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President's foreword

Many DSA members will now be mega-busy with the start of a new academic year. Hopefully all of our institutional members will have achieved the 'recruitment targets' that their universities have set and now have large numbers of very bright and highly motivated students ready for inspirational learning experiences.

The downside of this is that at this time of year research often seems a distant memory. But, for those of us who participated in the DSA conference at Bath. those research memories should be vibrant and exciting. We were treated to outstanding plenaries. James Ferguson explored whether the rise of social protection and cash transfers in developing countries could form the ideational underpinning for systematic attempts to ensure social security and/or states that prioritise the welfare of their citizens. Branko Milanovic provided a detailed analysis of the ways in which patterns of inequality are evolving and gave us a lot of evidence that we should be very concerned about the implications of polarization and the rise of plutocracies. The parallel sessions were packed with excellent papers...and the food, band and dancing provided members with a fun evening.

So, make sure 14-16 September is in your diary for the DSA conference 2016. At Oxford we shall have two and a half days so that there will be a less-packed programme, more plenaries and time for sessions on research funding (with DFID and ESRC) and practitioner-researcher links (with leading NGOs and think-tanks).

The main development news has to be the ratification of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the UN General

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and 169 targets specified in 2014 by the UN's Open Working Group and large numbers of speeches by world leaders. But, the SDGs do not only give the world much more ambitious goals than the MDGs (eradicating multi-dimensional poverty, reducing inequality, shifting to sustainability and achieving peace and effective institutions). They reveal the way in which the processes that define 'development' have changed.

Development is no longer defined by the rich nations and aid agencies. Instead, it is a conversation that involves all 193 UN member states and in which the voices and interests of the most powerful nations are challenged by the majority of less powerful nations. An academic industry is already criticizing the goals and targets but I see them as social progress – imperfect and messy but a move towards more democratic global governance.

If I have a concern about them it is that they have become an arena for political, bureaucratic and policy elites. In particular, I think NGOs have become so focussed (and so effective) at high level advocacy that many have lost touch with civil society. We have the goals but do church and mosque groups, women's groups, farmer associations know about these goals or 'own' any of them? I fear not.

David Hulme

DSA President

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DSA Study Group summary

As you can see from the <u>website</u> we have a number of groups on a range of development topics, each of which receive support from the DSA.

The past year's highlights include:

- June 2014: The Media and Development study group held a workshop in London on "Sensationalising Development", and has organised a writers workshop in 2015.
- October 2014: The Information Technology and Development study group held an international workshop on "IT Sourcing and Development". Papers from this are going forward to a special issue of Information Systems Journal.
- March 2015: A joint workshop of the Wellbeing and Psycho-social Perspectives in Development study group with the Research Centre for the study of Developing Economies and Emerging Markets (DEEM) was held at the University of Reading.
- May 2015: The Rising Powers study group held a workshop on The Future of South-South Development Cooperation, which was also sponsored by Newnham College.
- Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics, which
 is a joint EADI and DSA Study Group has been putting
 together an edited volume prepared by Keetie Roelen
 and Laura Camfield based on a workshop at UEA-London on Mixed Methods Research in Poverty and Vulnerability.

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These are just a few of the activities of the DSA Study Groups from 2014-2015. Moe information about the activities of each group can be found on the website. Should you want to join a study group or start one of your own, information can also be found there.

In the coming year we will be working to update the website. This should help improve the way we profile the work of different groups. We will also hold a virtual Study Group meeting where convenors of the different groups can exchange ideas.

Ben Jones and Giles Mohan

DSA SG liaison

DSA Women and Development Study Group

Workshop: Working with Sensitive Subjects

6th November 2015

London International Development Centre, 36 Gordon Sq, London WC1H OPD

Convened by Jasmine Gideon (Birkbeck), Ruth Pearson (Leeds) and Katy Jenkins (Northumbria)

Contributions are invited from academic and development practitioners with relevant experience in the field to discuss the issues arising from these questions, by 12th October.

Read more.

Results of election and AGM

At the recent conference in Bath, 33 members present at the AGM voted:

- to amend the Constitution replacing mention of the 'Executive Director' with 'Administrator'
- to accept the Annual Trustees Report and <u>accounts</u> for year ending January 2015 as presented
- to elect the following members to serve on the DSA Council for the next three years:

Joe Devine (University of Bath) Laura Hammond (SOAS) Nandini Gooptu (University of Oxford)

We thank them for standing and for the work they will put in over the coming years.

The members also voted to accept the proposal from Council that the membership categories be simplified as follows:

Membership category	Rate
Individual	£60
Concessionary individual (national and resident in	£30
country listed in the DAC list of ODA recipients,	
unwaged and retired)	
Student	£20
Institution: small (less than £500k annual turnover or	£350
3 FTE academics working on development studies)	
Institution: large (more than £500k annual turnover	£750
and 3 FTE academics working on development	
studies)	
Premium institutional membership	
Level 1 (turnover <£2,500,000):	£1,500
Level 2 (turnover £2,500,000– £10,000,000):	£3,000
Level 3 (turnover >£10,000,000):	£4,000

The corresponding administrative changes are now being put into place, along with the move to a fixed membership year from February.

DSA Premium Members

Eleven Premium Members

Premium membership enables your department/institution to lend strong support to the DSA's mission to represent the discipline, while also gaining access to the full range of DSA services: conference, website, Heads of Centres meetings, etc.

If your department is interested to join the list below, please email president(at)devstud.org.uk.

- CIDT, University of Wolverhampton
- Department of Development Studies and the Department of Economics, SOAS
- Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London
- Development Policy and Practice, DPP, Open University
- Global Development Academy, University of Edinburgh
- IDS, University of Sussex
- International Development Department, University of Birmingham
- International Development Institute, King's College London
- Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford
- Palgrave Macmillan
- University of Manchester









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The Post-2015 Moment: Towards Sustainable Development Goals and a New Global Development Paradigm Charles Gore

Seven Decades of 'Development', and Now What? Gabriele Koehler

<u>Universality and Ambition in the Post-2015 Development</u>
<u>Agenda: A Comparison of Global and National Targets</u>
Andrew Scott and Paula Lucci

Young and Dynamic?—The Curious Case of Korea's National Level Post-2015 Process Soyeun Kim and Hanee Kang

Global Prosperity and Sustainable Development Goals Henrietta L. Moore

The Ebola Crisis and Post-2015 Development Melissa Leach

Leaving No One Behind?: Informal Economies, Economic Inclusion and Islamic Extremism in Nigeria
Kate Meagher

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Conferences and Events

Bartlett Development Planning Unit event:



"It is about building cities, not just houses."

Lessons from Latin American housing policies 1960-2010 27 October 2015, 17:30-19:00

Room 101, DPU, 34 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9EZ

I will discuss the distinctive features of Latin American housing policies that have emerged over the last 50 years because policies and programs assisting a large section of the population who were unable to



solve their housing problems in the formal sector explain a significant part of the progress in the housing conditions of the Region. However, some of the policies have had unintended consequences for the way that Latin American cities function, how value is generated and how peripheral settlements are linked to urban opportunities. Drawing out lessons from these diverse experiences, I will explore some of the changes that are needed for a more efficient and urban-sensitive housing sector.

Eduardo Rojas is a consultant on urban development and a lecturer on historic preservation at the School of Design of the University of Pennsylvania, USA. He is a former Principal Specialist in Urban Development and Housing at the Inter American Development Bank. Mr Rojas also worked at the Regional Development Department of the Organization of American States, lectured at the Masters Degree Program in Urban Studies at the Catholic University of Chile and worked with the Urban Development Corporation of the Government of Chile. He holds a degree in Architecture from the Catholic University of Chile, an M.Phil in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Edinburgh, an MBA from Johns Hopkins University, and a Doctorate in Urbanism from the Universidade Lusófona of Portugal.

Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2015

'We do not want to become refugees': Human mobility in the age of climate change 17:00-18:30, 4 November 2015



Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PW

Speaker: Professor Walter Kälin (Envoy of the Chairmanship of the Nansen Initiative, and Professor of Constitutional and International Law, University of Bern)

Registration: All are warmly invited to attend. Please register by contacting the Centre Administrator, Anneli Chambliss Howes, at anneli.chambliss(at)qeh.ox.ac.uk or on +44 (0)1865 281720.

Read the abstract on the website.

'Refugee Economies'
RSC Public Seminar Series,
Michaelmas term 2015
Conveners: Alexander Betts and
Naohiko Omata





In recent academic and policy arenas in forced migration, the issue of how to understand refugees' economic lives has emerged as one of the most pressing agendas. This seminar series will therefore gather leading scholars who have been working on related issues in order to consolidate the empirical

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and theoretical knowledge of refugee economies. Speakers will be convened from diverse and inter-disciplinary backgrounds from anthropology, economics, and political science. In addition to knowledge building, this seminar series is intended to initiate nurturing wider networks of researchers working on economic lives of refugees and to establish a common space for exchanging ideas, discussing findings and challenges.

Seminars are held on Wednesdays at 5pm in Seminar Room 1, Oxford Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, OX1 3TB. No registration is required and all are welcome to attend

Read more about the series.

State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2015 – Transforming Governance First discussions, hosted by the International Gender Studies Centre at Lady Margaret Hall.

6th November 2015, 2-5pm

Talbot Hall, Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6QA, UK.

More than 1 billion people volunteer globally, the majority of them working in their own countries. Contrary to the popular image of volunteers as charity workers delivering services to the needy, many are in the forefront of efforts to improve the way they and their fellow citizens are governed.

The State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2015 is the first global survey of the contribution of volunteers to better governance at the local, national and global levels, a key plank of post-2015 sustainable development efforts. Drawing on evidence from countries as diverse as Chile, Liberia, Yemen and Bangladesh, it shows how volunteers are working with governments and civil society to hold those in power to account, to influence policies and laws and to represent the voices of those who are often left out of development decisions.

The Report has been launched in New York, Nairobi, Delhi, Bahrain, Panama and Tokyo. Over the next few months, indepth discussions will be held in various spaces with academia, civil society and policy makers. This is the first such discussion.

Key speakers will feature both contributors to the report and those who are practitioners and volunteers. You are cordially invited to join us at this event.

Register for your free ticket.

Annual Africanist PHD Research Students conference "Rethinking Peace, Security and Development in Contemporary Africa"

Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Bradford Friday 6th November 2015
Register

DSA Ireland Annual conference Transformative Change?

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a space for dialogue between development researchers
policy-makers and practitioners

The Role of Evidence-Based Research and Impact in Global Development

19-20 November 2015 Read more and register.

3rd MENA social policy network conference
"A new social contract for MENA (Middle East and North
Africa) countries: Experiences from Development and Social
Policies"

5-6 December 2016

German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn, Germany Organised in partnership with the University of Bath Institute for Policy Research (IPR).

A formal conference is being prepared. Meanwhile please contact the organisers if you have queries: Markus Loewe (Markus.Loewe(at)DIE-GDI.DE) and Rana Jawad (R.Jawad(at)bath.ac.uk)

View website.

World Conference on Humanitarian Studies

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 5-8 March 2016 The extended deadline for the Call for Panels is **15 October 2015**. The Call for Papers is also open. Read more.

Jobs and Opportunities

Open University Lecturer in Development Policy and Governance of Global Health Innovation

Faculty of Mathematics, Computing and Technology, Based in

Milton Keynes

Salary: £34,233 to £45,954

Contract Type: Temporary three year contract

Closing date: 27/10/2015

We are seeking to appoint a Lecturer in Development Policy and Governance of Global Health Innovation, which will be based in the Development, Policy and Practice Group (DPP) of the Department of Engineering and Innovation (E&I).

This lectureship will backfill fractional buy-outs as part of the OU Priority Research Area (PRA) in International Development and Inclusive Innovation. You will be responsible for supporting and building curriculum at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in International Development and Development Management. You will also spend time supporting the impact agenda of the PRA, as well as developing their own research profile. The PRA-related work involves working with individual researchers and projects to enhance impact, particularly in global policy networks, running workshops and training on impact, and to help develop REF2020 impact case studies.

See website for further details and to apply.

Open University Lecturer in International Development and Inclusive Innovation

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Contract type: Temporary contract for three years

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colleagues across the university to facilitate the writing of grant applications to RCUK, EU and Trusts.

See website for further details and to apply.

Call for tender

Agence Française de Développement, a sister association of DSA in European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI), has put out a call for tender for a study regarding philanthropy and Official Development Assistance.

Deadline: noon on October 13th 2015. View website.

Publications

INTRAC



INTRAC publications

New ONTRAC: Finding space to manoeuvre: local and national CSOs in complex and politically charged contexts ONTRAC 60 convenes views from four local/national civil society organisations on how they operate in complex and politically charged contexts, and how they would want external actors to support them.

Authors: Charles Buxton, Khlood Alhaj, Jean Marie Habwintahe, Rene-Claude Niyonkuru, Ameer Zreik, Andries Odendaal.

Monitoring and Evaluating Training. Challenges, opportunities and recommendations (Praxis Paper 30)

Drawing from both theoretical and practical perspectives of well-respected training providers, researchers and organisations working in this area, this paper by INTRAC Associate Paula Haddock aims to support those involved in commissioning, managing and evaluating training.

Author: Paula Haddock

Monitoring and Evaluation series

No fewer than 14 papers from our special Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) series are now available as free downloadable PDFs in our resource centre!

INTRAC's M&E special series is an online resource that builds on the many documents, papers, articles and books on M&E that have been published over the past few decades; as well as on the practical experiences of INTRAC staff and consultants.

From Action Research to Advocacy. Promoting Women's Political Participation in North Africa (Praxis Note 71)
In our new Praxis Note, INTRAC Principal Consultant Rod MacLeod shares key lessons learned from the vantage point of a facilitator in the British Council project Women Participating in Public Life and reflects on the challenges and opportunities of using an action research approach.

Author: Rod MacLeod

INTRAC training

Advocacy and Policy Influencing (19-23 October)
Advanced Partner Capacity Building (9-13 November)
Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation (23-27 November)

Practical Action

In partnership with Zurich Practical Action, we are currently working with communities across Asia and Latin America to ensure that they are more <u>resilient to flooding</u>.

A simple project implementing posts for pastoralists to safely pass through farmers land is having a huge impact. Read our blog.

UNU-WIDER



Working papers:

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Social and political capital in rural Viet Nam Thomas Markussen

Does HIV/AIDS matter for economic growth in sub-Saharan

Africa? Anthony Mveyange, Christian Skovsgaard, and Tine
Lesner

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The growth-employment-poverty nexus in Latin America in the 2000s: Venezuela country study Guillermo Cruces, Gary Fields, David Jaume, and Mariana Viollaz

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Structural transformation, biased technological change, and employment in Vietnam Philip Abbott, Finn Tarp, and Ce Wu

<u>Disadvantage and discrimination in self-employment: Caste gaps in earnings in Indian small businesses</u> Ashwini Deshpande and Smriti Sharma

Gender inequality and the empowerment of women in rural Viet Nam Carol Newman

Local transformation in rural Vietnam: A commune level analysis Ulrik Beck

Economic transformation and the diversification of livelihoods in rural Viet Nam Carol Newman and Christina Kinghan

Needs vs expediency: Poverty reduction and social development in post-conflict countries Tony Addison, Rachel Gisselquist, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Saurabh Singhal

Gender and distributional preferences: Experimental evidence from India Smriti Sharma

Aid, social policy, and development Tony Addison, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Finn Tarp

Public disclosure for pollution abatement: African decisionmakers in a PROPER public good experiment Wisdom Akpalu, Babatunde Abidoye, Edwin Muchapondwa, and Witness Simbanegavi

Spatial and temporal analyses of women's wellbeing in the Democratic Republic of the Congo Malokele Nanivazo and Kristi Mahrt

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Development Studies Research (DSR) is a multidisciplinary journal which aims to broaden understandings of current development studies research, open up new areas of debate, reflect on and advance development theory, identify problems of policy and practice, and present potential solutions and recommendations to the development community, private sector and conservationists.

Read some of the journal's policy-related papers today.



Two surveys you might like to complete

ELRHA (Enhancing Learning and Research for Humanitarian Assistance) Strategy 2016-2020: Take part in our stakeholder consultation now!

This is an exciting time for ELRHA as we begin to develop our strategy for 2016 – 2020! Since 2009 ELRHA objective has been to support partnerships between researchers and practitioners to improve the effectiveness of humanitarian action. To achieve this goal ELRHA has expanded its services through four core programmes – the Humanitarian Innovation Fund, Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises, Effective Partnerships and Humanitarian Professionalisation - each with their individual strategies that feeds into ELRHA's overall objective.

Now we want your input! Please complete our stakeholder consultation on our website here.

ELRHA has launched a strategy consultation to collect vital feedback and ideas. We aim to be a stakeholder led organisation so your opinions are valuable to us. Please don't miss the opportunity to have your say on the direction ELRHA should take in the future and how we can continue to effectively respond to the most pressing challenges facing the humanitarian sector. This survey is your opportunity to share your views and ideas. The survey will take no more than ten minutes to complete, please submit your feedback by the end of October.

ESRC survey exploring the experiences of early career social scientists

The Economic and Social Research Council are keen to understand the experiences and issues faced by early-career social scientists. They have commissioned a survey from researchers at the UCL Institute of Education to enable improvements to be made to existing support for early-career social scientists before, during and after their doctoral studies.

They do not wish to predefine exactly who is an early-career social scientist so leave it to potential respondents to self-identify themselves as part of this group, as long as they have a doctorate or equivalent. (Please note, they are not targeting current doctoral students.)

We encourage you complete the <u>survey</u>, which should take no more than 20 minutes, before 11th November.

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- the copy deadline is the 25th of each month
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