

DSA Bulletin

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Welcome! February Edition DSA Bulletin...



Dear Colleagues,

The Call for Panels and Papers for the DSA Annual Conference 2014 is now open. It will take place on **Saturday November 1st 2014 at the Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London.**

We have a slightly different process for submitting this year which we hope will give people more time to organise their panels ahead of time and provide the Review Team with more details on which to base their assessments for acceptance. Please see the Annual Conference section below and [download the Guide for Submissions from the DSA website.](#)

The deadline for all panels and papers is 16th June, but for those panels wishing to put out a call for papers, we are suggesting a deadline of no later than 22nd April for these to be on the DSA website with the finally selected papers and panel structure to be with us by 16th June.

Registration will open in the next few weeks.

The Conference Call is open as in the previous two years but we are structuring our plenaries around Development Post-2015.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and finding out what you have all been busy researching over the past year!

Very best wishes,

Frances Hill,
Executive Director, DSA

News from the DSA

President's Message



After my critique of Davos—surely as an institution its days are numbered when senior participants have described it to me as 'absolute crap'?—I now write at a time when nation-states continue their fragility as frameworks within which people can pursue their wellbeing and security. For a long time these problems seem to apply far away in the ex-colonial world of the European empires, but now those of us in Europe look closer to home. I refer, of course, mainly to

Ukraine, but will come to Scotland later. We can observe that Ukraine has itself long been a colony of the Russian and then Soviet empires. It is clearly in the throes of a major and dangerous struggle for identity, with many of its people fearful of continuing Russian domination and looking not for the cowboy capitalism of Russia but a more secure geo-political framework which might deliver law, justice and some reduction on state elite rent-seeking. With the European west heavily dependent upon Russian oil, this is a very dangerous moment for all of us. Will the Russian tanks roll in as before in Prague and Hungary? How will the White House respond? If there is one preliminary lesson here, it is that the UK membership of the European Community has never been more necessary as this crisis (and there will be other similar ones in the space between Russia and the West) unfolds. Scary, then, that the UK's right wing press, with UKIP, and their political followers on the Tory right, are raising the spectre of the UK coming out of Europe—figuring that the poisonous drip feed of Murdoch and Dacre has finally induced the British population, 100 years on, to forget its historic role in Europe through the two great wars. But of course there is another dangerous link between the aspirations in Ukraine, our fragile membership of Europe and the prospect of secession by the Scots. The prospect of being 'little Englanders' dominated by Murdoch (not British) and Dacre (be careful what you wish for, Paul) means a total removal of any ability to protect ourselves from events in the volatile space between Russia and Europe across which the pipelines flow. We have the risk of the UK exiting Europe precisely in the period that the Scots also exit the UK. While all nation-states are figments of previous politics, with little intrinsic rationality, the deliberate choice to suffer reduce a nation-state and its influence is tantamount to abandoning the interests of its people. We will all be at the hands of the base prejudice of unaccountable xenophobes, who do not even want the state let alone the nation. So, although most states are problematic, they are necessary to protect their populations from predatory neighbours without, and predatory capitalists within. This feels like a dangerous conjuncture to me, and time for responsible rather than self-serving politicians to stand up as leaders of their people's interests rather than the destruction of them. In development studies, the fragile states agenda seems to be constructed as a 'problem over there' when it is right on our doorstep. This is another argument for replacing development studies with 'international development'.

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Separately—my term of office ends this Autumn 2014. So this is a reminder that the baton moves on. We have many devoted supporters of the DSA from among its membership, so my successor can come from outside the present Council as well from within it. I am open to conversations with anyone thinking of succeeding me.

Geof Wood,
DSA President

DSA Annual Conference 2014

Download Guide for Submissions and Submission Form

This year's Annual Conference returns to London and will again take the form of a one day Conference. We are now inviting proposals for panels and standalone papers.

This year we are maintaining our policy of an open call for panels and papers framed by an opening and closing plenary around a specific theme. ***This year, the theme of the plenaries, will be Development Post-2015.***

The open call for papers is a policy which we have been following in the last few years as we believe it reflects a more democratic process, bringing together the diversity of current research and thinking on development related issues. However, it is clear that the global discussions on post-2015 development agenda are taking place within a context in which there is social unrest and political instability in variety of emerging economies; there are major new global development challenges, particularly associated with environmental sustainability and climate change; there is increasing global economic differentiation and interdependence with mass poverty at the bottom related to massive inequality in the division of benefits and risks along global value chains. Moreover, there is declining confidence in mainstream international and national development practices. Business as usual is unacceptable.

Thus whilst the Conference is based on an open call for papers, we encourage DSA Colleagues and Panel Convenors to bring forward new ideas and research which may:

- Analyze the changing global context of development – including the nature of global recovery, continuing differentiation of the South, new forms of international interdependence and patterns of vulnerability, new actors and development partnerships and blocked international multilateralism – and address its implications for international development cooperation and national development policy;
- Link development thinking and practice with wider debates on economic crisis, climate change, sustainability transitions, inequality, human rights, social movements, democratization, security, technological change and new forms of governance;
- Reflect on the significance, content and possible implications of the post-2015 global development agenda, including: assessing the process of formulating post-2015 goals; lessons from MDG implementation; global governance of poverty and inequality; and the nature of sustainable development goals.

A number of areas for exploration were also raised at the DSA Heads of Centres Meeting in January 2014. Two which could be ripe for further exploration within the context of the Conference are:

- *Defining Development Studies and the role of Higher Education for a post 2015 world:* Whilst much of the evaluation infrastructure will have been set, the DSA Conference represents an ideal opportunity to reflect on how Development Studies needs to adapt to the forthcoming challenges
- *NGO – Academic relationships:* There is increasing recognition of the value of these relationships in serving to strengthen the work of each community – evidence based decision making for NGOs and reality informed research for academics. There is a lot of interesting work being done in this area and we would welcome panels that address some of the challenges, opportunities and lessons learned from such collaborations. Panels comprising practitioner and academic presenters will be particularly welcomed under this workstream.

DSA Subscription Fees

Firstly, after a period of eight years, we passed a motion to raise the annual subscription fees as of 1st January 2014. Individual membership will rise from £30 to £40, Concessionary from £15 to £20 and Institutional from between £134 to £400 depending on the membership level.

Read [more](#).

DSA Study Groups

Call for Papers: Workshop for the DSA Ageing and Development Study Group

The next workshop for the DSA Ageing and Development Study Group will take place at HelpAge International's offices in London on the afternoon of 3rd June 2014. It will be on the topic of "NCDs and population ageing: a new priority for international development".

So far we have one confirmed speaker - Professor Shah Ebrahim from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Please let me know if you would be interested in presenting a paper on this topic. Contact [Peter Lloyd-Sherlock](#)

NGOs in Development Study Group : Knowledge(s) in civil society organisations in development

University of Leeds, 23-24 April 2014

The DSA NGO study group, in conjunction with the BISA NGO working group, invite contributions to a workshop on 23-24 April in Leeds on the production and use of knowledge in civil society organisations. The two-day workshop intends to explore the practicalities surrounding knowledge production in CSOs and reflect on what constitutes knowledge in this particular organisational sphere. The workshop aims to work in depth on papers for publication.

Please send an abstract of maximum 500 words including your name and affiliation by 10 March 2014 to: tiina.t.kontinen@jyu.fi and erla.thrandardottir.1@city.ac.uk.

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Book Reviews

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[Northampton Ma, Usa. 2011, Pp Xiii + 283\). \(Pages 149–150\)](#)

Simon Maxwell

[Economic And Policy Lessons From Japan To Developing Countries, Edited By T Toyoda, J Nishikawa And H.K Sato \(Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, Isbn 978-0-230-30206-8, £67.50 \(H/B\) Pp. X + 298\). \(Pages 151–152\)](#)

Georgios Tsopanakis

[Transformative Policy For Poor Women: A New Feminist Framework, Edited By Bina Fernandez \(Vt: Ashgate Publishing Limited, Surrey, Uk And Burlington, 2012. Isbn: 9781409405078 Xiii And Bibliography And Index. \\$99.95 \(H/B\), Pp. 194\). \(Pages 153–154\)](#)

Nazgol Bagheri

Events



Doing Development*: Reflecting on the role of small NGOs

Speaker: [Jose Sluijs-Doyle](#) (Chief Executive, [African Initiatives](#))

Date: 14th March 2014

Time: 14.15 – 16.00pm

Location: Chancellor Building 3.9

Access to Justice and Extractive Industries

Date: Thursday 13th March 2014

Time: 6.30-8.30pm

Location: Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House, LSE.

We are co-organising the event with LSE and EJOLT (Environmental Justice Organizations, Liabilities and Trade).

The event has a fine line-up of speakers:

- Aidan Davy, Deputy President and Senior Program Director at International Council for Mining and Metals (ICMM)
- Richard Meeran, Partner at Leigh Day & Co
- Juan Pablo Sáenz, founding partner of Fromboliere Abogados & representative of Amazon Defense Coalition, Ecuador
- Jake White, Environmental lawyer, Friends of the Earth

More information on the event can be found on the [website](#). The event will be free and filled on a first come first served basis. You are advised to arrive 15 minutes before the start time to ensure access.

Policy trade-offs: multiple-criteria in the Indian rice economy

Speaker: [Barbara Harriss-White](#) (Professor of Development Studies, [Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford](#))

Date: 28th March 2014

Time: 14.15 – 16.00pm

Location: Chancellor Building 3.9

Tri-institute: Mandela Memorial Lecture

Date: Thursday 20th March 2014

Time: 17.00 – 19.00pm

Location: Cordingley Lecture Theatre, Humanities Bridgeford Street Building.

Mandela: Personal and Political Settlements

Dr. Jo Beall

Director, Education and Society, British Council, United Kingdom

Jo Beall joined the British Council as Director, Education and Society in 2011. She was formerly Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town and Professor of Development Studies in the LSE's International Development Department, which she directed between 2004 and 2007. During her academic career Jo published numerous books and academic articles in the areas of gender and social policy, urban governance and development, cities and conflict and state fragility. She has worked in Africa, Asia and Latin America, undertaking significant research projects and advisory work in Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and South Africa. Jo spent many years in South Africa and was involved in the anti-apartheid movement.

The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception.

SIID 5th Annual Postgraduate Conference

Date: Tuesday 25th March 2014

“Multidisciplinary Insights into International Development: Reconciling the Divided Priorities of One Global Nation”

[Read more...](#)

OPHI Summer School on Multidimensional Poverty Analysis 2014

Location: Oxford University, Oxford, UK

Date: 11-23 August 2014

The purpose of this intensive summer school is to provide a thorough conceptual and technical introduction to some techniques of measuring multidimensional poverty, with a strong emphasis on the Alkire Foster method. Participants will revise axiomatic poverty measures, and will learn about different techniques of multidimensional poverty measurement and which problems they are best suited to solve. The empirical motivation for measuring

multidimensional poverty will be presented as well as the conceptual motivation, drawing on Amartya Sen's capability approach.

The summer school will be led by the Director and Researchers of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative ([OPHI](#)), including Sabina Alkire, Mauricio Apablaza, Mihika Chatterjee, Adriana Conconi, John Hammock, Boubou Housseini, Suman Seth

and Ana Vaz. You can see readings, presentations, exercises and other materials from last year's Summer School [here](#).

To apply, please complete the online [application form](#)



The Open University

DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE GROUP

DEVELOPING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT: Connecting and Collaborating for Capacity Building

20 March 2014, 3.00 – 6.30 p.m.
The Open University: London Regional Office (Camden)

Aim

This meeting will provide opportunities for dialogue on how The Open University and those directly involved in development management in many sectors and countries might better connect and collaborate for capacity building through

- aligning The Open University curriculum and qualifications more closely with the needs of the development community and emerging competency frameworks, and
- scaling up sponsorship and scholarship programmes for staff and students.

The meeting is intended to give rise to an ongoing dialogue that promotes both these activities.

Background

The Open University uses a flexible and highly scalable model of teaching and wider community engagement that is global in its scope. Through its supported open learning approach it reaches several hundred thousand people each year.

Within the realm of international development this approach is exemplified by the OU's post-graduate Global Development Management Programme. This programme, which was established in the mid-1990s, is aimed at professionals working in diverse development contexts and is designed to ensure theory and practice interact constructively and critically. It has attracted students in more than 100 countries, with a particular concentration in East Africa. Over 1,000 students have achieved MScs, with many hundreds more gaining postgraduate diplomas and certificates.

The re-writing, in 2014 and 2015, of two of the six modules that make up our MSc gives us the opportunity and the incentive to make connections with individuals and organisations that share our interest in developing the discipline of development management in both theory and practice. We have a particular desire to collaborate with

- people who are working on competency frameworks for development management, and with
- people who recognise the value of building up funds for scholarships that will make possible development management learning that would otherwise not take place.

We see the value in this context of bringing together fellow academics, people in agencies and alliances already working on development management competency frameworks, and people in organisations that are looking for ways of funding development management learning, particularly at postgraduate level.

We would be delighted to welcome you to this exploratory meeting, at which we will be pleased both to share our plans and aspirations and to learn of work in this area that you are engaged in, ideas that you are pursuing.

Richard Pinder
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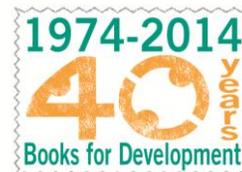
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Sarah Rose

Recent events

INTRAC held a one-day workshop in November 2013 on 'Practical Responses to Current Monitoring and Evaluation Debates' in Oxford, UK for M&E practitioners, civil society organisations and development agencies to debate and share their experiences. The event focused on four themes:

- Designing and using baselines for complex programmes
- Using Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in M&E
- Experimental and quasi-experimental methods in M&E, including randomised control trials
- M&E of advocacy

INTRAC worked with different organisations to produce detailed case studies on the four event themes, which are now available to view and download on our website:

<http://www.intrac.org/pages/en/monitoring-evaluation.html>

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The Disempowered Development of Tibet in China: a Study in the Economics of Marginalization

(Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University)

By: Andrew M. Fischer (2013)
Lanham, MD: Lexington (Rowman and Littlefield).

The study represents one of the only macro-level and systemic analyses of its kind in the scholarship on Tibet, based on accessible economic analysis and extensive interdisciplinary fieldwork. It also carries much interest for those interested in China and in the interactions between development, inequality, exclusion and conflict more generally. Fischer argues that the intensified economic integration of Tibet into regional and national development strategies on assimilationist terms, within a context of continued political disempowerment, has accentuated various dynamics of subordination and marginalization faced by Tibetans of all social strata. The combination of disempowering dynamics with the sheer speed of dislocating and disembedding social change provides important insights into recent tensions given that it has accentuated insecurity while restricting the ability of Tibetan communities to adapt in autonomous and self-determined ways. [Read more...](#)

The Universal Social Safety-Net and the Attack on World Poverty

By A Clunies-Ross and M Huq, Routledge, London 2014.
This work, which follows from the authors' recent book on *Development Economics* (McGraw-Hill 2009, produced jointly with their colleague David Forsyth at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow), is a modest attempt to highlight the requirements and possibilities for ending soon extreme poverty in disposable income within the developing world. [Read more](#)

Courses

Water Security for Policy Makers and Practitioners Short Course

Date: 19th - 23rd May 2014 (Norwich, UK)

Bringing together key strengths in water politics, climate change, agricultural water management and water allocation, this course will provide participants with an exceptional chance to acquire an understanding of this key global issue.

".. good overview of different aspects of water security. Good pace – lectures engaging and focus on participation ensures stimulating sessions. Excellent calibre of participants – sharing experiences part of the appeal."

"The subject matter is good, the combination of different topic was interesting, the selection of participants was diverse which brought out many interesting angles."

Full details, including the course brochure, can be found on our [website](#)

Social Protection: Policies, Programmes and Evidence

Date: Monday 7th July - Thursday 10th July 2014

This course is open to a wide audience of policy makers, practitioners, researchers and project managers who are already or will be working in the area of social protection. To those who are new to social protection, the course offers an opportunity to come to grips with this area of work. Based at the Institute of Development Studies, Brighton. [Read more....](#)

Transforming Nutrition Ideas, Policy and Outcomes

Date: Monday 14th July to Friday 18th July 2014

The acceleration of undernutrition reduction requires a transformation in the ways we think about undernutrition and the actions we take. This five day course, designed for both policy makers and practitioners, will take participants through new ways of thinking about undernutrition and what to do about it. Based at the Institute of Development Studies, Brighton. [Read more...](#)

Jobs and Opportunities

View a list of all jobs and opportunities [here](#)

Statistician, University of Reading
Statistical Services Centre (SSC), University of Reading
Full time & Permanent
Grade 6: £28,132 to £35,597 per annum

The Statistical Services Centre (SSC) provides statistical consultancy and training to a range of clients in the UK and abroad. We are now seeking to appoint an additional Statistician to join our successful team.

The ideal candidate will be expected to make a strong contribution to all of the areas of interest to the SSC; in particular our work in developing countries, much of which is in Sub-Saharan Africa. The candidate must be happy to travel both within the UK and overseas. Equally, given the variety of our work, we are seeking an enthusiastic person who enjoys the challenge of applied statistical problems and likes to keep up to date with statistical developments.

You will have:

- At least an M.Sc. in Statistics (or equivalent)
- Experience of working in a statistical consultancy and/or training role
- A willingness to travel, both within the UK and abroad
- A good working knowledge of mainstream statistical software
- The ability to work as part of a team and individually
- Excellent communication skills

In addition to a formal interview, candidates will be expected to informally meet staff, take a selection test, and deliver a formal presentation. This will take 2 days.

Opportunity to Join the Strategic Programme Advisory Group

Closing date for nominations: 16:00pm on 19th March 2014

The [Natural Environment Research Council](#) (NERC) is seeking applications from across the environmental sciences from both the research and user communities in academia, policy, business and NGOs for membership of its [Strategic Programme Advisory Group](#) (SPAG). NERC anticipates making twelve appointments which together will form an expert group drawn from a wide range of environmental science disciplines and sectors of our diverse research and user communities.

Get involved

Before applying, you are advised to review the person [specification for members](#).

To nominate yourself please complete the SPAG self-nomination form and email this along with a summary CV (maximum two sides of A4) to the address below.

To nominate someone else as a SPAG member please complete the SPAG nomination form, including reasons for your nomination. It is important to indicate whether the nominee is aware of the nomination. We will then contact them for more detailed information about their suitability.

Both the form and CV should be returned to [Dr Nichola Badcock](#)

Royal Africa Society Opportunities

Call for applications: [Audrey Richards Prize for the best doctoral thesis in African Studies](#): **Contact:** (Djm223@cam.ac.uk)

Call for applications: [ASAUK Teaching Fellowship Scheme 2013-14](#): **Contact** (s.newell@sussex.ac.uk)

Call for applicants: [The Kwame Nkrumah Chair of African Studies, Ghana](#)

Call for applicants: [Sudanese and South Sudanese Youth Leaders Programme](#)

Funding

ESRC/DFID Education and Development: Raising learning outcomes in education systems call 2013-14

Please note that a slight amendment has been made to the call text for small grants/pilot projects under this call. The specification now states that:

These proposals are for **between £50,000** and £150,000 at fEC.

The minimum amount was not specified in the original call specification and has now been updated.

Webinar information meeting for potential applications: This will take place on 27 February, 2014 at 14.00 (UK time). ESRC and DFID staff will present an overview of the scheme and application process, and answer questions on these. For further information and to register your interest in joining the meeting, please email eddev@esrc.ac.uk with your name, organisation and email address.

Royal Society Industry Fellowships

This scheme is for academic scientists who want to work on a collaborative project with industry and for scientists in industry who want to work on a collaborative project with an academic organisation.

It aims to enhance knowledge transfer in science and technology between those in industry and those in academia in the UK. The scheme provides a basic salary for the researcher and a contribution towards research costs.

The scheme is funded by the Royal Society, the [Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#), the [Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council](#), the [Natural Environment Research Council](#), [Rolls-Royce plc](#) and [BP plc](#).

Eligibility requirements

The scheme covers all areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, but excluding clinical medicine.

The applicant must:

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