

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the April edition of the DSA Bulletin (a few days late for which I apologise).

New DSA Website: It is with great pleasure that we can now announce the new look DSA website with much more functionality to enable members to share news, ideas, events and publications. More information is given below. There is still some settling in to do for both the Secretariat and members and we will do what we can to make it easy for members to take advantage of the additional functionality.

Events Calendar: We have a very busy few months in the development calendar. Do visit our Events Calendar at <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/>

Bulletin entries: Could I please ask that those submitting entries to the Bulletin take heed of the submission requirements. I cannot deal with PDFs and I have to reformat entries sent through in the body of an email. This is delaying the output of the Bulletin. As you can see, April is already late. For next month's bulletin I will only include those items that I do not have to edit down, retype or reformat. I have lots of entries for this bulletin and simply do not have the time to do this. In order for you not to miss out on publicity and the development community not to miss out on your interesting news, I ask you to help me in this.

Conference 2009: We have had an overwhelming response to our Bursary Awards and will be notifying those who were successful over the next couple of days. The deadline for papers is now over apart from a couple of themed panels. The substance of the programme is in place. There will be a few changes but they will be minor ones.

Registration is now open with an **Earlybird fee until May 30th** on Whole Event tickets (not one day tickets). Accommodation is not included in the ticket price and will need to be booked in addition. The payments forms are still being worked out but there is a downloadable form available for those wishing to send a cheque. We can also take credit card payments over the phone. (+44 (0) 1288 331360)

Policy Forum 2009: After 2015: Thank you to those expressing interest to attend. We will be notifying you shortly if you have a place. Just to emphasise that **there are no grants for travel or accommodation** for this event. I have had a number of enquiries to this effect and apologise for any confusion caused. Participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at the various events over the next few months and beyond. Enjoy the new website and for those of you who receive this bulletin and are not yet members, perhaps now is the time to think about taking advantage of the profile you can develop on the new website and joining us!

Best wishes,

Frances

Frances Hill, Executive Director

NEWS FROM THE DSA

Annual Conference 2009 – Registration now open

DSA/DFID Policy Forum June 2009 – Call for Papers and Think Pieces – deadline extended to 15th May

New DSA Website

Study Group News

- *Research Student Workshop 3rd & 4th June – sign up now!*
- *DSA Scotland – papers available for download*
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DSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009

This year's Conference will be taking place at the University of Ulster, Coleraine Campus between 2nd and 4th September. The theme is 'Contemporary Crises and New Opportunities in development: the role of Development Studies' and registration is now open.

We have a very full programme. Details of which can be found on our Conference pages at www.devstud.org.uk/conference/

There is an Early Bird rate for those signing up for the whole event who register and pay for the Conference before 30th May 2009.

DSA/DFID Policy Forum 23rd June 2009, Brussels, Belgium

(In association with EADI, IDS and ActionAid)

After 2015: Promoting Pro-Poor Policy After The MDGs

Call for Academic Papers and Think-pieces

Deadline extended to : 15 May 2009

This is a call for papers on the theme of 'After 2015' Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the IDS Bulletin and inform debate at a planned DSA/EADI/Action Aid High-Level Policy Forum in June.

Background

The MDGs have played a major role in focusing development policy since their original incarnation in the 1990s. Some

development agencies, notably DFID, have gone as far as to judge their activities on the contribution to achieving the MDGs.

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The project and IDS Bulletin special issue is concerned with three questions in particular.

- a. What has been the impact on poverty reduction of the MDG paradigm?
- b. What are the major global processes or game changers shaping development up to 2015 and beyond and what will be the impacts of such processes?
- c. What, if anything should replace the MDGs (as a set of indicators and/or a development paradigm)?

Format

Two types of paper are invited as follows (word counts inclusive of all references, tables, etc):

- i. Think-pieces of 1500 words
- ii. Academic papers of 4000 words

Think-pieces and academic papers must address all three of the above questions directly and be structured around these questions but may add additional questions. Academic papers must be based on academic evidence and fully referenced as a journal paper.

Please send think-pieces to:

Claire Melamed, Head of Policy, ActionAid. Email:

claire.melamed@actionaid.org

Please send academic papers to:

Andy Sumner, Fellow, IDS. E-mail: a.sumner@ids.ac.uk

NEW DSA WEBSITE

The new website has been designed so that **members can upload items of interest and relevance themselves within My DSA Workspace**. In order to do so, your membership must be current. We are still familiarising ourselves with the new systems so do please bear with us!

If you need to check your membership status, then do contact us. Before doing this though, please check that you are able to access My DSA Workspace by trying to log on.

Members who joined the DSA after September 9th 2008 will need to contact us to be activated, as the original database was transferred on this date.

We very much hope that over the forthcoming months as we all get used to the functionality of the site that it will represent a significant asset for members to be able to publicise their work, share ideas and advertise events and publications of relevance to other members and the development community at large.

Study Group News (More information on SG pages)

Research Students Workshop, University of East Anglia, 3rd and 4th June 2009 "Rigour and Originality in Advanced Development Studies Research"

This highly popular event is moving this year from Liverpool to UEA, as our new Research Students Convenor, Henry Alhassan, is based at the School of Development Studies at UEA.

To book your place please visit

<http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/62> to download the application form. Places are limited so do book soon.

'Scotland in International Development'

DSA Scotland – Mini Conference

Friday 27th March 2009, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

University of the West of Scotland, Paisley

The DSA Scotland Study Group held a one-day meeting on Friday 27th March. The morning sessions were devoted to discussion focussing particularly on the recent initiatives by the Scottish Government in the area of International Development. In the afternoon there were three presentations relating to recent work undertaken on Fairtrade and on Poverty Reduction.

A full report of the meeting is available from the DSA Scotland webpages on the DSA website together with downloadable copies of most of the presentations and other supporting documents.

Webpage:

http://www.devstud.org.uk/studygroups/dsa_scotland_study_group-12.html

Sustainable Livelihoods and Pro-poor Market Development Seminar convened by: ESRC Sustainable Livelihoods Seminar Series and DSA Agriculture and Rural Development Study Group

Date: Tuesday 21st July, 10.30 . 16.30

Location: University of Bath

As part of an international series, the Centre for Development Studies, at the University of Bath is hosting a seminar bringing together academics, practitioners and policy-makers to explore the relationship between Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches (SLA) and recent approaches to pro-poor market development.

This seminar series has been initiated to explore the lessons learnt from a decade of theoretical development and practical application of Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches (SLAs). Although there is no single definition of a sustainable livelihood *approach*, SLA is now generally considered to be both a set of principles for good development practice (people-centred, multi-level, conducted in partnership, sustainable and holistic); and an analytical framework to better understand how people draw on a range of different assets in their livelihoods strategies and to identify appropriate development interventions.

However, users and researchers, have identified several challenges including: how to more explicitly address issues of politics and power, gender, and the role of markets on the livelihood outcomes of the poor. One of the most important criticisms of SLAs (and other people-centred approaches) is that they over-estimate the potential for people to change existing power and structural relationships unless supported by significant external resources. Questions also remain as to what extent SLAs can contribute to understanding links between local (micro) processes and macro level policies, and the degree to which local

level livelihoods analysis and interventions can be scaled-up to increase impact beyond the community level.

This seminar in the series will explore these issues with particular focus on the ways in which recent approaches to pro-poor market development relate to and interact with sustainable livelihoods concepts and approaches. In particular it will seek to address the following questions:

- *What are the overlaps, synergies, tensions and divergences between SLA and pro-poor market development analysis and approaches?*
- *How effective have pro-poor market development approaches been in developing sustainable and scalable strategies for livelihoods promotion and what are the lessons and insights that this work has generated?*
- *How does the current financial and economic crisis challenge or reinforce the understanding of market development on which these approaches are based?*

Papers addressing these questions are therefore invited from practitioners, policy-makers and academics. Postgraduate research students are encouraged to submit proposals for papers or posters.

Overseas contributors are welcome and there are a small number of bursaries for paper presenters and/or participants. There are also a number of travel bursaries available for UK-based postgraduate research students to attend or present posters.

To submit a paper please send an abstract **by 7th May** to Dr Susan Johnson email: s.z.johnson@bath.ac.uk.

To register as a participant, please email markets-seminar@bath.ac.uk stating your name, job title and organisation.

To find out more and to participate in the seminar **online discussions** join the [Livelihoods Seminar Group](http://community.eldis.org/sla) at <http://community.eldis.org/sla>

DSA Women And Development Study Group Call For Papers

Meeting to be held at Vanburgh College University of York, Heslington, York on Saturday 23rd May 2009, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting is open to all members, and graduates, activists and academics are most welcome.

Anyone wishing to stay after the meeting is welcome to do so - at their own expense. Please inform Haleh in good time, to enable her to reserve a table, or a room, to have dinner and informal discussions at a local restaurant. People needing accommodation or child care facilities, or local residents able to offer accommodation, please contact Haleh Afshar at Department of Politics, University of York, Heslington, York YO10 5DD telephone 01904 433554, fax 01904 433563, email haa1@york.ac.uk, as soon as possible.

Ageing and Development Group

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 June 2009, 1-4.30pm and will focus on ageing and development in India.

Venue: HelpAge International, York House, 207-221 Pentonville Road, London

The provisional line-up is:

- Emma Pitchforth, London School of Economics: "Health policy in India: implications for older people".
- Penny Vera-Sanso, Birkbeck College London: "Slums of south India: poverty and indifference".
- Peter Lloyd-Sherlock, University of East Anglia: "Pension reform in India".
- Valerie Lipman, University of Southampton: to be confirmed.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

RESEARCH AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

Democratization in Africa: Retrospective and Future Prospects

Conference at the University of Leeds 4 - 5th December 2009. Deadline for submission of Abstracts 18th May to Dr Karen Cereso, African-studies@leeds.ac.uk. More information is available from http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/news/democratization_in_africa_retrospective_and_future_prospects_call_for_papers-28.html

The European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) announces the 2009 prize for excellence in development research.

The prize, worth " 1 000, will be awarded for an essay on an issue of development studies in any field of the social sciences submitted and written by a postgraduate student from an EADI member country or attending a programme at an institutional [member of the Association](#).

Subjects may be chosen from any field of development studies, but contestants are asked to bear in mind that their work will be subject to scrutiny by one of the EADI Working Groups prior to being sent on to the jury. Entries coherent with Working Group themes will, therefore, clearly enjoy an advantage. A list of the Working Groups can be found on the Association's [web site](#).

All entries for the EADI Prize for Development Studies should reach the Association's offices in Bonn no later than **31 May 2009** by e-mail.

For further information please contact:

European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes, Kaiser-Friedrich-Str. 11
53113 Bonn, Germany
Tel. +49-228-261 81 01
Fax +49-228-261 81 03
E-Mail: prize2009@eadi.org

EVENTS – Conferences, Seminars, Meetings

Oxford Forum on China and the World Economy

18th May 2009-05-04 Lecture Theatre, Manor Road Building, Oxford. The agenda can be found at

<http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/87>

For more information contact Xiaolan Fu xiaolan.fu@geh.ox.ac.uk

IDS are holding a **Women's Empowerment Conference in conjunction with the DSA on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June**. More information can be found on the DSA website <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/77>.

The costs is £25 which represents extremely good value for a two day event . that includes dinner! You can by via the DSA's secure page by credit card available from the URL above.

Workshop on Markets, Governance and Human Development. Robinson College, University of Cambridge, 6-7 July 2009

Jointly organised by the Development Studies Association (Environmental Resources and Sustainable Development Study Group and Development Ethics Study Group) and Robinson College, University of Cambridge.

Contacts: Dr P.B. Anand (Anand Prathivadi Bhayankaram), Reader in Environmental Economics and Public Policy, Department of Development and Economic Studies (formerly BCID), University of Bradford

Tel: +44-1274- 233980 email: p.b.anand@bradford.ac.uk;

Dr Des Gasper, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, gasper@iss.nl; Dr Miriam Teschl, Robinson College, Cambridge, mt367@cam.ac.uk

ESRC Seminar on Activism, Volunteering and Citizenship

Northumbria University 18th & 19th May. More information available at <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/88>

Population, Education and Development: Addressing the Interactions 4th June at 5pm, LSE, 54 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LJ. For more information:

<http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/89>

Careers and Opportunities in Tropical Medicine and International Health Research. Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 18th June.

More information: <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/90>

UNIFEM AGM plus Talk by Rhoda Precious GBLA "The problems faced by Women now in Sierra Leone", to be held at Collingham Memorial Hall, York

There is no admission charge but a collection box for donations to cover the costs of the meeting including refreshments.

For more information on Rhoda please visit

<http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/cahr>

Inaugural Health Policy and Planning Annual Lecture 20th May 5.15pm John Snow Lecture, LSHTM. To be given by Dr David Nabarro on contemporary and future challenges to public health including pandemic influenza.

More details at <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/92>

Publications

Two books now available from **Jane Harrigan** with (Hamed El-Said) :

- Economic Liberalisation, Social Capital and Islamic Welfare Provision
- Aid and Power in the Arab World

Both available from Palgrave Macmillan

From Oxfam

The Right to Survive: The humanitarian challenge in the twenty-first century

Ben Heaven Taylor, and Tanja Schuemer-Cross

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009041612234233>

The Right to Survive in a Changing Climate

Background paper

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009042112181419>

Forecasting numbers of people affected annually by natural disasters up to 2015

Background paper

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009042112532861>

Caught in the Conflict: Civilians and the international security strategy in Afghanistan

Joint Agency Briefing Paper

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040713333237>

In her own words: Iraqi women talk about their greatest concerns and challenges

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040715010465>

What Happened at the G20? Initial Analysis of the London Summit

Briefing Note

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040713064789>

A Just and Global Green New Deal

Oxfam Note

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040712525611>

4-a-week: Changing food consumption in the UK to benefit people and planet

Briefing Paper

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040712294864>

Close to Home: UK poverty and the economic downturn

Briefing Paper

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040911213268>

Women Workers Pay the Price for the Global Economic Crisis

Oxfam Research Report , Bethan Emmett

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040716124779>

A Copper-Bottomed Crisis? The Impact of the Global Economic Meltdown on Zambia

Case study, Duncan Green

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040715555609>

Latin America and the Global Economic Crisis

Case study, Duncan Green

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040715155104>

Climate Change, Development and Energy Problems in South Africa: Another World is Possible

Oxfam Research Report with Earthlife Africa

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009040714213776>

Many of these papers are available in translation from the website.

View a full list of Oxfam publications at:

www.oxfam.org.uk/publications

From Poverty to Power Blog

Duncan Green, Head of Research at Oxfam GB discusses the big issues of development. Read and comment on the blog at:

www.oxfamblogs.org/fp2p/

Recent posts:

[Natural disasters will hurt 50% more people by 2015. Why? Climate Change + Inequality](#)

[Is the world running out of water?](#)

[Getting women into paid employment has more impact on poverty than formalizing women's work or equalizing wage rates - findings from Latin America](#)

From Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI)

Recent Publications

Working Papers

83/09 Social Identities (Dietrich Rueschemeyer and Matthias vom Hau)

<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-8309.pdf>

84/09 Development Finance, Private and Public Sectors in Zimbabwe: Sustainability or Odious Debt? (Sarah Bracking and Lloyd Sachikonye)

<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-8409.pdf>

85/09 Flying Blind? Constructing Evidence-based Poverty Reduction Policies in PRSP Adopting Countries (Richard Marshall, Bernard Walters and Frederick Nixon)

<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-8509.pdf>

86/09 Interim Institutions and the Development Process: Opening Spaces for Reform in Cambodia and Indonesia

(Daniel Adler, Caroline Sage and Michael Woolcock)

<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-8609.pdf>

87/09 The Role of Microfinance in Asset-Building and Poverty Reduction: The Case of Sinapi Aba Trust of Ghana

(Joseph Kimos Adjei, Thankom Arun and Farhad Hossain)

<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-8709.pdf>

88/09 Targeting the Poor versus Financial Sustainability and External Funding: Evidence of Microfinance Institutions in Ghana

(Samuel Kobina Annim)

<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-8809.pdf>

COURSES

Invitation: EADI / CDN International Summer School on "Structural Change: Analyses, Experiences and Methodologies", 3-16 June 2009, Pavia, Italy

Over the last few years the international debate on economic policies, and especially on development policies, witnessed the emergence of views alternative to the Washington consensus. The current economic events at the world level . people are more worried about deflation than inflation, industrialists are asking the governments to spend more rather than less, etc. . make a full understanding of such alternative views more needed than ever. The Summer School is organized in two parts. The first aims at providing participants with a good knowledge of the main theories belonging to the tradition of the so called heterodox economics, which constitute the intellectual background of the alternative views mentioned before. The second part aims at providing participants with the technical skills needed to build the so called heterodox Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models, an analytical tool through which the above mentioned views may be translated into concrete calculations on the likely effects of different sets of alternative economic policies.

Please register before 8 May 2009. A programme and registration form are available at <http://www.eadi.org/index.php?id=1115>

CDN . Cooperation and Development Network

c/o Collegio Santa Caterina

Via San Martino 17/A

27100 Pavia . Italy

E-mail: cdn@unipv.it

More information: <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/76>

Climate Change and the Implications for People and Poverty Date: Thursday 21st May 2009, 9am – 5.30pm

Those who want to feel competent in the area of climate change, including: campaigners, fundraisers, policy-makers, donors, programme officers and local authorities.

email Ella Sprung at ella.sprung@practicalaction.org.uk or call 01926 634 403

More information: <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/93>

MA in Children, Youth and International Development

This innovative interdisciplinary programme, based in the Centre for Human Geography at Brunel University, is the first in the UK to cater specifically for those working, or interested in working, in the field of children, youth and international development.

Half the world's population is under the age of twenty-five and almost 90% of these young people live in poor countries. Over the past two decades, awareness has grown of the changing conditions of young people's lives. High level responses, such as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), have encouraged NGOs and governments working at a more local level to take onboard the needs, experiences and views of children and young people. Academic research concerning children, youth and international development has also advanced considerably in the disciplines of geography, anthropology, sociology, psychology and development studies. This research has not, until now, been widely disseminated through postgraduate taught courses in the UK.

This course is designed to equip you with the conceptual understanding and breadth of empirical knowledge that will enable you to critically evaluate policy and practice in the area of children, youth and development and give you the skills necessary to design and undertake research relating to children, youth and development. It is available full time or part time and can incorporate a short placement. Further details, are available on the Brunel website

<http://www.brunel.ac.uk/courses/pg/cdata/c/children%2c+youth+and+international+development+ma>. For further information, email nicola.ansell@brunel.ac.uk.

Centre for Development Studies Swansea is pleased to offer the following one-year full-time taught postgraduate degrees. Bursaries are available for both UK and overseas students:

[MSc and Diploma in Social Development Policy and Management](#)

Social development has been the principal specialism of CDS Swansea for more than 50 years. This programme offers the opportunity to learn - from practitioners and development analysts - the skills that can be transferred to social development practice across a wide-range of sectoral specialisms; and to learn how to critically evaluate and apply key social development concepts, to undertake social analysis of development contexts, and to appraise and evaluate social development programmes and interventions.

[MSc and Diploma in Development and Human Rights](#)

This programme is particularly interesting because it provides students with a unique opportunity to study human rights as an important new theme in development policy and practice and to explore the incorporation of human rights concerns in the work of foreign donors, governments and civil society organisations.

[MSc and Diploma in Migration & International Development](#)

This programme is particularly interesting because of the heightened international focus on refugees and asylum seekers, and because of the increasing concern about the developmental,

demographic and economic impact of population change and of AIDS.

[MSc and Diploma in Social Development & Conflict](#)

This new programme will provide a sound theoretical and policy-oriented basis for understanding violence, conflict and conflict resolution, and the impact of conflict on international politics and sustainable development. It draws on a multi-disciplinary knowledge base and presents case study material from Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Central and Latin America.

[MSc and Diploma in Social Development & Communication](#)

The programme is aimed at current and prospective journalists, campaigners, media professionals and development practitioners who want to deepen their knowledge of, and practical skills in, international development issues and in media and communications.

For more information, please contact Mrs Sandra Kramcha, Recruitment & Marketing Officer, School of the Environment & Society, Swansea University. Email: s.kramcha@swansea.ac.uk

MA Science, Society and Development

Join IDS at the University of Sussex and study at one of the world's leading organisations for research, teaching and communications on international development.

What will future health and agricultural systems look like? What are the implications of global pandemics of HIV/AIDS or bird flu? Currently in its second year, this course addresses today's vital health, environment and agricultural concerns, and explores how science and technology can contribute to poverty reduction, social justice and environmental sustainability in the developing world.

For further details, see:

<http://www.ids.ac.uk/go/teaching/postgraduate-programmes/ma-science-society-and-development>

or contact the Programme Administrator Tel: +44 (0)1273 915645 E-mail: teaching@ids.ac.uk

Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh NEW MSc in Africa and International Development, from September 2009.

Focusing specifically on Africa, this new taught masters programme is open to students and professionals looking to develop a deeper understanding of the complex dynamics of international development and how they play out in an African context. It draws on the Centre's long-standing reputation as a global hub for the study of Africa and building on the University of Edinburgh's cross-disciplinary expertise on development.

For full details see:

http://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/pgt/africa_and_international_development

Or contact Dr Barbara Bompani: b.bompani@ed.ac.uk

The School of Economics at the University of Reading are now considering applications for PhDs for 2009.

The expertise of our academic staff includes: economic theory, microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics, econometrics, international business, institutional economics, economic development, emerging markets, energy economics, urban and regional economics. For more information please see:

<http://www.henley.reading.ac.uk/economics/pg-research/econ-pgr-opportunities.asp>

The SOAS Department of Development Studies is pleased to launch a new MSC in Migration, Mobility and Development (<http://www.soas.ac.uk/programmes/prog47390.php> details also below). The Programme will begin in September 2009 and applications will be welcomed from now on. Further information can be requested from the Programme. Please contact Course Convenor Dr Tania Kaiser at tk51@soas.ac.uk

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine has an internationally excellent reputation in public health and tropical medicine, is a leading postgraduate medical institution in Europe and is Britain's national school of public health. It is a major national and international focus of collaboration in teaching and research, where clinical, population, laboratory and social sciences are integrated to address the broad issues of health. The School is now accepting applications for 2009 . 10.

Programmes of Study offered:

Masters Degrees
MPhil/ PhD
Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)
Short courses, Continuing Professional Development courses and MSc modules

www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus

Jobs and Opportunities

Tight deadline! University of Manchester, School of Environment and Development

- Lectureship in Development Management
Closing date: 05/05/2009. Ref HUM/80285.
- Lectureship in Human Resource Management and Development

Closing date: 05/05/2009. Ref HUM/80286.

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/contentlibrary/vacancies/furtherparticularsmax10mbpdf,153328,en.pdf>

Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex are seeking a Research Fellow – Vulnerability and Poverty Reduction (Ref 318)

Full time

The IDS is a leading global institution for research, teaching and communications on international development, based at the University of Sussex campus in Brighton, UK.

The Vulnerability and Poverty Reduction (VPR) Team is seeking to recruit up to two Fellows, with the aim of strengthening the Team's capacities in respect of: the following areas:

- Policy responses to vulnerability and poverty . interactions between poverty and the environment;
- Policy responses to vulnerability and poverty . the relationships between poverty, conflict and social protection.

We will consider candidates with a range of disciplinary and area expertise but a commitment to interdisciplinary working is essential.

Applications are invited from experienced social scientists with relevant expertise that can contribute to developing further the team's rapidly expanding academic research and advisory work in the above areas.

The successful candidates will be expected to have an outstanding background in the social sciences and a PhD (although exceptionally, comparable research and practical experience may be taken as a substitute). A proven track-record in research and publications related to the above areas is essential as are: the ability to work as a team member; experience of policy environments and of working with overseas partners. Language abilities beyond English will be an advantage.

Salary: £40,853 - £55K (depending on experience)

Closing Date: 22 May 2009 Midday

Interview Date: To be confirmed

Council for British Research in the Levant is seeking to appoint three posts

The Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) aims to promote, sponsor and carry out high-quality research in the humanities and social sciences throughout the countries of the Levant: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria.

Details of CBRL can be found at <http://www.cbri.org.uk>

Applications are invited for the following posts:

1. Director of the British Institute, Amman

The successful candidate will recently have completed a PhD in a relevant subject and will be seeking to develop an active research interest in Jordan. Their duties will include research (40%) and running the British Institute in Amman (60%). They will be based in Amman.

The post is tenable for three years, with a start date of 1 September 2009.

Salary will start at £23,891 with free accommodation in Amman.

Closing date: 21st May 2009

http://www.cbri.org.uk/Amman_vacancies.shtm

2. Amman Scholar

It is expected that the successful candidate will recently have completed an intermediate post-graduate degree in a relevant discipline in the humanities or social sciences and will be seeking to develop an active research interest in the area, leading to the production of a significant publication. The Scholar's duties will include research and assisting with the administration of the CBRL's facilities. They will be based in Amman.

The scholarship is tenable for two years, with a start date of 1 September 2009.

The Amman Scholar will receive an annual scholarship of £6,600 and free accommodation.

Closing date: 21st May 2009

http://www.cbri.org.uk/Amman_vacancies.shtm

3. Jerusalem Scholar

It is expected that the successful candidate will recently have completed an intermediate post-graduate degree in a relevant discipline in the humanities or social sciences and will be seeking to develop an active research interest in the area, leading to the production of a significant publication. The

Scholars duties will include research and assisting with the administration of the Kenyon Institute. The principal responsibility of the Scholar will be to complete a programme of research relating to Jerusalem, Israel or the Palestinian Territories. They will be based in Jerusalem.

The scholarship is tenable for two years, with a start date of 1 September 2009.

The Jerusalem Scholar will receive an annual scholarship of £8,000 and free accommodation.

Closing date: 21st May 2009

http://www.cbri.org.uk/Kenyon_vacancies.shtm

AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS

BBVA Foundation "Frontiers of Knowledge and Culture" Awards

Categories:

Basic Sciences

Biomedicine

Ecology and Conservation Biology

Information and Communication Technologies

Economics, Finance and Management

Contemporary Music

Climate Change

Development Cooperation

The award consists of 400,000 Euros, a diploma and commemorative artwork for each category.

For more information on eligibility and conditions please visit their website: <http://www.fbbva.es/awards>

Deadline for submissions 30th June 2009

Round Four of the ESRC Researcher Development Initiative. The call is now open for applications and will remain so until 4pm, Tuesday 9th June.

The Researcher Development Initiative (RDI) is designed to support the training and development of researchers across the social sciences at all stages of their career. Through the RDI, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) wishes to support a range of training and development activities and encourage the development of a national training infrastructure that will drive forward advanced and specialist research training in a systematic way.

The scheme is open to applications from individuals and departments within ESRC recognised institutions, learned societies in the social sciences and other organisations or individuals with an appropriate organisational affiliation. Applications are permitted where co-sponsorship has been or is sought from learned societies and other stakeholders.

The scope of the scheme covers:

- The provision of advanced training and development activities for researchers
- The provision of specific training activities for research students
- The development and use of new tools and packages for training purposes

- The provision of specific 'training the trainer' activities focused on equipping academics to fulfil research-related roles of supporting the learning of other researchers.

For more information about the Research Development Initiative, including a detailed specification and Je-S application guidance notes, please go to:

<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/postgraduate/fundingopportunities/RDI2009.aspx>

If you have any further questions, please email:

Elizabeth.Garcha@esrc.ac.uk or call 01793 413043

New Economics Foundation/Ecologist Essay Competition

On hearing of the death while riding of one his more stubborn ideological opponents, the champion of evolutionary theory, T H Huxley, said that it was the first time that the man's head made contact with reality, and the experience had obviously proved fatal. Gordon Brown claims that the world needs "a new paradigm that moves the environmental challenge to the centre of policy", and yet, in spite of the fact that both the UK and the world as a whole are already in ecological debt due to overconsumption, he remains convinced that the global economy can double in size over the next twenty years.

A lot of faith is being put into carbon markets to tackle climate change. But the markets we do have, like the European Emissions Trading Scheme, are out-of-line with the carbon cuts that science tells us is necessary. In other words, without much more dramatic caps on emissions, we could end up trading ourselves over a global warming cliff. It's the paradox of environmental economics. Sometimes in well-intentioned attempts to put a price on natural resources, we can miss the bigger picture.

So, to connect our politicians with reality before it is too late, we've come up with a question. And, we'd like to know what you think.

nef has teamed up with the Ecologist to run an essay competition.

The question is:

"How do you price the extra tonne of carbon that, once burned, tips the balance

and triggers potentially catastrophic, irreversible global warming?"

All submissions must be **under 1,000 words**, submitted

electronically to mark@theecologist.org and

andrew.simms@neweconomics.org and be received by **June 30th**.

The winner will receive a copy of Andrew Simms' book, *Ecological Debt: Global Warming and the Wealth of Nations*, and will be considered for publication in the Ecologist.

EDGAR GRAHAM BOOK PRIZE

The Edgar Graham Book Prize was established in 1984 at the School of Oriental and African Studies to commemorate Edgar Graham who, at the time of his death in 1983, had been a Governor of the School for seven years. Edgar Graham's own book, *The Modern Plantation in the Third World*, was published posthumously by Croom Helm (1984). The prize of £1000 is awarded for a work of original scholarship on development in Asia and Africa.

The Department of Development Studies at SOAS is pleased to announce that the 2009 Edgar Graham Book Prize was awarded jointly to Professor Barbara Harriss-White for *Rural Commercial Capital. Agricultural Markets in West Bengal* (OUP) and Professor

Chris Cramer for *Civil War is Not A Stupid Thing. Accounting for Violence in Developing Countries* (Hurst).

We now invite submissions for the 2010 Edgar Graham Book Prize. Titles published between 1 January 2008 and 31 August 2009 are eligible as entrants.

Please submit 2 copies to the following address:
Brita Pouget, Prize Administrator
School of Oriental and African Studies
Thornhaugh St. Russell Sq.
London WC1H 0XG
(bp@soas.ac.uk)

You may include reviews with your submission.

The closing date for submissions is 1 September 2009.

FOR STUDENTS

Careers and Opportunities in Tropical Medicine and International Health Research. Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 18th June.
More information: <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/90>

Council for British Research in the Levant is seeking to appoint three posts
The Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) aims to promote, sponsor and carry out high-quality research in the humanities and social sciences throughout the countries of the Levant: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria. Details of CBRL can be found at <http://www.cbri.org.uk>
Please see Jobs section above for more details.

RESEARCH NEWS

An interview with Chris Whitty
Chris Whitty, DFID's new head of research, discusses research priorities in an interview with *Nature News*, published on 28th April.

The role of higher education in development
Posted: 16 Mar 2009 06:00 PM PDT
In a recent spotlight, SciDev.Net examines the role of higher education in achieving development goals

The Research Excellence Framework pages on the HEFCE website
have been comprehensively restructured and updated at www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref. New content includes the membership and terms of reference of our Expert Advisory Groups, which are helping us to reflect upon RAE 2008 and finalise our proposals for the REF over the coming months.

You can also browse the resources section for all the relevant material which has informed the development of the REF to date, as well as HEFCE Circular letters and the notes of discussion at workshops and events. This section will be updated regularly,

particularly to include papers and notes from the Expert Advisory Groups and materials from the REF bibliometrics pilot exercise.

Further REF News

REF and accountability burden workshop

In March 2009 HEFCE ran a workshop for Pro Vice Chancellors and others with research strategy responsibility to consider the accountability burden of current options for the REF, following discussions at the first round of Expert Advisory Groups. The presentations, papers and a note of this workshop are now available at

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/resources/#develop>

Association of University Administrators (AUA) annual conference

Members of the REF team presented at the AUA annual conference in Exeter earlier this month. The presentation provided an overview of the background and context of developing the REF and our current thinking, as well as the next steps to consultation later this year.

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/resources/#events>

Coming up

April/May - second round of Expert Advisory Group meetings. The EAG will be considering initial outcomes from the REF bibliometrics pilot exercise as well as options for expert review of outputs, taking account of the impact of research, and assessing research environment.

June - Association of Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA) conference. There are a number of sessions at this conference which are related to the development of the REF. For further details please see

<http://www.arma.ac.uk/news/conferences/c09intro.xhtml>

News from UKCDS Monthly Report March 2009

Following on from the above item, the UKCDS report noted that the UKCDS secretariat with the DSA has been successful in persuading HEFCE to include Professor Barbara Harriss-White, (Department of International Development, Oxford University) to represent development research on the panel. Development Studies has also been included in the bibliometrics pilot for the REF. The secretariat also contributed to a meeting with HEFCE to further consider the place of user value in research assessment. A recent update from HEFCE described a proposed three part process that recognises academic excellence, short/long term impact of research and a narrative of the academic environment+. The DSA is very grateful to Barbara for her continued commitment to this extremely important role.

Edgar Graham Book Prize 2009 - Winners

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Knowledge to Policy: Making the Most of Development Research

A 224-page Canadian study examining the influence of research on international development policy

- DSA members can publicise non-commercial events, publications and other news through this bulletin and the DSA website free of charge. Copy deadline 10th of each month to admin@devstud.org.uk
- If you are not a member of the DSA but would like to advertise an event or resource through the bulletin there are (really quite low!) charges. Contact Frances Hill for more details.
- This bulletin reaches over 6000 people, with a conservative estimate of wider readership at around 10,000 - all interested in development. It therefore represents an ideal vehicle for members to publicise opportunities such as jobs, studentships, research etc.
- Do pass it on to colleagues or others you feel it would be of interest to.

IMPORTANT - Submitting entries to the Bulletin

Members of the DSA can publicise events, workshops, lectures, research findings, jobs, opportunities such as grants, scholarships etc, via the DSA's monthly Bulletin.

To ensure your entry gets published, please follow the guidelines below:

- Copy Deadline - **10th of each month**
- Entries to be approximately **100 words in 9pt Arial font as a Word Document only (NOT IN THE BODY OF THE EMAIL NOR AS A PDF, PLEASE)**
- Each entry to contain contact details and a weblink where appropriate.
- Send entries through to admin@devstud.org.uk

Entries that do not conform to the above will not be included – retyping and re-editing entries is delaying the output of the Bulletin

NOT A MEMBER OF THE DSA BUT WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN?

This bulletin now reaches well over 8.000 people all working or interested in development and related issues globally.

Eligibility:

- **Institutional members** can advertise jobs, events, resources and courses in the Bulletin free of charge as well as publicise non-commercial publications.
- **Individual members** can publicise non-commercial publications in the bulletin free of charge, request assistance in their research or work,

Rates for non-members:

- One . two months £35 per month
- Three months £80
- Six months £150
- One year £250