

**DSA-BISA workshop on Knowledge(s) in civil society organisations in development, 23-24 April**  
**Venue: Leeds University, Liberty Building, rooms 1.08 and 1.09**

Dear all,

We have outlined below the programme for the DSA-BISA workshop on *Knowledge(s) in civil society organisations in development*. The workshop will run for two days. The first day will focus on the papers and run parallel group sessions with 3-4 participants per group where each paper is discussed in detail for about an hour. We have assigned two key readers for each paper who are responsible for leading the feedback on that paper. The second day will focus on the outcomes from the group work and the best way to take the papers forward for publication.

We would like to ask you to send your draft by 17 April the latest. To minimise bureaucracy can you please use the reply-all function to this mailing list this way each paper is shared with all participants. The papers should include a 300-word abstract stating the following: Title, Author's Name, Affiliation, and Email. The abstract should clearly state the argument and the leading research question(s) of the paper. The length of the draft should be approximately 4000-7000 words (shorter drafts are okay). In order to facilitate interactive discussions, and to help us develop publishing themes, authors are encouraged to address clearly their conceptual approach and use of the term *knowledge*. Please note that the final format of the papers (reference style, word length, etc.) will be determined by the publisher's guidelines.

Programme:

Time	Wednesday (23 April)	Thursday (24 April)
9.30 -10.30	Welcome & Introduction to the workshop	Reports from the parallel groups
10.30-10.45	Coffee / Tea	Coffee/ Tea
10.45-12.45	Parallel groups A Hayman Kontinen B Dhananka Bhattarai	Brainstorming about the common themes and debates
12.45 – 13.30	Lunch	Lunch
13.30-15.30	Parallel groups A and B A Kruckenberg Matturi B Gooding King	Way forward and editorial decisions
15.30-15.45	Coffee / Tea	Coffee / Tea
15.45-17.30	Parallel groups A Thrandardottir Fouksman B Narayanaswamy	
	Dinner	

Group A: Hayman, Kontinen, Kruckenberg, Matturi, Thrandardottir, Fouksman  
 Group B: Bhattarai, Dhanaka, Gooding, King, Narayanaswamy

**Instructions for the parallel groups:**

Each paper should be read by everybody prior to the workshop. However, each paper has lead commentators who should read the paper extra carefully and initiate the discussion in the group. The author starts with a short presentation (10 min) of the main argument/ idea of the paper. Power point facilities are available in case you opt to show 1-2 slides. After the presentation the lead commentators initiate discussion. The

discussion should contribute to the improvement of the paper to a full article / book chapter and identification of joint themes. After discussion on each paper a short conclusion about the themes such as knowledge in order to prepare for the discussion the following day.

The **lead commentators** are assigned in an alphabetical order as follows:

<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Lead commentators</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Lead commentators</b>
-Hayman -Kontinen -Kruckenberg -Matturi -Thrandardottir -Fouksman	Kontinen & Kruckenberg Kruckenberg & Matturi Matturi & Thrandardottir Thrandardottir & Hayman Hayman & Kontinen Kontinen & Thrandardottir	-Bhattarai -Dhananka -Gooding -King -Narayanaswamy	Dhanaka & Gooding Gooding & King King & Narayanaswamy Narayanaswamy & Bhattarai Bhattarai & Dhanaka

Day two is reserved for discussions on how to take the papers and the ideas generated in the workshop sessions forward. This includes practical issues such as editorial roles that can be substantial if we choose an edited book or minimal if we choose a special issue in a journal. We envisage the approximate timeline to be 15 September for the submission of the draft and 1 December for the final submission (although this depends on the publishers).

Proposed list of journals and books:

The following are initial suggestions for journals and books we intend to approach: Nonprofit and voluntary sector quarterly; Voluntas; Journal of Civil society; Interest Groups & Advocacy; Third Sector Quarterly; Journal of Knowledge Management; Journal of International Organizations Studies; Zed Books; EADI Publication Series (Palgrave). Suggestions for other journals or publishing venues are welcome.

#### Travel directions:

The workshop is located in Liberty Building seminar rooms 1.08 and 1.09. Map for Leeds University can be found at: [http://www.leeds.ac.uk/site/custom\\_scripts/campus\\_map.php](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/site/custom_scripts/campus_map.php). Information on getting to the Liberty Building is available at: <http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk/about/how-to-find-us>. Directions for the room: Go through the main entrance and take your first right up to level one using the central staircase. Take your first left and then right. 1.08 is the first room on your left. For any enquiries about the location please contact Kate Gooding ([umkg@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:umkg@leeds.ac.uk)).

Should you have any questions regarding the workshop please email [tiina.t.kontinen@jyu.fi](mailto:tiina.t.kontinen@jyu.fi) or [Erla.Thrandardottir.1@city.ac.uk](mailto:Erla.Thrandardottir.1@city.ac.uk)

We look forward to see you all in Leeds for a dynamic workshop!

Best wishes,  
DSA and BISA

#### List of participants

- 1) Lok P. Bhattarai, Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds; College of Development Studies, Nepal: Whose knowledge are we talking about?
- 2) Kate Gooding, University of Leeds: The role of research in advocacy by NGOs in Malawi: what do we mean by 'evidence based advocacy'?
- 3) Rachel Hayman, INTRAC (International NGO Training and Research Centre), Oxford (UK): 'Evidence and its use by NGOs: conceptual conundrums, quality quandaries and capacity constraints'
- 4) Lata Narayanaswamy, Honorary Research Fellow, Sheffield Institute for International Development (SIID) 'Clearly there is no strategy': NGOs as managers and brokers of knowledge in development.
- 5) Swetha Rao Dhanaka, University of Lausanne, Switzerland: Civil society organizations and access to knowledges: Recognizing and leveraging plurality.
- 6) Kontinen, Tiina, University of Jyväskylä, Finland: Organizational rationalities in regard to monitoring and evaluation knowledge in development NGOs: Institutional logics explored.
- 7) Sophie King, Institute for Development Policy and Management, School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester, U.K. Research for development alternatives: grassroots knowledge, deliberative spaces and political capabilities in Western Uganda.
- 8) Lena Kruckenberg, Sustainability Research Institute & Centre for International Business, University of Leeds. : Renewable energy partnerships in development cooperation: A relational analysis of the role of local organisations in technology assistance & capacity building.
- 9) Erla Thrandardottir, City University London, Strategic use of knowledge in creating and maintaining NGO legitimacy: the case of Kingsnorth
- 10) Kai Matturi, Concern, Incentivizing documentation and sharing of knowledge in international non-governmental organizations.
- 11) Liz Fouksman, University of Oxford, Typologies of Knowledge and the Practice of Development: Civil Society, Citizen Knowledge and the Creation of Ideas