

Connecting Science, Society and Development

DSA Conference 18 to 20 September 2007

Draft Programme

Day 1 – Tuesday 18 September 2007

11.30 – 13.00	Registration	Meeting House
11.45 – 13.00	DSA Council meeting (lunch provided)	IDS room 221
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	Bramber House
13.30 – 14.00	Welcome and Introduction Sam Jackson, DSA President (chair) Lawrence Haddad, IDS Director Alasdair Smith, Chair of the IDS Board	Chichester lecture theatre
14.00 – 15.30	Opening Plenary Sam Jackson, DSA President (chair) Gordon Conway, Chief Scientific Adviser, UK Department for International Development Judi Wakhungu, African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Kenya and Chair of the STEPS Board	Chichester lecture theatre
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee	Meeting House
16.00 – 17.30	Parallel Sessions 1 (see details attached)	Russell Building
17.30	'Provoking Ideas: Zed celebrates 30 years of Progressive Publishing – Joint Zed Books/IDS Reception'	IDS Common Room
18.00	Pre-dinner drinks to celebrate the opening of DSA 2007 and the STEPS Centre Symposium	Bramber House Terrace Bar
19.00	Informal dinner	Bramber House
20.30	The Eavesdroppers Irish Band play the IDS Bar	IDS Bar

Day 2 – Wednesday 19 September 2007

09.00 – 09.30	Coffee	Meeting House
09.30 – 10.45	Plenary Two: Biotechnology and the Media David Dickson, SciDev.net and STEPS Board member (chair) Ehsan Masood, freelance journalist Erik Millstone, University of Sussex and STEPS member Ranjana Smetacek, Monsanto Rod Harbinson, Head of Environment Programme, The Panos Institute	Chichester lecture theatre
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee	Meeting House
11.15 – 12.45	Parallel Sessions 2 (see details attached)	Russell Building
12.45 – 14.15	Lunch	Bramber House
13.15 – 14.00	Earthscan's book launch for <i>The Power of Labelling</i> (edited by Joy Moncrieffe and Rosalind Eyben). What does it mean to be part of the mass known as 'The Poor'? What visions are conjured up in our minds when someone is labelled 'Muslim'? Join a debate on how we categorise and why it matters. Speakers: Rosalind Eyben and Joy Moncrieffe, IDS	IDS room 221
13.15 – 14.15	DSA AGM	Russell Building room RB11
14.15 – 15.30	Plenary Three: Agricultural Technology and Development Simon Maxwell, Overseas Development Institute (chair) Paul Richards, Wageningen University Pedro Sanchez, Director, Millennium Villages Project, The Earth Institute at Columbia University	Chichester lecture theatre
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Launch of Oxfam's new series 'Small Guides to Big Issues', co-published with Pluto Press. Browse and buy copies of the first three books: <i>Climate Change</i> , <i>Women's Rights</i> and <i>Cities</i> . Also enjoy a piece of Fairtrade cake.	Meeting House
16.00 – 17.30	Parallel Sessions 3 (see details attached)	Russell Building
17.30	Reception hosted by the Journal of Development Studies, with presentation of the Dudley Seers prize to Professor Mick Moore, IDS.	IDS Common room
17.30	Practical Action Publishing's double book launch and reception for <i>Springs of Participation: Creating and Evolving Methods for Participatory Development</i> (edited by Karen Brock and Jethro Pettit) and <i>The Aid Chain: Coercion and Commitment in Development NGOs</i> (by Tina Wallace with Jennifer Chapman and Lisa Bornstein). Speakers: Robert Chambers, Jethro Pettit and Tina Wallace. Please RSVP to j.stevens@ids.ac.uk .	IDS room 221
19.00	Conference dinner Prize-giving for the European Journal of Development Research and the Journal of International Development After dinner speaker: David King, UK Government Chief Scientific Adviser	Bramber House

Day 3 – Thursday 20 September 2007

09.00 – 09.30	Coffee	Meeting House
09.30 – 10.45	Plenary Four: How Radical is the Change in the Global Distribution of Innovation Activities? Hubert Schmitz, Institute of Development Studies (chair) Raphie Kaplinsky, Open University Martin Bell, Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex Cristina Chaminade, University of Lund, Sweden	Chichester lecture theatre
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee	Meeting House
11.15 – 12.45	Parallel Sessions 4 (see details attached)	Russell Building
12.45 – 14.15	Lunch	Bramber House
13.00	Routledge African & Development Studies Journals Reception	Meeting House
13.15 – 14.15	DSA Study Group Convenors meeting	Russell Building room RB11
14.15 – 15.00	Final Plenary: Rethinking Risk and Regulation Sheila Jasanoff, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard; Science and Democracy Network; and STEPS Board member Melissa Leach, IDS and co-convenor of STEPS (chair)	Chichester lecture theatre
15.00 – 16.00	Conference Wrap-up and Reflections Shiv Visvanathan, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, India Andrew Scott, Director of Policy, Practical Action Banji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka, Director, Monitoring & Research Division, UN-HABITAT, Nairobi Joachim Voss, Director-General, International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Colombia Sam Jackson, DSA President Lawrence Haddad, Director, IDS (chair)	Chichester lecture theatre
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee and departure	Meeting House

Parallel Sessions 1: Tuesday 18 September 16.00 – 17.30

Room	Title	Participants
RB21	<p>Knowledge, Technological Learning and Innovation for Development in Least Developed Countries This panel will present the findings and recommendations of The Least Developed Countries Report 2007.</p>	<p>Charles Gore, UNCTAD (chair) Rolf Traeger and Zeljka Kozul-Wright, UNCTAD Martin Bell, SPRU, University of Sussex</p>
RB33	<p>Biotechnology and Policy Innovation in Sub-Saharan Africa Modern biotechnology has brought about challenges in many areas for developing countries, including the domain of technology regulation. Across Africa, many processes have been initiated to develop systems to deal with challenges at the technological, institutional, national, cross-national and international levels. For Sub-Saharan Africa, innovative approaches to policy development have had to be devised, to come up with effective systems that enable Africa to deal with the technology. This session traces some of the policy innovations witnessed on the continent in the last few years, with a view to assessing the impact that has been made, lessons to be drawn, and how this enriches theoretical discourses in development, public policy, science and technology studies.</p>	<p>Julius T Mugwagwa, Open University Joanna Chataway, Open University James Smith, University of Edinburgh</p>
tbc	<p>Low carbon technology transfer to developing countries This session will discuss the issue of low carbon technology transfer to developing countries. The panel will represent a range of perspectives including academic, governmental and non-governmental actors. It is also hoped that a video link to India will be possible whereby researchers from The Energy Research Institute (TERI) in Delhi will present their views on the technology transfer.</p>	<p>Gordon MacKerron, SPRU, University of Sussex John Holmes, Defra Farhana Yamin, IDS David Ockwell, SPRU, University of Sussex Jon Lovett, University of Twente, Netherlands by videolink: RK Pachauri, Teri, India and Prosanto Pal, Teri, India (tbc)</p>
RB10	<p>The role of partnerships in delivering the science and technology agenda for Africa's continued development The report of the Commission for Africa presented a strong case for investment by developed countries in supporting Africa's system of higher education, to help build capacity for Africa's social and economic transformation. Africa's systems of higher education, however, are in a state of crisis brought on by years of neglect. This situation is changing, but African HEIs need support to bridge the gaps in their own capacity to deliver. This panel will consider the role of partnerships in delivering that support, and consider the need to invest in science, technology and innovation in Africa. It will consider the conflict between regional and local priorities, and look at partnerships from the point of view of northern and southern organisations, and will seek to identify some elements of best practice.</p>	<p>Myles Wickstead, Open University, formerly Head of Secretariat to the Commission for Africa. Andrew Cherry, Association of Commonwealth Universities Simon Anguma, Uganda</p>

RB34	<p>The experience of people's participation in processes of technology development</p> <p>The purpose of the session is to share practical experience of the involvement of people living in poverty in the development of technologies, and in decision-making about the technologies that they use, and to relate this experience to the broader themes of the conference. The session will allow conference delegates to gain a greater understanding of what is happening on the ground in poor communities, and will be themed around technologies for the management and use of water. Questions to be raised include: How do people decide which technologies to adopt or adapt? What are the barriers and facilitators to technology development for poverty reduction? What kind of institutions enable people to have a say in decisions about the technologies that affect their lives?</p>	<p>Andrew Scott (chair) Katharine Pasteur, Lucy Stevens and David Grimshaw, Practical Action</p>
RB20	<p>STEPS Symposium panel: 'Pathways to sustainability: Linking technology, poverty and social justice'</p> <p>Linking science and technology with the reduction of poverty and social injustice are crucial challenges, in a world which is highly complex, dynamic and replete with uncertainties and conflicting understandings. This session introduces the early thinking of the ESRC Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability (STEPS) Centre around research to address these challenges, drawing perspectives in development studies together with science and technology studies and cross-disciplinary perspectives on knowledge and power. Following a brief overview of the Centre's emerging 'pathways approach', three short presentations will discuss its relevance to current issues and debates in the health, agriculture and water domains. In discussion we will address implications for current policy and aid initiatives that seek to make science and technology work for the poor.</p>	<p>Melissa Leach, IDS and STEPS Centre Director Ian Scoones, IDS and STEPS Centre Co-director Andy Stirling, IDS and STEPS Centre Co-director Gerry Bloom, IDS John Thompson, IDS Lyla Mehta, IDS</p>
RB32	<p>Free-standing paper session: Energy and Water</p> <p>Lauren Lamberton, Bernard J. Smith, Stephen Royle, and John J. McAlister, Queen's University Belfast; and José A. Baptista Neto, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil: '<i>The Selective Impact of Environmental Pollution on Socially Marginalised Urban Communities in Transitioning Economies: A Case study from SE Brazil</i>' Annemarije Kooijman, University of Twente: '<i>Technological change from an entrepreneurs' perspective: energy choices in small scale enterprises in rural India</i>' Netra Chhetri, Arizona State University: '<i>Multiple Realities: Stressor Analysis of Water Resources in Central Arizona</i>'</p>	<p>Chair (tbc)</p>

Parallel Sessions 2: Wednesday 19 September 11.15 – 12.45

Room	Title	Participants
RB10	<p>Science Jim, but not as we know it: The feasibility of trans-disciplinary research</p> <p>This session is the launch of a new DSA study group 'Research for Development' which is focused on development research methods. The first meeting aims to bring together the wealth and variety of development researchers' experiences in doing cross-disciplinary research in practice. Development Studies seeks to be cross-disciplinary. Many researchers in development seek to go beyond this to integrate disciplinary insights and achieve trans-disciplinarity, but there are significant intellectual and professional barriers. Intellectually, there are different ways of problematisation, different axioms/assumptions on the nature of reality and human beings, different methods and even different languages. What exactly are we trying to do? How can we overcome barriers? What level of success have researchers in development studies had to date? What are people's experiences and reflections? We ask participants to scribble their thoughts/reflections and experience from one piece of their own research before the meeting and be ready for workshopping!</p>	<p>Andy Sumner, Institute of Development Studies (chair) Alan Thomas, Swansea University Mike Tribe, Bradford University Sam Jackson, DSA President</p>
RB21	<p>Livestock Development Study Group Symposium: 'Policy Dynamics vs. the Demands of the Poor: Case studies from the livestock sector'</p> <p>John Morton, Mohammed Mussa and Anne Tallontire: <i>'De-worming and Dysfunction: The Import of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals to Ethiopia'</i> G.P. Juma, A.G. Drucker, I. Baltenweck, M. Ngigi: <i>'Consumption of, and Willingness to Pay for, Indigenous Small Ruminant Meat in Marsabit, Kenya'</i> Shaheen Akter: <i>'Sustainability of an Innovation for Poverty Alleviation: The case of Bangladesh Poultry Model'</i> Claire Heffernan, Kim Thomson, Louise Nielsen: <i>'Livestock vaccine adoption among Bolivian farmers: Revisiting innovation diffusion theory'</i></p>	<p>Claire Heffernan, Reading University (chair)</p>
RB34	<p>Technological innovation to deliver social protection</p> <p>Social protection programmes are increasingly being developed to reduce poverty throughout Africa. A key component of such programmes is social transfers, which can take different forms including cash, vouchers, agricultural inputs, medicines, school fee waivers and food. Cash transfers form a growing part of social protection programmes, but ensuring effective delivery can be problematic. Identifying more effective delivery mechanisms is imperative to improve the effectiveness of both cash and other forms of transfers. A variety of innovative technologies have been piloted in southern Africa, aimed at ensuring efficient distribution to beneficiaries and reducing the management load. This parallel session aims to critically appraise a variety of technological innovations to deliver cash transfers that have been trialed in southern Africa.</p>	<p>Stephen Devereux, Institute of Development Studies (Chair) Katharine Vincent and Judith Matthis, Regional Hunger and Vulnerability Programme</p>
RB4	<p>NGOs in Development: Analysing Trends and Shaping Research Agendas For The Next Five Years</p> <p>This interactive session will identify current trends in aid and their impacts for development NGOs. The session will be introduced by Brian Pratt (INTRAC) and followed by short inputs from two different members of the group to stimulate discussion. This will be followed by broader debate. Questions that may be addressed include: what</p>	<p>Brian Pratt (Director, INTRAC) Katie Wright-Revolledo (Convenor) Richard Batley (University of Birmingham)</p>

	are the impacts of NGOs' increasing involvement in service delivery?; what are the issues relating to research on NGOs in development?; how far is the aid effectiveness agenda shrinking the space for civil society?; what are the impacts of decentralisation of the voluntary sector?; how is the blurring of security issues with aid policy affecting civil society? It is hoped that the outcomes of this interactive session will serve to shape research agendas on NGOs engaged in development over the next five years.	Tom Harrison, University of Oxford
RB16	Reconnecting ICTs with development Historically, analysis of information and communication technologies within development has tended to draw from, and be focused on, disciplines such as information systems, policy studies, economics, or business and management. There has tended to be limited connection between ICT research and the concerns of the development studies discipline - perhaps reflecting the 'falling away' of technology as a development studies focus since the 1970s. This panel seeks to make some initial moves to reconnect analysis of ICTs to debates and interests of development studies.	Chris Westrup, University of Manchester (chair) Shirin Madon, London School of Economics Mark Thompson, University of Cambridge
RB33	African women's experience of violence, HIV/AIDS and imposed external 'scientific' solutions This session will explore what happens to 'well established' approaches to critical development issues when those directly affected - in this session especially women suffering from domestic violence, HIV/AIDS and rural women in Africa grappling with gender frameworks - are allowed to participate in the debates and shape the responses to their situation. The case studies are all rooted in research and activism in Africa and challenge many of the current dominant development paradigms where 'rational' or scientific analysis and understanding are still taken to Africa from here and seen as good solutions for women grappling with poverty and complex social inequalities in different cultures. The case material brings vividly to life their realities and how different their solutions can be.	Tina Wallace, Oxford University/Open University (chair) Alice Welbourn, UN Global Coalition on Women and AIDS Kanwal Ahluwalia, WOMANKIND Worldwide Margaret Brew-Ward, Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre, Ghana Senorina Wendoh, Affiliate to Transform Network
RB17A	Aidless Development Framework in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Alternative The panel will discuss the relevance of aid for development. Alternative means of addressing poverty with a focus on scientific and technological advances will be the central theme, while participants will be encouraged to challenge conventional thinking. The current debate around aid for development has become more controversial in the last decade than ever before. Technical and/or scientific assistance as an integral part of some development projects can not be divorced from the question of aid dependency and sub-Saharan poverty. The availability of aid has arguably given access to non-productive income and undermined scientific and technological research.	Didier Matamba, University of Manchester (chair) Sobona Mtisi, Giorgios Tsopanakis, and Jenny Rodriguez, University of Manchester
RB20	STEPS Symposium panel: 'Peri-urban dynamics and sustainability challenges' The peri-urban situation poses great challenges, particularly for the health and livelihood security of the marginalised and poorest. These citizens are confronted by problems arising due to contradictory or absent regulatory frameworks, contradictory technology arrangements, poor service provision, loss of agricultural land and increasing pollution. The peri-urban interface is a contested space which is valued by interest groups in many different ways. This session will explore diverse understandings of the role and function of the peri-urban interface. The panel will consider pathways towards sustainability that link environmental sustainability with poverty reduction and social justice in the peri-urban interface; and how a better understanding of the social,	Fiona Marshall, SPRU, University of Sussex (co-convenor) Lyla Mehta, IDS (co-convenor) Cecilia Tacoli, International Institute of Environment and Development Ian Douglas, University of Manchester Usha Ramanathan, International

	technical and ecological processes in the peri-urban interface could support pathways to sustainability.	Environmental Law Research Centre, New Delhi Linda Waldman and Hayley MacGregor, IDS
RB9	<p>DSA Junior Research Award Winners</p> <p>Festus Annor-Frempong, Ghana: <i>'The Application of Action Research Methodology in the Control of Tomato Insect Pests in Wawase Community of Ashanti Region of Ghana'</i></p> <p>Alemayehu Gebeyehu Desta, Ethiopia: <i>'Indigenous Knowledge in Science, Society and Development and Sunarma's Intervention'</i></p> <p>Mohammed Ali Amadu, Ghana: <i>'An Assessment of Social Investment Fund in support of Poverty Reduction in the Dangme West District of Ghana'</i></p> <p>G.P. Juma, CGIAR; A.G. Drucker, Charles Darwin University, Australia; I. Baltenweck, International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya; and M. Ngigi, Department of Agricultural Economics, Egerton University, Kenya: <i>'Market Power And Efficiency in Indigenous Small Ruminant Marketing Channels In Marsabit'</i></p>	Myles Wickstead, Open University, formerly Head of Secretariat to the Commission for Africa (chair)
RB12	<p>Research in Progress</p> <p>Over the last decade development studies has been criticised for an alleged lack of rigour and policy relevance, which has necessitated a re-think of the way we conceptualise and research development. It is also important to ensure the generation of strong empirical data which can support theory, policy and practice. It is in the light of this that DFID is supporting this special session to examine ongoing research by junior academics and doctoral students with the potential of reshaping and informing future policy and practice of development. In this session we seek to examine emerging policy challenges from the point of view of young researchers with limited resources and status. What problems do they face in achieving those same goals of rigour and policy relevance?</p> <p>R. Thirumavalavan: <i>'Telecentres – An Epicentre for Agricultural Development in India'</i></p> <p>Hannah McDowall: <i>'The Social Impact of Value Chain Governance and Upgrading for Fair Trade Handicraft Producers in Africa'</i></p> <p>Mathews Vakusi Madola: <i>'Determinants and Impacts of Alternative Market Institutions on Smallholder Agriculture in Malawi: Implications for pro-Poor Growth'</i></p> <p>Samuel Boakye: <i>'Every Little Helps: Land Tenure and Urban Agricultural Development in Tema District Ghana'</i></p>	Joseph Assan, University of Liverpool (coordinator)

Parallel Sessions 3: Wednesday 19 September 16.00 – 17.30

Room	Title	Participants
RB4	<p>A regional review of EU development assistance The two papers in this session will be reviewing the EU's aid relations with the Pacific and African ACP countries respectively. They will have a common theme in that they will focus upon the mechanisms of aid delivery, in particular the contributions made by the adoption of Country Strategy Papers, illustrated by case studies.</p>	Stephen Dearden, Manchester Metropolitan University (chair) Maurizio Carbone, University of Glasgow
RB21	<p>Gender, Work and Globalisation Globalisation causes significant changes in the lives of women in paid work. It opens up new opportunities for women to enter paid work, but much of that work is highly mobile, insecure and lacks access to labour rights or protection. Women are becoming more integrated into an increasingly commercial and technical global economy, but face challenges in combining paid and unpaid activities or realising the benefits of greater economic activity. Accessing paid work is contributing to women's changing socio-economic position and potential empowerment, but they face difficulties in organising within existing social structures and regulatory domains. This panel examines diverse examples of women's integration into work in a global economy, and explores some of the complexities of enhancing women's social and economic rights in a more liberalised global economic environment.</p> <p>Nitya Rao, School of Development Studies, UEA: <i>'Reconstructing Gender and Class: Globalisation and Women's Work in Bangladesh'</i> Kyoko Kusuabe & Ruth Pearson, AIT Bangkok and University of Leeds: <i>'Globalisation, Gender and Labour mobility: A case study of Burmese women workers in Thailand's border factories'</i> Kathrin Forstner, University of East Anglia: <i>'Craftswomen in a globalised world: joint craft production and marketing in Southern Peru'</i> Mariagrazia Leone, University of Calabria, Italy: <i>'Alternative Coffee Production: Gender Empowerment in Peru'</i> Meena Gopal, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai: <i>'Mutations in the home based beedi industry with new economic changes in India'</i></p>	Stephanie Barrientos, Institute of Development Studies (Chair)
RB33	<p>Mobile phones and development There has been an explosive growth in the availability of mobile phones in developing countries, including growth of access by poor and rural communities. This panel seeks to review applications of mobile telephony, taking a particular focus on agricultural and educational services delivery.</p>	Chris Westrup (chair) Rose Luckin, Institute of Education John Traxler, University of Wolverhampton Simon Batchelor, Gamos Ltd Ali Hassan Mohamed, FARM-Africa, Nairobi
RB17A	<p>IT and the city: dynamising urban economies, facilitating e-governance or increasing inequality? This session will consider whether the use of IT in urban management improves governance or increases inequality. The questions will be addressed through presentations on key issues related to the design and</p>	Carole Rakodi, University of Birmingham (chair)

	<p>institutional embedding of electronic information and the ways in which power relationships govern access to and use of IT: the use of a spatial information infrastructure to identify and address deprivation in three Indian cities, outcomes of the Bhoomi programme to digitise land records in and around Bangalore, and factors influencing the use of electronic conferencing to build communities of practice in urban and rural Uganda.</p> <p>I.S.A. Baud, University of Amsterdam; K. Pfeffer, University of Amsterdam; J. Martinez-Martin, ITC; N. Sridharan, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi: <i>'Using spatial information infrastructure in urban governance networks: reducing urban deprivations in Indian cities?'</i></p> <p>Bhuvanewari Raman, LSE, and Solomon Benjamin, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto: <i>'E-Governance : rationale and reality: A case study of the Bhoomi Programme in Bangalore, India'</i></p> <p>Hazel Johnson, Open University, and Gordon Wilson, Open University: <i>'Supporting communities of practice in Uganda: the potential of e-communication'</i></p>	
RB34	<p>ICTs and multi-dimensional poverty</p> <p>Nigel Scott, Gamos, The Role of ICTs in Development – A Summary of the Evidence</p> <p>Sreekumar T T Pillai, National University of Singapore, Contested Doors of Modernity: Rural Telekiosks and Dilemmas of Social Inclusion in India'</p>	Meera Tiwari, University of East London (chair)
RB10	<p>Free-standing paper session: Science and Expertise</p> <p>Ana Delicado, University of Lisbon: <i>'Mobility and Development: the Influx of Scientists from Developing Countries to Portugal'</i></p> <p>Lakhwinder Singh, Punjabi University, India: <i>'Innovations, Structural Change and Public Policy: Comparative Experience of Asian Countries'</i></p> <p>Gordon Wilson, Open University: <i>'Our Knowledge Ourselves: Engineers (Re)thinking Development'</i></p> <p>Martin Reynolds, Open University: <i>'Towards Reframing Professional Expert Support'</i></p>	
RB20	<p>STEPS Symposium panel: 'Technologies spiralling out of control? Politics and ethics of risk and regulation of agro-biotechnology'</p> <p>Contrary to the understanding of technology as means of control over environment and society, it is currently being debated as source of anxiety, uncertainty and risk. Contemporary debates on regulation of new technologies hinge on the accurate prediction of the perils. Risk prediction has become a highly contested arena, not only because the conventional science of risk assessment is proving inadequate, but also because biotechnology has interacted with the social context in unpredictable ways.</p> <p>The session will specifically discuss questions such as what is considered risky, what is in need of regulation and control, underpinning what kind of ethical worldview, with what repercussions for regulatory processes?</p>	<p>Esha Shah, IDS (co-convener), Adrian Smith, SPRU, (co-convener) Ian Scoones, IDS (chair) Rajeev Gowda, Indian Institute of Management Adrian Ely, SPRU Esha Shah, IDS Patrick van Zwanenberg, SPRU Suman Sahai, Gene Campaign, India Chair (tbc)</p>
RB32	<p>Free-standing paper session: Poverty and Conflict</p> <p>*Tilman Brück, DIW Berlin, Humboldt University Berlin and IZA; Alexander M. Danzer, DIW Berlin and Humboldt University Berlin; Alexander Muravyev, DIW Berlin and European University Institute; and Natalia Weisshaar, DIW Berlin and Humboldt University Berlin: <i>'Changes in Determinants of Poverty and Inequality during Transition: Household Survey Evidence from Ukraine'</i></p> <p>Joseph Assan, University of Liverpool: <i>'Effects of Rural Out-migration and Remittance Culture on Livelihood Diversification and Innovation in Ghana'</i></p>	

	<p>Kati Schindler, German Institute for Economic Research: <i>'The Impact of Conflict on Households: A Conceptual Framework with Reference to Widows'</i></p> <p>Donald McLellan, University of Strathclyde: <i>Security Drivers in Developing Nations (1981-2000): 'A Study Utilising A Panel Data Approach'</i></p>	
RB9	<p>DSA Junior Research Award Winners</p> <p>Emmanuel Oheneba Agyenim- Boateng, Ghana: <i>'An Exploration into management of appraisal systems: The case of Ghanaian public sector universities'</i></p> <p>Albert Obeng Mensah, Ghana: <i>'Prospects for developing School-based extension support system in junior and senior secondary schools in the Central Region of Ghana'</i></p> <p>Kudzai Chatiza, Zimbabwe: <i>'Is Zilga on top of the local governance agenda? Reflections on how Zilga can add value, sustain relevance and build capacities of its members'</i></p> <p>Alice Ruhweza, Uganda: <i>'Business and Ecosystems: Making the case for Businesses to Restore and Maintain Ecosystems'</i></p>	Chair (tbc)
RB12	<p>Research in progress</p> <p>Over the last decade development studies has been criticised for an alleged lack of rigour and policy relevance, which has necessitated a re-think of the way we conceptualise and research development. It is also important to ensure the generation of strong empirical data which can support theory, policy and practice. It is in the light of this that DFID is supporting this special session to examine ongoing research by junior academics and doctoral students with the potential of reshaping and informing future policy and practice of development. In this session we seek to examine emerging policy challenges from the point of view of young researchers with limited resources and status. What problems do they face in achieving those same goals of rigour and policy relevance?</p> <p>Margaret Mwanjani Ganje Sikwese: <i>'Decentralised and Community-Based Forestry: Powers and Agents in Malawi'</i></p> <p>Felix Tuodolo: <i>'Corporate Social Responsibilities, Local Communities, and Trans-national Corporations in the Oil and Gas Sector of Nigeria'</i></p> <p>Gareth Wall: <i>'A Comparison of Taught Development Studies Programmes and their Departments in India and the UK'</i></p> <p>Roberto Telleria: <i>'Changes in Economic Wellbeing Emerging from a Prospective Trade Agreement between Bolivia and the United States: A Macro-Micro Simulation Approach'</i></p>	Joseph Assan, University of Liverpool (coordinator)

Parallel Sessions 4: Thursday 20 September 11.15 – 12.45

Room	Title	Participants
RB4	<p>How are ICTs changing policy processes and relations of knowledge, expertise, power and participation? Debates about policy processes and policy influence are increasingly pulled in two distinct directions: i.e. the importance of evidence-informed policy making on the one hand, and the need for participatory citizenship in the policy arena on the other. There has however been minimal dialogue and exchange between the two literatures and groups of practitioners, yet simultaneously a recognition of the real limitations for fundamental social and political change if either approach is pursued in isolation. This roundtable would therefore seek to explore the possibilities of weaving the two approaches together and how this might be facilitated or constrained by new ICTs which provide new opportunities for knowledge transfer and uptake, but may also reinforce existing power hierarchies and exclusionary practices.</p>	John Young, Overseas Development Institute David Grimshaw, Practical Action Andy Sumner, IDS (chair) Simon Batchelor, Gamos.
RB34	<p>Opening the gates: New institutions in health and development This roundtable session will discuss recent changes in the international health and development landscape. It will consider the rise of philanthropic institutions, in particular the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the simultaneous rise of public-private partnerships such as the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the GAVI Alliance and the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) as a means of facilitating achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Four speakers who have studied the rise of these new institutions will consider what is new and what is different about these initiatives. These short overviews will set the scene for the main audience led discussion.</p>	Joanna Chatway (chair), Open University Maureen Mackintosh, Open University Pierangela Morlacchi, Colombia University, and University of Sussex Daniel Neyland, University of Oxford Rebecca Hanlin, University of Edinburgh
RB10	<p>Acting on climate change: Theory and practice This session will introduce some of the key issues and debates to frame an interactive discussion session on responding to climate change in development organisations. The panellists will introduce the emergence of climate change discourse and practice in the context of sustainable development theory, framing discussion of the challenges faced by development organisations in addressing climate change in the context of their own work. The experiences of two organisations will then illustrate with the debate, highlighting adaptation and carbon offsetting challenges. A discussion session will then follow, inviting comment and feedback from participants attending the session.</p>	Saleemul Huq, International Institute for Environment and Development (chair) Natasha Grist, University of East Anglia. Thomas Tanner, IDS Amanda Farrant, Christian Aid Andrew Scott, Practical Action
RB33	<p>Catch-up and beyond: Innovation in the Asian driver economies Innovative industries are contributing to the rapid growth of the Indian and Chinese economies. This session explores upgrading in Chinese IT firms, the Indian pharmaceutical industry, and Bangalore's key position in the IT software industry. Based on fieldwork in China, the role of Chinese firms in the IT global value chain and the strong impact of returning migrants upon the industry will be addressed. The Indian pharmaceutical industry will be showcased as an example of successful indigenous development, with the regulations accompanying TRIPS accelerating the development of innovative R&D capabilities. Reasons for Bangalore's success as a centre for</p>	Raphie Kaplinsky, Open University (chair) Ming Dong, University of Brighton Dinar Kale, Open University Rasmus Lema, IDS

	innovation outsourcing and questions about the significance of its innovation system and the role of local interactive learning will also be raised.	
RB16	<p>Strategy, complexity and change</p> <p>The approach of INGOs towards managing development is often uncritically based on the practices of the private sector. Most orthodox planning methods used by INGOs assume that the future is predictable, change is linear and that the interventions planned by an INGO are the most important happenings in a local community. In the contested market place for aid it is increasingly possible only to talk about 'success' as INGOs compete with others to make more and more grand promises of transformation. This session will explore case studies to show the limitations of systemic ways of understanding social change. The implications of the complexity sciences for the way organisations think about change and their contribution to it will also be raised.</p>	Chris Mowles, Hertfordshire University (chair) Ralph Stacey and Douglas Griffin, Hertfordshire University
RB21	<p>Experimental, Ethnographic and Survey Methods for Understanding Sharing within Households</p> <p>This panel will discuss the use of experimental methods to revisit concepts of power and ideas about fairness and allocation norms in households of developing countries. Alternative norms result in different distributions of health, nutritional and other well-being outcomes among members of the same household. Identifying preferences for fairness, the interplay between such preferences and economic and other forms of power, and their joint impacts on distributional outcomes is particularly important in conditions of scarcity where the consequences of disparity and failures to realize collaborative potential are more severe. Little is known about the prevalence of alternative allocation and fairness norms and their variations across men and women, social and cultural groups and national boundaries. The panel outlines the scope of economic experiments involving spouses for testing the performance of economic and other household models.</p>	Lawrence Haddad, Institute of Development Studies (chair) Alistair Munro, Cecile Jackson, and Bereket Kebede, University of East Anglia Erik Soerensen, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration
RB17A	<p>Where are men and masculinities in "gender and conflict"?</p> <p>'Gender and conflict' is a theme of growing concern to academics. However, it often translates into 'women and conflict'. That gender is an asymmetric and violent relation between women and men escapes the majority of conflict studies. Despite the fact that men and masculinities has now become an important field of scholarship, conflict studies still fails to conceptualise men as beings operating on the basis of masculine identities. Our panel will invite discussion of the part of masculine cultures in the perpetuation of militarism and armed violence, and men's gender-specific experiences of conflict, and why this is only just starting to attract attention.</p>	Jerker Edstrom, Institute of Development Studies (chair) Cynthia Cockburn, City University, London Colette Harris, IDS Donna Pankhurst, University of Bradford
RB11	<p>Gender, Science and Development</p> <p>There will be a brief presentation to introduce the topic, to be followed by discussions centred around the relationship between gender, science and development, with a focus on developing countries. The session will explore the impact gender inequality has on science and development-related issues.</p>	A. Alphonse Alasah, University of Southampton (chair)
RB20	<p>STEPS Symposium panel: 'Examining the 'pro-poor consensus' on agricultural biotechnology'</p> <p>Development studies scholars and practitioners have elaborated a number of critiques of cardinal myths about agricultural biotechnology as an indispensable technology for solving world hunger and poverty. But do these incremental critiques offer a substantial alternative vision? In the absence of such a coherent alternative, what Scoones (2002) has termed an 'emerging consensus on pro-poor biotechnology' has now become substantially entrenched. To meet the needs of poor farmers and consumers, innovative 'partnerships' between public and private sectors are proposed; but what do these models of collaboration take for granted?</p>	Sally Brooks, Dom Glover and Rana Ghose, DPhil candidates at the Institute of Development Studies

	This session will bring together three DPhil researchers who will suggest that we need a new rubric for assessing the GM crop agenda and its likely impacts on poor farmers and consumers.	
RB32	<p>Free-standing paper session: Agriculture</p> <p>*Diana Hunt, Sussex University; Rosana Ribeiro Federal University of Uberlândia, Brazil; and Shigeo Shiki, Ministry of the Environment, Federal Government of Brazil: <i>'The Design of Land Redistribution Projects As a Determinant Of the Incentive to Innovate Among Land Reform Beneficiaries'</i></p> <p>*Daniel Puente Rodríguez, Wageningen University: <i>'Searching for Democratic Trajectories in the Deployment of Genomics within the Potato Crop Systems in the Bolivian Andes'</i></p> <p>*Wietse Vroom, Wageningen University: <i>'From Rejection and Regulation to Redesign: Making Pro-Poor Biotechnology Development Responsive to Social Needs'</i></p>	Chair (tbc)
RB9	<p>DSA Junior Research Award Winners</p> <p>Luciana Vieira and Tatiana Maia, UNISINOS – BRAZIL: <i>'The Governance of Fair Trade System: evidence from small honey producers in Southern Brazil'</i></p> <p>Chaminda Hettiarachchi, Sri Lanka: <i>'Role of ICTs in Building a Culture of Peace in Sri Lanka'</i></p> <p>Vineeta Dixit, India: <i>'Governance, ICT & Development - a tenuous link'</i></p> <p>Charles Marwa Nyansiri, Kenya: <i>'Keeping up with technology: the use of mobile telephony id delivering Community Animal Health Services'</i></p>	Chair (tbc)

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