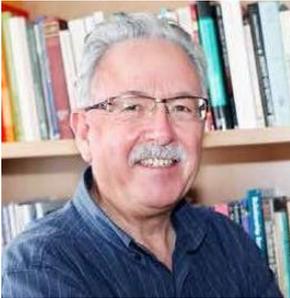




## Welcome to the DSA Bulletin for August 2016

### President's foreword



I am just back from Japan – a delightful visit with colleagues in Nagoya and Tokyo. The only cloud, in a very sunny week, was hearing about the scale of public support for a populist, nationalist right-wing party in Japan. Does this sound all too familiar...the UK, France, the Netherlands, Austria...and over to Donald Trump in the US? Our theme at the DSA Annual Conference is 'Politics in Development'. Much of the agenda is about the politics of developing and emerging countries, but we shall have to allocate time to asking about what is happening to 'politics' in the rich world – as it has very big implications for international development and increasingly these seem to be turning negative.

This year's conference is all set to be a very productive three days. Its sessions look at the big issues and challenges of international development and, alongside these, at detailed work on theoretical, methodological and applied topics. Outside of the sessions there are great opportunities for informal discussions in Oxford's many cloisters, cafes and bars.

But, what a difference a year makes! Last year at DSA2015 in Bath there was an air of cautious optimism about the global context for making the world a somewhat fairer place and tackling poverty and inequality. The Sustainable Development Goals were about to be unveiled in New York – very long, and very long-winded but reflecting deep discussions by all UN member states: a real step forward for global democratic deliberations. Arrangements for the Climate Change talks in Paris were making good progress according to the 'sherpas' setting up the negotiations. Europe was having problems with 'migrants', but Angela Merkel was encouraging EU governments to fully honour their UN commitments to supporting refugees and helping migrants.

In mid-2016 things look very different and an air of deep pessimism and/or profound precariousness is evident.

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For those of us who are UK citizens (and especially for people working in universities) the Brexit vote means that the future is very unclear. Isolationism, protectionism and xenophobia seem to be the values that are sweeping around the UK...and Europe...and further afield. For many involved in teaching and research on international development the public popularity of such values, and associated policies, challenges many of the values that have underpinned the promotion of development – international cooperation, economic and social integration, welcoming people from other parts of the world, global social justice and human rights.

But, we need to rise to this challenge...and perhaps take some responsibility for it. Have we, as academics, teachers and researchers, focussed our work on those who think like us and neglected our role as contributors to 'public understanding'? Could we have done more...and can we do more in the future...to help our fellow citizens and people in other countries understand that in the 21st Century we all live in one world. If we want an international environment that is stable, prosperous and sustainable for ourselves and for future generations then, as Angus Deaton writes, we (humanity) "are all in this together".

There will be lots of opportunities to discuss our detailed work at the Conference and also to think about what DSA members and DSA as an organisation can do to help public understanding in the UK of the need for

collaboration and cooperation between people and countries. Please do some thinking in advance and come prepared – what can we in DSA (as individuals and as an organisation) do to make Brexit less damaging for international development?.

Could you also put a little thinking into 'whom' you would like to elect to DSA Council to represent your views? There will be several positions coming vacant this year and we need energetic and committed members to join the Council. Please send nominations to our Secretary, Fiona Nunan ([f.s.nunan@bham.ac.uk](mailto:f.s.nunan@bham.ac.uk)) before the Conference.

Have a good summer break...maybe turn off the news, avoid newspapers and get offline!

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## DSA News

### Council nominations

The DSA will hold elections for members of Council at the upcoming AGM during DSA2016 in Oxford, in September. We need members to stand for the seven vacant positions. Please consider helping the association and the discipline by putting yourself forward or encouraging others to do so. See the [DSA homepage](#) for more info and to download the necessary forms.

### DSA2016: 12-14 September, 2016

The conference programme has been finalised in the past couple of weeks, and details of the final plenary session are now clear. Entitled '**Brexit and International Development: What is the UK's future role?**' it will be chaired by David Hulme (DSA President) and will include contributions from: Alice Evans (Lecturer in Human Geography, University of Cambridge), Nick Dearden (Director, Global Justice Now), Peter Evans (Senior Adviser, DFID (Research and Evidence Division)), Duncan Green (Senior Strategic Advisor, Oxfam GB) and Simon Maxwell (Past President of DSA and former Director ODI).

See <http://www.nomadit.co.uk/dsa/dsa2016/events.shtml#plenary> for more detail.

If you've not already [registered](#), don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn, network, and of course see old friends.

## Study Group news

### DSA Business and Development Study Group Meeting

**Moving past 'business as usual': What role for the private sector in development?**

**10am, 6th December 2016**

**83 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5ES (new facility of the University of Bath)**

[See website](#)

The Business and Development Study Group welcomes all those with research, practitioner or policy interests in the changing role and impact of the private sector in development. The group provides a forum for exploring a wide variety of issues from practices and critiques of corporate social responsibility to a broader understanding of the relationship between business and developing societies.

We invite you to join us at a workshop to explore the diversity of issues and interests raised at the intersection between business and development and welcome contributions on any relevant topic, including, but not limited to:

- The role of the private sector in delivering the SDGs – what does SDGs-compliant business look like?
- How can we ensure the private sector applies a 'do no harm' approach to their core business?
- CSR: from critical approaches to best practice
- From private profit to public good: How can governments, CSOs and the public hold businesses accountable?
- The contributions of the private sector to development beyond multinational corporations: the role of smallholder farmers, mutuals, cooperatives, and SMEs

- The role of business innovation and enterprise in achieving social and environmental objectives
- The social and environmental impact of different business model
- The role of multi-stakeholder partnerships in delivering positive development outcomes

We aim to provoke open and stimulating debate in a spirit of mutual respect for differences of opinion. We therefore welcome all perspectives and encourage contributions at this workshop from outside academia and from across the world. We invite proposals for papers or presentations addressing any of the above or similar issues.

Presentations at the meeting should be no more than 20 minutes long. If you would like to present at this meeting, email a brief abstract or outline of your proposed presentation (300 words maximum) by 7th October to Jason Hart [jh462\(at\)bath.ac.uk](mailto:jh462(at)bath.ac.uk)

Enquiries may be addressed to any of the convenors:

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Jason Hart, University of Bath [jh462\(at\)bath.ac.uk](mailto:jh462(at)bath.ac.uk)

Beck Smith, Save the Children [B.Smith\(at\)savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:B.Smith(at)savethechildren.org.uk)

## DSA Information, Technology and Development Study Group

### “Big and Open Data for International Development”

The aim of this study group workshop – held at University of Manchester on 12th July 2016 – was to share socio-technical, socio-organisational and critical research on “data revolution” trends: most notably big data and open data. The workshop produced:

- a) A future research agenda for “data-intensive development”, [see here](#).
- b) A network site for researchers and practitioners working in data-intensive development, which you are invited to join [here](#).

Abstracts and presentations from the workshop are available [here](#).

## 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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- [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

### The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

#### [Researchers and Practitioners debate the Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda ahead of Habitat III](#)

On 4 July, the DPU along with the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) hosted a Development Studies Association Urbanisation and Development Group workshop at IDS in Brighton. It was an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to discuss and interrogate the most recent [Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda](#), the final version of which will be agreed by UN member states at Habitat III in Quito in October.



#### [Urban Infrastructure Projects and Displacement in Nigeria](#)

The infrastructure backlog in Nigerian cities presents an enormous impediment to efforts to improve the well-being of the country's urban residents. However, the land requirements associated with efforts to deliver such infrastructure, in already densely occupied cities, has led to a significant threats of displacement.

In this context, Barbara Lipietz and Julian Walker of the DPU are working with Dr. Victor Onyebueke (University of Nigeria Nsukka), Dr. Oliver Ujah, and Victoria Ohaeri (from the NGO Spaces for Change and Youth Development) on a research project which aims to understand how engagement between civil society groups and planners can protect the interests of the urban poor in the context of infrastructure development in Nigerian cities.

#### [Borders and camps - Life at the edge of Europe](#)

There is no doubt that borders are as contested, fragile and unstable as the political, legislative and normative agreements surrounding them. Following the results of the referendum, while the slogan 'take back control of the borders' still resonates in the minds of many, the mayor of the French city of Calais is demanding the revision of the Toquet treaty. The definition of the border between UK and France has now become uncertain, as even more uncertain the destiny of the camps in Calais and Dunkirk.

### Join the DSA!

The DSA is the largest and most coherent national platform for people studying, teaching and researching development issues. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in development studies.

**Join today** by visiting <http://www.devstud.org.uk>

### Courses

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

##### Monitoring and Evaluation and Theory of Change

If you are looking to work through some of the complex challenges in doing M&E with other experienced practitioners or are involved in planning, evaluating and assessing the impact of programmes, then join one of our upcoming courses:



[Theory of Change for Planning and Impact Assessment: 17-21 October, Oxford, UK](#)

[Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation 14-18 November, Oxford, UK](#)

[Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation: 1-4 November, Lao PDR \(Laos\), Southeast Asia](#)

##### Organisational and Capacity Development

INTRAC has over 25 years' experience in pioneering approaches and tools for organisational development and capacity building and constantly innovate with new ideas to serve the changing needs of civil society organisations. If you want to gain new insight and understanding, participate in one of our training courses:

[Organisational Development: 24-28 October, Oxford, UK](#)

[Advanced Partner Capacity Building: 31 October – 4 November, Oxford, UK](#)

### Events and conferences

#### The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

[London | Heritage in Transformation \(DPU summerLab 2016 series\)](#)

[Palermo | Emergent Migrant Topographies \(DPU summerLab 2016 series\)](#)

[Barcelona | Conflicting Diversities \(DPU summerLab 2016 series\)](#)

[Beirut | Riverside Ecologies and Contested Waterscapes \(DPU summerLab 2016 series\)](#)



#### Islamic Relief Academy

##### 11th ISDEV International Development Management Conference (IDMAC2016): Islamic Sustainable Development

6-7th December 2016 in Penang, Malaysia

Submission of abstracts deadline: 15 August 2016

Islamic Relief Academy are delighted to announce a collaboration with University Sains Malaysia, Centre for Islamic Development Management Studies (ISDEV) and APEX (Accelerated Programme for Excellence) to organise the 11th ISDEV International Development Management Conference (IDMAC2016): Islamic Sustainable Development that will take place from 6-7th December 2016 in Penang, Malaysia.

This year, the chosen theme for IDMAC is Islamic Sustainable Development and will provide a platform and opportunity for practitioners, scholars, researchers, academicians, graduate students, NGOs and others from all over the world to converge and be proactively engaged in an intellectual discourse on Islamic sustainable development;. For more information on this conference and details on submitting a paper including templates, please visit the [website](#).

We would encourage you to submit an abstract for consideration at this year's conference by the deadline of August 15th 2016 to [idmac11.2016\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:idmac11.2016(at)gmail.com). Additional details about the event are included in the attached poster.

\*Please note the date for the submission of the abstract is now August 15th 2016 and NOT July 31st 2016 as it currently appears on the website.

Accommodation: A few bedrooms are being held for delegates to book on campus, please see the [University Guest Accommodation website](#) for details. Alternatively there are many [hotels](#) in the City of Bath.

If you have any further questions about the Symposium please contact James Harle at the IPR: [j.harle\(at\)bath.ac.uk](mailto:j.harle@bath.ac.uk)

## Publications

### Oxfam

#### How Change Happens Duncan Green

Human society is full of would-be 'change agents', a restless mix of campaigners, lobbyists, and officials, both individuals and organizations, set on transforming the world. They want to improve public services, reform laws and regulations, guarantee human rights, get a fairer deal for those on the sharp end, achieve greater recognition for any number of issues, or simply be treated with respect.

Striking then, that not many universities have a Department of Change Studies, to which social activists can turn for advice and inspiration. Instead, scholarly discussions of change are fragmented with few conversations crossing disciplinary boundaries, rarely making it onto the radars of those actively seeking change.

This book bridges the gap between academia and practice, bringing together the best research from a range of academic disciplines and the evolving practical understanding of activists to explore the topic of social and political change. Drawing on many first-hand examples from the global experience of Oxfam, one of the world's largest social justice NGOs, as well as the author's insights from studying and working on international development, it tests ideas on How Change Happens and offers the latest thinking on what works to achieve progressive change.

ISBN: 9780198785392 | £16.99 | October 2016 (pre-orders available)

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#### [Rethink, Retool, Reboot: Technology as if people and planet mattered](#)

Simon Trace

Why is it that the drivers of innovation mean we are more likely to see research into a cure for male baldness than a malaria vaccine or into methods for extracting shale gas as opposed to solutions to store renewable energy? Rethink, Retool, Reboot proposes that we need to rethink the purpose of our technological endeavour and how we provide access to and govern the use of technology today; we need to retool – to change the alignment of our innovation systems to deliver technology that is socially useful and addresses the key challenges of poverty and environmental sustainability; and above all, our relationship with technology needs a reboot.

#### [Sustainable Sanitation for All: Experiences, challenges and innovations](#)

Edited by Petra Bongartz, Naomi Vernon and John Fox

Great strides have been made in improving sanitation in many developing countries. Yet, 2.4 billion people worldwide still lack access to adequate sanitation facilities, and the poorest and most vulnerable members of society are often not reached. Describing the landscape of sustainability of CLTS and sanitation with reference to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and through examples from Africa and

Asia, the book captures a range of experiences and innovations from a broad range of institutions and actors within the WASH sector, and makes recommendations and practical suggestions.

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## The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

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by Camillo Boano

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Adriana Allen, Pascale Hofmann, Jenia Mukherjee & Anna Walnycki

[DPU Working Paper #182. The power of urban street art in re-naturing urban imaginations and experiences](#)

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[Borders and camps. Setting an initial research agenda](#)



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[Climate change and social development](#)

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**INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre)**

**[Praxis Note 71: From Action Research to Advocacy \(Arabic version\)](#)**

INTRAC Praxis Note 71: From Action Research to Advocacy by Principal Consultant Rod MacLeod is now available in [Arabic](#) on INTRAC's website. This Praxis Note by 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.



**["How aid really works" comic strip: Development trends](#)**

"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.

### Intrac blog

#### [Beneficiary feedback mechanisms: whatever happened to participatory monitoring and evaluation?](#)

Anne Garbutt offers thoughts on INTRAC's involvement on a pilot project exploring what makes a beneficiary feedback system effective, and whether it improves accountability or the delivery of development programmes.

### Routledge and DSA affiliate program

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## Other News

### Global Challenges Research Fund – call for evidence

**Deadline: The survey closes at 16.00 on 22 August 2016.**

[See website](#)

[Take the survey](#)

The Government Spending Review on 25 November 2015 announced "a new £1.5 billion Global Challenges Research Fund, to ensure UK science takes the lead in addressing the problems faced by developing countries, whilst developing our ability to deliver cutting-edge research".

The Global Challenges Research Fund is an initiative of BIS (Department for Business Innovation & Skills) which operates across a number of delivery partners, including the Research Councils, National Academies and HEFCE (the Higher Education Funding Council for England). The RCUK Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) represents the largest portion of this fund.

We have launched a call for evidence to gather views on the [high-level challenges](#) that will form the basis of the funding calls from the GCRF collective fund. The information gathered will also be shared with the other delivery partners so that it may inform their own strategies. We would also like your views on the most effective ways of delivering GCRF. We are looking for inputs from individuals and institutions across all academic disciplines, non-governmental organisations and industrial sectors both in and outside of the UK. Please alert colleagues who may wish to respond.

The results from the survey will be reviewed alongside other feedback. We will share a short summary of evidence we have collected and outline how that has informed our strategy in the autumn.

This call for evidence forms part of a broader programme of strategic engagement activities taking place under the GCRF programme. We will be running focus groups later this year and opening a call for ideas early next year to generate priority themes within each challenge.

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