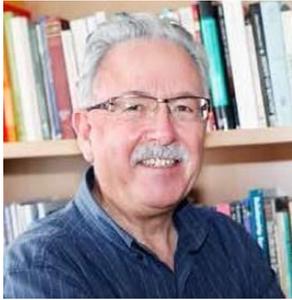




# Welcome to the DSA Bulletin for April 2016

## President's foreword



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[DSA2016](#) received an unprecedented interest in the Call for Panels. While delighted at this response, we had not anticipated such a large event, based on past experience. DSA2015 involved 37 parallel panel sessions. Having sourced additional rooms close to the conference venue, we accepted 72 panels from the 117 proposed, doubling the conference to potentially 120 parallel sessions. We sadly had to turn away some very strong proposals, so as to keep the event manageable.

The [Call for Papers](#) is now open. We urge colleagues to view the guidance on the CFP page and then browse the accepted panels. Please try to propose your work into one of these, before **25th April**, when the CFP closes.

Whereas previously DSA has sought panel proposals complete with constituent papers, this year we have adopted another widely-used model, where convenors propose a panel title and abstract, and there's an open call for papers from all-comers. The aim is to open up the process allowing for the creation of new networks, putting people in touch with others with related research interests. There's an incredible spread of themes and some panels are comparatively broad, so most colleagues should be able to propose their work into an existing panel. Work which doesn't fit in existing panels will also be welcomed.

The conference convenors are keen to involve the wider community of colleagues working in the realm of policy and practice and thus panel sessions may be organised in other formats that generate exciting discussion and exchange of ideas. This will be stated in the panel abstract.

We're pleased that the various DSA study groups are strongly represented among the panels. We are also working with our colleagues at INTRAC and BOND to ensure that there are plenty of panels with direct appeal to the practitioner/NGO/consultant side of the DSA membership.

Finally I'd like to remind you of the keynote speakers:

**Professors Tania Li** (University of Toronto) and **James A. Robinson** (University of Chicago). So please visit the [DSA2016 website](#) and get involved in this exciting event.

On other DSA matters:

1. The DSA submitted a response to the Stern Review of the Research Excellence Framework. Thanks to those who contributed to this.
2. All members owing subscriptions for the current subscription year will be emailed a second invoice this week. Please don't ignore these: if you think there's an error or want to let your membership lapse, please reply and we'll act accordingly.

Best wishes,

David Hulme  
DSA President  
[president\(at\)devstud.org.uk](mailto:president(at)devstud.org.uk)

## DSA News

### Membership administration - second round of invoices going out

All members owing money for this year, or a portion thereof, will be emailed a second invoice this week. You can now pay by online direct debit or PayPal. We urge members with UK bank accounts to set-up a direct debit as this will make renewal easier next year.

Join the DSA [here](#).

## Study Group news

### Study group panels at DSA2016

The Study groups are putting on the following panels during DSA2016.

STUDY GROUP	PANEL REFERENCE: TITLE
Business & Development	P22: NGOs and the corporate sector: the political-economy of partnership
Environment, natural resources and climate change	P19: The politics of environment and natural resource governance and livelihoods
Gender, Policy and Development	P64: Bringing feminism back into development practice
Information, Technology and Development	P01: Power, politics and digital development
Media and Development	P46: The politics of 'looking good' whilst 'doing good': Understanding the role(s) of media in international development
Media and Development	P49: Humanitarianism and the news media: contradictions and commonalities
Migration, Development and Social Change	P36: The politics of the migration-development nexus: re-centring South to South migrations
Migration, Development and Social Change	P55: Migration, life transitions and socio-political inequalities
Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics (MDDP)	P09: Poverty dynamics: shame, blame and responsibility
NGOs in Development	P28: Political or apolitical; powerful or powerless? NGOs, politics and power
Religions & Development	P47: The role of religion in defining and realising the SDGs
Rising Powers	P24: China and the rising powers as development actors: looking across, looking back, looking forward
Tourism and Development	P11: Tourism and development
Urbanisation and Development	P44: Gender, work and welfare in changing urban contexts
Wellbeing and Psycho-social perspectives	P20: Psy-expertise and the new politics of the personal in international development

### DSA Religions and Development Study Group established

The Religions and Development Study Group was officially established in February 2016 to provide a platform for knowledge sharing on current issues relating to religions and development, and identify and facilitate opportunities for collaborative research. We aim to bring together leading academics with specialists from faith-based organisations (FBOs), in order to articulate approaches to religions and development that combines the knowledge and experience of both academics and practitioners. In doing so, we seek to better understand the particular role played by FBOs in development and their modes of operation, particularly through engagement with those that have lived experiences. The study group is co-convened by Shabaana Kidy, Islamic Relief Academy and Professor Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, and includes a number of academics and practitioner groups within its advisory structure. To sign up on the Religions and Development mailing list, please email: [research\(at\)iracademy.org.uk](mailto:research(at)iracademy.org.uk)

### DSA Religions and Development Study Group workshop: Redrawing a Research Agenda & Launch of Study Group

SOAS, University of London, 29th April 2016

\*Limited spaces available. Pre-registration required.

This workshop will bring together scholars from various disciplines, development practitioners, and faith based organisations. It provides conceptual input as well as exploratory discussions aimed at identifying issues of practice and current research areas. Moreover, the workshop acts as a launch event for the new DSA study group 'Religions and Development', which will provide an important platform for connecting research and practitioners in the field for years to come. For further information and registration, see our [website](#).

### Gender Policy and Development Study Group Workshop Report

A half-day workshop was hosted by Tina Wallace (International Gender Studies, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford) in February 2016 with United National Volunteers (UNV) on the "State of the Worlds Volunteerism Report 2015" discussing volunteerism and governance issues. Tina hosted both as a member of IGS and also as a study group convenor for DSA and her co- convenor Fenella Porter chaired the session.

The report focuses on the multiple roles of volunteers in governance and shows how wide ranging volunteer work is beyond service delivery. The report drew on experiences and examples from across the globe at local, national and international levels. The huge volume of volunteer work done by people in their own contexts and communities was one key focus; another was the importance of alliances for raising voices at each level and putting pressures on decision-makers; a third was the reality that in many countries women do much of the voluntary work essential for their communities, including pushing for changes in social norms, laws, attitudes and behaviour around the neglect of women's rights. This work is done on top of their caring, domestic work and other productive activities and too little attention is currently paid to how best to support them to be volunteers in the community.

Several speakers presented both personal and academic insights and the lead UNV report coordinator Amanda Mukwashi spoke eloquently of both her personal and professional experiences. The full report will be on the IGS and DSA websites soon.

### Environment, natural resources and climate change Study Group established

The SG's remit will be broad and several interests/activities may happen simultaneously. These could include:

- Workshops/seminars with a defined purpose and output(s). These could include sharing of ideas and concepts or research findings and plans. Outputs could include informal papers, peer reviewed articles, including special issues of journals, research proposals and edited books.
- Interaction with the '[Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development](#)' Working Group of EADI
- Panel proposals to the DSA and/or EADI Conference, potentially with/through the Working Group.
- Joint writing and development of research proposals.

Those interested in joining this SG should contact Fiona Nunan with information on their areas of interest.

### CfP: DSA Media and Development workshop

#### "Digital Disruption and International Development"

Tuesday 21st June 2016, 12:30-5:30

Open University Camden Office, London

For further details and to send paper proposals email: Helen Yanacopulos [h.yanacopulos\(at\)open.ac.uk](mailto:h.yanacopulos@open.ac.uk) or Martin.Scott(at)uea.ac.uk

**Deadline:** 15th April 2016.

At the 2016 World Economic Forum at Davos, the [white paper](#) framing the conference described the world as experiencing the 'fourth industrial revolution', characterized "not only by mass adoption of digital technologies but by innovations in everything from energy to biosciences". The concept of 'digital disruption' is now at the heart of many conversations within most sectors. Such disruption is frequently portrayed as both an opportunity and a threat. It can be a mechanism for innovation, but can also threaten the ways that existing organisations operate. Yet such potential disruptions are not specific to the private sector. We have also seen [evidence](#) of digital disruptions affecting international development organisations in numerous and [differing](#) ways.

The focus of this workshop is to explore two elements of such digital disruptions within international development. Firstly, we are concerned with the potential digital disruption of forms of communication about development. This may include the ways the NGOs communicate their work to their publics; the changing ways that humanitarian news is collected and disseminated; and, the ways that conflicts are mapped and reported through crowdsourcing. Secondly, we are interested in the potential digital disruption of the implementation of development projects and interventions. Areas of focus here may include: SDG9, digital inclusion and internet connectivity; the potential disruption of increased mobile telephony; and, different ways of funding development work through crowdfunding.

Thus, we are seeking papers which discuss the potential opportunities, limitations, and disruptions of digital technologies in the following areas:

- New forms of connections via User Generated Content (UGC)
- Disruptive effects of social media for development
- Changes in the political economy of news collection and dissemination
- Potential for crowdsourcing, crowdfunding and crowdripping
- Changing ways of advocating and mobilizing around development
- Disruptive uses of mobile telephony for development
- Changing means of funding development work

### DSA Journal

Impact Factor: 0.622

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Online ISSN: 1099-1328

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Premium membership enables your institution to lend strong support to the DSA's mission to represent the discipline, while also gaining access to the full range of DSA services: conference, website, Heads of Centres meetings, etc. If your institution is interested to join the list below, please email: [president\(at\)devstud.org.uk](mailto:president(at)devstud.org.uk)

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## Premium member news

### Global Development Institute goes live!

February saw the official launch of the Global Development Institute, which unites the strengths of the Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM) and the Brooks World Poverty Institute. A packed event saw Oxfam International's Winnie Byanyima (a University of Manchester alumna) deliver a rousing keynote address on inequality and the future of global development. If you weren't able to attend, we've captured every word on [video](#), along with Manchester's President and Vice-Chancellor Dame Nancy Rothwell, [Joseph Stiglitz](#) and David Hulme, and a [blog response](#) to her talk.



"Withdrawing from the EU would diminish the UK's role in the world and set back our efforts to end global poverty". David Hulme, as chair of the Development Studies Association co-signed a letter outlining the [development case for the UK remaining within the EU](#).

How can poor people be brought into the formal economy? Research Director of the Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre Professor Kunal Sen has published a new book: [Out of the Shadows? The Informal Sector in Post-Reform India](#).

To celebrate International Women's Day, we were joined by Helen Pankhurst for a screening and discussion of Suffragette. Watch an [interview with Helen](#) on the importance of continuing to push for women's rights globally.

The recent World Development Report focused on digital dividends for development. Richard Heeks, director of the Centre for Development Informatics, [gives his take on this increasingly mature issue](#).

## Student news

### 'The Economics of Imperfect Labour Markets' Summer School

#### University of Barcelona, 4-8 July 2016

The Economics of Imperfect Labour Markets examines the many institutions that have a bearing on worker and employer behaviour in imperfect labour markets. These include minimum wages, equal opportunity legislation, employment protection legislation, and unemployment benefits. The Summer School aims to provide graduate students and members of policy institutions with the tools to understand and address current challenges in labour market analysis from theoretical and empirical perspectives.

Speakers: Jan van Ours (Tilburg University) and Antonio Di Paolo (University of Barcelona).

**Deadlines:** for scholarship applications, 1 June; for registration, 15 June. See [website](#) for more information.

### 'Governance at the edge of the state III: the spaces of violent rule' Summer School

#### University of Zürich, University of Copenhagen & Ghent University At University of Zürich; 12-14 September 2016

This course is the third in a series of summer schools that explore multiple forms of governance at the edge of the state. But what does it exactly mean to be at the 'edge' of the state, or in the state's 'margins'? What spatial form does politics take where state government is actively challenged by arguably more localized or globalized power assemblages? And how can a more informed spatial vocabulary (about e.g. territories, scales and networks) help us unravel some of the longer lasting transformations of contemporary globalization processes taking place in part, but not exclusively, in the 'global South'? Questions around the geographic reconfiguration of situated social practice, as well as the changing conjunctures of existing spatial orders have gradually reshaped our understanding about the modern 'nation-state', the 'local' and the 'global' (e.g. through the active politics of bordering, brokering and territorialization). Starting from a deliberate focus on the geographies of violent political rule, scholars from different disciplines have started identifying the changing meaning of place and space in today's globalized (dis)order.

**Deadline** for applications: 15 May. Read [here](#) the call for applications.

## Courses

### INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre)

#### Forthcoming [face to face training](#) courses:

- [Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation](#), 9-13 May 2016
- [Organisational development](#), 16-20 May 2016
- [Theory of Change for Planning and Impact Assessment](#), 17-21 October 2016



See the [website](#) for details of fees, bursaries and discounts. INTRAC contact: Sarah Lewis, Research Assistant, INTRAC, Email: [slewis\(at\)intrac.org](mailto:slewis@intrac.org).

#### Consultants for Change (C4C) Programme - Call for applications

Are you an international development consultant or aspiring to become one? Do you want to benefit from free training to improve your professional skills and knowledge for the benefit of civil society? Join our C4C programme!

INTRAC is offering a unique funded training opportunity to a selected group of participants for the Consultants for Change Programme, an innovative and participatory professional development programme for civil society professionals.

We are calling for applications from nationals of Indonesia, Lebanon, Tanzania and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. [Check our website](#) for all the details.

## Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) Global Health Scholarship 2016

### Studies: MSc Global Health

Award amount: £2500 (UK, EU students)  
£5000 (Non-UK/EU students)



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Wellcome Trust Brighton and Sussex Centre for Global Health Research

Available to: UK, Europe, International (Non-UK/EU)

Application **deadline**: 2pm on 30 June 2016 (UK time).

The BSMS is delighted to announce the launch of the second BSMS Global Health Scholarship. These scholarships are for students admitted to full-time Master's degree in Global Health at the Wellcome Trust Brighton and Sussex Centre for Global Health Research.

This initiative is funded by the Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS), and confirms the emergence of the Global Health Department at BSMS as a national and international leader in global health research, practice and postgraduate study.

The BSMS Global health scholarships are available for admission in 2016 only and will be awarded on the basis of academic and professional merit and financial need.

The scholarship provides two £2,500 awards towards tuition fees to UK and EU students, or one £5,000 award towards tuition fees to International (Non UK/EU) students. This means that UK, European and International students are eligible to apply. For more information please visit our [website](#).

## Events and conferences

### International Consulting Economists' Association (ICEA)

#### 'Promises and Pitfalls on Burma/Myanmar's road to reform'

Speaker: Patrick Meehan

Tuesday April 12th 2016, 18h00 for 18h30

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



In November 2015, Myanmar's general election delivered a landslide victory for the country's largest opposition movement, the National League for Democracy, and a personal triumph for its renowned leader Aung San Suu Kyi. The 2015 election marked another milestone on the country's road to reform. However, huge challenges remain. Myanmar, once the world's largest exporter of rice and viewed as having the greatest prospects of all Southeast Asian nations on the eve of independence in 1948, remains one of the poorest countries in Asia. The country's restive borderlands are home to the world's longest running insurgency conflict, and the Myanmar Army retain a powerful hold over the country's political and economic structures. Through exploring the country's post-colonial history and the legacy of decades of military rule, protracted ethnic conflict, and the country's changing relations with neighbouring China, India and Thailand and with the west, this talk will assess the record and future prospects of Myanmar's political and economic liberalisation.

Dr Patrick Meehan was awarded his PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) London in January 2016. His thesis analysed the political economy of Myanmar's illegal opium/heroin trade. He has travelled extensively in Myanmar since 2011 including an eleven month period of fieldwork in 2012/3.

The paper will be available after the meeting [here](#). Future meetings dates and topics can be found [here](#).

### [GSDRC webinar: Demographic shifts](#)

Tuesday 19 April 12.30 – 14.00 (BST/UTC+ 1)

The next decade will see the global population rise by 1 billion. The current youth bulge (there are an estimated 1.5 billion young people in the world today) is expected to give way to a rapidly ageing population by 2050. What does this mean for the development community? Join Dr Laura Camfield, Professor Katherine Gough and Professor Asghar Zaidi as they discuss key issues and emerging debates on [children and youth](#), youth (un)employment (forthcoming), and [ageing](#). This online discussion will bring together a range of global development practitioners and policy-makers, including DFID advisers, to reflect on key literature and share learning. Register [here](#).

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

### **Deadline: 01 May 2016**

Confirmed keynote speakers:

- Steven Heydemann, Professor for Middle East Studies, Smith College, Northampton
- Shanta Devarajan, Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank
- Nidal Katamine, Minister of Labour, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Arthur van Diesen, Regional Social Policy Adviser for the Middle East and North Africa at UNICEF

Please see the full call on the [website](#); please send paper and symposia abstracts to Ina Klemke, [ina.klemke\(at\)die-gdi.de](mailto:ina.klemke(at)die-gdi.de), clearly indicating your name, institutional affiliation and contact details. Individual paper abstracts: 500 and 800 words. Symposia abstracts: 500 word rationale for the session and full details of the authors with individual abstracts of 500-800 words.

## **APORDE 2016**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics 5<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Johannesburg, South Africa**

Supported by: The South African Department of Trade and Industry of South Africa (DTI) & The Industrial Development Corporation (IDC).

See APORDE [website](#) to apply using the online application form

**Deadline:** Monday 9th May 2016, 10am. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Candidates will be notified by email of their application outcome by end June 2016.

Enquiries: contact Christian Kabongo, [christiank\(at\)idc.co.za](mailto:christiank(at)idc.co.za).

## **Jobs**

### **Business & Human Rights Resource Centre**

#### **Project Manager: Iran Foreign Investment Tracking Project**

Length of contract: One year consultancy, full time – with possibility of extension

Compensation: Competitive for non-profit field

Location: London (preferable), or Continental Europe

Deadline: Sunday 3 April 2016

To lead and deliver a joint initiative of the International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran and Business & Human Rights Resource Centre. The project will raise awareness of companies' human rights responsibilities as they expand their operations in Iran, and will compare companies' due diligence and performance in this context. [Read more](#).

Please send a CV, short cover letter explaining why this position appeals to you and why you are well suited for it, and contact details for two references, to: Annabel Short, Program Director, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre: short(at)business-humanrights.org with "Application: Project Manager – Iran Foreign Investment Tracking Project" in the subject line.

### IT & Digital Security Volunteer

We are seeking a skilled IT professional with some spare time, to support the expansion of our digital platforms, help improve our cyber security, and provide technical advice and expertise across the breadth of our IT work. Working closely with our global team, s/he will advise and work on a variety of IT-related areas, including: development of our website and other internal IT systems; conceptualization and implementation of interactive and comparative databases and benchmarks; and enhancing our digital security systems and processes, especially in high-risk regions. [Read more](#).

Location: London or remotely

Deadline: Rolling applications

## Wilton Park

### Director of Policy and Programmes

The purpose of this new post is to lead and manage the processes by which we identify, develop and facilitate policy events that enable Wilton Park to deliver its corporate purpose and objectives. This will contribute to and support British strategic foreign policy objectives by convening opinion formers and policy makers from around the world to address and resolve issues of critical importance to global security and prosperity. The post-holder will have particular responsibility for the use of increased official development assistance (oda) funding allocated to Wilton Park, ensuring that this complies with UK aid legislation and OECD/DAC criteria. The post holder is a member of the Senior Management Team (SMT), and as such will contribute, participate in, and share in the overall leadership of Wilton Park. The post will be a key element in helping Wilton Park reflect the strategic objectives of the FCO (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), and the broader strategic foreign policy priorities of the UK. [Read more and find the forms here](#).

**Deadline:** Midday, Friday 29 April 2016

An application form must be completed as applications by CV will not be accepted; and sent to: recruitment2(at)wiltonpark.org.uk

Wilton Park is an Executive Agency of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. For more information about Wilton Park, visit their [website](#).

## Publications

### Taylor and Francis

#### Free access to the new issue of Gender & Development - Sustainable Development Goals

#### Volume 24, Issue 1, 2016

Since 1993, [Gender & Development](#) has aimed to promote, inspire, and support development policy and practice, which furthers the goal of equality between women and men. This journal has a readership in over 90 countries and uses clear accessible language.

We are delighted to offer free access\* to the new issue of [Gender & Development](#), which includes the 'first-cut' analysis of 'Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' by a range of prominent women's rights activists and advocates.

[Sign in or register for free access to the issue](#).



Contents include:

- Gender and the Sustainable Development Goals – *Valeria Esquivel & Caroline Sweetman*
- Power and the SDGs: A feminist analysis – *Valeria Esquivel*

- The 2030 Agenda: challenges of implementation to attain gender equality and women's rights – *Shahra Razavi*
- From the MDGs to the SDGs: shifts in purpose, concept and politics of global goal setting for development – *Sakiko Fukuda-Parr*
- Tapping the SDGs for progressive gender equity and equality policy? – *Gabriele Koehler*
- Leaving No-one Behind: can the Sustainable Development Goals succeed where the MDGs lacked? – *Elizabeth Stuart & Jessica Woodroffe*
- Agenda 2030: A bold enough framework towards sustainable, gender-just development? – *Nicole Bidegain Ponte & Corina Rodríguez Enríquez*
- Women's movements' engagement in the SDGs: lessons learned from the Women's Major Group – *Sascha Gabizon*
- Agenda 2030 and the SDGs: Gender Equality at Last? An Oxfam perspective – *Daniela Rosche*
- *Gender, Security and Governance: The Case of SDG 16* – *Anne Marie Goetz & Rob Jenkins*
- Resources – *compiled by Lucia Rost*

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## Palgrave Macmillan

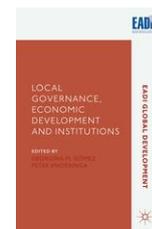
### Local Governance, Economic Development and Institutions

Edited by Georgina M Gomez and Peter Knorringa

This edited collection examines the interconnections between local governance, economic development and institutions, by focusing on what initiatives work and under what conditions they do so. Using a variety of theories and empirical data, the contributors present evidence from current experiences around the world.

ISBN: 978-1-137-55758-2 | £68/ \$105 | February 2016

[Website](#)



## Oxford Department of International Development

### New policy brief: Early Childhood Development in the SDGs

Professor Martin Woodhead

Agreement on the Sustainable Development Goals signals that early childhood development (ECD) will be a priority focus for the twenty-first century. Explicit mention is made in SDG Target 4.2 which states that by 2030 countries should: 'ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education'. But SDG commitments to ECD are much broader than this education-focused target. Strengthening early childhood development is key to achieving at least seven of the SDGs, on poverty, hunger, health (including child mortality), education, gender, water and sanitation and inequality.

This Policy Brief offers five key messages that can underpin delivery of the SDGs through the transformative potential of accessible, inclusive, quality ECD – for all young girls and boys, and for their families. [Read more](#)

### Launch of 'More or Less Equal' development education materials with Oxfam Education

Bring lessons to life with our new classroom resource created in association with Oxfam Education and based on the Young Lives data and interviews with our study children. With separate sessions in Geography, Maths and English, More or Less Equal? can be used in both a subject-specific and cross-curricular way.

The resources include a wide range of participatory activities to engage learners (age 11 to 16) with the wider world and help them make links between the local and the global. In all subject areas, learners will explore how inequality and poverty affect the lives of children in different parts of the world, including the UK. [Read more](#)

### New policy brief: Undermining Learning: Multi-Country Longitudinal Evidence on Corporal Punishment in Schools

Hayley Jones & Kirrily Pells

A UNICEF Innocenti policy brief based on research by Young Lives into the effects of corporal punishment in 4 countries. [Read more.](#)

## IDD Birmingham publications

### GSDRC literature reviews

The GSDRC has begun a new series of [fragility and migration country studies](#), looking initially at Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia.

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### [How aid really works](#)

"How aid really works" is a comic strip, which highlights the gap between our lofty ideals and the messy reality of the aid business. Alan Fowler, Rod MacLeod and Arantxa Mandiola Lopez shine a light into the darkness. Does this resonate? How can we do different?

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### Founder transition blog series

- [There is hope beyond this life: Five keys to founder transition](#) – guest blog by Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder of PRIA

- [Founder's retirement: Are you serious?](#) – guest blog by Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder of PRIA

- [Founder transition: from pointing fingers to healing hearts](#) – guest blog by Ernie Messer

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### Food Chain

#### Call for Papers - Special issue

'Scaling up Agroecology to meet the Sustainable Development Goals'

Deadline: June 1 2016.

Agro-ecological farming systems are increasingly seen to have the potential to meet the triple challenge of productivity, sustainability and poverty eradication. How can innovations in knowledge services improve sustainable smallholder farming? What are the gender implications at a household level of increasing agro-ecological production? What technologies are needed for smallholder farmers to transition to agro-ecological production? Are market links with growing urban centres a viable way to include smallholders in new value chains? What incentives are required to support post-harvest businesses to scale up agroecology?

Please send a 300-500 word abstract of your planned contributions to the Guest Editor [Jonathan.Casey\(at\)practicalaction.org.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Casey@practicalaction.org.uk)

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### [Stepping Stones with Children](#)

#### **A transformative training for children affected by HIV and their caregivers**

**Gill Gordon**

Stepping Stones with Children (also available in Swahili, Kivuko na Watoto) covers a wide range of topics with a gendered and child-rights focused framework. This training manual equips organizations and individuals with materials with which they can engage children affected by HIV and their caregivers, using powerful exercises to convey information, explore norms, discover their abilities, and individually and jointly create happier, healthier and safer ways of being. The manual comes with a complimentary counselling guide and DVD.

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### **New Working Papers in International Development and Wellbeing**

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## Oxfam Policy & Practice

### **New site for International Women's Day see [here](#)**

The site, aimed at development professionals, showcases Oxfam's work on gender justice and includes the Sustainable Development Goals issue of the Gender & Development journal. If you haven't seen it yet here's a round-up of content and links to tempt you to read and share:

### [Top gender resources](#)

Featuring the Gender Training Manual, Transformative Leadership for Women's Rights, Quick Gender Guides and many more...

### [Blog](#)

- [Not one more: ending femicide in Honduras](#) : Carlos Arita, Oxfam's Regional Programme Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, reflects on the tragic murder of human rights activist Berta Cáceres and calls for an end to violence against women and femicide
- [Women leading the way in economic empowerment in agriculture](#) : Claudia Canepa, Knowledge Hub Coordinator, presents the stories of seven women who are champions of economic empowerment in agriculture
- [Are the sustainable development goals good news for women?](#) : Caroline Sweetman, Editor of Gender & Development , and Valeria Esquivel from UNRISD introduce the SDGs issue
- [South Sudan: a battle of the sexes](#) : Kerry Akers, Protection Project Manager, reflects on the nuances between gender and the roles of protector, victim and perpetrator in conflict affected areas of South Sudan.
- [Social change for and by young women](#) : Aly Marczynski introduces Roots Lab, a pilot global programme which will test the most effective ways of supporting young women activists to bring about change.
- [Women, peace and security in the Middle East and North Africa](#) : Conflict in the Middle East only exacerbates the inequalities already felt by women explain Julie Diallo, Gender and Advocacy Adviser and Sariah Ghazzaoui, Advocacy Officer.

- [The day women activists lobbied Nepal's Prime Minister and President](#) : Lorina Sthapit, Gender Justice Programme Coordinator, describes her journey with 150 rural women to confront Nepal's leaders

### [Unpaid CARE case studies](#)

WE-CARE supports women's empowerment by addressing excessive and unequal care work. These case studies highlight the impact of the WE-Care project in Northern Uganda which provides training and time saving equipment to families.

- [Happy wife - happy life](#), Florence Alur and Zakayo David Opwonya
- [I will use my leadership position to do more](#), Grace Aloyo and Mark Olara

## Other News

### Academy of Social Sciences news

The DSA is a member of the Academy of Social Sciences. Twice yearly we can nominate scholars to become Fellows of the ACSS. If interested in this option, please contact the Hon Sec, Fiona Nunan.

The ACSS has just added 42 more leading social scientists into their fellowship, drawn from across the spectrum of academia, practitioners, and policymakers. They are recognised after a thorough process of peer review for the excellence and impact of their work in the social sciences. [Read more](#).

### ESRC – Grant Assessment Panels (GAP)

The ESRC is now inviting applications from suitably experienced persons to act as members of the Grant Assessment Panels (GAP). Panel membership is drawn from all areas of the social sciences, representing a broad range of expertise, skills and approaches. However, following the retirement of some current members and the creation of a fourth panel to consider proposals submitted to the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI), we are currently looking for applications in the following disciplinary areas:



- Management & Business Studies
- Economics (including one in micro-economics)
- Human Geography
- Psychology
- Science & Technology Studies
- Sociology
- Social Policy

More info [online](#), along with a link to the vacancy notice and the online application.

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