

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the May edition of the DSA Bulletin

New DSA Website, Conference Payments and Early Bird

Rates: We are still experiencing problems with our online payment system. This is presenting particular problems for Conference registration, so I have set up an alternative system. It is not particularly elegant, but it is robust. However, it requires a two step process from you as follows:

1. Fill out the downloadable [Registration form](#), work out how much you need to pay in total and email it to admin@devstud.org.uk.
2. Proceed to payment at <https://www.secure-server-hosting.com/secutran/secureforms/sh205828/conf09-online.htm>, entering the full amount due.

We will then bring the two forms together at the Secretariat.

In the light of these difficulties, we are **extending our Early Bird rate until June 8th** for Whole Event tickets. Numbers are limited so I do recommend booking early to ensure a place.

Research Students Workshop There are still some places left for this and the deadline for signing up has been extended to 29th May.

DSA Heads of Centres Meeting. We are postponing this to the Autumn but have agreement in principle that Chris Whitty, new Head of Research at DFID; Jo Duffy, responsible for Development Issues at the ESRC, Andree Carter of the UKCDS and Barbara Harriss-White, who is working on the Research Excellence Framework have all agreed to speak. We will let institutional members know when we have agreed a date. This meeting is open only to DSA Institutional Members, so if you do wish to attend, your membership will need to be up to date.

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 delays the output of the Bulletin so 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.

We look forward to seeing you at the various events over the next few months and especially at our Annual Conference. 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

New DSA Website

Study Group News

- *Research Student Workshop 3rd & 4th June – sign up now!*
- *DSA Scotland – papers available for download*
- *DSA Agriculture and Rural Development Group – call for papers*
- *DSA Women and Development Group Meeting May 23rd*
- *Ageing and Development Group meeting 5th June*

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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 and interesting programme. details of which can be found via links from our Conference pages at <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/conference/>

There is an Early Bird rate for those signing up for the whole event who register and pay for the Conference before 15th June 2009.

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.

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. A list of papers being presented is available at http://www.devstud.org.uk/studygroups/women_and_development-43.html

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

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E-Mail: prize2009@eadi.org

EVENTS – Conferences, Seminars, Meetings

A new [Eldis dossier on health and fragile states](#) will be launched at the following public events:

Why Engage in Health in Fragile States?

Tuesday 2nd June 2009, 1pm to 2.30pm

Room 121, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9RE, UK

Speakers: Olga Bornemisza (HFSN/LSHTM), Fiona Campbell (Merlin/HFSN) and Egbert Sondorp (HFSN/LSHTM)

Health and Governance in Fragile States

Wednesday 17th June 2009, 5pm to 6.30pm

Upper Meeting Room, London International Development Centre, 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PD, UK

Speakers: Egbert Sondorp (HFSN/LSHTM), Jonathan Goodhand (SOAS) and another speaker to be confirmed

For more information email: hdi@ids.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

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>

Sustainable Livelihoods and Pro-poor Market Development

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

links between Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches (SLA) and recent approaches to pro-poor market development.

Keynote speaker:

Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, Head of Profession, Private Sector Development, DFID

This seminar will explore 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?*

To register 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](#) at <http://community.eldis.org/sla> .

Tuesday, 21st July, 2009

University of Bath, 10.30 – 16.30

Publications

The Creolization Reader Edited by Robin Cohen and Poala Toninato.

Everything you wanted to know about creolization. A long introductory essay, five mini introductions, plus 28 chapters.

Available from Routledge

<http://www.routledgegeography.com/books/The-Creolization-Reader-ISBN9780415498548>

Nillesen, E. and Verwimp, P., 2008. **'Rebel Recruitment in a Coffee Exporting Economy'**. MICROCON Research Working Paper 11, Brighton: MICROCON

http://www.microconflict.eu/publications/RWP11_EN_PV.pdf

From ODI

Highlights

Latest at <http://www.odi.org.uk>

[ODI thanks Simon Maxwell for his leadership and vision](#)

Alison Evans, ODI's new Director, pays tribute to her predecessor, Simon Maxwell. She highlights the expansion of ODI under his leadership, and his determination to transform researchers into policy entrepreneurs.

[Attacks on aid workers surge](#)

2008 was the most dangerous year on record for humanitarian aid workers, according to a new report from ODI.

[Monitoring the impact of the financial crisis](#)

Dirk Willem te Velde's blog launches the early results of a unique study into the impact of the global financial crisis on developing countries.

[What do fragile states really need?](#)

A new approach is needed to address the problems of fragile states, going beyond 'more' and 'better' development, argues Bhavna Sharma's blog.

[Social protection: A global imperative](#)

Anna McCord's ODI Opinion sets out what should be done to transform the commitments made at the G-20 on social protection into genuine action.

Publications

View full list at <http://www.odi.org.uk/publications>

[Development Policy Review, vol. 27, no. 3](#)

ODI Journal

[Disasters, vol. 33, no. 2](#)

ODI Journal

[Mobile phones for development and profit: a win-win scenario](#)

ODI Opinion by Rohit Singh

[Social protection: A global imperative](#)

ODI Opinion by Anna McCord

[The global financial crisis: risks for fragile states in Africa](#)

ODI Opinion by Timothy Othieno

[Supply and distribution chains of multinationals: Harnessing their potential for development](#)

ODI Background Note

[Mutual Accountability at country level: Emerging good practice](#)

ODI Background Note

[Providing Aid in Insecure Environments: Trends in violence against aid workers and the operational response \(2009 Update\)](#)

HPG Policy Brief

[Bringing local entrepreneurs into the supply chain: the experience of Spier](#)

ODI Project Briefing

[Beyond Basic Needs: Programming for marginalised and vulnerable groups . The Australian Partnerships with African Communities \(APAC\) Programme](#)

ODI Project Briefing

[The role of the affected state in humanitarian action: A case study on India](#)

HPG Working Paper

[Diasporas: Doing development or part of development - A study of two Sierra Leonean diaspora organisations in London](#)

SPIRU Working Paper

[Reconnecting joined-up approaches: Nation-building through state-building](#)

SPIRU Working Paper

Blogs

Read and comment at: <http://blogs.odi.org.uk>

[What do fragile states really need?](#)

by Bhavna Sharma

[The alarm bells are ringing on aid, but the UK is leading the way](#)

by Simon Maxwell

[Can developing country energy needs be met without causing climate change?](#)

by Jodie Keane

[Dealing with the crisis: here comes the EU](#)

by Simon Maxwell

[Monitoring the monitors. The financial crisis and developing countries](#)

by Dirk Willem te Velde

[Advocating for investment in sanitation: is your jury still out?](#)

by Peter Newbome

[Economic Partnership Agreements: time to focus on the delivery of development](#)

by Mareike Meyn

From Oxfam

All resources are available to download free from the links below.

View a full list of Oxfam publications at:

www.oxfam.org.uk/publications

Making Pooled Funding Work for People in Crisis

Oxfam Briefing Note

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009051115531012>

A Business Case for Fighting Poverty

Oxfam's Briefings for Business

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009051115272109>

Disaster Risk Reduction

Oxfam Humanitarian Policy Note

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009042910164094>

Applying Sustainable Development to Arms Transfer Decisions: Practical Guide

Oxfam Technical Briefing Paper

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009042316165977>

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

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:

[How is the recession hitting remittances from migrant workers?](#)

[Building women's leadership - what works?](#)

[What would feminist GM crops look like?](#)

[108 countries now malaria-free. What's happening in the rest of them?](#)

From Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI)

Working Papers

89/09 Economic Development and Surplus Labour: A Critical Review of the Lewis Model (Xiaobing Wang and Jenifer Piesse)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-8909.pdf>

90/09 Strategising Consultation: Government Approaches to Legitimising Land Tenure Reform Policies in Post-apartheid South Africa (Elizabeth Fortin)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-9009.pdf>

91/09 Hiding Conflict over Industry Returns: A Stakeholder Analysis of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (Sarah Bracking)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-9109.pdf>

92/09 The Tools of Transition: Education and Development in Modern Southeast Asian History (Tim Harper)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-9209.pdf>

93/09 The Redistributive Threat: State Power and the Effect of Inequality on Democracy (Hillel David Soifer)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-9309.pdf>

COURSES

The next Global Development Course will start on Monday 1st June at the University of London Union, in central London.

The course consists of 24 sessions of one hour, each covering one of the main issues - microfinance and international finance, health, migration and refugees, the UN system, global trade and fair trade, business in development, the environment. The speakers are all highly qualified in their own fields and all have recent experience at the front line of development.

The course is held in the evenings, from 6.30 to 8.30pm, and on the two intervening Saturdays, from 11am to 13.00 and then from 2 to 4pm. The numbers are kept low to ensure maximum participation from every delegate.

Those attending over the last 17 courses have included personnel from all the major development agencies, from ActionAid to OXFAM, Save the Children to World Vision, as well as staff of the Department for International Development and the House of Commons Select Committee on International Development.

There are a few vacancies on the next course. If you are interested, please consult the website; www.ethical-events.org.

The Learning Lab are holding a one day seminar on Wednesday 17 June 2009 from 10:00-16:00 at the Learning Lab

in Telford. The event will focus on the use of ICT in developing countries and how it can be used for education.

This seminar will look at recent case study examples and research projects from different parts of the developing world which will be delivered by experienced practitioners. There will be an opportunity to discuss the problems faced by developing countries, with a focus on innovative and rigorous solutions that have already been found and implemented.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the Learning Lab is able to offer this seminar at just £80 * which includes lunch and refreshments.

To book your place, please go to the Learning Lab Website . www.learninglab.org.uk. Please note that places are limited to the first 20 bookings to maximise interaction so please book early to secure your place. Any queries please contact Abi Redmond on 01902 322362 or email: Abi.Redmond@wlv.ac.uk

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

SUNARMA - Fundraising Officer - part time freelance

Salary:

£26,000 pro rata

Home-based (within easy reach of the M4 corridor)

Sunarma works with impoverished rural communities in Ethiopia to overcome poverty and to reverse environmental degradation.

(www.sunarma.org)

An exciting newly created contract position has arisen for an experienced and enthusiastic fundraiser to support Sunarma in the UK. The successful candidate will be responsible for evolving and executing the organisation's direct marketing strategy,

Main responsibilities for the position to include:

- increasing and diversifying income streams;
- developing corporate, legacy and on-line giving;

- developing a portfolio of relationships with individuals, groups and associations wishing to undertake fundraising activities on behalf of Sunarma;
- organise key fundraising events;
- with our Executive Officer, develop the strategic direction, budgets and fundraising database;
- attend regular fundraising committee meetings, and occasional trustees meetings (usually in Bristol).

We seek someone with a proven track record of success in fundraising/direct marketing and demonstrated ability to raise significant sums, particularly from communities, events, big donors, and corporates. S/he will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, strong presentation skills, and the ability to form relationships with potential donors.

This is a part-time freelance/contract position with a salary in the region of £26,000 pro-rata, to include an expenses and mileage allowance. The role would suit a self-starter with tenacity, willing to work flexibly, excellent skills in fundraising, passion for international development, and an interest in environmental issues.

Email Piers Langdon with your cv and covering letter to pierslangdon@sunarma.org by **8th June 2009**. Interviews expected the week of 15th June.

University of Bath vacancy for a Lecturer in International Development

Candidates should have a PhD, publications and some teaching experience. We particularly welcome applications from those working at the interface between ID, social policy and development practice and with expertise in the sociology, social anthropology and/or politics of international development. For more information see http://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/job_desc.cgi?09090RP. For informal enquiries contact Dr Joe Devine (Head of the ID Group), J.Devine@bath.ac.uk, tel. +44(0)1225 383539, or Dr James Copestake (Head of Dept of Economics and International Development) on j.g.copestake@bath.ac.uk. **Provisional interview date: Thursday 25th June**. Starting date: 1st September 2009 or ASAP thereafter. Salary: £36,532 - £43,622 per annum.

Arhus University Associate Professorship in Political Science Closing date: 15 June 2009 at 12.00

The Department of Political Science invites applications for one associate professorship in political science with special reference to public policy commencing 1 January 2010.

The associate professor is expected to participate in research and teaching within the sub-discipline public policy.

Qualification requirements

Applicants must possess research qualifications and teaching skills corresponding to those obtained after successful completion of a three-year period of employment as an assistant professor, but equivalent academic experience may also be accepted.

The associate professorship is a permanent position and the department is interested in an appointment on a longer term basis.

The successful candidate is therefore expected to acquire a

working knowledge of Danish within the first three years of employment.

Further information on the position may be obtained from: Department chair Jens Blom-Hansen, tel: +45 8942 1310 , e-mail: jbh@ps.au.dk

More details at

<http://www.samfundsvidenskab.au.dk/en/currently/vacancies/vip/asociate-professorship-in-political-science/>

One World Trust is currently recruiting for two positions:

- Finance officer (part-time) . deadline **12th June**

- Researcher (full-time) - deadline **22nd June**

For more information please visit their website

www.oneworldtrust.org

AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS

The African Fellows Programme.

The aim of the African Fellows Programme (AFP) is to support sustainable agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa by catalysing innovative solutions needed to achieve food security. Projects should focus on specific problems in agriculture with a researchable constraint. They should also aim to develop lasting partnerships and strategic alliances that will help in developing local scientific capacity relevant to sustainable agricultural production. The potential impact of the project on small-holder farmers will be a major consideration during proposal assessment. African scientists will carry out research projects at a partner European research institute, or university, for a maximum period of 6 months. Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis in a two stage assessment process.

Research projects must:-

~ focus on solving an agricultural problem with a researchable constraint

~ demonstrate how the knowledge gained will be applied to benefit small-holder African farmers

~ be of high quality science

Examples of potential project areas include crop nutrition, soil fertility, post-harvest technology, alternative crops, livestock management and plant protection.

The programme CANNOT support field work in Africa. Projects focusing on food processing and socio-economic research are not within the remit of the programme. MSc and PhD studies will not be funded.

Pre-proposal concept notes are now invited for the ninth round of this Programme. Pre-proposals should be submitted by 17:00 hours (GMT) on **Friday 19th June 2009** by email.

Applicants can obtain further details and guidelines from the Rothamsted International web site: <http://www.rothamsted-international.org/afp/index.shtml>. Further details can also be obtained by emailing (rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk) or by writing to the AFP Coordinator at Rothamsted International, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 2JQ, UK.

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

Building Capacity for Better Governance and Social Policy Research - Africa. A DFID Call for Expressions of Interest in establishing the African Social Science Research Consortium

DFID wishes to appoint a service provider to develop and facilitate phase 1 of a programme to build capacity and improve the quality of Africa's political and social science research. The programme will focus on 3 main levels of capacity building: individual, organisational and institutional

Food, health and adaptation to climate change in East and Southern Africa. An IDRC call

The Ecosystem Approaches to Human Health Program (Ecohealth - www.idrc.ca/ecohealth) of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC-Canada) have announced a call for concept notes on food, health and adaptation to climate change. Concept notes should entail research and capacity building activities that use ecosystem approaches to human health to help understand and address health vulnerabilities related to food and nutritional security or food safety arising from climate change and climate variability in eastern and southern Africa.

The Ecohealth Program supports policy-relevant research on the relationships between all components of an ecosystem to define and assess priority problems that affect the health of people and the sustainability of the ecosystems they depend upon. In seeking to improve human health and well-being while simultaneously maintaining a healthy ecosystem, the Program puts forward an approach that requires a holistic framing of a health-environment issue. In doing so, ecosystem and human dimensions along with gender and social equity issues are considered through different disciplines and non-academic knowledge, working together in a trans-disciplinary fashion. Multi-stakeholder participation is

encouraged, particularly those from the community and research end-users, including policy-makers. By collecting and analyzing evidence, building up local research capacity and experimenting with regional, inter-sectoral knowledge networks, the Ecohealth Program contributes to anticipating, preventing, and responding to emerging health problems, at the same time contributing to better and more adaptable ecosystem management and healthier ecosystems.

This Call responds to the need to advance knowledge and capacity on climate change impacts, in particular in the area of food, health and adaptation to climate change in eastern and southern Africa.

This is in accordance of the resolution of the World Health Assembly (WHA) to protect health from climate change and the findings of the WHO-convened global consultation of public health researchers, practitioners, representatives of UN and other agencies.

Deadline for submission of concept notes: 30 June 2009 (at midnight Canadian EST).

Full details of the call can be found from the link on the R4D website at

<http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/r4dlatest/~3/SS6jFDtpjEs/news.asp>

All inquiries related to the call should be directed to FS-Africa@idrc.or.ke.

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 April 2009

- 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:

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