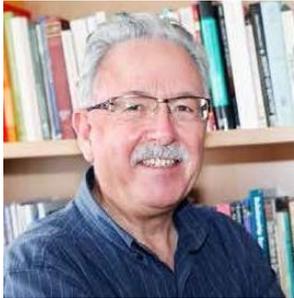




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President's foreword



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This month has brought fewer 'headline news' items for my Foreword than late 2015. The Climate Change negotiations, comprehensive spending review, new UK aid policy and Nurse Report are all out of the way! But, 2016 is already shaping up to be a year of 'crises and shocks' (humanitarian, economic and now Zika)... and there are some significant events coming up: the UN Humanitarian and UN Habitat (Cities) Summits.

The 'year of the refugee' (2015) has closed (and still is closing) borders across Europe. If you are travelling in Scandinavia make sure you have your passport in hand: the bastions of European liberalism, Denmark and Sweden, are re-thinking migration. If China's economic 'landing' is hard (i.e. growth slows down rapidly) then strains will ripple out around the world ... so expect to see more people on the move.

In the UK those of us with interests in NGOs will want to keep a close eye on the reviews of NGO fundraising. It seems clear to me that 'the end justifies the means' argument has been pushed to destruction by some large NGOs – including several big brand UK development NGOs. Their harassing of older people seems to have gone beyond the unethical to the virtually criminal. More than time for these big NGOs to reform their funding models and re-examine the ways in which they represent the citizens of poorer countries in their television adverts and publicity in the UK. Their behaviour has already had consequences for UK universities. New forms of charity regulation may ban universities from approaching their alumni for fundraising.

But, there is one bright spot on the horizon: the [DSA Annual Conference](#) at the University of Oxford, 12-14 September. The deadline for submitting proposals for panels is 29 February - so get submitting. After that the call for papers will open.

David Hulme
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DSA News

DSA2016: Politics in Development

The DSA's annual conference will be hosted by the Oxford Department of International Development (ODID) at the University of Oxford from **12-14 September**.

The conference [website](#) has details of the theme, timetable, financial support and the Call for Panels. While panels (and later papers) directly addressing the conference theme are particularly encouraged, proposals on any issue relevant to the understanding of international development are welcomed.

The call for panels closes on 29 February. Decisions over panel proposals will be made by a DSA Council sub-committee and the Call for Papers will open on 14 March.

Heads of Centres meeting

Heads of Development Studies Centres have been invited to attend a Heads of Centres meeting (HoC) on 18th February. Full details are now on the [DSA website](#), including a call for agenda items. Those who have yet to RSVP should do so to [membershipadmin\(at\)devstudorg.uk](mailto:membershipadmin(at)devstudorg.uk).

Membership administration - invoices to follow!

DSA membership data has been moved to a new administration system and subscriptions created for all current members for the current membership year (February to end-January). Members who owe money for this year (or a portion of it) will be emailed an invoice shortly. Those whose membership has lapsed in the past year, will be emailed inviting them to re-join the association. We apologise for any confusion with this move to a new system, but remember it's done with love!

We are also offering new payment systems: online direct debit setup, and PayPal. We would encourage all members with UK bank accounts to set-up a direct debit for their membership payment as this will make life much easier for all, next February, when the new subscriptions are due.

DSA 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](mailto:president(at)devstud.org.uk)

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Student news

LSE - Latin America Scholarship, deadline 27 April 2016

Applications are invited for the CAF LSE MSc Scholarship, generously sponsored by CAF - Development Bank of Latin America. The scholarship is intended to encourage students from the Latin American region to undertake postgraduate study at LSE. There is one scholarship with an approx. value of £16,212 for an applicant to a full-time taught masters programme in MSc International Relations or MSc International Political Economy.

Eligible applicants must be a national of, and normally resident in one of the following CAF shareholder countries: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, or Venezuela.

Deadline: 5pm UK time on 27 April 2016. The selection will be based on financial need.

See [website](#).

Masters in International Development webinar, University of Bath

The University of Bath is holding a webinar on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 12.00 (noon) where you can find out more about the Masters in International Development course and studying at Bath.

The MSc International Development provides an exciting opportunity to develop your understanding of practical development problems. Development studies at the University of Bath is ranked within the top 50 in the world, according to the QS Top Universities global rankings.

[Learn more](#).

Courses

Key concepts and methods in ethnography, language & communication

4-8 July 2016, King's College London

Is 'qualitative data analysis' too vague for you? Are you wondering how to do justice to your data? If you are researching social processes, institutions, culture or identity, but are unsure about how to analyse the discourse data from your fieldwork, then consider joining this five day research training course.

The programme is designed to help PhD and post-doctoral researchers to navigate the twin perils of over- and under-interpreting discourse data. It introduces a range of key perspectives and tools used to study language and communication ethnographically and it facilitates the study of social practice in a wide range of different settings – education, workplace, recreation, health etc. Initiated with ESRC funding in 2007 and now based in the King's ESRC Interdisciplinary Social Science Doctoral Training Centre, this will be our 8th ELC five-day course.

The course is taught by an international team from several leading research institutions: Prof Ben Rampton (Director), Dr Jeff Bezemer, Prof Jan Blommaert, Prof Carey Jewitt, Dr Adam Lefstein, Dr Julia Snell.

Applications deadline: 11 April 2016. Spaces are limited, so candidates are advised to apply as soon as possible. Some funding will be available for bursaries.

For more information, [click here](#).

Adolescence, Youth and Gender: Building Knowledge for Change**8-9 September 2016, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford****Organised by [Young Lives](#)**

'Adolescence' has risen high on the global agenda, with a particular focus on girls. Researchers, policymakers and practitioners are increasingly interested in the second decade of life as a newly recognised 'window of opportunity' to reduce poverty and inequality and to prevent the transmission of poverty across generations.

Over the past few decades, the early years of childhood have been highlighted as a critical period for intervention, resulting in impressive achievements – a dramatic reduction in child mortality and the expansion of primary schooling. More recently, the international development community has extended its focus to 'adolescence' as a way to sustain and build upon these gains, funding numerous campaigns and programme initiatives, aimed particularly at the empowerment of adolescent girls, in low- and middle-income countries. Funnelling efforts to improve the life-chances of girls, it is argued, will result in greater individual and national prosperity and will promote gender equality, since it is during the second decade of childhood that gender differences widen, particularly for the poorest children. Decisions about education, work, marriage and fertility have critical impacts on long-term outcomes for girls, boys and families.

This conference will promote dialogue and critical reflection on the latest evidence, current paradigms, concepts and approaches to adolescence, youth and gender in international development and consider the implications for policy and programming.

The CFP and further information is [online](#). **Deadline** for submission of abstracts: **15 February 2016**. (You might like to combine this with the DSA conference, for a full week's stay in Oxford!)

Ruina: the story of Torre David in Caracas - the challenges of self-building communities appropriating urban vacant properties**3 February 2016, 17:00****Room G06, Sir Ambrose Fleming LT, UCL Roberts Building, Torrington Place, London, WC1E 7JE**

What happens when a bank fails? It might for example be squatted by 3,000 people and transformed into a housing project. The ruins of a 200-meter-tall skyscraper rise up into the Caribbean sky of downtown Caracas and serve as a shelter and dwelling for 750 families. Ignored by the municipal administration and dreaded by the rest of the neighborhood, the inhabitants of Torre Confinanzas are working on their own model of a socialist microcosm in their vertical city. 'Ruina' por trays the difficulties and achievements in building a community.

The director will be present for a Q&A session. Discussants: Liza Griffin, Catalina Ortiz and Alex Frediani.

[Registration](#) is required.

ICEA (The International Consulting Economists' Association) talks**Not Managing an Economic Crisis: Lessons from Greece****Presented by Costas Mitropoulos****18th February, The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, WC1N 3AT**

Greece has been in a permanent crisis since 2009. Although excessive public debt has been consistently highlighted as the main cause of the crisis, the roots are deeper. Chronic lack of competitiveness, underfunded pension liabilities and an ineffective and inefficient public sector come closer to explaining the accumulation of public debt and the resulting crisis. What is extraordinary has been the incapacity of Greece to deal with the crisis. Portugal, Ireland and Cyprus all suffered similarly, but they now appear to have managed their way out of the difficulties by at least partially reforming their economy. So what has Greece failed to do?

Costas Mitropoulos, having witnessed the Greece crisis, as an investment banker, as the CEO of the Privatization Agency and as a consultant with PwC and a specialist economic consultancy, will offer a unique perspective on the record of Greece's inability to adjust.

Read more about this and other [ICEA talks](#).

You can read previous presentations which are downloadable from the [ICEA archive](#).

Decolonizing the Academy

**Hosts: University of Edinburgh Global Development Academy and the Centre for African Studies
21-22 April 2016**

This conference is a convergence of critical and creative scholarship, theory, conversation, and empirical research committed to questioning and undoing the foundations of inequality in Africa and African Studies. It calls for a collective examination of how knowledge and power are defined, distributed, and denied through the Academy, broadly defined. Revisit these key debates in African Studies, and beyond, and blaze new trails and engage old struggles.

CFP ends 31 January but may be extended. More info [online](#).

International Workshop on Inequality and Middle Class Development in Africa

**Hosts: GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, in cooperation with the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) and the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) at the University of Cape Town
Cape Town, 05-06 May 2016**

Against the background of a renewed interest in the impact of the distribution of income and wealth on socioeconomic development, this workshop invites scholars and practitioners to deliberate on the understanding of middle class formation and segmentation and to discuss the potential of the middle class to foster inclusive growth and play a transformative socio-political role in their respective countries

Keynotes: Profs Mthuli Ncube (Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford) and Stephan Klasen (Development Economics & Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research, University of Göttingen).

Submissions are invited for this two-day workshop. **Deadline** for paper abstracts **21 February 2016**. See [website](#) for full info and forms.

International 5-day event on Sustainable consumption & production patterns

Teri University, New Delhi, 8-22 April, 2016

See [website](#).

Jobs**London International Development Centre (LIDC) Director**

In September this year Jeff Waage, LIDC's Director, will retire and LIDC are looking to find his replacement. The Director provides academic leadership to the Centre, ensuring the continuing development of a world-leading and sustainable organisation, developing new areas that provide collective benefit, and securing major external investment to support the Centre's further long-term development. The post will be based at LIDC's offices in London.

Full information is [online](#).

Deadline for applications: **13 March**.

Internship with the Corporate Human Rights Benchmark (CHRB)

CHRB are looking for an intern who will work under the supervision of the CHRB Programme Manager but will also work closely with colleagues from the CHRB partner organizations including Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, The Institute for Human Rights and Business, and EIRIS.

Tasks will focus on three areas: (1) communications, (2) programme implementation, and (3) research and analysis. In a small initiative like CHRB, the intern will have ample opportunity to learn and actively participate in various aspects of our work. The intern will be asked to assist in administrative tasks when necessary.

Period: 4 months with possibility to extend (February-June 2016)

Remuneration: £50 per diem

Location: Virtual (3 days per week of which 1 or 2 days in office)

Closing date: The position is available now and applications are considered on a rolling basis.

Full details, including the job description and person specification, are [here](#).

Action Village India (NGO) Director

Action Village India is looking for its next Director. We are a small charity set up in 1990 to raise funds for particular projects in India. We aim to mobilise support for our six key long term partners working for genuine for long lasting development in their communities. We prioritise gender, peace, economic development and rights based work.

Our new Director will lead AVI through its agreed strategic plan, next stage of development and raise the necessary funds to do so. The successful candidate will be supported by a team of committed and active trustees and a small team in its London office.

The successful candidate will have a passion for genuine long lasting development, a minimum of five years proven fundraising experience plus the project management and networking skills and the skills to provide effective leadership in the UK. If you have a background in managing organisations and a commitment to international development and empowerment, with a particular interest in India, we would love to hear from you.

The post is for 4 days a week, office in North London with some travel to India. Salary is £35-37k depending on experience (pro rata).

Deadline for applications: 5pm on **3rd March 2016**. Interviews will be held on 14th March 2016 in London.

Visit our [website](#) for application information, or the BOND or CharityJob Websites.

Publications

UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research: working papers

[Tax-benefit microsimulation modelling in Tanzania](#) Vincent Leyaro, Elineema Kisanga, Gemma Wright, Helen Barnes, Michell Mpike

[Role of economists in policy-making](#) Montek S. Ahluwalia

[Estimating utility-consistent poverty in Madagascar, 2001–10](#) David Stifel, Tiaray Razafimanantena, Faly Rakotomanana

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[Multidimensional first-order dominance comparisons of population wellbeing](#) Channing Arndt, Nikolaj Siersbæk, Lars Peter Østerdal

[Tax-benefit microsimulation modelling in Zambia](#) Mari Kangasniemi, Helen Barnes, Gemma Wright, Michell Mpike

[India's political economy responses to the global food price shock of 2007–08](#) Ashok Gulati, Shweta Saini

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Academy of Social Sciences news

The Academy and its Campaign have submitted their response to the BIS consultation on higher education: teaching excellence, social mobility and student choice. [Read more](#).

Practical Action launch *Technology Justice: A Call to Action*

What is technology justice? Technology justice is a world where technology and innovation is used to end poverty and provide a sustainable future for everyone.

Technology is essential to ending extreme poverty. However, billions of people are still without access to the most basic technologies, such as those providing electricity, running water and medicine, contributing to millions of premature deaths every year. This is wrong and we want to do something about it.

Be part of the movement, by reading this [fantastic paper](#) and tell friends, family and colleagues why technology is so important to lifting people out of poverty. Take a look at this [video](#) from Paul, our CEO about why this is so important.

Get in touch with us at [technologyjustice\(at\)practicalaction.org.uk](mailto:technologyjustice(at)practicalaction.org.uk) if you have any ideas or know anyone else who would like to be involved.

Visit the [website](#).

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