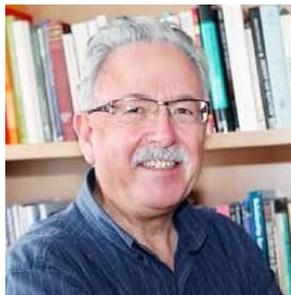




## Welcome to the DSA Bulletin for March 2016

### President's foreword



'Volatility' seems to be the key concept in the media at present – whether it is the volatility of stock markets (panicking about possible growth slowdowns in China and the USA), of Brexit, of EU members' treatment of migrants and/or of US politics (could Donald Trump really be a full candidate for the presidency)? What has alarmed me, however, is Mervyn King's writing that another global financial crisis seems almost certain as the international financial system has not been reformed following the 2008 crisis. The processes still driving forward wealth (the world economy continues to grow) appear to require heightened levels of economic and social insecurity for most of humanity. Let's look at Brexit and migrants/refugees.

Arguments are beginning to take shape on the potential consequences for international development of the UK leaving the EU. For me it seems clear that a UK exit would be bad for international development. It would mean that (i) the UK voice at international forum becomes that of a waning middle power, rather than part of a major power, and (ii) the UK's capacity to influence other European countries, many of which have a very limited interest and understanding of global poverty and inequality, will greatly diminish. While most of the argument about being 'in or out' will focus on domestic impacts DSA members should seek to ensure that the international consequences of exit are also part of the debate.

And so to migrants/refugees which I am seeing from an antipodean perspective (I'm visiting University of Melbourne this month). Australia has been highly innovative in its management of migrants/refugees – so innovative that questions have been asked about whether it has breached UN treaty commitments. In contrast to Europe, the 'migrant' issue is framed as 'people smuggling and trafficking'...something that has to be stamped out. So migrants without papers are 'processed and resettled': i.e. taken to Papua New Guinea or Nauru and, if not returned to their home countries, resettled in PNG or Cambodia (almost certainly not where they hoped to end up)! Whether claims that the Australian aid budget has been used to 'buy off' PNG, Nauru and Cambodia for these arrangements are accurate I am not sure...but, there certainly seems to have been a lot of innovation in Australia that I hope is not transferred to the UK or Europe.

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On DSA matters, three main things to bring to your attention:

1. The Stern Review of the Research Excellence Framework is [calling for submissions](#) and the DSA will respond (this matter was discussed at the recent heads of Centres meeting). If anyone has any particular points they think should be made please contact membershipadmin(at)devstud.org.uk who will forward this to the Council members leading this response.
2. All members owing subscriptions (full or partial) for the current subscription year have been emailed invoices by the DSA's admin team - please settle these promptly. They will contact members shortly regarding the need to enter Members Directory information online.
3. The call for panels for the 2016 Conference closed with 117 proposals. The conference convenors will make their decisions by 14th March when we will open the call for papers. See [site](#).

I look forward to being able to share the exciting conference line-up with you all in the next Bulletin. However the keynote speakers are already confirmed:

Monday 13 September: **Professor Tania Li** (University of Toronto)

Author of [Land's End: Capitalist Relations on an Indigenous Frontier](#)

and *The Will to Improve: Governmentality, Development, and the Practice of Politics*

Tuesday 14 September: **Professor James A. Robinson** (University of Chicago)

Author of *Why Nations Fail: The origins of power, prosperity and poverty (with Daron Acemoglu)*,

and *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy (with Daron Acemoglu)*

Best wishes,

David Hulme  
DSA President  
president(at)devstud.org.uk

## DSA News

### Heads of Centres (HoC) meeting: Stern review

The DSA convened a Heads of Centres meeting (HoC) on 18th February in Manchester. Eleven Development Studies Centres attended. Two main topics were discussed: global challenges for teaching, specifically in the area of development studies, and the consultation on the future of the Research Excellence Framework. The first discussion highlighted the potential for transnational education (to be followed up by the DSA Council at their next meeting) and the second strongly supported development studies for a joint panel, with peer assessment rather than a shift to metrics. It was agreed that the DSA should [submit a response](#). DSA members views are welcomed, emailed to membershipadmin(at)devstud.org.uk, from where they'll be collated and forwarded to the Council team responsible. The DSA response must be in by **24th March**, so be quick!

### Membership administration - first round of invoices sent

All members owing money for this year, or a portion thereof, have been emailed an invoice. You can now pay by online direct debit or PayPal. We urge members with UK bank accounts to set-up a direct debit as this will make renewal easier next year.

Please email us if you wish to amend your membership category or lapse your membership. We've had a reasonable response but will invoice again in ten days time, all who've not responded!

Join the DSA [here](#).

## Study Group news

### DSA Information, Technology and Development Study Group Meeting and Call for Abstracts

#### "Big and Open Data for International Development" 12 July, University of Manchester

The aim of this workshop is to share socio-technical, socio-organisational and critical research on "data revolution" trends: most notably big data and open data. We hope the workshop will shape a future research agenda and form the basis for future research partnerships.

Prospective presenters should submit an abstract of 200-400 words outlining their proposed presentation to the Centre for Development Informatics: cdi(at)manchester.ac.uk with a deadline of 30 April 2016. [Read more](#).

## Student news

### Seminar series 'What works in international development'

Institutional member, LIDC, runs a seminar series on 'What works in international development', run with the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). Seminars are held at least once a month in our Gordon Square offices. See [website](#).



## DSA Premium Members

Premium membership enables your 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 institution is interested to join the list below, please email [president\(at\)devstud.org.uk](mailto:president(at)devstud.org.uk)

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- [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](#)
- [GDI, University of Manchester](#)
- [The Sheffield Institute for International Development \(SIID\)](#)



## Premium member news

### CIDT, Wolverhampton

CIDT gave their local hero Clare Short an Honorary Degree at the end of last year.

[Read more.](#)



### The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL

#### Social protection for inclusive development in the Afar Region of Ethiopia

DPU's Zeremariam Fre has been leading the 'Social Protection for Inclusive Development in the Afar Region of Ethiopia (SPIDA)' research consortium, with the project officially beginning in September 2015. The overall aim of SPIDA is to evaluate policies and practices already in place, and to come up with alternative policy options to speed up the process of livelihood improvement among the pastoral communities in the Afar. The project focuses on designing ways to better achieve inclusive development through, among other things, social protection measures. [Read more.](#)



## Mapping Food Safety and Environmental Hazards

The Urban Zoonoses research project is investigating the effects of close interactions between people and animals in urban and peri-urban Nairobi on the spread of pathogens such as Escherichia coli, Campylobacter and Salmonella, which can infect both humans and animals. [Read more.](#)

## Resilient Barrios Altos" workshop begins in Lima

The Workshop "Resilient Barrios Altos" held by the Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería (UNI) has begun in Lima and will continue through the month of February. This workshop was brought about by an interest in the work that the DPU and Centro de Investigación, Documentación y Asesoría Poblacional (CIDAP) are carrying out in Barrios Altos, using mapping and identifying risks as well as the costs to mitigate them. [Read more.](#)

## Formal Launching of the Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC)

The Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC) was formally launched on 27th January 2016 at the SLURC Office in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The Centre is intended to produce useful knowledge on urban informal settlements and to build the capacity of urban actors working in communities to improve the well being of informal settlement dwellers. [Read more.](#)

## DSA Journal

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## Courses

### LIDC Humanitarian Crises Short Course

**11-15 April, 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PD**

The London International Development Centre, together with UCL-IOE, SOAS University of London, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Birkbeck, will hold a short course on humanitarian crises. This short course is aimed at early career professionals and students who have some knowledge and understanding of humanitarian crises and who want a more in-depth understanding of theoretical and practical issues and problems that confront those working in this area. Field experience is not a requirement for participation, though we particularly welcome those who have worked in a humanitarian crisis context. Those that have no practical experience will be expected to have an understanding of key issues.

Further details [online](#).



### INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre) training courses

**Theory of Change for Planning and Impact Assessment**  
**14-18 March 2016, Oxford**



**Mindfulness and Social Change – NEW COURSE**  
**9-15 April 2016, Norfolk**

See the [website](#) for details of fees, bursaries and discounts. **INTRAC contact:** Sarah Lewis, Research Assistant, INTRAC, Email: [slewis\(at\)intrac.org](mailto:slewis(at)intrac.org), Tel: +44 (0)1865 263046, Oxbridge Court, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES.

**University of East Anglia****MSc in Water Security and International Development  
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Drawing upon the skills and experience of researchers in the Schools of International Development and Environmental Science, the 12-month Water Security and International Development MSc offers world-class education in water security policy and science in developing country contexts. The MSc is the flagship of the [Water Security Research Centre](#), which calls upon more than 30 water scientists based at UEA and specialist teaching staff at the forefront of water research, including Mark Zeitoun, Bruce Lankford, Jessica Budds, Marisa Goulden and Dabo Guan.

Norwich is one of the most vibrant and attractive cities in Europe, and being only a short train journey from London and Cambridge offers an affordable place to study and stay connected. UEA is ranked in the top two per cent of universities in the world, and positioned first among mainstream English universities for student satisfaction during the 2013 National Student Survey (see [UEA student life](#).) Hear it from the alumni themselves! Check out our [MSc WSID alumni video](#) and [written testimonies](#).

Apply [here](#) for the September 2016 intake. [Read more](#) online or contact Dr Mark Zeitoun: +44 (0)1603 593232. or M.Zeitoun(at)uea.ac.uk.

**Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS)****MSc in Global Health (Postgraduate taught course)****Wellcome Trust Brighton and Sussex Centre for Global Health Research****wellcome**trust

Wellcome Trust Brighton and Sussex Centre for Global Health Research

For the course overview, entry requirements and how to apply, visit the [website](#)  
Deadline for 2016-17 academic year: 29 July 2016

**MSc Global Health Scholarships**

BSMS offers a number of scholarships for UK, EU and International students admitted to full-time Master's degree in Global Health at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Global Health Research. This initiative is funded by the BSMS, and confirms the emergence of the Global Health Department at BSMS as a national and international leader in global health research, practice and postgraduate study.

**Events and conferences****International Consulting Economist's Association****'Finding the money for water'****Speaker: Jim Winpenny****Wednesday March 9th 2016, 18h00 for 18h30****The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, WC1N 3AT**

The development and proper maintenance of adequate water infrastructure have never been more urgent. Countries at both ends of the development spectrum are seeing their current livelihoods and future prosperity threatened by growing water supply-demand imbalances and more frequent extreme events such as droughts and floods. Water is the prime medium through which climate change will be felt. Creating adequate protection against these risks, at the same time as extending safe water and sanitation to the several billions of people lacking such services, will call for a step-change in the level of investment in all kinds of water infrastructure. Existing infrastructure in mature economies too, needs huge investments to repair, renovate and adapt it to make it fit for purpose in future.

Jim Winpenny is a Founder Member and former Chair of the ICEA. In a varied career, he has held academic and research positions, worked as a senior economist in the ODA (DFID's predecessor body) and the European Investment Bank, and in private management consultancies. Since 2000 he has been an independent economic consultant, initially in Luxembourg and currently in Oxfordshire.

The paper will be available after the meeting [here](#) and future meetings, dates and topics [here](#).

## Seminars at the Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL

### Nature in the City: Bengaluru in the Past, Present, and Future

17:30-19:00, 14 March 2016

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

The presentation presents a story of a city where nature strives, yet thrives. It draws on original socio-ecological field research, coupled with archival analysis, satellite remote sensing, and oral histories to examine changes in nature from the 5th Century CE to the present, in Bengaluru. [Read more.](#)



### Medellín: An urban citizen project. Urban transformation through a collective process

17:30-19:00 10 March 2016

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

The talk will outline Medellin's development over the past three decades, a time of considerable social and economic difficulties for the city and its population. It will highlight how social and spatial plans, within a context of strong participatory, associative and democratic work, helped the city to overcome these difficulties and start looking ahead to a brighter future. [Read more.](#)

## Seminar at IGHD, Queen Margaret University, Dublin

### Resilience: A critical analysis of individual, ecological and systems perspectives in humanitarian contexts

Resilience has become a widely used term in the field of global health and development, including in shaping humanitarian goals and strategy.



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This presentation reviews research evidence from humanitarian contexts ranging from refugee settlements in Ethiopia and Uganda, through those displaced by war in the Middle East, to communities affected by the Nepalese earthquake of 2015. This collaborative work with agencies including World Vision, Save the Children, UNICEF, and UNRWA indicates some core principles for working with families, communities, agencies and wider service systems to strengthen resilience in contexts of adversity.



Register for this [event](#). There will also be a webinar broadcast on the same day (details on the event registration page). The event will be recorded and made available [here](#), after the event. More info on [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#).

## IDS 50th Anniversary Conference: States, Markets and Society

### IDS, University of Sussex, Brighton

5-6 July 2016, 08:45-17:30

This high profile, two day conference in July 2016, will bring cutting-edge thinking, experience and reflection on 'States, markets and society in a reconfigured world: Defining a new era for development'.



Keynote speakers confirmed so far:

- James Ferguson, Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Stanford University and author of 'The anti-politics machine' and most recently 'Give a man a fish: the politics of redistribution' is keynote speaker during the conference at the inaugural IDS Annual Lecture on 5 July.
- Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) and Director, Society for Environmental Communications

- Mariana Mazzucato, Professor of the Economics of Innovation SPRU (Science Policy Research Unit), University of Sussex, and author 'The Entrepreneurial State: debunking public vs. private sector myths'
- Professor Adebayo Olukoshi, Director, the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

[Read more](#) online.

## Seminars at DPP, The Open University

### Annual International Development Seminar Series

**Time: 12:30-14:00 (buffet lunch available from 12:00)**

These seminars are open to all. You can view previous seminars online [here](#) or find out more on IKD's [website](#).



#### **16 March: Limits without Scarcity**

**Speaker: Professor Giorgos Kallis (SOAS)**

#### **30 March: Evidence and the Politics of Participation in University-INGO Research Partnerships for International Development**

**Speaker: Dr Jude Fransman (IET, OU)**

#### **6 April 2016: Innovative Spending in Health: Unpacking the Global Evidence**

**Speaker: Dr Julius Mugwagwa (DPP, OU)**

#### **27 April 2016: Reflecting on Migration: 'Man on Ground', a Nigerian Film on South Africa**

**Speaker: Dr Françoise Ugochukwu (Visiting Research Fellow, OU)**

## CfP: The Data Revolution and Sustainable Development Goals

### **Deadline: 15/11/2016**

This is a call for papers for a track – “The Data Revolution and Sustainable Development Goals” – that will form part of the May 2017 IFIP WG9.4 international ICT4D conference, to be held in Indonesia.

The data revolution track – chaired by Richard Heeks and Jaco Renken (Centre for Development Informatics, GDI, University of Manchester) and Tanti Liesman (UN Global Pulse, Jakarta) – is seeking papers that address technical, socio-technical, socio-organisational and critical perspectives on:

- Open data for development
- Big data for development
- Real-time data for development
- Other data-for-development trends

For the full call, see [here](#); the submission template and further details of the conference can be found [here](#). Papers can be either full research papers (max. 5,000 words) or research-in-progress/practitioner reports (max. 2,500 words).

## Call for interest: workshop and network on global debt dynamics

The Centre for Global Political Economy at the University of Sussex organises an exploratory workshop that aims to pool together expertise and create a new international research network on global debt dynamics. The workshop aspires to be multidisciplinary and multisectoral (universities, think tanks, private sector, international organisations). Key external participants have already confirmed their participation (e.g. Ugo Panizza and Stephany Griffith-Jones; Stephanie Blankenburg, the head of UNCTAD Debt & Development Finance Branch; Josh Ryan-Collins, Associate Director in New Economics Foundation, etc)

The workshop will take place at the University of Sussex, on 26 May 2016, is organised by the [CGPE](#) in co-operation with the IDS-CRPD, and is endorsed by IPE group of the British International Studies Association. To participate and for further information please see this [PDF](#).

## Branko Milanovic and Winnie Byanyima at GDI

We were delighted to meet so many of you at the launch of the Global Development Institute. Many of you told us that hearing Winnie Byanyima speak has inspired you to think of ways you can help create a more just and equal world - and respond to her call for rebel academics!



If you weren't able to attend, we've captured every word on [video](#), along with Professors Dame Nancy Rothwell, [Joseph Stiglitz](#) and David Hulme, and a [blog response](#) to her talk. You might even spot yourself in the crowd in our [photos](#) from the launch and drinks reception.

In the meantime, you can [book a free ticket](#) for our next guest lecturer, renowned economist and inequality specialist **Branko Milanovic** on 22 March.

## Jobs

### Director, London International Development Centre

**Deadline: 13th March 2016**

The LIDC is a consortium of the Bloomsbury Colleges of the University of London: Birkbeck, UCL Institute of Education, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Royal Veterinary College, and SOAS, University of London. It was established to facilitate a collaborative environment in which to develop novel, cross-College initiatives, interdisciplinary research and training in international development.



On the impending retirement of Professor Jeff Waage in September 2016, LIDC invites applications for the position of Director. It is anticipated that the appointment will be at 0.5 FTE for a fixed term of up to five years, but subject to negotiation with the successful candidate, it may, in addition, be associated with a Professorial post in the relevant College.

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.

[Read more](#). The final contract may be offered to the successful candidate from any of the member colleges.

### King's College London - International Development Institute positions

**2 x Lecturer in International Development (East Asia and/or Southeast Asia)**

[Website](#).



**1 x Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in International Development (East Asia and/or Southeast Asia)**

[Website](#).

## Publications

### Islamic Research Academy

#### The validity and viability of a waqf based banking model in the UK

Waqf is a type of charitable giving in the form of an endowment that is dedicated for the sake of God to serve the public good. It is a mechanism that is based in Islamic tradition and has historically been widely utilised across the world as a form of ongoing charity. This has taken many forms, from the building of schools and hospitals from properties that have been designated as Waqf, through to the disbursement of funds towards community projects, earned from Waqf property rent or hire. In establishing the basis for such an institution, organisations and institutions involved in charitable giving might be able to apply principles of Waqf and Islamic finance in order to generate greater income that would support rights-holding communities and individuals across the globe. The contribution made by this paper is therefore both timely and vastly enriching to current discussions and discourse surrounding Waqf use in Britain. [Read more](#).

## IDD Birmingham publications

### GSDRC conflict analyses

[Conflict analysis of Muslim Mindanao](#)

[The effects of Russian intervention in the Syria crisis](#)

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## IDS publications

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[IDS Bulletin 47.1](#) (2016)

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[IDS Research Report 80](#) (2016)

China's Comprehensive Strategic and Cooperative Partnership with Africa

[IDS Policy Briefing 111](#) (2016)

Improving Access to Health for Women and Girls in Low-income Urban Settlements

[IDS Policy Briefing 110](#) (2016)

Civil Society from the BRICS: Emerging Roles in the New International Development Landscape

[IDS Evidence Report 173](#) (2016)

Addressing Market Constraints to Providing Nutrient-Rich Foods: An Exploration of Market Systems Approaches

[IDS Evidence Report 172](#) (2016)

Improving the Nutritional Quality of Food Markets through the Informal Sector: Lessons from Case Studies in Other Sectors

[IDS Evidence Report 171](#) (2016)

Centre for Rising Powers and Global Development: Learning Events 2015

[IDS Evidence Report 170](#) (2016)

A Prognosis and Diagnosis for China and the 2016 G20: The Politics of a New Global Economic Geography

[IDS Evidence Report 169](#) (2016)

Foresight and International Development: Conference Report

[IDS Evidence Report 168](#) (2016)

Power, Violence, Citizenship and Agency: A Review of the Literature

[IDS Working Paper 464](#) (2016)



## Palgrave Macmillan

### The Palgrave Handbook of Gender and Development Critical Engagements in Feminist Theory and Practice Edited by Wendy Harcourt

With original and engaging contributions, this Handbook confirms feminist scholarship in development studies as a vibrant research field. It reveals the diverse ways that feminist theory and practice inform and shape gender analysis and development policies, bridging generations of feminists from different institutions, disciplines and regions.



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[Website.](#)

## INTRAC

### How aid really works

"How aid really works" is a comic strip, which highlights the gap between our lofty ideals and the messy reality of the aid business. Alan Fowler, Rod MacLeod and Arantxa Mandiola Lopez shine a light into the darkness. Does this resonate? How can we do different?



### ONTRAC 61 Post-closure evaluation: an indulgence or a valuable exercise?

How do we evaluate a partnership or programme that is closing or has already closed? What are the benefits and risks of doing this? Our latest edition of ONTRAC explores the value of post-closure evaluation and brings together four different perspectives.

### Praxis Paper 31: Developing a timeline for exit strategies

Many practitioners are struggling with issues including how to approach exit and how to ensure sustainability of interventions. This paper by Sarah Lewis collects and analyses learning from a year-long Action Learning Set on exit with the British Red Cross, EveryChild, Oxfam GB, Sightsavers and WWF-UK.

### Summarising portfolio change: results frameworks at organisational level

Over recent years, many international development agencies have been expected to summarise results and learning across large portfolios of work, carried out in different regions, countries and sectors. This paper by Nigel Simister describes some of the different methods and options available to help achieve this.

### Praxis Note 73. Click! Using YouTube as a training tool

"Click! Using YouTube as training tool" is a new Praxis Note by Rod MacLeod, which explores the exciting potential of YouTube as a tool for the innovative trainer. It covers both how to use a video in the context of an effective training and also suggests particular clips under topic headings.

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## BOOKS

**[Navigating Complexity in International Development](#)****Danny Burns and Stuart Worsley**

An important contribution for all those working at the front end of development, illustrated through detailed case studies which range from water resource management in Uganda, to agriculture transformation in Egypt and Kenya, to education of girls in Afghanistan, and community responses to conflict in Myanmar.

**[Qualitative Research for Development](#)****Morten Skovdal and Flora Cornish**

The authors demystify qualitative research and aim to build the skills and confidence of development practitioners to use qualitative methods authoritatively, and to communicate findings to different audiences in this book.

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INTRAC's Executive Director Michael Hammer on The UK's government charity anti-lobbying proposal.

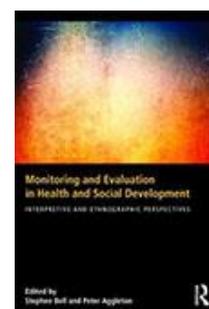
**Member publications****Encountering Difference****Robin Cohen, Olivia Sheringham****ISBN: 978-1-5095-0880-8****200 pages****April 2016, Polity**

In the face of the destructive possibilities of resurgent nationalisms, unyielding ethnicities and fundamentalist religious affinities, there is hardly a more urgent task than understanding how humans can learn to live alongside one another. This fascinating book shows how people from various societies learn to live with social diversity and cultural difference, and considers how the concepts of identity formation, diaspora and creolization shed light on the processes and geographies of encounter.

[Website](#).

**Monitoring and Evaluation in Health and Social Development****Interpretive and Ethnographic Perspectives****Edited by Stephen Bell (UNSW, Australia) and Peter Aggleton (UNSW, Australia)**

Current approaches to M&E in health and social development are often expensive and are conducted in order to demonstrate success, rather than to learn how change occurs and what works within a particular context. Responding to these concerns, this book illustrates the potential of interpretative methods to aid understanding and make a difference on the ground. Through a focus on individual and community perspectives, and locally-grounded explanations, the ethnographically-informed methods explored in this book offer a potentially richer way of assessing the relationships between intent, action and change in health and social development.



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## ESRC news

### Pre-call Announcement for Funding Opportunity

#### ESRC-DFID: Raising Learning Outcomes in education systems programme 2016 call

In April 2016 the ESRC and the Department for International Development (DFID) plan to launch the third call in their **Raising Learning Outcomes in Education Systems research programme**.

The focus of the 2016 call will be on the dynamic of **accountability**, asking questions about how this dynamic interacts with contextual factors and elements of the education system to enable or inhibit the raising of learning outcomes for all.

The geographical focus of research in this call will be on **low-income countries plus a select group of other priority countries**; though there will be no restriction on who can apply. The call will be open to researchers from developed and developing countries.

Proposals will be invited for projects with a **Full Economic Cost (fEC) value of between £200,000 and £700,000** and lasting between one and four years. A total of up to £6.5 million will be made available for research projects under this call.

The full pre-call announcement can be found on the ESRC [website](#). More details about the ESRC-DFID Raising Learning Outcomes programme can also be found [here](#).

#### Latest revision of ESRC Framework for Research Ethics

The framework for research ethics introduced in 2006 - to provide guidance to ESRC-funded researchers, organisations, research ethics committees (RECs) and other interested parties, on ethics in social science research - is now presented in a more accessible web format and includes a revised set of principles and how they apply to researchers, research teams and research organisations.

The ESRC expects that the framework guidance and principles to be followed by all individuals and organisations engaged in ESRC-funded research and may be of wider value to other research-related audiences.

Key aims of the framework are to encourage:

- consideration of the balance and proportionality of individual rights (for example respect, trust and privacy) alongside the benefits of research to individuals and society.
- researchers to think ethically about potential issues and consequences throughout the lifecycle of the project and seek the advice from their REC and other expert support as needed.
- research organisations' commitment to ethics training for researchers and REC members and to support RECs in fulfilling their role and maintaining their independence.
- RECs to support researchers throughout the research lifecycle and carry out proportionate ethics reviews considering both the benefits and risks of the research.

The framework can be accessed [here](#) and the ethics case studies, [here](#). Enquiries and submission of ethics case studies should be directed to [ethics\(at\)esrc.ac.uk](mailto:ethics(at)esrc.ac.uk).

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