

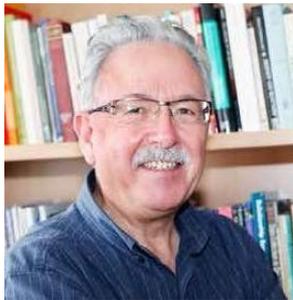
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President's foreword

Evenings getting shorter and leaves coming down...and the international bandwagon has moved on from New York and the Sustainable Development Goals to Paris and climate change (COP 21 summit). The recent collaboration between President's Obama and Xi announcing limits to carbon emissions augurs well for Paris but it seems unlikely that the initial promises from 147 UN member states will add up to 'capping global warming at 2°C'. If you are interested in these global goals processes then do take a look at <http://www.project-everyone.org/>. Richard Curtis (yes, Four Weddings and a Funeral) has converted the Sustainable Development Goals into the Global Goals for Sustainable Development... with the help of One Direction and a host of celebrities. The hope is that this re-packaging will make the goals more citizen-friendly – and they will be tweeted around the world. I am not all that sure that social justice and sustainability will make progress because of a social media frenzy and celebrity endorsements.

On the domestic front then the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review, to be announced in November, is grabbing attention. For higher education the predictions are of the research councils being merged into a single body and HEFCE being scaled down or closed down. The ring-fencing of the budget for international development should give research on development studies a degree of protection that many other fields will envy. Whatever, it seems likely that universities – like most institutions receiving some public funding – will be planning for more 'austerity' in 2016.... watch this space!

David Hulme
DSA President

DSA Study Group news

DSA Gender, Policy and Development Study Group

The role of volunteers in governance

6th Nov 2015, 2-5 followed by a drinks reception.
Talbot Hall, Lady Margaret Hall Oxford

Presentation and discussion of the report: State of the world's volunteerism: Transforming governance, UNV, Bonn, 2015
[Read more](#)

DSA Women and Development Study Group

Workshop: Working with Sensitive Subjects

6th November 2015
London International Development Centre, 36 Gordon Sq,
London WC1H 0PD

Convened by Jasmine Gideon (Birkbeck), Ruth Pearson (Leeds) and Katy Jenkins (Northumbria)

Contributions are invited from academic and development practitioners with relevant experience in the field to discuss the issues arising from these questions, by 12th October.
[Read more.](#)

DSA Scotland Study Group

African Enterprise and Economic Development: A Proud History: A Promising Future

12-13th November, University of West of Scotland (UWS – Paisley Campus).

The DSA (through the DSA Scotland Study Group) is providing some support for a "Launch Conference and Inauguration" of the new Centre for African Research on Enterprise and Economic Development (CAREED) in the University of West of Scotland.

In the afternoon and evening of 12th November there will be a welcome from Professor Jeanne Keay (Vice Principal International UWS) and Professor John Struthers (Director of CAREED). Following this will be "The Africa Debate: African Enterprise and Economic Development: A Proud History: A Promising Future" led by noted African diplomats and by the Chief Executive of the Glasgow-based African Forum Scotland. A keynote address will be given by Fiorina Mugione (UNCTAD Geneva) on "Entrepreneurship in Africa: Achievements and Challenges". Mr Humza Yousaf, Minister for Europe and International Development in the Scottish Government, will also join the proceedings.

In the morning of Friday 13th November there will be two parallel sessions, which will include presentations by academics at UWS who will be based in the research centre, external speakers, and PhD students of the UWS. The parallel sessions will be on: "Enterprise, Social Business and Diaspora", and on "Commodities and Trade". In the afternoon there will be plenary sessions on "Aid, Economic Development, Infrastructure and Microfinance", the first of which will consist of two presentations from DSA Scotland, and the second will include further presentations from the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh and from past and present UWS research students.

Further details are available from john.struthers@uws.ac.uk

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EADI news

EADI has published a [list of MOOCs](#) offered by EADI members, categorised according to topics:

To ensure updated content on the website and maximum information flow among EADI members, they ask you to send further information and suggestions regarding the MOOCs to be included on the webpage, to editor_eneads@eadi.org.

Conferences and Events

Meet the International Development Select Committee: a Reception for Early Career Academics

Mon 23 November 2015, 6.30-8.15pm (arrival at 6.15pm)
CPA room, Palace of Westminster

The [International Development Select Committee](#) and [Parliament's Outreach Service](#) warmly invite you to join our Members and staff at a reception for early career academics on Monday 23 November. The event will provide an exciting opportunity to discuss the work of the Committee, and discover how early career academics can contribute towards inquiries and make their voices heard in Parliament.

With short presentations by the Chair, Stephen Twigg MP, and Committee specialist, Rachael Cox, followed by a networking reception, the evening will provide a unique opportunity to discover how your expertise can support the work of a Parliamentary Committee.

The event is free to attend, although tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will operate if the event is fully subscribed. [Register](#) using the password: Outreach

Event programme

- 6.15-6.30pm: Arrival
- 6.30-6.35pm: Welcome and introduction to Outreach, Leoni Kurt
- 6.35-6.45pm: Welcome note: 'About the International Development Committee', by the Chair of the Committee, Stephen Twigg MP
- 6.45-6.55pm: 'Beyond the usual suspects – how early career academics can contribute to the work of the IDC', by a Rachael Cox, Committee Specialist
- 6.55-8.15pm: Drinks reception and networking

Academy of Social Sciences lecture

Tue 17th November, 6.30pm, British Library

The next Academy-British Library public lecture in our 'Enduring Ideas' series. Professor Dominic Abrams FAcSS, Professor of Social Psychology and Director of the Centre for the Study of Group Processes at the University of Kent, will talk on 'The Problem of Prejudice'. The evening will be chaired by Professor Dame Helen Wallace, Foreign Secretary and International Vice-President of the British Academy, and British Library Board member.

Professor Abrams will consider whether a tendency to stereotype and judge is an inherent part of human nature, an inevitable feature of society, or something that could be prevented through education and social policy. He will discuss whether or not it is wildly optimistic to aim for sustained societal harmony, and promote discussion on whether the tension between our desire for social cohesion and our tendency to pre-judge others means diverse communities will never be easy to sustain.

[Read more.](#)

DSA Ireland Annual conference
Transformative Change?
The Role of Evidence-Based Research and Impact in Global Development
19-20 November 2015
[Read more and register.](#)



Between Precarity and Prosperity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Global 'New Middle'

Friday 11th March 2016, Anatomy Museum, Strand Campus, King's College London
Convenors: Jelke Boesten, Luke Schlogl and Andy Sumner, KCL
Call for papers: deadline 1st Dec 2015

The burgeoning global 'new middle' has attracted the interest of social scientists from a range of disciplines. The group has been labeled 'middle class' even though much of this new group is not far above any reasonable poverty line and exists alongside established middle classes in developing countries. The objective of this workshop is to develop a nuanced, interdisciplinary understanding of the characteristics, agency and impacts of the emerging new middle in the developing world. Looking beyond macro-sociological and purely economic

approaches, it traces the complexities, fragility and inner cleavages that are essential for understanding the emergence and consequences of this contemporary social phenomenon. For further information on the workshop and guidelines on the submission please see the attached document. Please contact the conference team at lukas.schlogl@kcl.ac.uk for any questions.

We invite abstracts (max 400 words excl. references) for presentations of about 15-20 minutes addressing the three above-mentioned areas of interest. Email to lukas.schlogl@kcl.ac.uk with the subject line "Abstract - Between Precarity and Prosperity"

Notification of acceptance: 15/12/15; Deadline for draft papers: 4/3/16; Conference: 11/3/16.

3rd MENA social policy network conference

"A new social contract for MENA (Middle East and North Africa) countries: Experiences from Development and Social Policies"

5-6 December 2016

German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn, Germany
Organised in partnership with the University of Bath Institute for Policy Research (IPR).

A formal conference is being prepared. Meanwhile please contact the organisers if you have queries: Markus Loewe (Markus.Loewe@DIE-GDI.DE) and Rana Jawad (R.Jawad@bath.ac.uk)
[View website.](#)

The Changing Face of Global Mobility: Celebrating 10 Years of the International Migration Institute

St Anne's College, University of Oxford, 13-15 January 2016

In January 2006 the International Migration Institute (IMI) was founded at Oxford University by Stephen Castles and Steven Vertovec with the aim of developing a long-term and forward-

looking perspective on international migration as an intrinsic part of global change. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of IMI, this conference seeks both to review the progress made in reaching these aims and to explore new conceptual horizons for understanding migration processes and their impacts for origin and destination societies.

The aim of this interdisciplinary conference is to advance theoretical understanding of the nature, drivers and impacts of migration processes. Contributions will address questions central to the IMI research themes.

[Read more and register.](#)

Inclusive Political Settlements: The Theory and Practice of Transforming Conflict

Summer School 2016 at the Global Justice Academy
20-22 June 2016 – University of Edinburgh
Call for Applications Now Open

Join the University of Edinburgh Political Settlements Research Programme, the Global Justice Academy and the Global Development Academy this summer for an intensive three-day summer school on Theory and Practice of Transforming Conflict.

- Day one will discuss concepts and approaches to the post-conflict political settlement.
- Day two will focus on inclusivity, with particular emphasis on the role of norms and gender.
- Day three will deal with the issues of evaluation and measurement of the transformation of political settlements.

To facilitate a lively and enriching discussion, all participants are expected to share their written papers a week before the start of the Summer School. A detailed programme of all the sessions and speakers will be published in early 2016.

Speakers

Prof Christine Bell (University of Edinburgh)
Dr Veronique Dudouet (Berghof Foundation, Berlin)
Colleen Duggan (International Development Research Centre)
Prof Samuel Hickey (University of Manchester)
Prof Roger Mac Ginty (University of Manchester)
Dr Zoe Marks (University of Edinburgh)
Dr Catherine O'Rourke (University of Ulster)

4th Annual Researchers in Development Network (RiDNet) Conference, University of Leeds

"Conducting Fieldwork in Development Contexts: Expectations, Encounters and Entanglements"

Monday 30th November 2015, 9-5.30pm followed by drinks reception
School of Earth and Environment, Seminar Rooms 8.119.
University of Leeds, Woodhouse Lane, LS2 9JT

Key note speakers:

- Professor Jenny Pearce, Professor of Latin American Studies, Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford
- Dr Sam Spiegel, Director of Research, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh
- Dr Martin Lamb, School of Education, University of Leeds
- Dr Suman Seth, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative and University of Leeds Business School

Why this conference?

The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry Robert Burns, Scottish poet

Seasoned researchers tell us time and again that good planning will only get you so far in fieldwork. Increasingly PhD and early career researchers are expected to be reflexive and adaptive, able to cope with uncertainty, rapidly changing circumstances and unfamiliar contexts. But how to do this is a little explored area of PhD training. The 4th Annual RiDNet Conference aims to fill that gap by showcasing a range of methodologies that researchers may want to add to their fieldwork 'toolkit', whilst reflecting on real-life experiences of fieldwork, to help you to dynamically manage the demands of developing world research. [Read more.](#)

Courses

The School of International Development and Global Studies at the University of Ottawa offers an exciting interdisciplinary PhD program in International Development. The program is now seeking applicants for its fourth class to begin in September 2016.

<http://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/dvm/phd>

The University of Ottawa's PhD program is the first of its kind in Canada, offered by the country's largest academic unit specializing in international development. Located in the heart of

the nation's capital, the University of Ottawa is just minutes from Canada's policy-makers in international development as well leading research institutions and development organizations. Research opportunities in this program cover a broad range of topics: livelihoods, resources, and sustainability; social movements, equity, and human rights; growth, private sector, and social inclusion; and conflict, transitions, and peace. Our faculty members have widely-recognized expertise in these areas, as well as knowledge and experience in all of the developing regions.

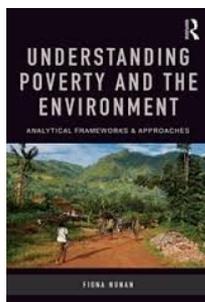
Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of both young scholars continuing their academic training and career professionals motivated to deepen their expertise. It is geared toward both development theory and policy and practice. The program is truly interdisciplinary, with courses and supervision offered by faculty with diverse academic backgrounds as well as breadth of experience in the field with international organizations, development agencies, and NGOs.

For application procedures and funding opportunities, see the website; for questions on the program, e-mail [sidsg\(at\)uOttawa.ca](mailto:sidsg(at)uOttawa.ca).

The deadlines for applications are December 1, 2015 for international students and January 15, 2016 for Canadian students and permanent residents.

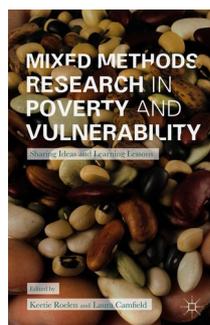
Publications

DSA Member publications



[Understanding Poverty and the Environment: Analytical frameworks and approaches](#), Fiona Nunan

Read a blog on the motivation behind the book and its novel features [here](#).



[Mixed Methods Research in Poverty and Vulnerability](#), Edited by Keetie Roelen, Laura Camfield



[The Routledge Handbook of Industry and Development](#), edited by John Weiss and Michael Tribe.

If you have a book out and you're a DSA member please email [membershipadmin\(at\)devstud.org.uk](mailto:membershipadmin(at)devstud.org.uk) with details by the 26th of the month, and we'll announce it in the next Bulletin.

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Latest publications Policy

[Solidarity With Syrians: Action needed on aid, refuge, and to end the bloodshed](#)

The international community has failed so far to address the spiralling catastrophe in Syria. This briefing calls for urgent and immediate action by the international community to deal with this deepening crisis.

[The Nepal Earthquake Six Months On: What needs to happen now?](#)

On 25 April 2015, Nepal was struck by a massive earthquake. Many of the affected people have received some support, but others are still waiting. This joint-agency media briefing summarizes the current situation and the challenges to be overcome as the effort continues.

[Rebuilding a More Resilient Nepal: Key recommendations for reconstruction and recovery](#)

Reconstruction provides an opportunity to build back better and create a stronger, more equal country. This briefing paper considers the successes and challenges of the response so far, and looks at what must be done to ensure a more resilient and equitable recovery.

[Even It Up: Scotland's role in tackling poverty by reducing inequality at home and abroad – Oxfam's policy priorities for the Scottish Parliament](#)

In this report, Oxfam Scotland urges the Scottish Parliament to use its powers to reduce inequality and poverty, both at home in Scotland and abroad.

[Entering Uncharted Waters: El Niño and the threat to food security](#)

Millions of poor people in Southern Africa, Asia and Central America face hunger and poverty this year and next because of climate change, and the onset of a powerful El Niño –climate phenomenon.

[Welfare Reform and Work Bill 2015–16: Oxfam's written submission to the House of Commons Public Bill Committee, 21 September 2015](#)

Oxfam's published evidence to the House of Commons Public Bill Committee highlights major concerns about the Welfare Reform and Work Bill which will make substantive changes to support for low-paid working people.

[Africa's Smallholders Adapting to Climate Change: The need for national governments and international climate finance to support women producers](#)

Climate change is undermining the ability of African nations to feed themselves. Women smallholder producers are on the front line of dealing with the impacts, but not for international climate finance.

Research

[Fair Shares: A civil society equity review of INDCs](#)

This report is an independent review assessing the commitments that have been put on the table for the UN climate conference in Paris this December. It aims to identify which countries are offering to do their fair share and which need to do more – and presents recommendations on how the latter can close the gap.

[Warrantage in Burkina Faso: Grain storage and access to credit](#)

The warrantage system provides access to credit for income-generating activities and grain storage. This report describes how warrantage operates and provides an analysis of its economic viability in Burkina Faso. (French only)

[From Lessons to Practice and Impact: Scaling up pathways in peoples' biodiversity management](#)

This briefing shares the results of a three year programme working with indigenous peoples and smallholder farmers on biodiversity management. It includes short case studies from Peru, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.

[Final Evaluation: Sanctuary in Wales project](#)

The Sanctuary in Wales Project delivered opportunities for women seeking sanctuary (asylum-seekers and refugees) in Wales between 2012 and 2015. This is a summary of the evaluation undertaken by Arad Research.

Programme Learning

[Systems Thinking: An introduction for Oxfam programme staff](#)

How can organizations adapt to changing conditions and ensure the benefits of programmes are shared as widely as possible? This paper introduces the concept of 'systems thinking' for Oxfam staff and the broader development community.

Latest blog posts

[Syria: what does it take to spark compassion?](#)

[The best job in the world: aid worker reflections](#)

[Will welfare reform mean increased poverty?](#)

[Designing programmes which are young at heart](#)

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Monitoring and Evaluation series

INTRAC's M&E [special series](#) is an online resource that builds on the many documents, papers, articles and books on M&E that have been published over the past few decades; as well as on the practical experiences of INTRAC staff and consultants.

It is hoped that the [papers](#) will provide an entry-point for people who are new to M&E, as well as being a useful resource for those with more knowledge and experience.

INTRAC Blog

[Aid under fire - supporting people in conflict and protecting those who do](#) - by INTRAC Executive Director Michael Hammer

[Sustainable Development Goals - did that just happen?](#) - by Dan James, INTRAC Senior Research Consultant

INTRAC training

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INTRAC's face to face training courses are three and five day courses delivered in Oxford, UK. With participants from a range of countries and different organisations, this offers an excellent opportunity to build on skills and knowledge, whilst sharing experiences and networking with other professionals in the sector.

[Facilitating Anywhere](#) (12 Jan (online), then 19-21 Jan 2016)
[Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation](#) (1-5 February 2016)
[Advocacy and Policy Influencing](#) (22-26 February 2016)

Forthcoming [online training](#) courses:

If you can't attend one of our courses in Oxford, our online courses are a cost effective and engaging alternative, which combines webinar technology, self-directed learning and a coaching session with the trainer

[Foundation Monitoring and Evaluation](#) (Jan-Mar 2016)
[Advocacy and Policy Influencing](#) (Feb-Mar 2016)
[Use of Evidence](#) (Feb-Mar 2016)

Practical Action

PRACTICAL ACTION

We've just launched our 'Pumpkins Against Poverty' appeal and until the end of December all donations will be doubled by the UK Government. This means that your support will go even further and help lift more families out of poverty, for good. [Read more.](#)

Free school resources

Do you have children aged between 7-11 or know someone that does? Maybe you know some school teachers? If so, then check out our brilliant 'Pumpkins Against Poverty' [education resources](#). They're completely free and will help children explore the difference that growing pumpkins can make to the lives of people living in flood affected regions of Bangladesh.

CDS-Bath

Recent working papers

['Upliftment', friends and finance: Everyday concepts and practices of resource exchange Underpinning mobile money adoption in Kenya](#)
Susan Johnson and Froukje Krittenberg (October 2015).

[Towards a Pural History of Microfinance](#)

James Copestake et al (October 2015).

Recent publications

Carr, M., Charles, A., Dolfsma, W., McMaster, R. and Warnecke, T., 2015. [Effective contributions to the review of social economy and social economics](#) - editorial. Review of Social Economy, 73 (2), pp. 139-145

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Copestake, J., 2015. [Whither development studies? Reflections on its relationship with social policy](#). Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy, 31 (2), pp. 100-113.

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Thomas, S., 2015. [Rethinking religious violence: Towards a mimetic theory approach to violence in international relations](#). Journal of International Political Theory, 11 (1), pp. 61-79.

UKCDS

The [UK Collaborative on Development Sciences](#) (UKCDS) has published a collection of the [top 20 most impressive examples of UK research contributing to development](#). These were selected from the 6,975 case studies submitted to the [Research Excellence Framework](#) and re-written into shorter, more engaging stories.

Amongst the 20 impact stories are research projects looking at:

- [Evaluating and improving major road networks](#) (University of Birmingham)
- [Ensuring a safe and secure future for West Africa](#) (King's College London)
- [Using beehives to ward of crop-raiding elephants](#) (University of Oxford)

Many of the research projects can be linked to the [newly agreed Sustainable Development Goals](#), demonstrating the role that research can play in global development.

Last chance to complete ESRC survey

The Economic and Social Research Council are keen to understand the experiences and issues faced by early-career social scientists. They have commissioned a survey from researchers at the UCL Institute of Education to enable improvements to be made to existing support for early-career social scientists before, during and after their doctoral studies.

They do not wish to predefine exactly who is an early-career social scientist so leave it to potential respondents to self-identify themselves as part of this group, as long as they have a doctorate or equivalent. (Please note, they are not targeting current doctoral students.)

We encourage you complete the [survey](#), which should take no more than 20 minutes, before 11th November.

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