

# DSA Bulletin

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## Welcome! April 2015 DSA Bulletin...



### News from the DSA

#### President's Foreword

In the UK 'election fever' is in full swing but this is a different form of political process than I have ever seen. The prospect, apparent certainty, of a coalition has the political parties playing a new game that they only partly understand. This has been particularly evident around the party manifestos which came out almost two weeks later than planned. How do you write a manifesto with two levels of commitment? One set of commitments 'lines in the sand' that will be honoured, but the other commitments presented as concrete.... but open for re-negotiation if one ends up a coalition partner! This is knocking on to future international development policies.

The civil society group Academics Standing Against Poverty (ASAP) have produced an analysis of the UK political party manifestos in terms of what they offer poor people – the [ASAP Poverty Audit](#)

I have to declare an interest – I did some of the comparative analysis of the manifestos looking at international development and aid. At one pole is the Green Party manifesto pursuing a human rights agenda and, in parts, framing the UK's role as capability enhancement for humanity. In contrast to the other manifestos it proposes increasing the aid budget (from 0.7% to 1.0% of GNI), reduced material consumption for the better-off and avoids the close 'management' of migration. It

presents pretty detailed budgets of how this brave new world could be achieved with national fiscal responsibility but there are clearly challenges in terms of the impact of its anti-business stance for UK GNI.

At the other pole comes UKIP: 'charity begins at home' (UKIP does not apparently view anything much beyond humanitarianism as a state responsibility); the aid budget should drop from 0.7% to 0.2% of GNI; and migration needs to be heavily managed. 'Trade not aid' with the UK's markets opened up for the poorest is apparently the way forward.... but, no mention of the impacts of this radical liberalisation on UK farmers appears in UKIP's agricultural policy.

In the middle, and needing some close attention to separate them out, come the Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats. All identify 0.7% of GNI as the best level for aid, all pursue poverty reduction and the emerging Sustainable Development Goals, all will leave DFID as an independent agency and all will ensure that migration is managed so that it prioritises benefits to UK citizens. The Conservatives distinguish themselves by avoiding reference to human rights..... that sounds a bit too European. Labour distinguish themselves by promising an International LGBT Rights Envoy and Centre for Universal Health Coverage – but, there is no detail on how these innovations will work.

Take a look at the ASAP Audit.... and at the manifestos. But, before you do that, [propose your panels and papers for the 2015 DSA Annual Conference](#) at Bath 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September.

David Hulme  
DSA President

### DSA Study Group News

#### Media and Development Study Group

**Call for Papers: 'Global relationships, international development and the media'**

**For the DSA Conference 2015: Global Development as Relationship: Dependence, Interdependence or Divide?**

Dates: 07 - 08 September 2015  
Location: University of Bath, UK

The Media and Development DSA study group is seeking to host two panels at the annual DSA conference that consider the role that communication technologies – both new and old – have in enacting the relationships that are central to processes of international development. Specifically, we are seeking papers addressing the following questions:

- How do communication technologies serve to build relationships that sustain or challenge global inequality?
- How have communication technologies contributed to global interdependence in ways that either exacerbate or ameliorate poverty?

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- How do communication technologies help to determine who is included/excluded from processes of development?
- How have communication technologies contributed to the reconfiguration of notions of nationality, community, neighborhood, family and personal identity – as they relate to international development?

We also welcome proposals for panels (3 or 4 papers plus a panel rationale) relevant to other topics related to both media and international development. You should submit your paper or panel proposals according to the DSA guidelines (attached) before the deadline of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to the Media and Development study group convenors (emails listed below).

Media and Development Study Group Convenors:  
[Martin Scott](#) (University of East Anglia) and  
[Helen Yanacopoulos](#) (Open University)

### 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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### Journal of International Development Journal of the DSA



**Impact Factor:** 0.669  
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### Latest Issue [April 2015](#)

[Grease or Sand in the Wheels of Commerce? Firm Level Evidence on Corruption and SMES](#)

Ronald U. Mendoza, Ricardo A. Lim and Anne Ong Lopez

[Why Aid is Unpredictable: An Empirical Analysis of the Gap Between Actual and Planned Aid Flows](#)

Gustavo Javier Canavire-Bacarreza, Eric Neumayer and Peter Nunnenkamp

[Redefining Informality and Measuring its Determinants: Evidence from the Russian Labour Market](#)

Hartmut Lehmann and Anzelika Zaiceva

[Development by Technology Seeding](#)

Alexander J. Moseson, Lewis Lama and James Tangorra

[Total Factor Productivity, Pollution and 'Green' Economic Growth in China](#)

Yanqing Jiang

[Poverty and Natural Resources Degradation: Analysis of their Interactions in Lake Tana Basin, Ethiopia](#)

Berihun Daregot, Bogale Ayalneh, Kassa Belay and Abebaw Degnet

[Multi-Local Livelihoods and Food Security in Rural Africa](#)

Agnes Andersson Djurfeldt

[Do the Poor Pay More for Maize in Malawi?](#)

Richard Mussa

### 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

#### DFID-ESRC Growth Research Programme (DEGRP) - call 3

ESRC and DFID are pleased to announce a third funding call under the Growth Research Programme, focusing on Financial Sector Development and Growth. The 2015 call is focused on the theme of **financial sector development and growth**. We are pleased to invite proposals to establish a single programme that will produce excellent research on financial sector development and growth in LICs. The funding aims to create a core of research excellence,

strengthen evidence-based policymaking and build research capacity.

We expect to fund **one** research programme under this call with a total of up to £2 million available for proposals to this call. Proposals are invited for projects with a full economic cost (fEC) value of between **£1.5 million and £2 million**. Proposals outside this value range will not be accepted. This budget limit refers to the total cost of the project, not the contribution paid by the ESRC and DFID. Projects may be for a maximum of four years in duration.

The deadline for proposals is **16.00 (GMT) on 2 July 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: [dfid\\_growth@esrc.ac.uk](mailto:dfid_growth@esrc.ac.uk)

## Conferences and Events



### Upcoming Conferences

#### **Centre for Global Development Summer School 2015 The post-2015 development agenda: manifesto for an age of global inequality and turmoil?**

Date: 15 – 18 June 2015, University of Leeds

#### **Can the post-2015 agenda make a difference to development?**

Join us at the CGD 2015 summer school to debate the issues

- Do the proposed Sustainable Development Goals symbolise a new era for development, or is it business as usual?
- Can they open up opportunities for progressive change?
- What role do international targets play in shaping the focus of development?
- What opportunities are there to tackle global inequality and deliver transformative development with justice for the Global South?

An exciting four-day programme will be delivered by a range of expert presenters, researchers, practitioners, activists and academics, who work in the areas of gender, sustainability, conflict, social movements, health and education, among others.

[Read more...](#)

#### **“Development Finance: Issues and Challenges” One Day Research Workshop at the University of Liverpool Management School (ULMS) organised by Development Research Initiative (DRIVE), a network of researchers and teachers in development studies at the University of Liverpool**

Date: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015.

Development finance, arguably, is one of the most intensely researched, yet one of the most debated areas in development

research. It covers a very broad range of topics from overseas development assistance, access to international financial markets, foreign direct investment, the role of banks and stock markets, as well as microcredit, remittance flows and internal sources such as trade credit.

The focus of this workshop is to examine the issues and challenges faced by developing countries when financing their own economic development. The workshop will draw from the research expertise of members of DRIVE and external speakers. Among the confirmed speakers are: Dr. Rashmi Arora (Bradford); Professor James Copestake (Bath); Dr. Ralitza Dimova (Manchester); Dr. Supriya Garikipati (ULMS), Professor Paul Mosley (Sheffield) and Dr. Stephen Spratt (IDS).

For enquiries or to register for attendance please contact: Dr. Gianluigi Giorgioni ([G.Giorgioni@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:G.Giorgioni@liverpool.ac.uk)), University of Liverpool Management School, L69 7ZH.

#### **‘The next ten years – and beyond’**

Future challenges and agendas for the study of politics, international relations and international development’.

The speakers are Matt Flinders, Nicola Phillips and David Hulme – the chairs, respectively, of the PSA, BISA and DSA. [More information](#)

#### **International Conference: Gender Relations And Rising Inequalities**

Date: 6-8 July 2015

To seek a better understanding of gender relations in contexts of economic and social polarisation

Keynote Speakers (TBC) Diane Elson, Anne Marie Goetz, Maxine Molyneux, Gita Sen

For [panels and further details](#)

Email: [Julian Study Centre](#)

#### **With You Always – A Play Invitation to a play based on 'Aid, NGOs and the Realities of Women's Lives: A Perfect Storm'**



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*With You Always* is a play inspired by the stories and issues discussed in the book **Aid, NGOs and the Realities of Women's Lives: A Perfect Storm** edited by Tina Wallace and Fenella Porter with Mark Ralph-Bowman; Tina and Fenella are both research associates of IGS. Supported by IGS at Lady Margaret Hall, the book was launched in that college in the Summer of 2013. “Finally,” wrote Kamla Bhasin, “here is a book which discusses openly and loudly the growing negative trends in development aid” while Sylvia Chant said “One of the most frank and engaging collections on the dilemmas faced by NGOs.”

**Booking a seat:** The performance in the Simpkins Lee Theatre at 7.30 p.m. on May 19<sup>th</sup> is free but the theatre has only 136 seats. If you would like to come, please contact

Email: [Mark Ralph-Bowman](mailto:Mark.Ralph-Bowman@devstud.org)  
Telephone: 01865 331542 Mobile: 07719343412

### Is there still space for gender equality in current narratives of development? Rethinking gender work in the shifting spaces of development policy and practice

#### A joint workshop – IGS@LMH and Oxford Women in Politics (Gender in Policy and Practice Study Group)

Date: Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015, 2-5pm, The Old Library, Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, Oxford

The landscape of development funding and practice has changed significantly over the last 10-15 years, and there are now many different actors all competing for a role in saving the world – and saving women and girls in particular. The new narratives in development are often hall-marked by high aspirations for reaching millions, ‘game-changing’ and innovative technical solutions to intractable problems, accompanied by high levels of publicity and communications (often involving celebrities or corporate organisations). The focus is on short term gains, success in reaching targets, changing lives within clearly defined goals. [Read more...](#)

#### Northumbria University, Centre for International Development: Postgraduate Study Open Afternoon

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 4-6pm

Interested in developing the skills and expertise to succeed in International Development?

Come along and meeting our specialist teaching team and find out about exciting opportunities for full and part-time postgraduate study in September 2015:

- MSc International Development
- MSc International Development with Philanthropy
- MSc International Development with Policy Analysis
- PhDs in International Development

The session will include:

- ‘Bite size’ workshops
- Information on UK and international placement opportunities
- Insights into International Development careers
- Detailed information on programme content and structure
- Opportunities to chat informally with staff and current Masters and PhD students
- Information about bursaries, loans and discounts for Masters level study

To book your place, contact [Dr Katy Jenkins](mailto:Dr.Katy.Jenkins@northumbria.ac.uk), the Programme Leader.

### Humanitarian Innovation Conference

19-20 July 2014, Keble College, University of Oxford

The emerging trend of ‘humanitarian innovation’ has captured the minds and practices of humanitarian actors across the globe. Current debate has begun to document examples of ad hoc innovation in practice; however there is a need to develop a common language and greater conceptual clarity. This conference aims to provide a platform for discussion and debate, bringing together actors from UN agencies, NGOs, academia, and both the public and private sectors. [Register for the conference](#) (Deadline: 30 June 2014). [Read more...](#)

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### Courses

#### MSc in Development Management The Open University

##### A degree for you, if you

- are concerned to change the world (or just your part of it) for the better
- want to enhance your skills and your career by study that engages with the real world
- work, or want to work, for an organisation – public, private, civil society – that has development as its business
- want to study in a way that fits around, and connects with, your work

Our part-time, distance learning degree will get you thinking differently about development and equip you with the range of skills you need to manage development more effectively. Key modules include Development: Context and Practice, Capacities for Managing Development, Institutional Development, Conflict and Development, Education for Development. You finish with a project relevant to your own work and interests.

**Start dates:** You can start in May or November: register by 30 September for November 2015 start. [Read more...](#)  
Or contact: [richard.pinder@open.ac.uk](mailto:richard.pinder@open.ac.uk)

#### International Summer School in Forced Migration

7-25 July 2014, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

The RSC’s International Summer School in Forced Migration offers an intensive, interdisciplinary and participative approach to the study of forced migration. It aims to enable people working with refugees and other forced migrants to reflect critically on the forces and institutions that dominate the world of the displaced. Now in its 25th year, the three-week course combines the very best of Oxford University’s academic excellence with a stimulating and participatory method of learning. [Apply online](#) (Deadline: 1 May 2014). [Read more...](#)

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## Call for Papers

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

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

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

### Bursaries available for MSc International Planning and Sustainable Urban Management at the University of Reading, UK

A limited number of fee-reducing bursaries are available for a unique postgraduate programme offered by the School of Real Estate & Planning at the University of Reading.

The **MSc. International Planning and Sustainable Urban Management (IPSUM)** aims to prepare students for work in urban planning and management in the global South. The course is interdisciplinary and modules from planning, real estate, development studies, economics and geography ensure that students are equipped with knowledge and skills important in a wide range of international contexts. Particular highlights are the fully funded international work placement as well as a critical interdisciplinary study project during the summer term for students on the MSc route (12 months full-time study). The course is accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

For further information, please visit the [website](#) or contact the admissions tutor, [Dr Angelique Chettiparamb](#)

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### [Never Again: Building resilient health systems and learning from the Ebola crisis](#)

*Mohga Kamal-Yanni*

This briefing paper identifies lessons from the current Ebola crisis, as well as previous outbreaks, to review what is required to build resilient health systems in West Africa and beyond.

### [Charting a New Course: Overcoming the stalemate in Gaza](#)

*Grazia Careccia, Lani Frerichs, Laura Grant, Kirsten Hagon, Willow Heske*

This AIDA briefing paper outlines an achievable course of action to address the root causes of the recurrent conflict and put international engagement with Gaza back on the right course.

### [Delivering Sustainable Development: A principled approach to public-private finance](#)

This discussion paper proposes a set of principles to assist governments in applying best practice, international standards and learning more systematically to help ensure the best outcomes for sustainable development.

### [The Suffering of Others: The human cost of the International Finance Corporation's lending through financial intermediaries](#)

Increasingly, development money is being channelled through third parties such as banks or private equity funds. This report tells the human story behind the high finance and statistics, and asks whether reforms to this model of lending have gone far enough to protect communities.

### [Walking the Talk: Food and beverage companies slowly start turning policy into practice in Oxfam's Behind the Brands campaign](#)

*Danielle Smith*

Oxfam's 'Behind the Brands' campaign ranks the ten biggest international food and beverage companies on a range of policies. This briefing presents the updated March 2015 scorecard showing changes in both the ranking of the 'Big 10' and changes to the thematic trends.

### [Syria Crisis Fair Share Analysis 2015](#)

*Abigael Baldoumas Joelle Bassoul, Daniel Gorevan, Camilla Jelbart Mosse*

Oxfam has calculated that nearly half of the world's top donors didn't give their fair share of aid to the Syria crisis in 2014. In this report we have developed indicators to help guide the fair level of commitment that each wealthy country should make in 2015 to alleviate the suffering of those affected by the Syria crisis.

[Oxfam in Action: Community based monitoring to improve maternal health in Odisha](#)

*Savvy Soumya Misra*

This document reports how the CSO CYSD in Odisha is innovating with films to spread the message on nutrition and maternal health.

[Oxfam in Action: Activating village-level monitoring to improve maternal health in Bihar](#)

*Anjali Bhardwaj*

This document describes how the CSOs BGVP and BVHA in Bihar are bringing about change by forming village level VHSNCs (Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committees).

[Oxfam in Action: Creating awareness to improve maternal health in Jharkhand](#)

*Oommen C. Kurian, Pooja Parvati, Savvy Soumya Misra*

This document reviews the 'Improving Maternal Health in India' programme in Jharkhand where the CSO CINI is using an integrated approach to improve nutrition and maternal health.

[Land Rights Indicators in the Post-2015 SDGs: Recommendations for the inter-agency expert group and other policymakers](#)

This briefing makes recommendations for those working on the land rights aspect of the post-2015 agenda. It accompanies the technical briefing Secure and Equitable Land Rights in the Post-2015 Agenda

[Secure and Equitable Land Rights in the Post-2015 Agenda](#)

This technical briefing, authored by a number of international organizations, strongly encourages governments to keep the profile of land and natural resources high in the document on sustainable development goals to be endorsed in September 2015.

**Gender & Development urban issue**

[Introduction: Working on gender equality in urban areas](#)

*Alan Brouder, Caroline Sweetman*

This article introduces the March 2015 issue of the Gender & Development journal, which looks at gender issues in the context of urban development.

[ActionAid's Young Urban Women Programme in urban India: taking an intersectional approach to decent work, unpaid care, and sexual and reproductive health and rights](#)

*Baishali Chatterjee*

This article traces the implementation of a programme with young urban women living in poverty in the Indian cities of Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Chennai.

[Campaigning to save market women's livelihoods in Hanoi: experience from HealthBridge](#)

*Kristie Daniel, Thi KieuThanh Ha Tran, Hai Dinh Dang, Sian Fitzgerald*

HealthBridge in Vietnam engaged in an advocacy campaign to show the importance of the markets in Hanoi for women's livelihoods.

[Community mentors as coaches: transforming gender norms through cricket among adolescent males in urban India](#)

*Madhumita Das, Ravi Verma, Sancheeta Ghosh, Samantha Ciaravino, Kelley Jones, Brian O' Connor, Elizabeth Miller*

This article discusses findings from a recent evaluation of the Parivartan violence prevention programme in a large slum community in Mumbai, India.

[Grassroots women's accountability mechanisms: strengthening urban governance through organising and partnerships](#)

*Rachel Wyant, Katarina Spasic*

This article builds on case studies and lessons learned from 18 months of the Huairou Commission's Transparency & Accountability Initiative, with specific reference to initiatives in Metro Manila, Philippines, Thankot, Nepal, and Jinja, Uganda.

[Planning from below: using feminist participatory methods to increase women's participation in urban planning](#)

*Sara Ortiz Escalante, Blanca Gutiérrez Valdivia*

This article focuses on the planning techniques and tools that Col·lectiu Punt 6, a feminist organisation of women architects and urban planners, has developed to include women both as objects and subjects of urban planning, and as experts of everyday life.

[Safe Cities programming and campaigning in the ActionAid Federation](#)

*Christy Abraham, Daphne Jayasinghe, Rachel Noble, Kasia Staszewska*

This article discusses the development of the Safe Cities Programme approach, highlighting how ActionAid has situated its work within – and in response to – the historic feminist global Safe Cities movement.

[SafetiPin: an innovative mobile app to collect data on women's safety in Indian cities](#)

*Kalpna Viswanath, Ashish Basu*

SafetiPin, a mobile app, is a tool that has been developed to collect data on safety in cities. This article examines some of the data to understand what factors lead to lack of safety and insecurity in cities, and discusses future plans for the SafetiPin project.

[Working with legal pluralism: widowhood, property inheritance, and poverty alleviation in urban Senegal](#)

*Ruth Evans*

This article explores the role of women's inheritance and ownership of property in urban Senegal.

**Effectiveness Review series**

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*Chrispin Chomba*

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#### [How to Determine Vulnerability to Grass-Roots Corruption](#)

Caryn Peiffer

This four-page note outlines methodological considerations for researchers examining people's vulnerability to bribery. It discusses the benefits and limitations of using sample survey data to gauge vulnerability to grass-roots corruption, and explains the importance of a two-step approach that considers whether people have had contact with the state as well as whether they have paid a bribe.

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[Pro-poor national budgets](#)  
*Helpdesk Research Report*

There is a wealth of evidence that spending on basic social services (health, nutrition, education) and social protection can be progressive and reach the poor, with particularly high potential returns from expenditures in these sectors reaching poor and vulnerable women and children. This Helpdesk Research Report looks at the national budget expenditures that have the most impact on poverty reduction and pro poor growth. It focuses on Africa and specifically Nigeria.

[Political economy constraints for urban development](#)  
*Helpdesk Research Report*

This report looks at political economy constraints to promoting more functional, inclusive and economically viable urban areas. It identifies gaps in evidence and knowledge and how best these can be tackled. Evidence gaps are identified in particular on the political economy of urban service delivery; social and political participation by urban poor people; the relationship between urbanisation, urban poverty and urban violence; the relationship between state fragility, state legitimacy and the national political settlement; and what works and what does not in tackling political economy constraints to urban development.

[Economic growth and fragility](#)  
*Helpdesk Research Report*

This rapid review identifies evidence on the role of economic growth and economic development in helping countries break out of fragility. There is fairly consistent evidence of a correlation between low levels of economic development and state fragility. Some economic factors identified that can offer opportunities to transition out of fragility include: employment and job creation; infrastructure development; Foreign Direct Investment; trade openness and natural resources. While acknowledging the links between the two aspects, some experts caution that economic growth is 'not a panacea for state fragility' and that other risks and factors can have more significant stabilising and de-stabilising influences.

Refugees Studies Centre



### [Crisis](#)

*Forced Migration Review, Issue 45*

Many people who are displaced, or become 'trapped', in the context of diverse humanitarian crises do not fit well within existing legal, policy and operational frameworks for the protection of refugees and IDPs. This raises questions about whether there needs to be – or can be – more systematic ways of dealing with assistance and protection for people affected by 'crises' such as environmental disruption, gang violence, nuclear disasters, food shortages and so on. FMR 45 contains 33 articles on crisis, migration and displacement, and eight general articles on other subjects relating to forced migration. [Read and download.](#)

[Revisiting therapeutic governance: the politics of mental health and psychosocial programmes in humanitarian settings](#)  
*RSC Working Paper 98, Katherine Rehberg, March 2014*

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