics, practitioners and policymakers working to improve the situation of refugees and forced migrants. The Summer School offers an intensive, interdisciplinary and participative approach to the study of forced migration. It aims to enable people working with refugees and other forced migrants to reflect critically on the forces and institutions that dominate the world of the displaced.

The three-week course combines the very best of Oxford University's academic excellence with a stimulating and participatory method of critical learning and reflection.

[Read more >](#)

Humanitarian Innovation Conference 2015: Facilitating Innovation

Date: July 17-18th 2015
Keble College, University of Oxford

The conference is hosted by the [Humanitarian Innovation Project](#) in partnership with the [World Humanitarian Summit](#). A key focus of the conference will be how we enable innovation by and for affected communities. It will also seek to examine what facilitation means across the wider humanitarian ecosystem, and how we can better convene the collective talents of people within and across traditional and non-traditional humanitarian actors. Please visit the [website](#) to download the full call for papers. The deadline to submit proposals is 31 March 2015. All proposals should be submitted to hiproject@qeh.ox.ac.uk.

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Courses

Palestine Refugees and International Law

RSC Short Course

Date: 6-7th March 2015, British Institute, Amman, Jordan
13-14th March 2015, Asfari Institute, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

This two day short course places the Palestinian refugee case study within the broader context of the international human rights regime. It examines, within a human rights framework, the policies and practices of Middle Eastern states as they impinge upon Palestinian refugees. Through a mix of lectures, working group exercises and interactive sessions, participants engage actively and critically with the contemporary debates in international law and analyse the specific context of Palestinian refugees in the Middle East (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel).

Applicants should indicate their preferred location on their application form. [Read more >](#)

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Calls for Papers



Developmental States beyond East Asia: Call for Papers

Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
Date: Friday, June 5, 2015

The workshop aims to attract academics and practitioners from a variety of sub-disciplines in the social sciences, including comparative and international political economy, development studies, economic and political sociology, economic geography, and anthropology, among others. A small amount of funding has been made available by the Political Studies Association for travel stipends for postgraduate students. We strongly encourage papers which take historical approaches, intra- and inter-regional comparisons, single case studies on sectors, regions and countries, or those focusing on relations between states, markets and labour. This one-day workshop will set a new intellectual agenda based on cross-cutting research linking state theory, globalization and neoliberalism.

Keynote Speakers:

- James Putzel
Professor of Development Studies, London School of Economics
- David Booth
Director of the Developmental Regimes in Africa Project, Overseas Development Institute

Deadlines: Please send an abstract of no more than 300 words to devstateconference@gmail.com by 30 March 2015 and indicate if

you would like to be considered for a postgraduate travel stipend.
[Read more >](#)

African Studies Association Conference: Call for Proposals

Conference theme: "The State and Study of Africa"
San Diego 2015

The deadline to receive proposals for the conference is March 15, 2015. There is a strand of panels looking at 'repurposing development studies' chaired by Ben Jones. More information on the conference can be found [here](#). Or you can contact [Ben Jones](#).

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For Students

Open Days for Doctoral Students

The [Social Sciences](#) event will take place on 23 February 2015. Students will learn about our collections, find out how to access them, and meet our expert staff as well as other researchers in their field. In addition to an understanding of the Library's collections, the students gain a wider introduction to the information landscape in their field and research opportunities opening up in digital information environment. Numbers are limited and, as these events are very popular, and early booking is encouraged.

For details of the all Open Days and how to book please see our [website](#). Places cost £5.00 and this includes lunch.

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Funding Opportunities

Urban Studies Foundation - International Fellowship

The Urban Studies Foundation is pleased to announce the next round of funding for its International Fellowship. We would be grateful if you could circulate the attached information to staff and postdoctoral students within your institution who may find it of interest. Further Particulars and an Application Form are available to download from the [Foundation's website](#).

The closing date for applications is 6th March 2015.

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Refugees Studies Centre



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Roger Zetter, 2014

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Cathryn Costello, Minos Mouzourakis, 2014

Working Papers

[Smuggled migrant or migrant smuggler: erosion of sea-borne asylum seekers' access to refugee protection in Canada](#)

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agencies, synthesising the latest evidence and expert thinking to inform policy and practice. Our latest publications include:

[Service Delivery](#)
Topic Guide

Equitable access to essential public services is vital for human development, inclusive growth, and tackling persistent inequality. This topic guide provides an overview of the best available evidence on inclusive service delivery. It includes lessons from cases where aid has been effective at addressing weak front-line incentives, where services have been delivered in very difficult environments, or where access has been expanded equitably over time.

[Decentralisation and Local Government](#)
Topic Guide

Estimates suggest that decentralisation is being pursued in over 80% of developing countries worldwide. For many people, local government is the part of government that most directly impacts on their lives, particularly via the provision of services like water, sanitation, and primary education and healthcare. This topic guide provides an overview of the types of decentralisation, it looks at the and the changing role of the state and details practical options for local government design as well as considerations for those wanting to strengthen local government through specific capacity-building work.

[Social media and conflict management in post-conflict and fragile contexts](#)
Helpdesk Research Report

This report looks at recent evidence of the role of social media in post-conflict and fragile contexts with regards to conflict management. It finds that in some cases social media and other new media tools have been used to help hold governments accountable, bring citizens together to protest violence, coordinate relief efforts, empower citizens, provide information, and build bridges of understanding across boundaries.

[Lessons from Female Engagement Teams](#)
Helpdesk Research Report

This report looks at the lessons on what worked well with the use of military Female Engagement Teams (FETs) and what the main challenges were. It focused on lessons drawn from US and UK experiences. The report finds that FETs have had positive engagement with both women and men and were viewed as a kind of 'third gender'. The main challenges identified include: lack of female interpreters; lack of access to women and lack of leadership support, training, and coordination.

[Refugee, IDP and host community radicalisation](#)
Helpdesk Research Report

This report makes reference to the Middle East and looks at factors that can help to explain why refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) may become radicalised and whether humanitarian aid contributes to this. Factors discussed are: socioeconomic conditions, political and external factors, geographic factors and camp design, protracted situations and the impact of refugees on host communities.

General Publications

Read a collection of content on the MDGs

Aid and Development: A Brief Introduction by Myles Wickstead (Oxford University Press, 2015)

Publishing this summer, as the MDGs transition to the SDGs, this is "an invaluable and accessible introduction to the subject for students of international development, volunteers and members of NGOs" (Sir David Green, former Director VSO), which details the broad historical and political context for aid and development and includes a compendium of development terms expanding on key ideas and concepts. [Read more >](#)

DPU SummerLab 2014 pamphlet now available to download for free

This publication features work and reflections coming from a series of workshops run in 2014 in Medellin, Beirut, London. Contributors include our local collaborators, workshop participants and members of the DPU coordinating staff. [Read more and download your copy](#)

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Policy and Practice: A Development Education Review Issue 19 now available

Policy and Practice is a peer reviewed, open access, bi-annual journal published by the Centre for Global Education (Belfast) and funded by Irish Aid. Issue 19 of the journal is titled 'Finding the 'Historically Possible': Contexts, Limits and Possibilities in Development Education' and suggests that the differentiation and diversity of development education in terms of education settings, providers and target groups can serve to limit or expand its possibilities. The current issue and entire archive is available [here](#). For further information contact [Stephen McCloskey \(Editor\)](#)

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