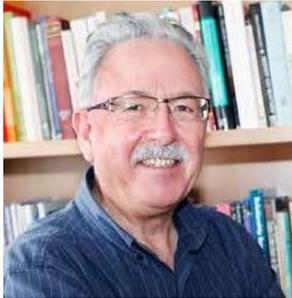




Welcome to the DSA Bulletin for January 2016

President's foreword



A Happy New Year to all DSA members and best wishes for 2016 – may it be productive and enjoyable for all engaged in Development Studies (and also for the poor and disadvantaged across the world).

The main 'news' this month concerns the **DSA 2016 Conference** at the University of Oxford – **12 to 14 September** – get the dates in your diary. The conference website with initial call for panels can be accessed [here](#), and much of this information is repeated here in this Bulletin. The conference theme for 2016 is 'Politics in Development' and panels (and later papers) on this topic are particularly encouraged. Panels and papers on other issues are also welcomed so please do give sometime this week (before things get too busy) to think through what panel you wish to propose or which paper you want to present at Oxford. We are negotiating plenary sessions with world-leading scholars on politics in development and details will follow when we have confirmations. This conference is already shaping up into an exciting event.

On a more parochial note: my own institution, the University of Manchester, has decided to invest and expand in Development Studies and will be launching the Global Development Institute (bringing together the strengths of the Institute for Development Policy and Management and the Brooks World Poverty Institute). You are all cordially invited to the Launch Event on Wednesday 17 February which will include a public lecture from Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of Oxfam, on 'Inequality and Global development'. Register online [here](#). I do hope to see you at the launch.

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DSA News

DSA2016: Politics in Development

The 2016 annual conference of the Development Studies Association (DSA) will be hosted by the Oxford Department of International Development (ODID) at the University of Oxford from **12-14 September**. The conference will take place in the historic Examination Schools in the centre of the city, with accommodation provided in nearby colleges.

We warmly invite all interested researchers to join us in Oxford for the DSA2016 conference. There will be three days of scintillating keynotes, plenary sessions and parallel panels, interspersed with a dinner, drinks reception and book launch and exhibits. We expect over 300 academics and practitioners to participate in this exciting programme. The conference is titled **Politics in Development**, and a brief theme describes possible focus for some of the panels and papers. While panels (and later papers) directly addressing the conference theme are particularly encouraged, proposals on any issue relevant to the understanding of international development are welcomed.

Theme

This conference aims to explore the theme of politics and development. While panels (and later papers) directly addressing the conference theme are particularly encouraged, proposals on any issue relevant to the understanding of international development are welcomed.

While axiomatic that development is inherently political, 'politics' is conceived in myriad different ways in development studies, policy and practice. Different disciplines – anthropology, economics, geography, international relations, sociology, political science and others - have adopted different approaches to conceptualizing politics. The methods used to analyse political factors vary enormously from detailed case studies to formalised Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) to large-N cross-country analysis. Cross-disciplinary approaches weave together very different mixes of these concepts and methods.

Yet, how politics is understood has critical implications for both scholarly analysis and practical intervention. It matters how politics in development is interpreted and analysed, be it in terms of regime type, governance and institutional design; or radical assertion of citizenship; or contestation of dominant development paradigms; or hegemonic discourses driving policy agendas; or corporate interests determining public policy; or exercise of power in social hierarchies; or everyday forms of unequal relationships. In recent years there are strong indications that development practice, particularly that of aid agencies/development partners, has been shifting from the conveniently fuzzy concept of 'governance' to using the more hard-edged concepts of politics, power and political economy.

Bearing in mind such diverse and divergent approaches to politics, and mindful of the ever stronger political nexus between geopolitical security and international development at the present conjuncture, this conference will compare and reflect on a range of different empirical and theoretical perspectives on the interplay of politics and development, with the latter seen both as 'intentional' practice and as an 'immanent' process of social and economic change, to borrow the terms used by Cowen and Shenton. Papers and panels at the conference on this theme are expected to encompass local to global scales of analysis, and range from examining development interventions, political ideas, action and institutions, to exploring informal and quotidian politics and struggles over economic, institutional and symbolic resources, to studies of inequality, deprivation, poverty and exploitation, and their structural underpinning in relations of political power and dominance.

These are some suggested topics - we welcome all contributions that illuminate the theme of politics in development from any analytical angle and in a variety of ways. The conference is intended to be as inclusive as possible, and therefore, paper and panel proposals on other topics will also be included in the conference programme. Please note that papers can be proposed - either to specific panels or as standalone papers - after the Call for Panels has ended and the Call for Papers been announced.

The Oxford Department of International Development, host of DSA2016, will offer bursaries to students and early career post-doctoral researchers, to help cover the participation costs (details to follow on the site).

The call for panels is now open and closes on 29 February. Decisions over panel proposals will be made by a DSA Council sub-committee and the Call for Papers will open on 14 March.

Whereas previously DSA has sought panel proposals complete with their constituent papers, this year we are adopting another widely-used model. Convenors need only propose the panel title and abstract itself. If accepted, the panel will then be open to paper proposals from all-comers. So while convenors may have specific contributors in mind and have already sought their willingness to participate in the specific panel before proposing it, this is neither a requirement, nor will this be the only proposals a panel might receive. The idea is to open up the conference process to allow for the creation of new networks, putting people in touch with each other who have related research interests.

Website:

Full information (theme, calendar, timetable and call for panels) is now available on the [conference website](#).

Once again, please note the dates: 12-14 September.

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Study group news

DSA Migration, Development and Social Change Study Group workshop

Latin American Perspectives on Migration, Social Inequalities and Life Transitions LIDC, Monday 1 February 2016

This one day workshop, to examine the life transitions experienced by international migrants from and within Latin America and how these are linked to broader social inequalities, will take place on 1st February in London. [Read more.](#)

DSA Women and Development SG annual conference

This event took place on 6th November, at the LIDC in London, and the abstracts of the papers are [now online](#). (Scroll down to the previous meetings section.)

DSA Urbanisation and Development Study Group workshop

Back to the Urban Future University of Sheffield, Wednesday 27 January 2016

This first event organised by the DSA Urbanisation and Development study group aims to bring together established and early career researchers to reflect on our learning in this field so far and what our knowledge and experience implies for the current global debates on urbanisation and development. [Read more.](#)

DSA Scotland Study Group

DSA Scotland Conference, June 2016, University of Edinburgh Announcement and Call for Papers - deadline 8th February

The next meeting of DSA Scotland is being planned for June 2016, and it is to be held in the University of Edinburgh for the first time in several years. It will be hosted by the Global Development Academy. The main theme will be focused on the new Sustainable Development Goals, and presentations relating to this theme are invited from active researchers based in Scotland. [Read more.](#)

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

This event took place on 12-13th November, at the University of West of Scotland. Read a [full report](#) (PDF) and download [book of abstracts](#) (PDF).

Student news

MSc in Water Security and International Development

The Water Security Research Centre, University of East Anglia

UEA is now accepting applications for the September 2016 intake of the the 12-month [Water Security and International Development MSc](#).

Drawing upon the skills and experience of researchers in the Schools of International Development and Environmental Science, this MSc offers world-class education in water security policy and science in developing country contexts. It is the flagship of the [Water Security Research Centre](#), which calls upon more than **30 water scientists** based at UEA and **specialist teaching staff** at the forefront of water research, including Mark Zeitoun, Bruce Lankford, Jessica Budds, Marisa Goulden and Dabo Guan.

Norwich is one of the most vibrant and attractive cities in Europe, and being only a short train journey from London and Cambridge offers an affordable place to study and stay connected. UEA is ranked in the top two per cent of universities in the world, and positioned first among mainstream English universities for student satisfaction during the 2013 National Student Survey.

After reading the site [apply here](#). For other queries, please contact Dr Mark Zeitoun, M.Zeitoun(at)uea.ac.uk or +44 (0)1603 593232.

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Conferences and Events

RSC Public Seminar Series: 'Destination: Europe'

In the absence of safe and legal routes to claim asylum, refugees currently make their own way to Europe, risking their lives in the process. They face many European crises: humanitarian ones at their places of arrival and border crossings; legal ones as some states flout their international and EU obligations, and security ones as rational fears become unduly associated with refugees. There are, of course, many Europes: the EU (with its elaborate Common European Asylum System); the wider Europe of the Council of Europe and pan-European human rights protection, encompassing Turkey; and the Europe of the Mediterranean, Mare Nostrum. Faced with the arrival of refugees in large numbers, the reactions and responsibilities of these various Europes will be considered. Reactions range from small scale offers of relocation and resettlement; to military responses to human smuggling in Libya; to border closures of the Balkans and Central and Eastern Europe; and moves to accommodate large new refugee populations in Germany, Sweden and the other main destination states. The series will examine the implications for European integration, European values and the global refugee protection regime, taking a long and broad view. Legal, historical and political perspectives will be explored.



Speakers will include: Cathryn Costello (Associate Professor of International Human Rights and Refugee Law, Refugee Studies Centre), Pascal Brice (Director General, [French Office](#) for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons), Madeline Garlick (Chief, Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, Division of International Protection, UNHCR), Emma Haddad (Director, Refugee Resettlement Operations, UK Home Office), and Boldizsár Nagy (Associate Professor of Public International Law, Eötvös Loránd University and Central European University).

Seminars are held at Queen Elizabeth House on Wednesdays at 5pm throughout Hilary Term. The series begins on January 20th with Professor Cathryn Costello. For details on the series, visit our website:

<http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events>

Seminar series: migration, politics and political change

The International Migration Institute at the Oxford Department of International Development will host a series of seminars on **migration, politics and political change**, taking place on Wednesdays at 1pm in QEH, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford, OX1 3TB:



20 January, Ali R. Chaudhary and Marieke van Houte (University of Oxford)

'Migration, politics and political change: Introduction to the seminar series and preliminary TRANSMIC findings'

27 January, Veysi Dag (Free University of Berlin) 'The transnational activism of the stateless Kurdish diaspora and its implications on homeland politics'

3 February, Carolin Fischer (Université de Neuchâtel) 'Who is acting for what change? A relational approach to transnational engagements of Afghans in Britain and Germany'

10 February, Rainer Bauböck (European University Institute) 'A multilevel citizenship puzzle: Residence and citizenship in national and local elections'

17 February, Simon Turner (University of Copenhagen) 'When the diaspora takes charge: state making and diaspora return in Rwanda'

24 February, Thomas Faist (Bielefeld University) 'Cross-border migration as the transnational social question'

2 March, Laura Morales (University of Leicester) 'Ethnicity, socialization, policy preferences or social structure? Disentangling and comparing the sources of migrants' political preferences across Europe'

9 March, Jørgen Carling (Peace Research Institute Oslo) 'The micro-politics of mobility and immobility'

More information: <http://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/events?category=dg-Seminar%20Series>

**Panel Proposal for the Annual Congress of the European Consortium for Political Research
Prague 7-10 September 2016**

<http://ecpr.eu/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=95>

Chair: Prof Tim Jacoby, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester

Discussant: Prof Richard Jackson, National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago

Since the end of the Cold War, two competing explanations of political violence have come to dominate the minds of policy makers, and a significant section of academia. The first is, as Dag Tuastad notes, a tendency to explain political „violence as a result of traits embedded in local cultures“. This, Mahmood Mamdani continues, holds „that every culture has a tangible essence that defines it, and it then explains politics as a consequence of that essence“. The second is that political violence is driven by expected utility – particularly personal gain. Long the favoured explanatory framework for the Bretton Woods institutions, this was (in)famously captured by Paul Collier’s “greed” thesis. Rebellions are, he wrote, nothing more than the „large-scale predation of productive economic activities“ accompanied by obfuscatory discourses that provide „no informational content to the researcher as to the[ir] true motivation“.

Both these approaches have been used extensively to explain the violence of the non-Western “other”. Accounts of the “communal” violence of south asia, the “sectarianism” of the Middle East and the “ethnic” wars of sub-Saharan Africa are often presented as resting on the ancient hatreds of faith, culture and settled history or the avaricious motives of conflict “entrepreneurs”. Neither approach, however, offers very much space for a political understanding of individual motive and collective mobilization. On the one hand, what Etienne Balibar, Arun Kundnani and others call the “new culturalism” has tended to obstruct or dilute critique while, on the other, viewing political violence in „quasi-criminal“ terms (in Collier’s words) has often produced a-historical studies with little social context. The combined result is frequently a conservative endorsement of Western security policy, state authority and existent power relations.

This panel seeks to present alternative, political explanations of violence – an attempt to get towards what Chris Cramer has called „the relations of force rather than just choices of violence“. Papers might look critically at representations of violence, the politically contingent use of history, the role of the state, the distribution of resources, the meanings/motives of “terrorism” and war or the maintenance of the international order, but any contribution that speaks broadly to our theme will be considered.

Please send an abstract of no more than 500 words (the title of which should be no more than 20 words) to Tim Jacoby (tim.jacoby@manchester.ac.uk) **by Monday February 1st 2016**. The Global Development Institute at the University of Manchester has provided some funding, so a contribution to presenters’ costs will be available.

ICEA (The International Consulting Economists' Association) talks**Chagos Islands (Indian Ocean): Economic and Financial Implications of Possible Resettlement
Presented by Malcolm Summerfield**

13th January, The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, WC1N 3AT

The issue of the Chagos Islands and the fate of their former inhabitants have been the subject of sporadic and sometimes intense debate since the 1970s. The wider debate revolves around the issues of: (i) resettlement rights; (ii) sovereignty; (iii) protection and conservation of unique island environments; and (iv) geo-political factors in the Indian Ocean region. These will be discussed in outline, with the prime focus on the economic and financial implications of possible resettlement. The presentation will discuss the key issues and challenges – many of which are mirrored in the parallel situations that confront other British Overseas Territories.

Malcolm is on the Committee of ICEA and is a long-standing member of the Association. He has been an independent economic and financial consultant for many years, working on behalf of many international and bilateral agencies. In recent years, he has been closely involved in reviewing the development and growth prospects of a number of small islands. This has involved visits to islands that are very isolated and only accessible by ship, which is unique in modern-day consultancy.

Read more about this and other [ICEA talks](#).

Upscaling Local to Global**How can South West international organisations impact on the effectiveness of the sustainable development goals?****Friday 15th January, 2.30pm-6pm, Paintworks, Bristol, BS4 3EA**

The event includes a panel debate and discussion, with speakers including:

Chair: Myles Wickstead, CBE

Judith Randel, Strategic Adviser, Development Initiatives

Tim Wainwright, CEO, Action on Disability and Development

Kate Munro, Policy Advisor, Beyond 2015, Bond

This will be followed by workshops exploring specific discussion themes:

How Local Government, Universities and larger organisations can engage with the SDGs

How the Diaspora can engage with the SDGs

How smaller organisations can engage with the SDGs

Scaling up from the local to the national/regional

As part of the European Year for Development (EYD), SWIDN, in collaboration with Bond, the UK membership for NGOs working in international development, is hosting this event to explore the local implications of the global SDGs and how local organisations in the South West might contribute to their more universal aspects.

The event is free and represents a real opportunity for NGOs, academics, freelance consultants and all those interested in the Sustainable Development Goals to engage with a wide group of people based in the South West. [Register here](#).

Courses**Water Security professional short course**Dates are now set for this week-long professional short course: 20-24 June 2016. [Read more](#).**MSc in Migration Studies**

This course is taught by world-class researchers from the University of Oxford's internationally renowned centres researching voluntary and economic migration: the International Migration Institute (IMI) and the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS).

The deadlines for applications are 22 January 2016 and 11 March 2016. See [previous bulletin](#).**RSC International Summer School in Forced Migration**

Applications are invited for this year's International Summer School in Forced Migration, to be held at Wadham College, Oxford. The Summer School, now in its 27th year, offers an intensive, interdisciplinary and participative approach to the study of forced migration. It aims to enable people working with and for refugees and forced migrants to examine critically the forces and institutions that dominate the world of the displaced. Beginning with reflection on the diverse ways of conceptualising forced migration, the course considers political, legal and wellbeing issues associated with contemporary displacement. Individual course modules also tackle a range of other topics, including globalisation and forced migration, and negotiating strategies in humanitarian situations.

The closing date for bursary applications is 1 February. The deadline for receipt of early-bird fees is 31 March. The deadline for all other applications is 1 May. See [previous bulletin](#).

Palestine Refugees and International Law**Location: British Institute, Amman, Jordan, 11-12 March 2016****Website: <http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/palestine>**

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). See [previous bulletin](#).

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer Position, Simon Fraser University

The **School for International Studies** at Simon Fraser University seeks candidates for a **Lecturer/Senior Lecturer**, to begin in September 2016. International Studies offers undergraduate streams in International Security and Conflict, Comparative World Politics, Culture and Society, International Development, and Economic and Environmental Issues, and graduate streams in International Development and Governance and Conflict.

Applicants should have a doctoral degree, a strong track record of effective teaching, and be able to teach in more than one stream at the undergraduate and graduate level. A strong grounding in one or more regions is also desirable.

Applications will be treated in confidence and should include a letter of application with a statement of interest, a complete teaching portfolio (full syllabi, evaluations, brief statement of teaching philosophy and full list of courses taught), and curriculum vitae. Applicants should also arrange for three reference letters to be sent independently. All materials should be sent in one pdf file, via e-mail *only* to [intst\(at\)sfu.ca](mailto:intst(at)sfu.ca), to the attention of Director, School for International Studies, by **January 31, 2016**. In the **Subject Line** of the email, indicate the following information in the order specified: 2016 Senior Lecturer Application, Applicant Name.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ communities. The position is subject to availability of funding and final approval by the SFU Board of Governors.

Under the authority of the University Act personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see the [collection notice here](#).

Assistant Professor in Development Studies, University of Calgary

The Faculty of Arts, **Department of Anthropology and Archaeology** invites applications for a **tenure track** position in Development Studies at the rank of **Assistant Professor**. The anticipated start date is July 1st, 2016. [More info](#).

Deadline: **January 14, 2016**

Consultancy opportunity with SCIAF (Caritas Scotland)

Evaluating the effectiveness, relevance and sustainability of livelihoods and advocacy interventions on women's empowerment and integral human development (IHD) in DR Congo, Malawi and Rwanda.

This is an exciting, challenging and long-term opportunity to both evaluate a multi-country, multi-annual programme, and to contribute to the development of a programming framework for the promotion of Integral Human Development.

On 1st November 2015 SCIAF (Caritas Scotland) launched a three-year livelihoods, women's empowerment and climate change resilience programme in DR Congo, Malawi and Rwanda. Supported by DFID's UK Aid Match, the programme will promote increased food security, gender equality and resilience to climate change for 2,000 households.

SCIAF is seeking a consultant to provide technical support for an evaluation process that will run throughout the three years of the project. The evaluation will:

1. assess the extent to which the project has achieved its objectives, and
2. identify and evaluate the factors that:
 - a. Promote and strengthen livelihoods opportunities for women living in varied contexts;
 - b. Reduce gender and social inequalities; and
 - c. Enhance women's (and men's) integral human development.

Integral Human Development (IHD) is a holistic approach to development based in Catholic Social Teaching (CST). It relates to an understanding of poverty and human development as multi-dimensional, including an element of relationships with family and community, and thus gender relations. This project will test an IHD



framework for the design and evaluation of livelihoods projects. This is a new initiative for SCIAF, and will contribute significantly to organisational learning.

Intended Outputs of the evaluation:

- An evaluation report that answers the evaluation questions outlined in this TOR;
- Monitoring and evaluation tool(s) for Integral human Development are designed, developed, tested and finalised;
- Increased capacity of SCIAF and the four partners to design, implement, monitor and evaluate livelihoods interventions;
- Increased capacity to use digital data collection and analysis tools amongst SCIAF and partners;
- One promising practice booklet on the design, monitoring and evaluation of projects promoting Integral Human Development for women and men.

A full terms of reference is available to interested applicants on request, providing more information on the consultancy and details of how to apply. Please contact Eileen Dean at [edean\(at\)sciaf.org.uk](mailto:edean(at)sciaf.org.uk).

Deadline for applications 24:00 GMT Sunday 17th January 2015.

Publications

Refugee Studies Centre

Research in Brief

[The Syrian humanitarian disaster: disparities in perceptions, aspirations and behaviour in Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey](#) by Dawn Chatty

[ERPUM and the drive to deport unaccompanied minors](#) by Martin Lemberg-Pedersen and Dawn Chatty



Forced Migration Review

[Destination: Europe](#) by Marion Couldrey, Maurice Herson (eds), 2016

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