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News from the DSA

President's Foreword

The [Call for Papers and Panels for the 2015 Development Studies Association Conference](#) (7 and 8th September) is now on the website – please take a look and send in your proposals for papers and panels (and register) as soon as you can.

The Conference is DSA's major annual event and is central to the functioning of the Association as a space for development academics, researchers and practitioners to create a scholarly community – exchanging ideas, working out new collaborations or more sharply defining their conflicting views on concepts and policies. Our meeting, hosted by the University of Bath, will be the first multi-day event for four years and so it is very important that as many members as possible actively participate in the work sessions (plenary, parallel and poster sessions and working group meetings) and the social opportunities (tea, beer, shared taxis or the omnivores grabbing all the vegetarian options at dinner).

The theme is **Global Development as Relationship: Dependence, Interdependence or Divide?** And plenary lectures will examine the forms of relationship that are valued, enacted and denied through current processes of international development. Ebola, political violence, migration, trade and climate change all assert our global interdependence, while structures of governance still tend to assume the predominance nation state sovereignty. Contemporary

processes have generated prosperity for many, great wealth for some and exceptional inequality. Working groups and research centres are particularly encouraged to propose well thought out panels that can explore this theme and/or other issues important to the development agenda. While the 'unveiling' of the Sustainable Development Goals (shortly after the conference) will figure in some presentations we are keen to ensure the conference moves beyond the official framings of 'development'.

David Hulme
DSA President

DSA Study Group News

Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics

EADI/DSA Multidimensional Poverty Working Group
EADI Disasters and Development Working Group and HDCA
Sustainable Human Development Thematic Group

**Call for Papers: Rethinking Development Research
The post-2015 development agenda and sustainable
development goals**

Date: 25 – 26th June 2015, University of East London, UK
[Read more >](#)

DSA Scotland

We are sad to inform readers of the death of Professor Anthony Clunies Ross

A scholar who was committed to international development, Anthony contributed to discussions at DSA Scotland meetings until recently - producing background papers on key issues such as the funding international aid through a financial transactions tax and estimating the size of the 'income gap' relating to the eradication of world poverty. [Read the obituary.](#)

New! Urbanisation and Development

A core aim for the group is to facilitate a network in support of influencing current and emerging policy agendas, drawing on existing links to academic, NGO, government and private sector communities in these fields in the global south, in support of an inclusive and collaborative approach.

The group will meet twice a year (including one meeting at the DSA annual conference), offering an opportunity for members to discuss their research and potential collaboration. [Read more >](#)

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Lucia Knight, Benjamin J. Roberts, J. Lawrence Aber, Linda Richter and The SIZE Research Group

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D. V. Pahan Prasada

[Returning Home: The Middle-Income Trap and Gendered Norms in Thailand](#)

Ann Le Mare, Buapun Promphaking and Jonathan Rigg

Call for Policy Arenas

Policy Arenas are a special feature of the Journal of International Development.

- They focus on particular policy debates or controversies
- They reflect a range of views on those policy debates
- They engage a policy audience, as well as an academic one

They optimally include at least one article by someone working in the policy domain. Policy Arenas may comprise different formats, for example:

- Two-three articles with an introduction written by the guest editors (a review that engages with the literature in the area of the policy arena to introduce the debate or controversy as well as the articles).
- Two articles with differing approaches to a policy issue – more like a debate between them – which may have a short piece to introduce them.
- A single position paper that sets out the literature and debates in a balanced way to promote engagement by academics and policy makers.

Policy Arenas should be of the highest standard and are subject to double-blind peer review. Guest editing and refereeing guidelines are available. We welcome Policy Arenas on any topic within the Aims and Scope of the journal and are also interested to have Policy Arenas that engage with the natural and social sciences in addressing development policy. Proposals should include a title, description of the policy issue/debate to be addressed and abstracts of the articles to be included. Exploratory ideas can also be discussed. Contact [Katy Jenkins](#)

Research News

ESRC-DFID Raising Learning Outcomes in Education Systems Research Programme – 2015 call

ESRC and DFID are pleased to announce the second annual call under a joint programme funding world class cutting edge social science research that addresses key questions on learning outcomes within education systems in developing countries. The 2015 call in the ESRC-DFID Raising Learning Outcomes in Education Systems Research Programme is focused on the theme of '**Challenging Contexts**' - where education systems face particular challenges, what enables and/or inhibits the raising of learning outcomes? The specific contexts of focus are:

- Remote rural
- Urban slums
- Border cities

A total of up to £6.5 million is being made available for research projects under this call. Proposals are invited for projects with a Full Economic Cost (fEC) value of between £200,000 and £700,000 and from one year up to a maximum of four years in duration. There are no geographic restrictions on who may apply for this funding opportunity, and proposals are sought from across the social sciences. The deadline for proposals is **16.00 (GMT) on 14 May 2015**. Full details on this call and information on how to submit a proposal can be found on the call [webpage](#)

All queries should be directed to: eddev@esrc.ac.uk

Call for Applicants for the 8th & 9th EGEP: EWHA Global Empowerment Program

“Transnational Feminisms and Women’s Activism”
Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea

Application Submission: March 23 ~ April 12th, 2015

EGEP is a two-week residential educational program that takes place twice a year (summer and winter) offered by EWHA Womans University. According the MOU between **EWHA Womans University** and **UN Women**, this program aims to promote education for women and gender equality in **Asia and Africa** by empowering women working in non-governmental public sectors and by nourishing the next generation of women leaders.

For more information, please visit the [website](#) of the organizing institution, Asian Center for Women’s Studies, or contact us via email at egep@ewha.ac.kr

Conferences and Events



Upcoming Conferences

Sign up for the MSc International Development webinar

The University of Bath is holding a webinar on **Tuesday 21 April** at **12.00 (noon)** where you can find out more about the Masters in International Development programme and studying at Bath. You’ll also have the opportunity to ask questions to academic staff.

The MSc International Development at Bath provides an exciting opportunity to develop your understanding of practical development problems. You’ll study with global academic experts alongside an international community of students in one of the top universities in the UK. [Register for the webinar](#)

International Conference on ‘Gender Relations and Rising Inequalities’

University of East Anglia in Norwich from 6-8 July 2015.

The Gender and Development Research Group at the School of International Development, University of East Anglia has a particular interest in social change, specifically the social and gendered dimensions of poverty reduction, inequality and social injustice.

The [conference](#) will be a good opportunity to reflect on global changes and the new challenges confronting the push for gender equality over the past two decades. The conference aims to bring together leading academics, researchers and research scholars for a sustained consideration of changing gender relations in contexts of rising inequality, and new ways of thinking about gender relations. We believe that a better understanding of how gender relations influence and are affected by processes of economic and social polarisation, at a range of scales from the very local to the global, is critical in order to inform development policy.

The [conference has seven major panels:](#)

- Migration, Status and multi/trans-national relations
- Social Reproduction, Generations and Educational Aspirations
- “Gender Equality” norms, mobilisation and policy change
- Gender Inequality, Consumption and Changing Identities
- Labour markets, microfinance and women’s empowerment
- Environmental/climatic change gendered inequalities
- Gender and Violence

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Courses

Transforming Nutrition: Ideas, Policy and Outcomes 2015

Institute of Development Studies, Brighton

Applications are now open for this 5 day course, designed for both policy makers and practitioners. The course will take participants through new ways of thinking about undernutrition and what to do about it. [Read more >](#)

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Jobs & Opportunities

Post-doctoral Position

Post-doctoral position in the political economy of externally financing social policy in developing countries.

The Institute of Social Studies in The Hague (part of Erasmus University Rotterdam) invites applications for a post-doctoral position in the political economy of externally financing social policy in developing countries. The position will be integrated into the research programme Political Economy of Resources, Environment and Population (PER; see here), as part of the research project entitled ‘Aiding Social Protection: the political economy of externally financing social policy in developing countries (AIDSOCPRO).’ The AIDSOCPRO research project is funded by the European Research Council under the Starting Grant scheme, which was awarded to Dr Andrew Fischer, the principal investigator, in 2014 for a period of five years (starting in May 2015). Teaching responsibilities of the post-doc will be integrated into the Social Policy for Development MA major (SPD; [see here](#)).

Call for Papers

Annual Research Conference “Rethinking Peace, Security and Development in Contemporary Africa”

Date: Friday 6th November 2015
University of Bradford, UK

Call for Abstracts Dubbed as the year of Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance, 2013 saw many African countries celebrate their 50th anniversary of independence. Looking at its past, present and future developments, an air of optimism and determination has

indeed pervaded the continent. While the Africa emerging narrative cannot be gainsaid, new challenges have also cropped up particularly in the area of peace, security and development. Terrorism and the rise of insurgent groups such as Al Shabab and Boko Haram, continued environmental and climate change, and the Ebola outbreak in West Africa all constitute a threat to continental peace, security and development. The setbacks are far-reaching and overwhelming to existing structures. While acknowledging these challenges, tremendous success stories and opportunities exist but often are not highlighted. Technology transfers and innovation for instance have proved to be a game changer in many sectors in Africa, including peace and security.

For Students

IDPM Development Leadership Scholarships

IDPM is offering three Development Leadership scholarships, each worth up to £16,000, for developing country applicants onto its MSc International Development or MSc ICTs for Development programmes, for September 2015 entry:

Applicants should apply for their MSc by April and for the scholarship by end May. Read the [application and eligibility details](#). Read more about the [scholarships](#).

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Funding Opportunities

Three ISS/ERC Fully Funded PhD Positions

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[Pulling the Plug: How to stop corporate tax dodging in Europe and beyond](#)

Oxfam International

Tax dodging is receiving increasing political attention in Europe. This briefing explores some of the solutions for fighting corporate tax avoidance that the European Union should present in 2015, and explains why it is important to adopt them as soon as possible.

[Right to Education Act: Claiming education for every child](#)

Oommen C. Kurian, Pooja Parvati

India's highly privatised and compartmentalised education system offers very different opportunities for various social groups and perpetuates social inequalities. This paper looks at how the RTE Act offers a first step towards an educational system in India that offers access, equity, and inclusion of all children.

[Failing Syria: Assessing the impact of UN Security Council Resolutions in protecting and assisting civilians in Syria](#)

Martin Hartberg, Dominic Bowen, Daniel Gorevan

This report reviews what real effects the UNSC Resolutions have had on protection of civilians, humanitarian access, increases in international aid contributions, and political solutions. It finds that the violence in Syria has intensified, killings have increased, humanitarian access has diminished, and the humanitarian response remains severely and chronically underfunded.

[Multiple Inequalities and Policies to Mitigate Inequality Traps in Pakistan](#)

Abid Aman Burki, Rashid Memon, Khalid Mir

This report presents the findings of research that Oxfam carried out on multiple inequalities in Pakistan in collaboration with the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).

[The Welsh Doughnut: A framework for environmental sustainability and social justice](#)

Malcolm Sayers

Using Oxfam's Doughnut model, this report provides a snapshot of Wales' status by assessing its current position against a suggested set of domains and indicators.

[Secure Insecurity: The continuing abuse of civilians in eastern DRC as the state extends its control](#)

Marijke Deleu

This briefing paper presents new research scrutinizing the experiences of communities in certain areas of eastern DRC where state police, officials and military have extended their control.

[Building Capacity to Make a Difference: Oxfam and the Sexual Rights Centre in Zimbabwe](#)

Sian Maseko

This case study explores Oxfam's partnership with the Sexual Rights Centre in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, an innovative grassroots organisation which works with LGBT communities to empower them and enable them to demand their rights.

[Changing Laws, Changing Lives: Supporting survivors of gender-based violence in Mozambique](#)

Edson Mussa

Survivors of gender-based violence in Mozambique face challenges in accessing legal justice and support. This case study looks at the work of AMUDEIA (the Association of Disadvantaged Women), a rural women's organisation supported by Oxfam which operates a care centre for survivors of gender-based violence.

[I Care About Her: Building a movement of champions in Zambia to end violence against women and girls](#)

Alison Channon, Emmanuel Ngulube

This case study highlights the achievements of I Care About Her, a programme which works to end violence against women and girls

by transforming attitudes and beliefs and mobilising men and boys to champion non-violence.

[Putting the Power in Women's Hands: The WOGIVES Project in Malawi](#)

Alison Channon, Anthony Malunga

An overview of the Women and Girls' Voice Enhancement in Essential Services project (WOGIVES), under which Oxfam and partners are using diverse approaches to equip women and their communities with the tools they need to claim their rights, empower themselves economically and fight gender inequality.

[The Birds and the Bees: Training a new generation of activists against sexual violence in South Africa](#)

Alison Channon, Glenise Levendal, Renee Jeftha

This case study looks at Oxfam's partnership with Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust, supporting their peer education programme, which trains high school students as peer counsellors and educators to support rape survivors and fight sexual violence in their schools and communities.

[WASH in Schools: Liberia's first step to recovery from Ebola](#)

Government of Liberia, WASH Liberia partners

Schools are gradually reopening in Liberia after having been closed for six months in an attempt to curb the spread of Ebola. This report presents research on the current needs, estimated services and investment required to accelerate progress towards 100 percent clean water and sanitation (WASH) coverage in Liberian schools.

[No-one Should Be Oppressed: Writing about our lives and struggles](#)

Shamim Meer

This book captures work from the Organising Marginalised and Vulnerable Women Workers cluster of the Oxfam Women's Rights Advancement Programme (OWRAP) in South Africa.

[Redeveloping Disaster Risk Reduction](#)

Gladys Ryan

This case study documents the development of the urban component of Oxfam in South Africa's Disaster Risk Reduction Program for the period 2011 to 2014.

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Editors Barbara Befani, Ben Ramalingam and Elliot Stern

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Developmental Leadership Programme



[State Fragility](#)

Suda Perera

This Concept Brief notes that as development has become increasingly securitized, 'fragile states' have come to dominate the international agenda. Yet a focus on state fragility can divert attention from non-state governance mechanisms, and labelling a state as 'fragile' could have unintended consequences.

[State Legitimacy](#)

Claire Mcloughlin

This Concept Brief suggests that understanding when citizens are likely to confer or withdraw legitimacy requires investigating social norms. The depth and durability of a state's legitimacy affects the feasibility of development processes, and the effectiveness of external efforts to support them.

[Authoritarianism, Democracy and Development](#)

Tim Kelsall

The paper finds that knowing whether a state is authoritarian or democratic does not help us predict whether or not it will be developmental. It identifies contextual characteristics that underpin developmental states.

[Corruption and Collective Action](#)

Heather Marquette and Caryn Peiffer

A growing number of authors have argued that anti-corruption interventions have not worked because they have not taken into account that corruption is a collective action problem. This paper argues that three theoretical perspectives, not just collective action theory, can increase our understanding of corruption and how to address it.

[What Do Indian Middle Class Attitudes to Poverty Tell Us About the Politics of Poverty Reduction?](#)

Niheer Dasandi

This study finds that self-interest is not the only driver of middle class views of assistance for the poor in India: ideas and values are important. It notes the importance of understanding the reasons for middle class disengagement from poverty in developing countries. It suggests a political approach to policy design involving less focus on institutions and more focus on public opinion.

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Rachel Hayman, Jenny Ross, Summer Brown, Andrew Anderson, Getinet Assefa, Christiane Noe

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[Social media and governance](#)

Helpdesk Research Report

Social media has a lot of potential to be used for governance purposes, but this is not capitalised on in most contexts. This Helpdesk Research Report looks at the impact of social media on the governance of social, political and economic bodies. It also looks at how social media is regulated and governed in low-income and fragile contexts.

[Crisis management models in Africa](#)

Helpdesk Research Report

This Helpdesk Research Report looks at models of crisis management that exist across Africa and the lessons learned from them. It looks at national crisis management models in Nigeria, Uganda and Mauritania as well as food security crisis management in Kenya, Ethiopia and Niger.

[Relationship between humanitarian and development aid](#)

Helpdesk Research Report

There are various approaches to understanding the relationship between humanitarian and development aid. Some literature points to a specific time period and others to an institutional gap. More recent debates have emphasised linking humanitarian aid and development with security. This report looks at the various approaches, the challenges involved and approaches to address them.

[Counter- and de-radicalisation with returning foreign fighters](#)

Helpdesk Research Report

This report looks at examples of counter and de-radicalisation work with returning foreign fighters and lessons learned from these programmes. The report finds that most of the programmes are based on approaches to criminal rehabilitation, and involve a mix of vocational training and counselling, with a religious component designed to challenge extremist narratives and ideologies.

[Donor action on women's employment in ASEAN countries – Complement](#)

Helpdesk Research Report

This report looks at donors' attempts to improve women's workforce participation and conditions in states that are members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). It identifies that the ILO is the major aid entity involved. Other major ones include the Asian Development Bank, UN Women and the International Finance Corporation.

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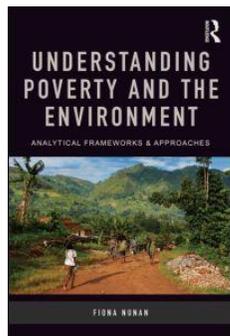
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Understanding Poverty and the Environment
Analytical frameworks and approaches
By Fiona Nunan

Does poverty lead to environmental degradation? Do degraded environments and natural resources lead to poverty? Or, are there other forces at play? Is the relationship between poverty and the environment really as straightforward as the vicious circle portrayal of 'poverty

leading to environmental destruction leading to more poverty' would suggest? Does it matter if the relationship is portrayed in this way?

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