

# DSA Bulletin

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## Welcome! September Edition DSA Bulletin...

Dear Colleagues,

With just one month to go before the Annual Conference, organisation continues apace. If you wish your name to appear on the Participants List (a major networking tool), we will need your registrations no later than Friday 17th October. We can continue to accept registrations after this date, but we need to send it to the printers on that date, so anyone registering after this won't make it onto the hard copy Participants List available in the packs on the day.

[Register online](#)

We have a number of concessionary places still left but these are limited, so if you are a student and planning to attend, I would urge you to register sooner than later to ensure this reduced rate (less than half price).

At the Conference, we will be electing a new President and members of Council. If you would like to be considered for election, or know friends and colleagues, who would have the skills to guide the DSA through this period of change, please send in nomination forms.

These can be downloaded from the [homepage](#) and we are particularly looking for Council members who can bring fundraising, marketing and communication skills to the organisation.

Nominations need a proposer and a seconder, plus

the consent of the nominee of course! In addition everyone must be a member of the DSA.

If you would like to exhibit at the Conference, please [reserve your place](#), also by Friday 17th October.

We look forward to seeing many of you there for what promises to be a packed, varied and very rich programme.

**Frances Hill**  
Executive Director, DSA

### President's Message

We convened a mid-September Heads of Development Centres meeting to discuss strategy for the Development Studies community in the UK, including the sustainability challenges for the DSA UK now that we are more reliant upon income from membership. We are finding ways to reduce our administration costs, but to retain our role across the community of scholars, policy makers and practitioners we need to keep up a level of activity and thus we need additional income streams. The Heads of centres were very supportive with constructive suggestions which we are following up. Some of these will be reported to the upcoming AGM at the 1<sup>st</sup> November DSA conference in London.

The conference is looking good with powerful plenaries and very attractive parallel panel sessions. It will be difficult to choose which to attend. Check the website. Now that term has started for most academic institutions, this is the moment to complete your conference registrations as the availability of places is not unlimited. That applies to student members as well, since concessionary places are limited. Even for a one day conference we already have significant participation from outside the UK. I know the world always seems to be in perpetual crisis, but this autumn we have further international war in the Middle East, we have just had a UN Climate Change conference in preparation for a further round of international commitments, and we are approaching the completion of post-2015 SDGs. And we have renewed scrutiny of the validity of poverty thresholds, with a breakdown of consensus about them and a realisation (long overdue in my view) that poverty reduction achievements within the MDG framework offer a false picture of livelihoods reality for hundreds of millions worldwide. This DSA conference is therefore very special.

The Heads meeting opened up a further realisation which is quite challenging for those with 'Development Studies' in their institutional titles. With emerging middle income countries containing most of the world's poor populations, we have definitely entered a post, post-colonial world which is nevertheless significantly integrated through the cause and effect of globalisation. This changes the idea of 'development studies' signalled through the increasing use of the term 'international development'. We are all implicated in the futures of each other—globally. Climate change is an obvious example, but there are many others reflecting inequalities and alienated identities. Indeed the amoebic spread of imperfect capitalism links us all together.



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The sense of responsibility for problems as well as solutions feels more immediate and acute than ever before. The intervention in Iraq is certainly a case in point. War now seems to be a first rather than last resort. But we have to think about the causes of alienated identities and inequalities and move beyond the short termism of projectised quick fixes which is the currency of much international aid. In a post, post-colonial world, more countries will have to act on their own: partly through Polanyian social policy to modify the excesses of imperfect capitalism, to offset poverty and to sustain internal peace; partly through green growth supported by an attack upon vested institutional impediments (the recent Growth conference at LSE was interesting in this respect); and partly through re-setting the terms of international trade to ensure improved global justice and fairness as a route to international peace. Are you sleeping at night?

**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

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### Information, Technology and Development

The [special issue](#) of *Innovation and Development* journal on “**New Models of Inclusive Innovation for Development**” has now been published:

This incorporates six papers from the 2013 ITD Study Group meeting on innovation and development, held at the University of Manchester; three of which are on permanent open access. The [overview paper](#) - is free access during Sept/Oct 2014. It defines and analyses inclusive innovation, and identifies future policy and research priorities.  
[Read more about the Study Group >](#)

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## Journal of International Development Journal of the DSA

Journal of  
**International Development** **dsa**

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



### Latest Issue – [August 2014](#)

#### [Does Free Distribution Of Mosquito Nets Affect Subsidized Net Sales? Evidence From A Nationwide Campaign In Tanzania](#)

Chris D. Gingrich, Kara Hanson, Vianey Rweyendela and Timothy A. Piper

#### [Microeffects Of Women's Education On Contraceptive Use And Fertility: The Case Of Uganda](#)

Faisal Buyinza and Eria Hisali

#### [Technical Efficiency In African Agriculture: Is It Catching Up Or Lagging Behind?](#)

A. Mugeru and A. Ojede

#### [Skills Development For Income Generation In Rural Areas—Can Donors Learn?](#)

Manfred Wallenborn

#### [Sources Of Real Exchange Rate Volatility And International Financial Integration: A Dynamic Generalised Method Of Moments Panel Approach](#)

Guglielmo Maria Caporale, Thouraya Hadj Amor and Christophe Rault

#### [Banks' Total Factor Productivity Growth In A Developing Economy: Does Globalisation Matter?](#)

Fadzlan Sufian and Muzafar Shah Habibullah

#### [Embedding The Vulnerable Into The Millennium Development Goals: Social Protection In Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers](#)

Meg Elkins

#### [Public–Private Partnership In Education: A Promising Model From Brazil](#)

Tamo Chattopadhyay and Olavo Nogueira

#### [Implementation Of Post-Conflict Reconstruction And Development Aid Initiatives: Evidence From Afghanistan](#)

Diloro Kadirova

### Field Reports

#### [How Sustainable Are Donor-Driven Solar Power Projects In Remote Areas?](#)

Jens Marquardt

[Cost-Efficiency And Outreach Of Microfinance Institutions: Trade-Offs And The Role Of Ownership](#)

Gashaw Tadesse Abate, Carlo Borzaga And Kindie Getnet

**Book Reviews**

[Sir Arthur Lewis: A Biography](#), by BARBARA INGHAM and PAUL MOSLEY (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, Great Thinkers in Economics, 2013, pp. 342 + x. h/bk £75.00). (pages 933–934)

John Toye

[The Role of Elites in Economic Development](#), edited by Alice H. Amsden, Alisa DiCaprio and James A. Robinson (Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2012, ISBN 978-0-19-965903-6, UK£58.00, hardcover, pp. xxii + 374.) (pages 935–936)

Ines Afonso Roque Ferreira

[Africa Emerges: Consummate Challenges, Abundant Opportunities](#), edited by Robert Rotberg (Published by Polity Press, ISBN: 978-0-7456-6162-9, US\$). (pages 937–938)

Madina Guloba

**Conferences and Events**



**INTRAC Workshop: Building Sustainability of Civil Society**



**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 10h00-17h30

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

This two-day workshop is for practitioners, civil society organisations, foundations, social enterprises, private sector representatives and development agencies to share experiences and practical responses to the challenge of making civil society organisations financially, structurally, and ethically sustainable. It will also look at maintaining sustainability in the face of changing aid dynamics and global power relations.

**Speakers** will include top thinkers from: Afrikids, Ashoka, Cass Business School, Centre for Innovation in Voluntary Action, DFID, ISSA (Soros partner), Southern Africa Trust, and Wilde Ganzen.

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**Courses**

**Special 10% discount for DSA members** by quoting this code (expires 31 October 2014): **2014DSA10**



[Use of Evidence \(Web-based blended learning\)](#)

(Part 1: 22-25 October; Part 2: Week of 3 November; Part 3: 18 November 2014. Delivered remotely, £680)

[Theory of Change for Planning and Impact Assessment](#)

(17-21 November 2014, Oxford; £1,150 non-residential / £1,399 residential)

[Advocacy and Policy Influencing](#)

(24-28 November 2014, Oxford; £1,150 non-residential / £1,399 residential)

[Advocacy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation](#)

(1-3 December 2014, Oxford; £699 non-residential / £850 residential)

**Postgraduate degrees at the UNSW Centre for Social Research in Health**

The [Centre for Social Research in Health](#) is seeking passionate, engaged and motivated MA by Research and PhD applicants who are interested in understanding and influencing change in the fields of health, sex, drugs and risk.

Based in Arts and Social Sciences at UNSW Australia, a founding member of the Group of Eight key teaching and research universities in Australia, our research degrees provide the skills needed to undertake high quality research, contribute to academic and policy debates, and inform best practice.

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UNSW International Research Candidate Scholarships are listed [here](#).

**ESRC Governing Council**

**Closing date:** Monday 6 October 2014

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) is the UK's largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues and for nearly 50 years has been committed to supporting the very best research with wide ranging impact to help shape public policy and make business, voluntary bodies and other organisations more effective, as well as shaping wider society.

The Council's Appointments Panel is seeking applications from senior academics in the area of **economics/finance** or experienced individuals from **the voluntary/charitable sector**, to fill two vacancies on its governing Council. These vacancies are for part-time, fixed term membership and the total time commitment would be approximately 20 – 25 days per year. All reasonable travel and subsistence expenses to meetings will be reimbursed.

Further information about the ESRC and the current vacancies is available via the [ESRC's website](#)

**Development Blogs**

**Oxfam Policy and Practice**

- [Extreme weather and food insecurity - a sign of things to come?](#)
- [The good news about climate change: from adaptation to advocacy](#)

- [How are environmental shocks related to food security and child stunting?](#)
- [0.7% aid bill: the UK's unique opportunity to change millions of lives](#)
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- [The Arab Spring, Ukraine crisis and prospects for civil society in Eastern Europe](#)  
Charles Buxton

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#### Lecturer/Senior Lecturer

##### Centre For International Development and Training (CIDT)

CIDT is seeking to expand and wishes to recruit up to three, enthusiastic, people-centred international development professionals to join our dynamic, multidisciplinary team. To be considered for these posts you will have a deep understanding of poverty issues and want to work internationally. You will be qualified to Masters or PhD level in one or more of the following core areas of our work: International development/ Development Studies, Development Economics, Climate Change, ICT for development, Education, Social Development, Forest Governance, Sustainable Livelihoods or in a complimentary area such as health, governance/institutions, conflict management, public finance or organisational management. You will have a range of experience to offer and build upon. You will have strong flexible teamwork skills and be happy to work in a variety of roles in multidisciplinary teams. In this post you will be expected to engage in business development and delivery of consultancy, project management and capacity building services. You will have a proven track record in entrepreneurial work and in facilitating participatory development processes overseas. You will be comfortable developing and leading small teams, bids and proposals and will be prepared to take part in all areas of the Centre's work as required. It will be an advantage if you can work to professional standards in French

and/or Spanish, as well as English (Arabic or Portuguese may also be relevant) > [Read more.](#)

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#### Publications

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#### IDS Bulletin



#### Localising Governance

[IDS Bulletin 45.5](#)

Edited by Anuradha Joshi and Markus Schultze-Kraft

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#### [Is There a Role for Mobiles to Support Sustainable Agriculture in Africa?](#)

*Simon Batchelor, Nigel Scott, Alvaro Valverde, Cristina Manfre and David Edwards*

This paper explores how ICTs (particularly mobile phones) could be used to accelerate the uptake of sustainable agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa. The rapid growth of mobile phone use offers a significant opportunity, but without a co-operative and focused effort this potential could be lost.

#### [A Sign of Things to Come? Examining four major climate-related disasters, 2010-2013, and their impacts on food security](#)

*Christopher Coghlan, Maliha Muzammil, John Ingram, Joost Vervoort, Friederike Otto, Rachel James*

This report from researchers at the University of Oxford's Environmental Change Institute and CGIAR explores the impacts of extreme weather events on food security. It considers the role of governance in responses to emergencies in Russia, Pakistan, East Africa and the Philippines.

#### [Climate Shocks, Food and Nutrition Security: Evidence from the Young Lives cohort study](#)

*Paul Dornan, Maria Jose Ogando Portela, Kirrily Pells*

Many people living in poor communities in Ethiopia, Andhra Pradesh (India), Peru and Vietnam experience climatic shocks, and many face episodes of food insecurity. To understand the links Oxfam commissioned research from the Young Lives international cohort study of childhood poverty.

[Food prices and how people are eating: Views from 'Life in a Time of Food Price Volatility'](#)

*Alexandra Wanjiku Kelbert and Nick Chisholm*

How do households cope with increases in food prices? How have their eating habits changed in the face of food price volatility? These case studies from Kenya, Vietnam, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Burkina Faso form part of the Oxfam–IDS research project on Food Price Volatility.

[Initial Analysis of the Pre-Zero Draft of the Post-2015 DRR Framework](#)

*Debbie Hillier*

This briefing outlines Oxfam's initial analysis of the pre-zero draft of the successor to the Hyogo Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction. In general, this draft is a significant improvement on the Suggested Elements paper although substantial concerns remain.

[Fiscal Justice to Reduce Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

*Déborah Itriago*

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) is still the most unequal region in the world. Political and economic elites have shaped fiscal systems which, in general, have a very limited impact when it comes to correcting inequalities. This briefing paper calls for courageous reforms.

[Adjusting the Lens: Latin American and Caribbean fiscal policies from a gender perspective](#)

*Raquel Coello, Déborah Itriago, Diana Salamanca*

By examining Latin American and Caribbean fiscal policies from a gender perspective, this discussion paper suggests that further study is necessary of the biases, both explicit and implicit, of fiscal systems that reinforce traditional roles of women in society. Currently in Spanish only.

[Investing for the Few: The IFC's Health in Africa initiative](#)

*Anna Marriott and Jessica Hamer*

The Health in Africa initiative of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) is at odds with the World Bank Group's commitment to universal and equitable health coverage. This paper argues that private sector healthcare delivery is extremely unlikely to deliver better health outcomes for poor people.

[A Fairer Deal for Syrians: International commitments needed to arrest the deepening crisis in Syria and the region](#)

*Daniel Gorevan*

There are now 3 million Syrian refugees, 6.5 million people have been displaced and 190,000 people have been killed in the crisis. This briefing shows how far the international community is falling short in the provisions of aid, resettlement, and halting the supply of arms.

[Moral Hazard? 'Mega' public-private partnerships in African agriculture](#)

*Robin Willoughby*

African governments are increasingly turning to public–private partnerships (PPPs) to stimulate investment in agriculture. PPPs offer the allure of increased capital and technology but alternative investment approaches offer a better use of resources for the poorest.

[Delivering Prosperity in Myanmar's Dryzone: Lessons from Mandalay and Magwe on realizing the economic potential of small-scale farmers](#)

*Jodie Thorpe*

Myanmar is undergoing intense and rapid changes. Mechanization and large-scale agricultural investment is not the only option. Small farm development provides a commercially viable option with better outcomes in terms of poverty reduction and positive spillovers to other sectors.

[Cease Failure: Rethinking seven years of failing policies in Gaza](#)

*Lani Frerichs, David Andrés Viñas, Nicola Bay*

The conflict between Palestinians and Israelis requires a long-term political solution that begins with a lasting ceasefire, continues with the end of the blockade of Gaza, and ends with a negotiated peace based on international law.

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[WP/2014/116 The impact of conditional cash transfer programmes on household work decisions in Ghana](#) Eric Ekobor-Ackah Mochiah, Robert Darko Osei, and Isaac Osei Akoto

[WP/2014/115 South African labour market transitions during the global financial and economic crisis: Micro-level evidence](#) Dennis Essers

[WP/2014/114 African growth miracle or statistical tragedy? Interpreting trends in the data over the past two decades](#) Morten Jerven

[WP/2014/113 Poverty and ethnicity among black South Africans](#) Carlos Gradin

[WP/2014/112 A hybrid approach to incorporating climate change and variability into climate scenario for impact assessments](#)  
Yohannes Gebretsadik, Kenneth Strzepek, and C. Adam Schlosser

[WP/2014/111 Changes in climatic factors and malaria in Uganda](#)  
Bruno Lule Yawe

[WP/2014/110 The multilateral aid system: an assessment following the major replenishments of 2013](#) Richard Manning

[WP/2014/109 Poverty dynamics and programme graduation from social protection: A transitional model for Mexico's Oportunidades programme](#) Juan M. Villa and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa

[WP/2014/108 The happy farmer: Self-employment and subjective well-being in rural Vietnam](#) Thomas Markussen, Maria Fibæk, Finn Tarp, and Nguyen Do Anh Tuan

[WP/2014/107 Adaptation to climate variability and change in Uganda: Are there gender differences across households?](#) Madina Gulo

[WP/2014/106 An integrated analysis of economywide effects of climate change](#) Hasan Dudu and Erol H. Çakmak

[WP/2014/105 Learning to export and learning by exporting: The case of Ethiopian manufacturing](#) Eyerusalem Siba and Mulu Gebreeyesus

[WP/2014/104 Women's empowerment: what works and why?](#) Andrea Cornwall

[WP/2014/103 Behavioral design: A new approach to development policy](#) Saugato Datta and Sendhil Mullainathan

[WP/2014/102 Aid and environment in Mozambique](#) Alda Tomo and Nícia Givá

[WP/2014/101 Varieties of capitalists? The middle class, private sector and economic outcomes in Africa](#) Antoinette Handley



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[Integrated programmes supporting adolescent girls](#)  
*Helpdesk Research Report*

This report identifies examples of integrated programmes that support adolescent girls and have positive impacts on girls' empowerment, livelihoods, health and education. Evaluations found that girls especially appreciated having a nearby safe space of their own and being educated by their peers. Girls who participate in integrated programmes may experience the greatest overall gains from programme participation.

[Incentives for gender responsive budgeting](#)  
*Helpdesk Research Report*

This report summarises the evidence on effective incentives for gender responsive budgeting. It concludes that GRB can be included as part of processes to monitor performance, for example by using performance-based indicators to monitor and incentivise performance.

[Capacity development at the national level in fragile and conflict-affected states](#)

*Helpdesk Research Report*

This is a summary of current thinking on best practice in capacity development for national-level government institutions in fragile and conflict-affected states. It finds that technical assistance and training remain very common approaches to capacity development in fragile states, despite significant doubts that have been raised in recent years about their effectiveness. Notable innovative approaches that have been successfully deployed in Afghanistan and other fragile contexts include an increased emphasis on adaptive, flexible, and incremental approaches, and on South-South and triangular cooperation.

[The impact of conflict on poverty](#)

*Helpdesk Research Report*

This is an overview of the latest evidence since 2010 on the impact of conflict on poverty. Overall the latest evidence suggests that violent conflict causes and intensifies poverty and its persistence, but that context is very important.

## General Publications



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- Annual resource for the student, teacher and practitioner of development
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