

DSA Bulletin

June 2014



Connecting and promoting the development research community



Welcome! June Edition DSA Bulletin...

Dear Colleagues,

This month the DSA has moved its office. (Please see below in the Bulletin for more details). This move is the first tangible manifestation of the Secretariat's 'Resource Constraints'. It reminds us of the way in which those who have had to adapt in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's, 'Half of a Yellow Sun', and Rohinton Mistry's epic, 'A Fine Balance'. Everything tinged with hope, and yet decimated by circumstance.

We are therefore appealing to you, if you value this bulletin and wish to continue receiving it – and if you value the DSA – to join us either as an individual or persuade your institution to join.

It is £40 a year for individuals and institutional membership starts at £135.

Using the flip side of Garret Hardin's 'Tragedy of the Commons', if 10% of those of you receiving this bulletin were to join now, we could turn what is set to become a tragedy, into a 'Celebration of the Commons', with many of you contributing to the global public good that the DSA provides for our community across the world, as well as [the tangible benefits](#) associated with membership.

We would like to set out the rationale for this plea:

1. The DSA is the largest and most coherent national platform for Development Studies globally and yet we are not immune from the current financial pressures. We no longer have external funding and as a result there is a serious danger that there will be no DSA in its current form by the end of this year. We are not being overly dramatic, it is a statement of fact. Our accounts – due out later this year – will demonstrate this starkly.
2. The role that research plays in building an evidence base, is now acknowledged by most donors as a vital component in underpinning decisions taken that affect the lives of billions. The DSA plays a key role in this process through building links between those who 'do' development and those who build that evidence base. These links are even more important in such an applied field as ours, where research can help inform the reality and the reality, in turn, informs the research. A virtuous Möbius strip if you like. With the DSA working at all stages of the process, through the provision of a space to facilitate collaboration (Annual Conference, Study Groups), share knowledge (Bulletin, website, Conference, Study Groups), as well as encourage younger academics and new networks, plus build capacity (one year free student membership, DSA Africa).

Our '[DSA In Focus](#)' outlines what we currently do as well as our aspirations.

3. As a hybrid organisation – part Learned Society, part Knowledge Broker, part Champion for our massively complex subject area – we struggle to demonstrate a tangible impact. In this results driven funding climate, networking organisations such as ours find it difficult to attribute, let alone measure, impact to our activities as they occur much further down our supply chain, often many years down the line. But our catalytic role is significant – we hold an [Annual Conference](#) (which has for the third year running been limited to a one day event due to a lack of external funding); we compile and distribute this Bulletin to nearly 10,000 of you worldwide; we fund [Study Group](#) meetings on a wide range of issues that impact and contribute to national and international development. Important connections and exchanges are made through all these activities – links that then go on to forge important and effective partnerships with direct impact. The role the DSA has to play cannot be measured effectively – but we would urge all of you to think longer term on what the state of International Development would be without an organisation such as the DSA.
4. Whatever business model we choose to adopt, to run an association of this size, reach and ambition takes around £40,000 a year – fact. We could revert to our previous model of over 12 years ago where we were hosted by an institution, but the climate is now very different and this hosting would come with considerable costs, much of which would go to institutional overheads rather than the actual running of the Association. We would also lose our 'independence' – something that many members currently value.



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However, as we've said – whatever model we decide upon, we need a further £40,000 a year to ensure the DSA's future. We are currently running the Secretariat out of reserves, which we have built up over the past 10 years, but this is not sustainable beyond the end of this financial year.

The choice, as they say, is yours.

- > [Register to become a member](#)
- > [Benefits of becoming a member](#)

Very best wishes,

Geof Wood,
DSA President

Frances Hill
Executive Director, DSA

News from the DSA

Office Move

As of 16th June the DSA has moved Offices.

Until we have installed the new phone lines, please use the 0845 number and we will advise the new number as soon as we can. The **best way to contact us is** by email. [Contact us.](#)

Membership Rates

View the [latest membership fees](#) for 2014.

Annual Conference

Date: Saturday 1st November 2014

Location: Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

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.

- > [Call for Papers and Panels](#)
- > [Register Online](#)

Study Group NEWS

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DSA Scotland Study Group

DFID Research Funding – Lessons from the Medical Sector

At the recent DSA Scotland Study Group mini-conference Dr Sue Kinn and Malcolm McNeil gave a broad presentation on how to go about applying for DFID research funding. Although their presentation was focussed particularly on the health sector it has

relevance for all research funding applications to DFID. They kindly gave permission for their presentation slides to be uploaded to the DSA Scotland Study Group webpage, and for it to be given wider 'currency'. > [View presentations](#)

International Development Networking in Universities

The DSA has always tended to focus particularly on the socio-economic aspects of international development in its multidisciplinary approach. However the environmental, health, water and sanitation and agricultural development areas have to be recognised as being especially dependent upon the inter-relationship between socio-economic and technical factors. Nowhere is this inter-relationship clearer than in the work of the university sector, although the individual disciplines have tended to retain their individual fiefdoms. > [Read more](#)

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Impact Factor: 0.716
ISI Journal Citation Reports ©
Ranking: 2012: 36/55 (Planning and Development)



2013 JID Best Paper Prize

The 2013 [JID Best Paper prize](#) is free to download and has been awarded as follows:

[The Changing Donor Landscape in Nicaragua: Rising Competition Enhances Ownership and Fosters Cooperation](#)
Lauren Walshe Rousel

Latest Issue – [May 2014](#)

[Brazilian Land Tenure Conflicts: A Spatial Analysis](#)
Carlos Pestana Barros, João Ricardo Faria And Ari Francisco De Araujo Jr.

[Self-Help Groups And Empowerment of Women: Self-Selection, Or Actual Benefits?](#)
Zakir Husain, Diganta Mukerjee And Mousumi Dutta

[Repay As You Earn: Loan Repayment Frequency, Cash Flows, And Savings Of Households](#)
Shamika Ravi

[How Do Migration Remittances Affect Rural Livelihoods In Drylands?](#)
Malika Abdelali-Martini And Raid Hamza

[Do Exports Explain Industrial Agglomeration And Regional Disparities in Turkey?](#)
K. Ali Akkemik And Koray Göksal

[Food Price Changes And Poverty In Zambia: An Empirical Assessment Using Household Microdata](#)

Francesco Caracciolo, Domenico Depalo And José Brambila Macias

[Making Poverty Into A Financial Problem: From Global Poverty Lines to Kiva.Org](#)

Anke F. Schwittay

[The Long-Run Macroeconomic Effects Of Aid And Disaggregated Aid In Ethiopia](#)

Fiseha Gebregziabher

[Exploring Accountability Discourses And Practices In The Spanish Aid System](#)

Alejandra Boni, Jordi Peris, Rosemary Mcgee, Míriam Acebillo-Baqué And Andrés Hueso

[On Political Agency: An Appreciation Of The Work Of Adrian Leftwich \(1940–2013\)](#)

John Harriss

[Development Policies Of Central And Eastern European States: From Aid Recipients To Aid Donors. Edited By Ondřej Horký-Hlučáň And Simon Lightfoot](#)

Alexander Brand

[Enclosed: Conservation, Cattle, And Commerce Among The Q'eqchi' Maya Lowlanders. Edited By Liza Grandia](#)

Alexandra Pedersen

Research News

Nexus Network - Call for proposals

ESRC launched the Nexus Network on Monday 9th June with the aim of fostering new connections across food, energy, water and the environment. More information about the network. [> Read more](#)

Multidimensional Poverty Index

The [Global MPI](#) in 2014 covers 108 developing countries. Our analyses of multidimensional poverty across those countries span a number of topics, including destitution, dynamics, rural-urban comparisons, and inequality.

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[Bold West African drug policy proposal should be taken up, and taken further](#)

By Markus Schultze-Kraft

[Tackling sexual violence in war needs gender justice in peace too](#)

By Melissa Leach

[Towards Future Child Friendly Cities in Asia](#)

By Ricardo Santos

[BLOG: Sustainable intensification: a new buzzword to feed the world?](#)

By Ian Scoones

[Understanding food security through a gendered lens](#)

By Georgina Aboud

[Solar Power? Kenya's energy future at a crossroads](#)

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[The Washington Fellowship: leadership, management and entrepreneurship](#)

By Lebogang Mokwena

[Bridging the gap: strengthening the sexuality and poverty evidence base](#)

By Stephen Wood

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[What does it feel like to be a refugee? Perceptions from Za'atari and beyond](#)

[What's different about the global partnership for education?](#)

[How you can help us celebrate 21 years of Gender & Development](#)

[Why peace in Syria is dependent on women's inclusion](#)

[Resilience: from conference room to conflict zone](#)

[Taking stock of our Enterprise Development Programme](#)

[3D printing takes emergency response to another level](#)

[UK hunger: why is it rising and what can we do about it?](#)

[87 seconds to capture five years of change. Can it be done?](#)

[How will you Raise Her Voice?](#)

[Raising her voice: making women's invisibility, visible](#)

[Help yourself - going it alone to achieve food security](#)

Courses

INTRAC Open Training Courses

From September 2014, we are pleased to announce that all of our Open Training courses will incorporate a 50 minute one-to-one coaching session after the course (via Skype) with the course trainer, focusing specifically on your needs.

This individual, tailored coaching will support the participant to apply the learning from the course to their work, and offer the opportunity to work through current challenges, difficulties and opportunities with a highly experienced practitioner. Please [see our website](#) and the course event links below for further details and an application form.

- [Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation: 1-5 September 2014](#)
- [Influencing and Supporting Change in Complex Contexts: 1-3 September 2014](#)
- [Use of Evidence Blended Learning programme: Part 1: 9 and 10 September; part two: week of 22 September; part three: 4 October 2014](#)
- [Advocacy and Policy Influencing Blended Learning programme: Part 1: 22-25 September; part two: week of 20 October; part three: 11 November 2014](#)

If you have any questions about the courses or the application process, please contact: training@intrac.org or phone +44 1865 263040.

Engaging your Policy Audiences

Date: Tuesday 22 July

The course will provide practical guidance, tips, and lively discussion on how to develop successful research uptake and policy influencing plans. This course is designed for communications professionals, and research and policy staff based in research organisations, university departments, think tanks and NGOs for whom development research and communications forms an important part of their role. [> Read more](#)

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Jobs and Opportunities

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Lecturer in Microeconomics - East/South East Asia

King's College London
Salary: £31,644 to £46,400

King's International Development Institute (IDI) and the Department of Political Economy (DPE) seek to appoint a Lecturer in microeconomics of development which could include behavioural economics, with regional expertise in East Asian or Southeast Asian economies. [> Read more](#)

Teaching Fellow, International Development Department, University of Birmingham

Deadline is 3rd July



Applications are invited for a ten-month Teaching Fellow position with the International Development Department. The Teaching Fellow will work with staff of IDD in delivering postgraduate modules, mainly on-campus and potentially via distance learning,

through a range of teaching methods. Modules to be contributed to include Development Management and Making Policy. The post holder will hold a relevant PhD and preferably have relevant postgraduate teaching experience. More information can be found. [> Read more.](#)

Economist, Food and Markets

Natural Resources Institute, Chatham, Kent
Salary: £30,728 to £45,053
Closing date for applications: July 17th 2014

NRI seeks an economist with an interest in value chains and markets to join its expanding team of natural and social scientists who are addressing the challenges of poverty reduction and food security through the application of science. The work will be on a wide range of tropical commodities and involve a mixture of methods and tools, both quantitative and qualitative. The successful candidate will join the Food and Markets Department which works on all aspects of postharvest food management and will join an experienced team working to resolve development and sustainability challenges for a wide range of clients including the European Union and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. [> Read more](#)

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Call for Papers/Panels/Research

The Data Revolution in International Development

Deadline: 3 October 2014

This is a call for papers for a track – “The Data Revolution in International Development” – that will form part of the May 2015 IFIP WG9.4 international ICT4D conference, to be held in Sri Lanka.

The data revolution track – chaired by Richard Heeks (Centre for Development Informatics, University of Manchester) and Mark

Graham (Oxford Internet Institute) – is seeking papers that address technical, socio-technical, socio-organisational and critical perspectives on:

- Open data for development
 - Big data for development
 - Real-time data for development
 - Other data-for-development trends
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New Perspectives from PhD Field Research

Editors Jeremy Allouche, Marika Djolai, Eric Kasper, Rose Oronje, Ricardo Santos, Shilpi Srivastava and Linda Waldman

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[Introduction: New Perspectives from PhD Field Research](#)

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Scott-Villiers, P., Ondicho, T., Lubaale, G., Ndung'u, D., Kabala, N. and Oosterom, M.

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EJDR Best Paper Prize

The European Journal of Development Research (EJDR) congratulates Dr Amanda Felkey as the winner of its Best Paper Prize 2014 for her paper "*Husbands, Wives and the Peculiar Economics of Household Public Goods*" (published in July 2013).

Overseas Development Institute



Journal Issues

Development Policy Review:

Open Access July 2014 Special Issue: [Urban Governance and Service Delivery in sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Disasters: July 2014 Special Issue: [The 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake](#)

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[Ten things to know about EU aid](#)

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- [The real water crisis: inequality in a fast changing world](#)
- [What is political voice, why does it matter and how can it bring about change?](#)
- [Exploring the role of climate science in supporting long-term adaptation and decision-making in sub-Saharan Africa](#)
- [Monitoring and evaluating advocacy and policy influence](#)

These are from the first round of an original sub-regional panel survey we conducted in conflict affected states. The aim was to produce data on people's livelihoods, access to and experience of basic services, and people's perceptions of governance, and we finally have our first batch of papers! Hurrah! The data is also open access so people can use it for their own research.

- [Surveying livelihoods, service delivery and governance - baseline evidence from Uganda](#)
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- [Recovery in northern Uganda: How are people surviving post-conflict?](#)
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Latest Publications

[Below the Breadline: The relentless rise of food poverty in Britain](#) *Niall Cooper, Sarah Purcell and Ruth Jackson*

Oxfam and Church Action on Poverty have calculated a 54 percent increase in food bank use in the last year.

This joint paper with the Trussell Trust shows that changes to the social security system, including a more punitive sanctions regime, a lack of decent work and rising living costs are all contributing to food poverty.

[Help Yourself! Food Rights and Responsibilities: Year 2 findings from Life in a Time of Food Price Volatility](#) *Richard King, Alexandra Kelbert, Nick Chisholm and Naomi Hossain*

This report provides the second year results of a four-year study on how food price volatility affects everyday life and uncovers grassroots realities related to the right to food.

[Making it Happen: Oxfam's proposals for the post-2015 framework](#) *David Taylor*

The post-2015 framework must address the challenges of inequality and climate change through stand-alone goals. This paper puts forward Oxfam's proposals for new goals with targets designed to combat extreme economic inequality and to ensure climate-resilient and sustainable low-carbon development.

[Yemen in Crisis: How Yemen can survive the fuel crisis and secure its future](#) *Chad Anderson*

The fuel crisis in Yemen is causing food prices to soar and making water inaccessible. Fuel shortages and rapid inflation are affecting rural communities across the country. Oxfam is calling on Yemen's government and donors to address immediate human impacts alongside the root causes of the fuel crisis.

[Food Crisis, Gender, and Resilience in the Sahel: Lessons from the 2012 crisis in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger](#) *Marthe Diarra Doka, Djibrilla Madougou and Alexandre Diouf*

This report is based on field research conducted in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, looking at responses to the 2012 food crisis from a gender perspective. It finds that households where women have greater power over food decisions are more resilient.

[After Equality: Inequality trends and policy responses in contemporary Russia](#) *Daria Ukhova*

The Russian government started to make attempts to address high inequality in the mid-2000s. However, this paper argues that the fight against inequality is unlikely to succeed without addressing issues with the labour market, tax system, public services, anti-discrimination legislation, corruption and inequitable law enforcement.

[The EU's 2030 Energy and Climate Change Package: Fit for a food and energy-secure world?](#) *Kiri Hanks and Lies Craeynest*

Oxfam is calling for the EU to agree targets to reduce energy demand and boost sustainable renewable energy to help cut emissions by at least 55 percent by 2030. These actions will help to keep energy affordable for Europe and tackle climate change – which will have most impact on the poorest people and reverse the fight against hunger.

[Refugee Perceptions Study: Za'atari camp and host communities in Jordan](#)

Bryant Castro Serrato

This study assesses the needs of refugees from Syria residing in Jordan by looking at both objective data and how the refugees themselves perceive the situation. It will allow organisations to identify new challenges and gaps in aid assistance efforts in Jordan.

[Information Flows Faster than Water: How livelihoods were saved in Pakistan's 2010 floods](#)

Martin Walsh and Ricardo Fuentes-Nieva

This evaluation shows how participation in a disaster risk reduction scheme meant that communities in Pakistan were better prepared when floods hit in 2010. This is the first of a series of follow-up studies designed to build upon Oxfam's Effectiveness Reviews.

[Transformative Leadership for Women's Rights: An Oxfam guide](#)

Jeanette Kloosterman

When men and women lead in a way that embodies human rights, gender equality, participation, consultation, and respect for dignity, they can create transformative and lasting change. Our new guide explains this approach and how it links to the promotion of women's rights and gender justice, with practical examples.

[The Enterprise Development Programme Annual Review 2013](#)

Our Enterprise Development Programme is a pioneering approach to tackling poverty, providing financial and advisory support to small food and agriculture businesses in poor rural communities. Since 2008 the programme has invested in 19 enterprises in 17 countries. The 2013 Annual Review covers the successes and challenges of the last year and a summary of the whole 6 years.

[Impact Evaluation Report: Nepal - Pavitra Vegetable Seed Cooperative Project](#)

Bet Caeyers

In 2010 Oxfam's Enterprise Development Programme started supporting the Pavitra cooperative with a package of loans, grants, training and business mentoring. This evaluation shows a positive impact on a range of indicators of women's empowerment, but finds that more needs to be done to see significant improvements in material wealth.

[Oxfam Enterprise Development Programme Review: Summary Report December 2013](#)

Clara Barby and David Barley

This report presents the key findings and recommendations of an independent evaluation of Oxfam's Enterprise Development Programme (EDP). The evaluation was commissioned by Oxfam GB and was conducted by Bridges Ventures in 2013.

[My Rights, My Voice Annual Progress Report 2013](#)

My Rights, My Voice (MRMV) is an innovative three-year global programme, engaging marginalized children and youth in their rights to health and education services in eight countries. The 2013 Annual Progress Report provides an overview of the programme's progress as well as developments and highlights in the second year.

[For Whose Benefit? The G8 New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in Burkina Faso](#)

Jean-Cyril Dagorn and Issaka Ouandaogo

In Burkina Faso implementation of the New Alliance risks harming rather than helping family farming and food security. The set-up of the New Alliance needs to be reviewed, based on food security and nutrition objectives.

[Standing on the Sidelines: Why food and beverage companies must do more to tackle climate change](#)

Chris Cook, Matt Grainger, Tim Gore, Irit Tamir and Gabrielle Watson

Agriculture and deforestation are responsible for 25% of global emissions. The world's largest food and beverage companies need to cut greenhouse gas emissions in their supply chains, and call for climate action from other industries and governments.

[Fair Company–Community Partnerships in Palm Oil Development](#)

Annemieke Beekmans, Jan Willem Molenaar and Jonas Dallinger

Palm oil production can lead to greenhouse gas emissions, land grabs and exploitation. This paper points to four key principles for partnerships between communities and companies in palm oil that can benefit both.

[Building Early Childhood Development Capacity in Limpopo: The Thusanang Trust's approach](#)

Margaret Roper

This case study analyses the approach, practice and lessons emerging from the work of Thušanang Trust in building the capacity of Early Childhood Development (ECD) practitioners and parents in rural communities in Limpopo Province, South Africa.

[Planning for an Uncertain Future: Promoting adaptation to climate change through flexible and forward-looking decision making](#)

Lindsey Jones, Natasha Grist, Eva Ludi and Elizabeth Carabine

The Africa Climate Change Resilience Alliance (ACCRA) has explored the use of a flexible forward decision making tool for climate adaptation in Uganda, Ethiopia, and Mozambique. This report outlines key findings.

[Evaluation of Oxfam GB's Cash-for-Rent Project in Lebanon](#)

Marilise Turnbull

An evaluation of an Oxfam GB cash-for-rent project for Syrian refugees in Lebanon commissioned by the DEC.

[An Introduction to the Africa Climate Change Resilience Alliance \(ACCRA\) Programme](#)

Isabel Crabtree-Condor

ACCRA seeks improved national decision making in order to reduce vulnerability to climate change and to support communities' agency and resilience in Ethiopia, Uganda and Mozambique. The alliance has begun to achieve this by supporting national consortiums to lead research, capacity building and advocacy.

[Incorporating the Use of ICTs into Oxfam's Markets-based Livelihoods Programmes: A guidance paper](#)

Alvaro Valverde

This Guidance Paper considers ways of incorporating Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) into markets-based livelihoods programmes. It suggests ways to identify and then use the opportunities offered by ICTs particularly in agriculture.

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[Evidence of impact of emergency cash transfers on gender and protection](#)

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Publications

[Poverty Reduction during the Rural-Urban Transformation: Rural Development is still more important than Urbanisation?](#)

Katsushi S. Imai, Raghav Gaiha and Alessandra Garbero

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André Funcke, Gilberto Mascarenhas, John Wilkinson and Paulo Pereira.

[Politics, informality and clientelism – exploring a pro-poor urban politics](#)

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[Can aid bureaucracies think politically? The administrative challenges of political economy analysis \(PEA\) in DFID and the World Bank](#)

Pablo Yanguas, David Hulme

[Governance as a global development goal? Setting, measuring and monitoring the Post-2015 Development Agenda](#)

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Research

[Pablo Yanguas and David Hulme attended a workshop on political economy analysis at ODI](#)

[David Hulme hosted a book launch on learning from South Korea's development.](#)

[A lecture took place on political settlements in post-conflict states: David Craig's lessons from Cambodia and the Pacific](#)

The [OECD Africa Economic Outlook 2014](#) has just been published, with a significant focus on Global Value Chains. A number of Capturing the Gains researchers were involved in discussions and wrote a background paper for the report- although the OECD made their own interpretation and conclusions.

[PhD researcher Andry Raharinomena has been advising the president on financial issues to aid the country's development](#)

Antonio Savoia attended [UNESCO's World Press Freedom Day conference](#) to discuss access to independent media as a development goal.

Daniele Malerba attended the [Manchester Energy Summer School 2014 - 2 to Thursday 5 June](#) which brought together PhD students from all schools within the university to discuss energy issues from many point of views: socio-economical, political, technological. The summer school included presentations from government (local and national) representatives, private sector actors and other researchers. The summer school is the start of a forum to facilitate ideas sharing on energy.

[The International Research Initiative on Brazil and Africa launched an infographic highlighting Brazil's development successes](#)

The ESID bloggers (and guest bloggers) have been very active. [See latest updates.](#)

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What kind of legal and political environment do civil society organisations operate in today? New research by INTRAC, conducted in conjunction with the [European Association of Development and Training Institutes \(EADI\)](#) and the [University of Portsmouth](#), shows a complex and nuanced picture.

- [Two-page summary: Legal frameworks and political space for non-governmental organisations \(NGOs\)](#)

- [Blog post: Finding civil society space in the midst of threats to independence and freedoms to operate](#)
- [Full report, Phase 1: Legal Frameworks and Political Space for Non-Governmental Organisations: An Overview of Six Countries](#)
- [Full report, Phase 2: Legal Frameworks and Political Space for Non-Governmental Organisations: An Overview of Six Countries](#)

Publications

[Survival is not enough: Building capacity of a thriving civil society in West Africa](#)

Charles Kojo Vandyck

[World Cup Special: How to build a winning team \(Praxis Note 51-Updated\)](#)

Rick James and Rod MacLeod

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