

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the November edition of the DSA Bulletin.

A well packed issue this month – lots of meetings, publications and calls for papers. It's been a busy month for the DSA as we've moved offices, so please take note of the new telephone number.

The DSA has also moved onto Twitter where we plan to use it to issue short statements on new initiatives that will link up to the DSA website for further information. In this day and age when so many can get the internet on their phones, we felt that this was a good way to get news out in 'real time'. We hope you will follow us for the latest news.

News on the 2010 Conference will be finalised in December's bulletin, but it will be held in early November at Church House. We are also close to announcing exciting news on 2011, so watch this space!

Many thanks and Best wishes,

Frances

Frances Hill, Executive Director

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DSA Office move

The DSA's office has now moved into the bright lights of Bideford and has a new, non-geographic telephone number – 0845 519 3372. The postal address remains the same. Please do bear in mind, though, that email is still the best means of contacting us.

DSA on Twitter!

www.twitter.com/devcomms. The DSA is now on twitter under the name Devcomms, so do sign up to follow us for bite sized bits of up to date information for researchers, students, policy makers and

practitioners! When we hear about things, we will pass the news on – funding opportunities, jobs, new publications and reports from meetings.

Members who want to publicise via the DSA Twitter page should email us at admin@devstud.org.uk with 'for Twitter' in the subject line.

Annual Heads of Centres Meeting 22nd October 2009

The DSA held its annual Heads of Centres meeting on 22nd October 2009 in conjunction with the UK Collaborative for Development Sciences. The UKCDS kindly hosted the meeting at the Wellcome Collection on Euston Road.

The agenda included a session by Chris Whitty, Head of Research at DFID on a Quality-graded Evidence Base; a discussion on the Research Excellence Framework specifically, the Unit of Assessment for Development Studies plus other related activities such as the Journal of International Development.

Information and reports can be found at <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/97>.

DSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010 – Friday or Saturday?

We will be shortly announcing details for the Conference next year. It will be a one day event held at Church House in early November 2010 and the Call for Panel Concepts will be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

Study Group News

Development Futures in a Changing Climate – Development Policy Review Theme Issue

Guest Editors: Emily Boyd, Natasha Grist, Sirkku Juhola and Valerie Nelson

This theme issue of *Development Policy Review* explores the policy and practice outcomes of introducing a climate change perspective into development. The science presents a picture that is far worse than thought even three years ago: under a business-as-usual scenario we now face a potential 4°C rise in global average temperatures. Current energy policies, if unchanged, threaten future economic prosperity and human development. Projections of medium- and long-term impacts of climate change not only present challenges to development futures, but threaten to undermine development gains to date. Through contributions from academics and policy researchers, this issue examines three rapidly evolving policy frontiers: the evolution of adaptation policy and practice, as well as the associated challenges in adaptation finance; mitigation governance, and the opportunities and barriers for low-carbon economy transformation; and the fundamental challenges that climate change poses to development planning. It concludes by exploring what is needed at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and beyond to achieve more sustainable, equitable and resilient development trajectories.

FREE ARTICLES FROM DEVELOPMENT POLICY REVIEW vol. 27, issue 6

[Exploring Development Futures in a Changing Climate: Frontiers for Development Policy and Practice](#)

Emily Boyd, Natasha Grist, Sirkku Juhola and Valerie Nelson

[Development Futures in the Context of Climate Change: Challenging the Present and Learning from the Past](#)

Nick Brooks, Natasha Grist and Katrina Brown

Journal of International Development

Journal of The Development Studies Association CALL FOR POLICY ARENAS

Policy Arenas are a special feature of the Journal of International Development.

- They focus on particular policy debates or controversies
- They reflect a range of views on those policy debates
- They engage a policy audience, as well as an academic one
- They optimally include at least one article by someone working in the policy domain

Policy Arenas may comprise different formats, for example:

- Two-three articles with an introduction written by the guest editors (a review that engages with the literature in the area of the policy arena to introduce the debate or controversy as well as the articles).
- Two articles with differing approaches to a policy issue – more like a debate between them – which may have a short piece to introduce them.
- A single position paper that sets out the literature and debates in a balanced way to promote engagement by academics and policy makers.

Policy Arenas should be of the highest standard and are subject to double-blind peer review. Guest editing and refereeing guidelines are available.

We welcome Policy Arenas on any topic within the Aims and Scope of the journal and are also interested to have Policy Arenas that engage with the natural and social sciences in addressing development policy.

Proposals should include a title, description of the policy issue/debate to be addressed and abstracts of the articles to be included. Exploratory ideas can also be discussed.

Contact Hazel Johnson (h.e.johnson@open.ac.uk).

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www.interscience.wiley.com/journal/jid

Special Issue: MAPPING GLOBAL INEQUALITIES

Edited by: Ben Crow, Brian Fulfrrost and Nichole Zlatunich. Editorial

Assistant: Elisabeth Nishioka

- Introduction
- Mapping Global Inequalities: Beyond Income Inequality to Multi-Dimensional Inequalities *B. Crow, N. Zlatunich and B. Fulfrrost*
- Knowledge Translation: An Opportunity to Reduce Global Health Inequalities *V. Welch, E. Ueffing and P. Tugwell*
- Did Globalisation Affect Health Status? A Simulation Exercise *G. A. Cornia, S. Rosignoli and L. Tiberti*
- International Migration and the World Income Distribution *D. Kapur and J. McHale*
- The Global Pattern of Household Wealth *J. B. Davies, S. Sandström, A. Shorrocks and E. Wolff*
- Global Inequality and Injustice *D. Moellendorf*
- Educational Inequalities in the Midst of Persistent Poverty: Diversity Across Africa in Educational Outcomes *C. B. Lloyd and P. Hewett*

- Understanding Relationships between Global Health Indicators Via Visualisation and Statistical Analysis *S. Lodha, P. Gunawardane, E. Middleton and B. Crow*

The Second ESRC Conference on Development Economics will be held at IDPM, University of Manchester **on January 21 and 22 2010**. The conference is co-sponsored by the DSA and the Brooks World Poverty Institute. The theme of the conference is the effect of the global financial crisis on developing countries. Keynote speakers include Graciela Kaminsky (George Washington University, USA), Andrew Mold (OECD), Duncan Thomas (Duke University, USA and President, BREAD) and Alan Winters (Chief Economist, DFID and University of Sussex).

Conference attendance is by invitation only. For further details, please contact the conference organisers, Ed Amann, David Lawson, and Kunal Sen at financial.crisis@manchester.ac.uk.

Take advantage of the New DSA website functionality

All individual and concessionary members can upload details of their research interests, contacts and other information under our Individual Directory. This presents an excellent showcase for up to date information on your work, so do fill out your entries!

Information on how to do this can be found in our "How To" Guide available from the website at

http://www.devstud.org.uk/downloads/4aca313aab4ab_DSA-how-to-update-individual-profile.doc

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

RESEARCH AND CALLS FOR PAPERS details at:

http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/news/research_news-6-0.html

Religion shaping development: inspirational, inhibiting, institutionalised?

Conference organised by the Religions and Development Research Programme, 21st-23rd July, 2010, University of Birmingham, UK: first announcement and call for papers.

Papers on the conference themes are invited – see <http://www.rad.bham.ac.uk/index.php?section=1>. Please send

abstracts (2-400 words) to Dr Tina Dugbazah j.e.dugbazah@bham.ac.uk by 30th November, 2009.

Society of Latin American Studies 2010 Conference, 9-10 April at Bristol University. CFP: Between politics and policies: Reform and Modernisation of the State

deadline for abstract submissions 15 January 2010. More details of the Conference can be found at

<http://www.bris.ac.uk/hispanic/slas2010>

Ten Years of War against Poverty: What Have We Learned since 2000? What Should We Do 2010-2020?

University of Manchester, 8-10 September 2010

From 8-10 Sep 2010, the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) will celebrate ten years of poverty research with an international conference hosted by the Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI) at the University of Manchester.

The deadline for submitting abstracts and panel proposals is

31 January 2010.

**Call for Papers - CEA Annual Conference
CHINESE ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (Europe/UK) The 21st
CEA (UK) and 2nd CEA (Europe) Annual Conference
Global Economic Recovery: The Role of China and Other
Emerging Economies**

Co-organised by: Oxford Department of International Development,
Oxford University China Centre, Department of Economics
12-13 July 2010 - University of Oxford

Please see [Call for Papers \(PDF Format\)](#)
(http://www.geh.ox.ac.uk/pdf/pdf-misc/Call_for_Papers_OX-2010%20-v8.pdf) for details.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 15th February 2010

EVENTS – Conferences, Seminars, Meetings

**Dialogue 1: Taking forward the Right to the City Join the e-
Debate: 23 Nov - 18 Dec 2009**

**UN Habitat's WUF 5 – March 2010, Rio
The Right to the City, Bridging the Urban Divide
Contribute to this major global discussion: log
on <http://forum.unhabitat.org>**

**PRIZE- Free trip to WUF5 at Rio for the best contribution from
a developing country participant**

Please join this, the last of six global e-Debates on **Taking
Forward the Right to the City**. These debates have been run by
UN-Habitat since September as a platform for discussing the 'right
to the city' at the **World Urban Forum 5** in March 2010. The
discussion has enabled individuals from around the world to
contribute to debates underpinning UN-Habitat's agenda and to
make their voices heard on the road to Rio de Janeiro.

The *right to the city* is a hotly contested concept – for activists it
represents a clarion call in the struggle against poverty and
exclusion, but for some it instils fear that creativity and markets will
be stifled by increasing state intervention. Although widely
debated, the concept of the 'right to the city' remains vague. As
David Harvey suggests, it embraces "far more than the individual
liberty to access urban resources: it is a right to change ourselves
by changing the city". The challenge is – 'how'?

Contributors from different continents are invited to share ideas and
experience – of participatory or rights-based initiatives by city or
national governments, communities or NGOs – that strengthen the
contract between citizens and governments - to promote social
justice and sustainable, inclusive cities.

The e-Debate aims to trigger international dialogue on policies and
practices to take forward the *right to the city*. It builds on the three-
year UN-Habitat-UNESCO project on the *right to the city*, and on
key themes and messages from the five previous discussions,
asking participants to contribute their thoughts on the way forward.

Key Themes for the Debate

The e-Debate runs over 4 weeks from **23 November to 18
December**:

Week 1: Why the 'right to the city'?

Week 2: What is the 'right to the city'?

Week 3: Whose right to the city?

Week 4: The way forward?

Please log on, register and join the debate

The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) at the University of Manchester

24 - 25 Nov 2009 – ESRC funded workshop – **Who are the
humanitarians now?** Further ESRC workshops to be held Feb,
April, May 2010 and 2 additional dates in 2010/2011

In 2007 Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) were ordered out of
Niger in a dispute about the reporting of the levels of
malnourishment amongst children. In 2009 they are still there. In
2009 the Sri Lanka government asked the Red Cross to close
down certain offices because 'the war was over' and also expelled
the spokesperson for UNICEF. However, other organisations
continue to provide relief after the recent war. There are many
examples where agencies have been forced, required or felt
compelled to leave a conflict or disaster zone – but efforts labelled
by some as 'humanitarian' continue. Humanitarian and relief
organisations question when they should keep working in spite of
government obstacles, political pressure or manipulation of their
effort. Similarly governments are increasingly asking when do
international agencies overstep their remit.

Questions about what to report from situations of war or crisis
arose within humanitarian agencies as early as the 1968-70 Biafran
war. *When not to provide aid* has been a central issue to recent
research in this area, most particularly in the fierce debates about
the provision of relief in the camps in Eastern DR Congo after the
1994 Rwanda genocide. In 2009, the international outcry about the
'humanitarian liberation' of Tamil communities in northern Sri Lanka
has been followed by a debate about what role agencies should be
playing in providing relief in the government controlled camps. In
light of the problems of over zealous aid delivery during the post-
tsunami period and in the infamous Zoe's Ark case, are
governments now right to challenge the action of many agencies?

This two-day event will offer a platform to articulate and debate
these challenges and will involve practitioners and scholars of
contemporary and historical humanitarian crises. The seminar will
include keynote speeches, research papers and master classes
and is aimed at students, practitioners and academics with an
interest in humanitarianism and contemporary conflict.

Development Education Research Centre Seminars

Tuesday November 24th, 17:00 to 18:30

'Climate Change and Global Citizenship: The contributions of human health, pharmacy and veterinary science'

Climate change represents one of the key global challenges of our
time. The uncertainty and diversity of its impacts present particular
challenges for international development, and for professionals
involved in key areas of development work. This requires greater
attention to global issues such as climate change within
professional teaching and learning programmes. This seminar
provides an opportunity to discuss the ways in which climate
change issues, as well as wider global and development issues,
can be successfully integrated into teaching and learning
programmes in the fields of pharmacy, global health and veterinary
science.

Speakers

- Professor Joe Brownlie, Royal Veterinary College

- Professor Anthony Costello, Institute for Global Health, UCL
- Professor David Taylor, School of Pharmacy

Access will be available until 17.00 only, places limited to 35. RSVP for registration to Guy Benton at g.benton@ioe.ac.uk

The event is part of a new, 3-year research partnership between the Development Education Research Centre (Institute of Education, University of London), the Institute for Global Health (University College London), the Royal Veterinary College, the School of Pharmacy (University of London), Skillshare and the London International Development Centre. For more information on the project, contact Nicole Blum (n.blum@ioe.ac.uk). <http://www.ioe.ac.uk>

'Interrogating Contemporary Development Strategies: the Case of Tourism'. a Workshop in association with the Political Economy Research Centre at Sheffield.

The aim is to bring together people from diverse backgrounds to discuss a contemporary development strategy in a participatory format. The Workshop will take the form of roundtable discussions with plenty of space for discussion of the key issues raised.

As well as academics spanning several disciplines - political economy, tourism studies, development studies - there will be participants from a wide range of institutions. We have a representative from the Sustainable Development department of the World Tourism Organisation and the Director of Tourism Concern, the key NGO for tourism issues.

The Workshop will be held in Sheffield on 27th November in the ICOSS building from 10am-5pm. If you are interested in participating in the day please let Lucy Ferguson (details below). Places are limited in order to facilitate the most productive discussions, but you are more than welcome to attend if the issues sound stimulating to you.

For more information please contact Lucy Ferguson on Contact: l.j.ferguson@sheffield.ac.uk

Integrating Approaches: Sustainable Livelihoods, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

Date: Thurs, 3rd December, 2009, 10.00 – 17.00

At: NCVO, Regents Wharf, London, N1 9RL

As part of an international series, Practical Action is hosting a seminar bringing together academics, practitioners and policy-makers to explore the links between Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches (SLA) and approaches to Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation.

This seminar will explore the following areas through presentations and discussion:

- *What can experience with Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches teach us about strengthening resilience to disasters and climate change impacts?* Gehendra Gurung (Practical Action Nepal); Jeff Woodke (Jemed, Niger)
- *Policies, institutions and processes at the community, district and national level: what are the critical requirements for supporting disaster and climate resilient livelihoods?* Olivia Coghlan (DFID); Marcus Oxley (Global Civil Society Network for DR)

- *Frameworks for integration: challenges and opportunities for bringing together Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation, and Sustainable Livelihoods* Kath Pasteur (Practical Action); John Twigg (UCL); Tom Mitchel (IDS); Richard Ewbank (ChristianAid)

Posters are invited from practitioners, policy-makers and academics, particularly postgraduate research students, which address these questions. Full UK travel bursaries are available for the selected poster presenters.

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

To register, please email Katherine.pasteur@practicalaction.org.uk stating your name, job title and organisation.

The Future of Journals Publishing: An OpuS evening event

Date: 26 November 2009

Refreshments: 18:30

19:30 - finishes by 21.00

OPuS (The Oxford Publishing Society) and the Society of Young Publishers (Oxford) join forces to consider whether academic and STM journals have a future.

- How will digital technologies and new ways of online communication affect how we publish and use journals, and the greater academic publishing community?
- Will researchers still communicate and be evaluated by journal publication?

Speaker will be **Michael Mabe**, CEO of the international association of scientific, technical, medical and scholarly publishers, **STM**, who has many years' experience working in the sector. This event will take place at the Gipsy Lane Campus of Oxford Brookes University (refreshments will be served before the event in the Buckley Building and the talks will be in the Main Lecture Theatre). To find out more about this event, and to book, visit the OpuS Website: www.opusnet.co.uk

International Conference: Deportation and the Development of Citizenship 11-12 December 2009, Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford

We are pleased to inform you that it is now possible to register in order to attend the conference on Deportation and Development of Citizenship on 11-12 December at the University of Oxford.

The aim of this conference is to encourage interdisciplinary and comparative scholarship on deportation, broadly conceived as the lawful expulsion power of states, both as an immigration control and as a social control mechanism. The conference will serve as a vehicle for bringing together scholars from a range of disciplines, including politics, sociology, history, international relations, law, criminology and anthropology, interested in the study of deportation.

Confirmed guest speakers include Prof. Daniel Kanstroom, Prof. Antje Ellermann, Prof. Annemarie Sammartino, Prof. Catherine Dauvergne, Prof. Deirdre Moloney and Dr. Darshan Vigneswaran.

The programme of the conference is available online at www.rsc.ox.ac.uk and you can register online at:

<https://www.oxforduniversitystores.co.uk/catalogue/products.asp?c ompid=1&deptid=96&catID=454&hasClicked=0>

If you have any questions, please e-mail
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ESRC seminar series, 'Activism, Volunteering and Citizenship'. Forthcoming seminars in the series: 'Processes of Professionalisation', held jointly between Northumbria, Newcastle and Edinburgh Universities.

Seminar 3 – Processes of Professionalisation

Confirmed speakers

Prof Wendy Lerner (University of Bristol)

Dr Andrew Jones (Birkbeck College, University of London)

Bev Jones (Social Development and Governance Consultant)

This seminar explores how processes of professionalisation cut across themes of activism, volunteering and citizenship in a variety of contexts. Building on discussions in previous seminars in the series, the seminar will particularly focus on the ways in which neoliberal professionalisation transforms the spaces of activism and volunteering, simultaneously opening up and constraining possibilities, at both an organisational and an individual level.

The third seminar is scheduled for the **9th December 2009, 10.30am-4pm**, at Northumbria University, and registration to attend this seminar is now open. Further information can be found on our website:

<http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/sd/academic/sass/about/socscience/socscieventspage/esrcsemseries>

Unfortunately we are unable to cover transport costs. However, there are a number of travel bursaries available to postgraduate students and participants from voluntary sector organisations. Places are strictly limited so please register your interest as soon as possible by filling in the registration form available on the website or emailing Jessica3.scott@northumbria.ac.uk.

Seminar 4 – Biographies of Activism and Social Change

This seminar will take place on **8th January 2010**, at Newcastle University. Confirmed speakers are – Prof Christine Milligan, Prof David Lewis and Dr Molly Andrews. Further details to follow.

PUBLICATIONS

From the Institute of Development Studies

- **Hybrid Public Action** Edited by Peter K. Spink, Naomi Hossain and Nina J. Best. IDS Bulletin 40.6
- **IDS In Focus Policy Briefing 12** Making the Case for Aid: The Challenge of UK Public Perceptions
- **Making Science of Influencing: Assessing the Impact of Development Research** Andy Sumner, Nick Ishmael-Perkins and Johanna Lindstrom, IDS Working Paper 335
- **Who Are 'Informal Health Providers' and What Do They Do? Perspectives from Medical Anthropology** Jamie Cross and Hayley MacGregor, IDS Working Paper 334
- **Quantifying the Impact of Social Mobilisation in Rural Bangladesh: Donors, Civil Society and 'The Road not Taken'** Naila Kabeer with Ariful Haq Kabir and Tahera Yasmin Huq, IDS Working Paper 333
- **Hybrid Activism: Paths of Globalisation in the Brazilian Environmental Movement** Angela Alonso IDS Working Paper 332
- **Citizenship Narratives in the Absence of Good**

Governance: Voices of the Working Poor in Bangladesh

Naila Kabeer with Ariful Haq Kabir, IDS Working Paper 331

- **Latest podcast from IDS**
- **The Big Question for Development, IDS Podcast November 2009** The IDS podcast speaks to Sarah Cook and Jing Gu about the implications of China's rise for international development.

From Save the Children

- **Hungry for Change: An eight-step, costed plan of action to tackle global child hunger**
http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/54_9544.htm
- **Feeling the Heat: Child survival in a changing climate**
http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/54_9516.htm
- **The Next Revolution: Giving every child the chance to survive**
http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/54_9516.htm

New 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

Books

- **Climate Change and Gender Justice**
Working in Gender & Development Series
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009102714551387>
- **Women's Leadership and Participation: Case studies on learning for action**
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009102814340037>
- **Speaking Out: Case studies on how poor people influence decision-making**
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009102814144009>
- **Improving Quality and Access to Education for Disadvantaged Children in Viet Nam**
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009091111381435>
- **The Impact of HIV and AIDS on Education: Education for orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia**
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009091115300627>
- **Education for Pastoralist Communities in Niger: Providing Education in Challenging Circumstances**
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009091115384061>
- **Delivering Girls' Education in Pakistan**
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009091419561306>
- **Money for Nothing: Three ways the G20 could deliver up to \$280 billion for poor countries**
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009090411082306>
- **Even the Himalayas Have Stopped Smiling: Climate Change, Poverty and Adaptation in Nepal**
<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009090410553061>
- **Suffering the Science: Climate change, people, and poverty**

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009070610325551>

Also available in French, Spanish, and Chinese.

- *Five Years of Illegality: Time to dismantle the Wall and respect the rights of Palestinians*

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009070811130755>

Also available in French.

- *Empty Promises: What happened to 'development' in the WTO's Doha Round?*

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009071610593508>

Also available in French and Spanish.

- *Turning the Tide: How best to protect workers employed by gangmasters, five years after Morecambe Bay*

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009070410321632>

- *From Closed Books to Open Doors: West Africa's literacy challenge*

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009070410405786>

Also available in French.

Other News

Oxfam GB Learning Project on Gender and the Economic Crisis

In September 2009 Oxfam held a gender and the economic crisis learning event. The workshop brought together twenty-five practitioners, economists, and academics from a variety of development and research organisations to present learning and experiences on the impact of the crisis on gender equality and women's rights. To read more about the event and download the presentations and supporting documents visit the [journal 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:

- [Migration and Development: lead author of this year's Human Development Report responds to my review](#)
- [Why demanding 'political will' is lazy and unproductive](#)
- [Can the law advance education and healthcare in poor countries?](#)

From Brooks World Poverty Institute

development@manchester is a new series of policy-relevant research notes conveying clear, concise messages of relevance to decision makers and researchers working on international development issues.

The series distils key findings from research undertaken at the School of Environment and Development, the School of Social Sciences, the Institute for Development Policy and Management, the Brooks World Poverty Institute and the Global Urban Research Centre of the University of Manchester. It covers a wide range of development-related subjects, including poverty, well-being and inequality; state-society relations; environment and development; social theory and social development; urban development; enterprise, technology, finance, innovation and management in developing and transitional economies.

Issue 1 (September 2009) - 'Death in the Amazon' - Prof Anthony Bebbington. Available online at

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/idpm/dev@man>

<<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/idpm/dev@man>>

Working papers

- **105/2009** Reproductive Health and the Millennium Development Goals: Politics, Ethics, Evidence and an 'Unholy Alliance' (David Hulme)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-10509.pdf>
- **104/2009** Exploring a Political Approach to Rights-Based Development in North West Cameroon: From Rights and Marginality to Citizenship and Justice (Jeidoh Duni, Robert Fon, Sam Hickey, Nuhu Saliyu)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-10409.pdf>
- **103/2009** Microcredit, labour, and poverty impacts in urban Mexico (Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, Paul Mosley)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-10309.pdf>
- **102/2009** New Actors, New Political Spaces, Same Divided City? Reflections on Poverty and the Politics of Urban Development in Salvador, Bahia (John Gledhill, Maria Gabriela Hita)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-10209.pdf>
- **100/2009** The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): A Short History of the World's Biggest Promise (David Hulme)
<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-10009.pdf>

From IIED

- October 2008: Citizen driven action on urban poverty reduction
- April 2009: What role for mayors in good city governance?
- October 2009: Getting land for housing; what strategies work for low-income groups?
- Migration, local development and governance in small towns: two examples from the Philippines - Charito Basa, Lorna Villamil, Violeta de Guzman;
<http://www.iied.org/pubs/pdfs/10576IIED.pdf>
- The food price crisis and urban food (in)security - Marc Cohen, James L. Garrett; <http://www.iied.org/pubs/pdfs/10574IIED.pdf>
- Is urbanization contributing to higher food prices? - Jesper Stage, Jorn Stage, Gordon McGranahan;
<http://www.iied.org/pubs/pdfs/10573IIED.pdf>
- Migration and small towns in China: power hierarchy and resource allocation - Bingqin Li, Xiangsheng An;
<http://www.iied.org/pubs/pdfs/10575IIED.pdf>

COURSES

From INTRAC

Can Faith add value to Development Organisations? Thursday 3rd December 2009 'What is the value-added of your faith?' FBOs today face the challenge of being clearer about what makes them distinctive. For FBOs, faith is not simply a personal, private matter, it is also a question of organisational identity. To realise the benefits of being faith-based, FBOs have to consciously and

coherently integrate their faith – and in ways that promote understanding and cooperation.

This seminar discusses changing donor attitudes to FBOs in Europe. It highlights the potential comparative advantages of FBOs in development. Participants will explore the different choices in how faith can make a difference to an organisation's programme work, its internal organisational behaviour and its external relationships. They will discuss how to integrate faith in FBOs in an inclusive and respectful way, highlighting any on-going questions and dilemmas.

Course objectives

After being part of this training, participants will:

- Be able to identify the potential comparative advantages of FBOs
- Understand the different ways in which faith can be applied in an FBO
- Plan for how faith can be better integrated in their own organisation
- Highlight on-going questions, dilemmas and learning opportunities

Partnering with Faith Based Organisations. Friday 4th December 2009

For many international NGOs, FBOs are key partners in development. Research has demonstrated that FBOs are often viewed by the poor as the most legitimate and influential actors in development. They offer great potential as partners. But experience in partnering with FBOs is mixed. For example, they do not always conform to INGO reporting standards. FBOs are different from typical NGOs and therefore do not behave in the same way. When INGOs partner with FBOs, it is not a like-for-like partnership.

This workshop will explore what makes FBOs organisationally distinct and what we need to appreciate when engaging with FBOs. We will highlight common organisational challenges. Using participants' experiences and case studies we will analyse what difference this should make to our partnerships with FBOs and how it should affect the ways we do capacity building. We will explore the question of whether there should be a 'faith-based' approach to partnership and capacity building.

Course objectives

After being part of this training, participants will:

- Be able to identify the potential comparative advantages of FBOs
- Know the distinctive organisational features and challenges of FBOs
- Appreciate the implications for partnership and capacity building of working with FBO

Wellbeing Assessment in Public Policy and Development

Practice One week intensive course at the University of Bath 1st – 5th February 2010

Economic crisis and climate change suggest the need for a new model of development: one that puts people and the planet at the centre. The squeeze on funding intensifies the drive to improve performance, increase value for money and ensure a sound evidence base to support the spending of public funds. A focus on wellbeing links people's experience to policy outcomes, going beyond the delivery of services to the quality of their lives. Local

and national government and NGOs are therefore increasingly turning to wellbeing as the goal of community and development programmes. This requires a robust conception of wellbeing that can be effectively assessed. This unit offers the knowledge and skills to support this.

For more information please visit

<http://www.welldev.org.uk/newsdocs/wellbeing-5.pdf>

- Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, up to a maximum of 30.
- The final deadline for applications is 3 January 2010
- Apply directly to Sandra Swaby on: S.J.Swaby@bath.ac.uk

MSc/PGDip in Public Administration and Development (by distance learning) – International Development Department, University of Birmingham

The programme explores: current trends in public administration and governance; civil service reforms, working in partnerships, contracting; leadership in public administration; policy making; public finance; how to adapt public administration concepts to a variety of economic, institutional, geographic and cultural settings; and communication and coordination in a global context.

The course duration is two to four years for the MSc and is delivered using a combination of hard copy materials and web-based activities. Regular access to the internet is a requirement. Intakes in November, February and May each year.

For more information visit www.idd.bham.ac.uk or contact l.j.curry@bham.ac.uk.

The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) at the University of Manchester

Humanitarianism & conflict response MA – A new, multidisciplinary MA, the course focuses on response to crises originating from both conflict-zones and natural disasters. Bringing together the study of medicine and humanities provides a holistic approach, which mirrors the reality of aid operations and informs the reflexive processes of both analytical and applied disciplines. Students will be able to draw synergies from an exceptionally wide breadth of disciplinary traditions and research expertise.

MSc/PGDip in Poverty Reduction and Development Management (by distance learning) – International Development Department, University of Birmingham

The programme explores: theories of development and aid to enable students to develop a better understanding of why some countries remain in poverty, whilst others are rich; a number of rural development policy interventions in the context of the various definitions and perceived causes of rural poverty; the major social approaches to understanding poverty and development and the application of these approaches to projects, programmes and policy formulation; the planning and analysis of small scale investment projects; the central issues and policies in relation to processes of urbanisation and urban development in the South; and the diverse nature of international development NGOs, the many different roles they play in development work and to the challenges facing NGOs.

The course duration is two to four years for the MSc and is delivered using a combination of hard copy materials and web-

based activities. Regular access to the internet is a requirement. Only one intake per year – in September. Currently recruiting for September 2010.

For more information visit www.idd.bham.ac.uk or contact l.j.curry@bham.ac.uk.

Global Development Management, Open University

Global Development Management is a modular programme with courses that can be studied individually as well as for the Certificate, Diploma and MSC in Development Management. You can study while you work, and use your own experience to enrich your studies. The programme is designed to meet the needs of development professionals and those aspiring to work in development by:

- providing conceptual tools for understanding and interpreting the rapidly changing arenas of public action;
- teaching key skills in the institutional development, strategic management of change, project management and evaluation.

It is relevant to those working or intending to work in governmental, multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental organisations, and the private sector.

<http://qdm.open.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

Jobs and Opportunities

The Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network:

Call for proposals for its 2010 competition for research grants with a total value of up to \$CAN 50,000 each. More information at <http://www.pep-net.org/funding/call-for-proposals/>

DEADLINE: January 6, 2010

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS Residential School 2010

Governance for Development in Africa Initiative

To be held in Uganda 19-25 April 2010

Funded and supported by:

Mo Ibrahim Foundation

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation in association with SOAS and the Centre of African Studies-University of London is organising a **Summer School in Uganda in April 2010** on the topic of **'Governance and Development in Africa'**.

The residential school is for 25 participants who are policy makers, academics, or civil society representatives **from any African country** who will gain, through this training, new ideas and experience on the wide issue of good governance and development. We welcome applications from a wide range of backgrounds.

Applicants should have proven research and/or professional experiences in fields relevant to the theme of Governance and Development in Africa.

All costs for successful applicants, including economy flights, accommodation, and subsistence, will be covered. The school will run from April 19th to April 25th, 2010.

Applications should include:

1. CV (including email address for correspondence)
2. one reference letter (or names of referees in CV)
3. Proposal of max 1500 words outlining research interest and professional background and how the applicant will benefit from attending the Summer School

Deadline for applications: 10 January 2010

To be sent electronically or by postal mail to:

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FOR STUDENTS

Two Commonwealth Scholarships available with CREATE

The DFID-funded [Consortium for Research on Educational Access, Transitions and Equity \(CREATE\)](#) has been asked to nominate two suitable PhD candidates for the [Commonwealth Scholarship scheme](#).

Since their inception in 1959, some 26,000 individuals have benefited from the award of Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships to pursue advanced academic study in other Commonwealth countries. About two thirds of awards have been tenable in the United Kingdom. The vast majority of award holders

have returned to make a significant contribution to their home countries, in many cases at the highest level, making the award scheme one of the largest and most prestigious in the world.

Candidates for the 2010 scholarships are invited to submit an application to CREATE for one of two awards **in the field of educational access**:

- a doctoral degree, of up to three years duration (full-time based in the UK with field visit(s) to home country). This candidate should hold a university post in one of CREATE's partner or affiliate institutions and return to the post on completion.
- one year of research in the UK on a split-site basis, to aid in the completion of a PhD at the candidate's home institution. It is not a requirement that these candidates hold university posts. Split-site candidates should be registered at their home university (not the UK institution).

Candidates should be Commonwealth citizens from (or working in) India, Bangladesh, South Africa or Ghana.

Deadline: Completed application forms (with all necessary information) should be received by **30 November 2009**.

More information

- For more information about this opportunity please visit the [CREATE website](#) or read the [Commonwealth Scholarship Information](#) from CREATE
- [Commonwealth Scholarships website](#)
- [Scholarships Prospectus 2010](#)
- [Project record for CREATE](#)

The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) at the University of Manchester

Humanitarianism & conflict response PhD - This PhD reflects the need for structured forms of professional development coupled with dynamic knowledge practices that function effectively across multiple academic and non-academic contexts. The programme will seek to engage directly with people affected by situations of ongoing conflicts and crises. The HCRI will award the **Korchinsky Research Scholarship** for the academic year 2009/10.

Comprised of a maintenance grant and full payment of tuition fees, this will be awarded for a period of three years. The award holder will be expected to undertake an element of teaching or administrative work as a condition of her/his award.

The Broker thesis project

The Broker thesis project is a platform for masters-level research on development related issues. Masters graduates from around the world are invited to submit their theses for review by an international reading committee consisting of policy makers, journalists, politicians and academics. The reviewers will assess the theses on the basis of their originality, scientific quality and relevant to practitioners and policy makers in the field of international development. [read more](#)

RESEARCH NEWS

Research Excellence Framework News

HEFCE have published a consultation on their proposals for the Research Excellence Framework, which can be viewed at http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2009/09_38/. The consultation

will run until 16th December 2009. The DSA is preparing a response for Development Studies and has been having discussions with members of the Area Studies Community, as Development Studies and Area Studies are currently under the same Unit of Assessment.

Further information on the consultation including supporting documents and contact information can be found on the REF web pages <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/ref/>

These pages will be updated during the consultation to include FAQs and other information. Yours faithfully Pam Macpherson Barrett Higher Education Policy Advisor Research Policy (REF) HEFCE. For information on the REF see www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref. Queries should be sent to ref@hefce.ac.uk.

The draft list of nominating bodies has now been published on the HEFCE website as annex F of the REF consultation document (2009/38). It can be accessed through www.hefce.ac.uk/ref and clicking on the consultation link at the top right of the page.

The DSA discussed the REF and implications for Development Studies at its Heads of Centres Meeting on 22nd October (please visit <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/97> for more details). The DSA is also participating in a number of other meetings concerning the REF that are taking place during the consultation period.

African Economic Outlook online platform

www.AfricanEconomicOutlook.org is an online tool that puts rigorous economic data, information and research on Africa at your fingertips. Comprehensive analyses of African economies, placed in their social and political contexts, are now just a few clicks away. In addition to country profiles, this platform provides ongoing research by partner institutions (AfDB and UNECA) and African think tanks, trends and analysis of sectors critical for development. Whether you are interested in macroeconomic developments, structural issues, governance, human development or just the raw figures, it is all here. AfricanEconomicOutlook.org data, analyses and forecasts are displayed in a user-friendly manner, while remaining accessible through lower-band or mobile connections. Developed using Open Source software, the databases can be searched, GIS-mapped, downloaded, plotted and printed.

The December issue of the *European Journal of Development Research* (now published) includes a symposium of articles developed from some of the best papers at the DSA 30th Anniversary Conference in 2008, on the theme of 'Development's Invisible Hands'. The papers presented explore a variety of forces at work in development, including religion and conflict, political institutions, non-governmental action and the securitisation of aid, and migration.

To celebrate this issue, the EJDR is making Oliver Rubin's article, *'The Merits of Democracy in Famine Protection – Fact or Fallacy?'* free to access until the end of the year. Professor Rubin's article was winner of the EJDR essay prize in 2008.

- 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 |