



## Report of the DSA Scotland 'Business Meeting' – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014

### Present

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A document had been circulated (prepared by Mike Tribe and based on earlier versions) in advance summarising some of the issues which it was hoped would be discussed at the meeting.

It was agreed that:

- 1) Given the financial constraints DSA Scotland should generally aim to run one main meeting a year, which will circulate between the institutions usually represented by participants. If there is sufficient interest and if finances become available more than one meeting might be run in any one year.
- 2) There will be a DSA Scotland convenor who will be responsible to the Council of the DSA UK and Ireland through the Study Groups representatives on the Council (currently Giles Mohan – [g.mohan@open.ac.uk](mailto:g.mohan@open.ac.uk) – and Ben Jones - [B.W.Jones@uea.ac.uk](mailto:B.W.Jones@uea.ac.uk) and through the Executive Director (currently Frances Hill – [frances@devstud.org.uk](mailto:frances@devstud.org.uk)). The DSA Scotland convenor is currently Mozammel Huq ([m.m.huq@strath.ac.uk](mailto:m.m.huq@strath.ac.uk)).
- 3) In addition to the DSA Scotland convenor there will be a small working group responsible for managing activities. As from May 2014 the members of this group will include Mozammel Huq, Mike Tribe ([michael.tribe@strath.ac.uk](mailto:michael.tribe@strath.ac.uk)), Hilary Homans ([hilary.homans@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:hilary.homans@abdn.ac.uk)), Anuj Kapilashrami ([akapilashrami@gmu.ac.uk](mailto:akapilashrami@gmu.ac.uk)), and Philippe LeMay-Boucher ([p.lemay-boucher@hw.ac.uk](mailto:p.lemay-boucher@hw.ac.uk)). In particular, Mike Tribe's responsibilities will include maintaining the DSA Scotland email circulation list and managing publicity (this includes liaison with the DSA Web manager – Rhiannon Rees of Wiley-Blackwell) through the DSA Scotland pages of the DSA website ([www.devstud.org.uk](http://www.devstud.org.uk)) and through DSA Scotland's Facebook pages. The membership of the working group will vary depending upon the proposed location of future meetings.

4) Regular communication with active DSA Scotland participants will be through general circulation of 'current updates', and representations can be made by participants to the Convenor and to the working group.

5) For 2015 and 2016 the annual meetings will be in either the Edinburgh area (i.e. probably Heriot Watt University or Queen Margaret University) or in Aberdeen University. The 'home' institution(s) for these meetings will be responsible for selecting the topic/focus of each meeting.

6) Other possible future meetings might be related to the following:

a) A Development Research Students' meeting – possibly associated with the Scottish Graduate School.

b) A conference/mini-conference on the issue of 'Development Statistics' focussed on the reliability and origins of statistics used for various types of economic analysis, policy analysis, and project/ programme/ sector evaluations. This type of meeting could involve collaboration with the Scottish Economic Society and/or with northern English universities and could involve the production of a book based on the proceedings.

This record of the meeting was prepared by Mike Tribe and has been checked by the members of the DSA Scotland working group