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## Welcome! August Edition DSA Bulletin...

Dear Colleagues,

**We have an important announcement regarding the Bulletin signing up process which will mean that for a while, many of you will not be able to receive this.** We would therefore ask those of you who are able to receive the Bulletin to cascade it throughout your organisations and networks. Please visit the [home page](#) for a longer explanation – but having to migrate to a new system has decimated the list that we have built up over well over a decade.

**There is now a ‘double opt-in’ system** which will require you to fill out the form, wait for a confirmation email for you to click and confirm you are who you are and do want to sign up.  
**> [Sign up to the new system Bulletin](#)**

Apart from this potentially catastrophic dent to our outreach, we have the highly positive news that details of the [panels, papers and abstracts](#) are now all up on the website. The range of presenters is [truly international](#) with people coming from Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, South Africa, Uganda, Colombia, Europe and the US.

Plus we have some exciting [promotional opportunities](#) as well as accepting bookings for the Exhibition space.

As students start to head off to University, we are now [accepting applications to volunteer](#) at the Annual Conference. This is a great

Registration is now open for the Conference and we look forward to seeing many of you on 1<sup>st</sup> November at the Institute of Education.

**Frances Hill**  
Executive Director, DSA

### President's Message

I am writing this from steamy Dhaka in Bangladesh, where the monsoon is well established delivering floods in the north of the country and threatening the main traditional rice crop for thousands of cultivators. If the floods persist it will be too late for new seedlings to be transplanted in time to mature for the harvest, even if seedlings were available. This will be a crushing blow for poor subsistence farmers and agricultural labourers in the region, alongside the probable rise in local cereal prices due to seasonal scarcity. These normal annual events, rather than specifically associated with climate change, are a sharp reminder of the ongoing vulnerability of 23 million poorest families in the country who will lose employment opportunities.

This is now the fortieth anniversary of my first time in Bangladesh. A roller coaster experience. Much has changed, and some of it undoubtedly for the better. The country was in a parlous state in 1974, gripped by widespread floods and famine which persisted well into 1975, contributing to the violent political events which replaced a struggling democratic government with military rule. The army remained in power, *de facto*, until the end of 1990. With some interruptions (2006-8), civilian governments have remained in control for almost 25 years, despite the challenges of a growing population, rapid big city urbanisation and continuing mass poverty. In response, agricultural production has significantly increased due to the introduction of a late winter irrigated rice cultivation, a high investment but much more stable crop which has contributed strongly to food security for millions of families. This crop has thus also created millions of jobs for agricultural labourers, which, according to a recent World Bank analysis, contributes most to poverty reduction across the country. Alongside this core development, there are other more controversial sources of income and employment via the garments industry and shrimp production with attendant problems, respectively, of labour rights and environmental pollution. This participation in global markets internationalises the responsibility for these problems through the relentless demand for cheap, often quickly disposable, clothing and international cuisine, with company representatives failing to redistribute fairly between poor producers, rich often violent middle men and their relatively rich consumers. Never was there a better case for state regulation of these industries at both ends of the supply chain.

But with this mixed picture of technological progress and underdevelopment when in contact with the global economy, Bangladesh can also be proud of successes. It is doing well on several MDG indicators, perhaps ahead of other countries in the

region. It has a rising, educated middle class searching for new standards of public conduct. It has a free and vibrant press as well as critical TV debates. The macro-economy is well managed with inflation brought down from 12 to 7%. Although a climate of political



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vindictiveness prevails, there are some improvements in governance and accountability of state officials and market rent seekers with more corruption cases pursued. But perhaps above all, Bangladesh can be proud of being a development pioneer, innovating with social mobilisation through NGOs, acting as a tutor to the generations of visiting aid officials, and through the work of key public intellectuals and think tanks.

It is with some pride therefore that I can reaffirm that Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, one of those prominent public intellectuals and a leader of the Southern Voice movement, has agreed to participate in a plenary session of our upcoming DSA conference—to describe his work with others in defining the SDG post 2015 agenda. I think we are privileged that he has accepted to come, mobilising his own resources to be here as we are so stretched for resources. I am embarrassed by that, but perhaps it is also a sign that the flows of influence in the world are reversing and further evidence that Bangladesh plays on the world stage.

**Geof Wood,**  
DSA President

## News from the DSA

### DSA Annual Conference

**Date:** Saturday 1st November 2014  
**Location:** Institute of Education, London, UK  
**Theme:** Development Post-2015

Conference workstreams, panel and paper abstracts are now available to view on the conference pages.

[> NEW! Read workstreams, panels and abstracts](#)  
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### DSA Study Group NEWS

View a list of all [DSA Study Groups](#)

### Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics

The [presentations](#) from the **EADI Conference 2014 - Study Group Panels are available.** [> Read more about the Study Group](#)

### Information, Technology and Development

### IT Sourcing and Development: New Drivers, Models and Impacts

**Location:** Socially-Responsible Outsourcing Unit, Centre for Development Informatics, University of Manchester, UK  
**Date:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The workshop seeks to reflect on the changing context for IT sourcing: analysing these new forces driving and shaping IT sourcing; characterising the new models of IT sourcing these forces have created; and reassessing the impacts of IT sourcing in light of new criteria. [Read more about the Study Group >](#)

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### Journal of International Development



**Impact Factor:** 0.669  
**ISI Journal Citation Reports ©**  
**Ranking: 2013:** 40/55 (Planning and Development)



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### [Corruption and the Efficiency of Capital Investment in Developing Countries](#)

Conor M. O'toole and Finn Tarp

### [Review Article: Resilience, Poverty and Development](#)

Christophe Béné, Andrew Newsham, Mark Davies, Martina Ulrichs and Rachel Godfrey-Wood

### [Lessons from the Unfinished Agenda of a Small Developing Economy Under Trade and Structural Reforms](#)

Renuka Mahadevan and John Asafu-Adjaye

### [A Blind Spot In Girls' Education: Menarche and its Webs of Exclusion in Ghana](#)

Catherine S. Dolan, Caitlin R. Ryus, Sue Dopson, Paul Montgomery and Linda Scott

### [Doing Business: Using Ratings to Drive Reform](#)

David Irwin

### [Policy Arena: Rethinking Rural Co-Operatives In Development](#) [Rethinking Rural Co-Operatives in Development: Introduction to the Policy Arena](#)

Hazel Johnson And Linda Shaw

### [The Co-Operative as Institution for Human Development: The Case Study of Coppalj, A Primary Co-Operative in Brazil](#)

Sara Vicari

### [Good Co-Operative Governance: The Elephant in The Room with Rural Poverty Reduction](#)

Rowshan Hannan

### [Collective Learning in Youth-Focused Co-Operatives in Lesotho and Uganda](#)

Sally Hartley

### [Enabling and Constraining Factors in the Livelihoods of Poor Fishers in West Sumatra, Indonesia](#)

Richard J. Stanford, Budy Wiryawan, Dietrich G. Bengen, Rudi Febriamansyah and John Haluan

### **Book Reviews**

[The Ironic Spectator. Solidarity in the Age of Post-Humanitarianism, Edited By Lilli Chouliaraki \(Cambridge: Polity](#)

[Press, isbn 978-0-7456-4210-9, £55.00 Hardback](#),  
Dan Brockington

[Forests and Climate Change: The Social Dimensions of Redd in Latin America, Edited By A Hall. \(Cheltenham, Uk: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, 2012\).](#)

Adrienne Johns

## Research News

### DN Next Horizons Essay Contest 2014

In order to help bring attention to the need for scholarship and fresh ideas in this area, and to encourage broad participation, the [Global Development Network](#) (GDN) in partnership with the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) announces an international essay contest. The contest invites essays on the future of development assistance. The primary objective of the contest is to invite fresh thinking related to the future of aid that can inform the ongoing discourse on development assistance and to make this thinking available to policymakers and key stakeholders. [> Read more...](#)

### Workshop Opportunity: Effective Partnerships for Research in Humanitarian Crises

ELRHA is inviting proposals for our facilitated workshop from those wishing to set up a new research partnership between **academics** and **humanitarian practitioners**.

Successful proposals will receive bespoke support packages valued at £5100. The package will nurture partnerships through early programme development and teams will be invited to attend a three-day residential workshop that will culminate in the drawing up of a working agreement for an identified project with aims, objectives and outcomes as well as outline activities. [> more information on the workshop and apply](#)  
The deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Questions? Email: [f.hill@savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:f.hill@savethechildren.org.uk).

## Conferences and Events



### Upcoming Conferences

#### INTRAC workshop: Building sustainability of civil society

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 10.00-17h30

**Location:** St Anne's College, Oxford, UK

This two-day INTRAC workshop is for practitioners, civil society organisations, foundations, social enterprises, private sector and development agencies to share experiences and practical responses to the sustainability of civil society.

Changing aid dynamics and global power relations have huge implications on civil society sustainability. Debates on sustainability are multi-dimensional: funding, structures, values, mission, legitimacy and leadership. Responding to challenges facing the

sector, this workshop will bring together voices from civil society, the private sector and the development sector.

[> Book and get the early bird discount!](#)

### An Afternoon on Syrian Displacement, and Protection in Europe *Launch event hosted by the RSC*

**Speakers:** Cynthia Orchard (University of Oxford), Andy Miller (BPP University), Professor Roger Zetter (Refugee Studies Centre)

**Date and time:** 10 September 2014, 2.30-4.00 pm

**Venue:** Seminar Room 1, Oxford Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford, OX1 3TB

**Cost:** Free, open to the public

**Registration:** Required

This event marks the launch of a new RSC Policy Briefing, '[Protection in Europe for refugees from Syria](#)'. Report authors, Cynthia Orchard and Andrew Miller, will provide an overview of the European reaction generally, as well as brief summaries of selected countries' responses. Also being launched at this event is issue 47 of *Forced Migration Review* on '[Syria, displacement and protection](#)'. [Professor Roger Zetter](#), co-author (with [Héloïse Ruauudel](#)) of a major article in the issue entitled 'Development and protection challenges of the Syrian refugee crisis', will look at early recovery and social cohesion interventions and the transition from assistance to development-led interventions in Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan. [Read more...](#)

### Bordering on failure: Canada–US border policy and the politics of refugee exclusion

*Special seminar hosted by the RSC and Border Criminologies*

**Speakers:** Professor Deborah E Anker (Harvard University), Professor Efrat A Arbel (University of British Columbia)

**Date and time:** 30 September 2014, 12.30-1.30 pm

**Venue:** Seminar Room 1, Oxford Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford, OX1 3TB

**Cost:** Free, open to the public

**Registration:** Not required

Based on a recent report published by the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic (HIRC), entitled [Bordering on Failure: Canada–U.S. Border Policy and the Politics of Refugee Exclusion](#), this talk will examine the Canada–US Safe Third Country Agreement, a 'refugee sharing' agreement implemented by Canada and the United States to exercise more control over their shared border. Drawing on interview data collected along the Canada–US border, it will evaluate how the Agreement has altered the Canada–US border landscape, and the effects it has had on asylum seekers. [> Read more...](#)

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## Courses

From September 2014 all Open Training courses include an individual 50-minute coaching session with the course trainer. INTRAC's experience has shown that although a 'one-off' training is an important starting point in terms of learning new skills, follow up, particularly in the form of individual coaching, increases the impact of the learning and the degree to which learning is applied in the workplace.

More details about the coaching session are available from our [training team](#).

[Advocacy and Policy Influencing \(Web-based blended learning\): Part 1: 22-25 September; Part 2: Week of 20 October; Part 3: 11 November 2014](#)

Is developing and implementing an advocacy strategy critical to success in your project or programme? Do your staff and partners need support to achieve your advocacy objectives? In this capacity building programme, you will have the opportunity to develop and troubleshoot the implementation of an advocacy strategy as well as build your knowledge and confidence.

[Influencing and Supporting Change in Complex Contexts: 13 – 15 October 2014](#)

Building on INTRAC's extensive experience of strengthening advocacy capacity and civil society voice at the national level, this course provides an opportunity for participants to build their knowledge and skills and reflect on the specific challenges of these approaches in complex political contexts, situations and environments. Recognising that there is no blueprint for change, this course combines the use of practical tools, relevant case studies and peer learning to build the knowledge, skills and confidence of participants.

[Use of Evidence \(Web-based blended learning\): Part 1: 21-22 October; Part 2: Week of 3 November; Part 3: 18 November 2014](#)

Do you lack confidence using evidence in your work? Do you face external or internal pressure to justify the evidence that you produce? In response to growing demand for support to practitioners, this course will help you to respond to evidence debates and challenges.

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

[ELRHA Effective Partnerships Workshop 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014](#)

Applications are being sought for the 2014 ELRHA Effective Partnerships Workshop to be held at the Thistle Barbican, London. This is for partnerships that combine research and practice for the humanitarian sector.

Early stage partnership groups need to have a UK HEI as one of their partners. The event is fully residential and free. There is also a small amount of travel subsidy available for each partnership group to bring in Southern partners. For more information, and to submit an application, please visit <http://www.elrha.org/news/workshop-opportunity-effective-partnerships-2014>

## Development Blogs

**INTRAC Capacity building blog series**  
[Strategic funerals in capacity building](#)  
Rick James

## Jobs and Opportunities

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### Director of Research at IDS

Closing Date: September 14th

The Institute is currently refreshing its vision, structures and strategy to meet the challenges of a rapidly-changing world. We are seeking to recruit a newly-created senior position, Director of Research, to play a central role in forming this vision and shaping directions of change and in designing and delivering the Institute's new strategy.

The post holder will also play a critical role in the Institute's new structures and decision-making processes, as a key member of the Strategic Leadership Group (SLG) and will work with the Institute's overall Director to lead and manage the research area of the Institute. [Read more >](#)

### Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Development Studies School of Social Sciences - Vacancy number: 16440

The graduate-only programme Development Studies at the University of Auckland invites applications for a Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Development Studies. We are looking for someone to deliver innovative, engaging and high-quality teaching experiences at the post-graduate level. You will develop a new research methods course that can be taught across the various disciplinary areas in the School of Social Sciences. Other teaching areas will be development theory, policy, praxis; global change processes; health and human rights; and/or other emerging development issues. You should have experience in all aspects of post-graduate training. [> Read more...](#)

[Applications](#) close: 13th September 2014

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### IDS Bulletin

#### China and International Development: Challenges and Opportunities

[IDS Bulletin 45.4](#)

Editor Gu, J., Zhang, X., Bloom, G. and Li, X.

Overseas Development  
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### Journal Issues

#### Development Policy Review

**Theme Issue: *Urban Governance and Service Delivery in sub-Saharan Africa***

Volume 32, Issue S1, July 2014 [Read issue >](#)



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

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## Refugee Studies Centre



### Policy Notes

[Protection in Europe for Refugees from Syria](#)  
Cynthia Orchard, Andrew Miller, 2014

### Reports

[Refugee Economies: Rethinking Popular Assumptions](#)  
Humanitarian Innovation Project, Alexander Betts, Louise Bloom, Josiah Kaplan, Naohiko Omata, 2014

### Books

[The Oxford Handbook of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies](#)  
Oxford University Press, Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, Gil Loescher, Katy Long, Nando Sigona (eds), 2014

[Sans Papiers: The Social and Economic Lives of Young Undocumented Migrants](#)  
Pluto Press, Roger Zetter, Nando Sigona, Alice Bloch, 2014

[Implementation and World Politics: How International Norms Change Practice](#)  
Oxford University Press, Alexander Betts, Phil Orchard, 2014

[Governing Refugees: Justice, Order and Legal Pluralism](#)  
Routledge, Kirsten McConnachie, 2014

### Working Papers

[An exploration and critique of the use of mental health information within refugee status determination proceedings in the United Kingdom](#)  
RSC Working Paper 100  
Jennifer Barrett, Ilim Baturalp, Nath Gbikpi, Katherine Rehberg

[Displacement and dispossession through land grabbing in Mozambique: the limits of international and national legal instruments](#)  
RSC Working Paper 101  
Hannah Twomey

[The culture of disbelief: an ethnographic approach to understanding an under-theorised concept in the UK asylum system](#)  
RSC Working Paper 102  
Jessica Anderson, Jeannine Hollaus, Annelisa Lindsay, Colin Williamson

[Reluctant to return? The primacy of social networks in the repatriation of Rwandan refugees in Uganda](#)  
RSC Working Paper 103  
Cleophas Karooma

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### Recommended reading

**'Striking the balance: what is the role of the public sector in sanitation as a service and as a business?'**  
*Waterlines* Volume 33, Number 3 / July 2014

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[The economywide impacts and risks of Malawi's farm input subsidy programme](#) Channing Arndt, Karl Pauw, and James Thurlow

[From productivity to exporting or vice versa? Evidence from the Tunisian manufacturing sector](#) Mohamed Ayadi and Wided Mattoussi

[Engaging with fragile and conflict-affected states: An alternative approach to theory, measurement and practice](#) Michael Woolcock

[Does the African middle class defend democracy? Evidence from Kenya](#) Nic Cheeseman

[Prospects for grid-connected solar photovoltaic in Kenya: A systems approach](#) Amy Rose, Robert J. Stoner, and Ignacio Pérez-Arriaga

[Can one retell a Mozambican reform story through problem-driven iterative adaptation?](#) Matt Andrews

[The idea of economic development: Views from Africa](#) Hippolyte Fofack

[Regulatory reform for closing Africa's competitiveness gap](#) Ioannis N. Kessides

[Promoting women's economic empowerment through productive employment and social protection](#) Naoko Otake

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[Dealing with election-related violence in fragile and conflict-affected states](#)

*Helpdesk Research Report*

This report identifies lessons learned for dealing with election-related violence in fragile and conflict-affected states. It discusses the process of running elections in sub-national conflict areas and how armed groups have interacted with an election process – both positively and negatively.

[Methods for monitoring and mapping online hate speech](#)

*Helpdesk Research Report*

methodologies exist to support online monitoring and mapping of hate speech and narratives of violence? How has monitoring hate speech been used to support programmatic activities?

[Oil and gas revenue sharing](#)

*Helpdesk Research Report*

This report provide selected examples of revenue sharing models in the oil or gas sector in fragile or conflict-affected states, and summarises how they operate and what factors have contributed to their success or failure.

[Elected women's effectiveness at representing women's interests](#)

*Helpdesk Research Report*

This report summarises evidence on how effective women elected in Africa are at representing women's interests once in power. It also discusses lessons on what can make them more responsive to their constituency, or women in particular.

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- Each entry to contain contact details and a web-link where appropriate.
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