

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the last DSA bulletin for 2009. Possibly a year that many will be glad to see the back of, so we look forward to a more positive 2010. We are hoping to expand the DSA's activities to provide more tangible outputs for members and the development studies community.

I'd like to wish everyone the very best for the season and to say that the DSA office will be resuming normal office hours on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. We will be monitoring emails over the break but only responding intermittently.

Dates for the Annual Conferences for 2010 and 2011 are now fixed, and we will be providing more details of these in the New Year. please see below.

If you have been advertising courses throughout this year in the bulletin, could you please resubmit the details for January's bulletin as I have shortened this version and cleared the Courses section for the start of the new year.

Many thanks for all your support for the DSA and we look forward to working with you in 2010!

Frances

*Frances Hill, Executive Director*

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## NEWS FROM THE DSA

#### DSA Goes to Davos and New York!

As a follow on from the DFID funded DSA 2009 Policy Forum in Brussels on the MDGs and in the light of 2010 being the review year for the MDGs, the DSA along with partners, UNDP, EADI, IDS, DFID and Global Risk Forum are holding Roundtables in New York on 25<sup>th</sup> January and in Davos at the World Economic Forum on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The New York Roundtable is by invitation only as spaces are very limited, but if anyone is going to

be in Davos on 30<sup>th</sup> January, you would be very welcome to attend that Roundtable. Email [admin@devstud.org.uk](mailto:admin@devstud.org.uk) for more details.

#### Conference Dates

A note for your diaries on dates for our forthcoming Annual Conferences:

- 2010 . at Church House, Westminster on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010. More details to follow.
- 2011 . we are hosting EADI's 13<sup>th</sup> General Conference in the UK in 2011 so are combining our Conferences for what we hope will be the largest gathering of development studies researchers, practitioners and policy makers from around the world. The event will be held between Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011. More details to follow.

#### 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](http://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](mailto:admin@devstud.org.uk) with ~~for~~ Twitter in the subject line.

#### Study Groups

Study Group convenors can now amend their pages directly via their My DSA Space when logging in as a member. Guidelines on how to do this are available from the website at [http://www.devstud.org.uk/downloads/4b3214bcc17aa\\_how-to-studygroup-pages.pdf](http://www.devstud.org.uk/downloads/4b3214bcc17aa_how-to-studygroup-pages.pdf)

Currently there is no facility to actually upload documents so you will still need to send those through to [admin@devstud.org.uk](mailto:admin@devstud.org.uk) for uploading. You will need to have the full text of your page in place so that we can then upload and make the link to the download page.

Convenors also need to bear in mind that their individual membership needs to be up to date, otherwise their Study Group page will not display on the website.

#### 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](mailto:h.e.johnson@open.ac.uk)).

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[www.interscience.wiley.com/journal/jid](http://www.interscience.wiley.com/journal/jid)

Special Issue: MAPPING GLOBAL INEQUALITIES

Edited by: Ben Crow, Brian Fulfrost and Nichole Zlatunich. Editorial Assistant: Elisabeth Nishioka

- Introduction
- Mapping Global Inequalities: Beyond Income Inequality to Multi-Dimensional Inequalities *B. Crow, N. Zlatunich and B. Fulfrost*
- 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](mailto: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](http://www.devstud.org.uk/downloads/4aca313aab4ab_DSA-how-to-update-individual-profile.doc) available from the website at [http://www.devstud.org.uk/downloads/4aca313aab4ab\\_DSA-how-to-update-individual-profile.doc](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](http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/news/research_news-6-0.html)

### 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.**

\*\*Download the Call for Papers here:

[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/new/web/uploads/assets/files/events/2010/ce\\_call\\_for\\_papers.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/new/web/uploads/assets/files/events/2010/ce_call_for_papers.pdf)

### 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) ([http://www.geh.ox.ac.uk/pdf/pdf-misc/Call\\_for\\_Papers\\_OX-2010%20-v8.pdf](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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

### International Conference on Making Development Inclusive University of Bradford

**Call for Abstracts**

It is expected that there will be nine parallel sessions and four plenary discussions. The key themes for parallel sessions are listed below.

**Poverty and Inequality**

- Economic growth and international trade as engines of inclusive development
- Poverty and inequality: human rights and capabilities: persistence of poverty, debates concerning multi-dimensional nature of poverty, person-centred approaches to development
- Micro-finance initiatives as a means to fighting poverty and promoting self-help based credit institutions
- Cost benefit analysis, methodological and informational challenges and innovations

### **Institutions**

- Controlling corruption and building good governance: issues related to strengthening the role of citizens and civil society institutions in making state accountable.
- Strategic human resources management: the role of values and view-points in developing management of organisations
- Political economy of development

### **Society and Economy**

- Social-economics . focusing on culture and identity in understanding economic rationality and behavior of economic agents
- Migration and development . focusing on the roles of economic and social dimensions of migration
- Water, natural resources and governance challenges

### **Deadlines**

Paper proposals in the form of detailed abstracts of up to 1,000 words are invited from academics, researchers, public policy analysts, researchers in local government and NGOs, development activists, and PhD students well into their research.

**Deadline for submission of abstracts is 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Abstracts will be reviewed by parallel session co-ordinators. If the paper proposal is accepted, complete papers are due by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

Publication: Original and unpublished papers will be considered for inclusion in an edited book to be published after the conference subject to peer review process.

### **Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference**

**London, 1-3 September 2010 ([www.rgs.org/AC2010](http://www.rgs.org/AC2010))** Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) and Imperial College, London

#### **First Call for Papers**

Members of the geographical and related communities are invited to propose sessions or submit papers to open sessions for the RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2010. This three day event attracts more than 1200 participants from around the world presenting research papers spanning the breadth of the discipline. This year's conference theme is *Confronting the Challenges of the Post-Crisis Global Economy and Environment*; Chair of conference Professor Neil Wrigley, University of Southampton You are invited to propose sessions with papers, or individual papers for open sessions. Sessions will be advertised on the Conference website. <[www.rgs.org/AC2010](http://www.rgs.org/AC2010)>

Sessions will be 1 hour 40 minutes in length but the format is flexible; contributed papers, poster sessions, panel discussions, practitioner forums, or other innovative sessions or formats are encouraged. Most sessions will contain five x 20 minute papers (with time included in each for questions) or four x 20 minute papers with discussion / questions at the end. All sessions will be

reviewed and approved by the Conference Planning Committee after 22 February.

### **Key dates:**

**1 December** - Call for papers website to go live: Advertise a call for papers: <[www.rgs.org/AC2010](http://www.rgs.org/AC2010)>

**22 February** - deadline for complete session and abstract submissions by Research Group / Independent session organisers to the Society

**29 March** - deadline for submission of abstracts to open sessions (to the RGS-IBG)

**More information at [www.rgs.org/ac2010](http://www.rgs.org/ac2010)**

### **EVENTS – Conferences, Seminars, Meetings**

The Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty is holding a training workshop on 'Migration Policies: UK perspectives in a global context' on Friday 22nd January at One Great George Street, London, SW1. You may have taken part in previous training workshops on Migration and Development organised by our centre.

This training workshop is aimed at policymakers and advisors in the UK government and voluntary sector. The objective is to stimulate thinking on concrete approaches to migration management in the context of needing to work with other countries to better understand and manage global migration according to the Managing Global Migration strategy. The event will focus on how UK priorities connect with international developments, and policy options will be explored in the light of evidence from research at the Migration DRC, the hosts of the workshop, and other invited institutions.

Richard Black (Migration DRC) will lead the training day and introduce the workshop with a session situating development impacts of migration within the UK policy context, Rachel Sabates-Wheeler from IDS will look at the complexities of 'illegality', Mike Collyer from the University of Sussex will address the effects and limitations of assisted voluntary returns policies and finally Ronald Skeldon will talk about the economic downturn, impacts on migration trends and patterns, particularly for irregular migration.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants and there is a fee of £130 per person. (Fees may be waived for community organisations and NGOs; please respond to this email to enquire about this.)

If you have any queries about this workshop, please email or use the contact details below.

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[www.migrationdrc.org](http://www.migrationdrc.org)  
[www.mafeproject.com](http://www.mafeproject.com)

### WORKSHOP: 'STATE-BUILDING, SECURITY & DEVELOPMENT', PSA Conference, Edinburgh, 29 Mar – 1 Apr 2010

Development has always been about re-engineering and transformation of societies, so the increasing focus on building peaceful states and societies could be about recasting what is meant by peaceful state and society. It also reflects an increasing coming together of International Relations and Development Studies in ways that may significantly impact theoretical advances in both disciplines and contribute to the creation of more joined up policy approaches. We welcome both theoretical and empirical papers exploring state-building, security and development, and particularly welcome those based on fieldwork.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words to be sent to Dr Heather Marquette ([h.a.marquette@bham.ac.uk](mailto:h.a.marquette@bham.ac.uk)) or Dr Danielle Beswick ([d.beswick@bham.ac.uk](mailto:d.beswick@bham.ac.uk)) by Monday 1st February 2010. Further details available from [www.idd.bham.ac.uk](http://www.idd.bham.ac.uk) <<http://www.idd.bham.ac.uk>>

### 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 Lamer (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 **9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Jessica3.scott@northumbria.ac.uk).

#### Seminar 4 – Biographies of Activism and Social Change

This seminar will take place on **8<sup>th</sup> 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 New IDS Publications

A Tale of Two Cities: The Political Economy of Local Investment  
Climate in Solo and Manado, Indonesia

Arianto A. Patunru, Neil McCulloch and Christian von Luebke  
IDS Working Paper 338

#### Adoption of Open Business Models in the West and Innovation in India's Software Industry

Rasmus Lema  
IDS Research Report 62

#### State-Business Relations and Investment in Egypt

Abla Abdel-Latif and Hubert Schmitz  
IDS Research Report 61

#### Women's Livelihoods, Global Markets and Citizenship

Julie Thekkudan and Rajesh Tandon  
IDS Working Papers 336

#### IDS In Focus Policy Briefing 13

*Children in a Changing Climate: Lessons from Research and Practice*

#### IDS In Focus Policy Briefing 12

*Making the Case for Aid: The Challenge of UK Public Perceptions*

#### Rural Investment Climate in Indonesia

Edited by Neil McCulloch

#### Hybrid Public Action

Edited by Peter K. Spink, Naomi Hossain and Nina J. Best  
IDS Bulletin 40.6

#### Making Science of Influencing: Assessing the Impact of Development Research

Andy Sumner, Nick Ishmael-Perkins and Johanna Lindstrom  
IDS Working Paper 335

#### IDS Podcasts

*The Big Question for Development, IDS Podcast December 2009*  
<http://www.ids.ac.uk/go/news/the-big-question-for-development-ids-podcast-december-2009>

### Brooks World Poverty Institute

#### Working Paper series:

- 108/09 - Welfare Effects of Regressive Taxation and Subsidies in China (Xiaobing Wang, Jenifer Piesse)
- <http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-10809.pdf>
- 107/09 - Using Mixed Methods in Monitoring and Evaluation: Experiences from International Development (Michael Bamberger, Vijayendra Rao, Michael Woolcock)
- <http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-10709.pdf>
- 106/09 - Do transfers generate local economy effects? (Armando Barrientos, Rachel Sabatés-Wheeler)
- <http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-10609.pdf>

### New publications

#### **Youth Violence in Latin America: Gangs and Juvenile Justice in Perspective**

Edited by Gareth A. Jones and Dennis Rodgers, 2009, Palgrave Macmillan.

BWPI Senior Research Fellow Dennis Rodgers is co-editor of this book on gangs and youth violence in Latin America.

'Through the juxtaposition of wide-ranging, cutting-edge studies focusing specifically on youth gangs and the dynamics of juvenile justice, this volume provides a balanced and systematic comparative overview of the reality of present-day Latin American youth violence'.

For more information see

<http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/news/index.html>

[development@manchester](mailto:development@manchester). research notes series

Issue 2: *Concluding the Doha Round – What's going on at the WTO and why it's unlikely to help the world's poorest* (Rorden Wilkinson)

<http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/idpm/research/publications/dev@man/devman-research-note-200902.pdf>

### Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC)

#### Working Paper series:

- **The Government of Chronic Poverty Working Paper series: The local government of Chronic Poverty in Tanzania** (Maia Green)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP145%20Green.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP145%20Green.pdf)
- **Seeing like a 'PWA': a study of therapeutic citizens and welfare subjects in Cape Town, South Africa** (Christopher Colvin, Joan Leavens, Steven Robins)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP144%20Colvin-Leavens-Robins.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP144%20Colvin-Leavens-Robins.pdf)
- **"We have always lived here": indigenous movements, citizenship and poverty in Argentina** (Matthias vom Hau, Guillermo Wilde)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP146%20Vom%20Hau-Wilde.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP146%20Vom%20Hau-Wilde.pdf)
- **Rectifying the anti-politics of citizen participation: Insights from the internal politics of a subaltern community in Nepal** (Katsuhiko Masaki)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP147%20Masaki.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP147%20Masaki.pdf)
- **School exclusion as social exclusion: the basic education policy origins of adverse incorporation and social exclusion in Bangladesh** (Naomi Hossain)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP148%20Hossain.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP148%20Hossain.pdf)
- **Decentring poverty, reworking government: movements and states in the government of poverty** (Anthony Bebbington, Diana Mitlin, Jan Mogaladi, Martin Scurrah, C. Bielich)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP149%20Bebbington%20et-al.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP149%20Bebbington%20et-al.pdf)

- **Governing chronic poverty under inclusive liberalism: the case of the Northern Uganda Social Action Fund** (Samuel Hickey, Frederick Golooba-Mutebi)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP150%20Mutebi-Hickey.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP150%20Mutebi-Hickey.pdf)

#### Working Papers / Publications:

- **Poverty dynamics in rural Sindh, Pakistan** (Hari Ram Lohano)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP157%20Lohano.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP157%20Lohano.pdf)
- **Poverty and vulnerability in rural China: effects of taxation** (Katsushi Imai)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP156%20Imai.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP156%20Imai.pdf)
- **Extending labour inspections to the informal sector and agriculture** (Priya Deshingkar)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP154%20Deshingkar.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP154%20Deshingkar.pdf)
- **Poverty and growth in remote villages in Tanzania (2004-2008)** (Lucia da Corta, Laurence Price)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP153%20daCorta-Price.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP153%20daCorta-Price.pdf)
- **Assets and poverty traps in rural Bangladesh** (Agnes Quisumbing, Bob Baulch)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP143%20Baulch-Quisumbing.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP143%20Baulch-Quisumbing.pdf)
- **Parallel realities: exploring poverty dynamics using mixed methods in rural Bangladesh** (Peter Davis, Bob Baulch)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP142%20Davis-Baulch.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP142%20Davis-Baulch.pdf)
- **Vulnerability and poverty in Bangladesh** (Shafiu Azam, Katsushi Imai)  
[http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication\\_files/WP141%20Azam-Imai.pdf](http://www.chronicpoverty.org/uploads/publication_files/WP141%20Azam-Imai.pdf)

Working papers are available to download from the CPRC website:

<http://www.chronicpoverty.org/publications/search/simple/doctype/4>  
Other news

[The global financial crisis: are women more likely to be pushed into chronic poverty?](#) CPRC opinion argues that although in the short-term, it is the working poor who are most visibly affected by the financial crisis, harmful household coping strategies threaten to push women and their dependents into chronic poverty.  
[Inclusive growth in India?](#) Blog that discusses the achievements of 'Inclusive Growth' as the mid-term appraisal of the 11th Five Year Plan takes place.

### COURSES

**Wellbeing Assessment in Public Policy and Development Practice** One week intensive course at the University of Bath 1<sup>st</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> 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/newspdfs/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](mailto:S.J.Swaby@bath.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 19<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

### 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

**Ecosystem Services and Poverty Alleviation** The Department for International Development (DFID), the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) are pleased to announce GBP 40.5 million for the Ecosystem Services and Poverty Alleviation (ESPA) research programme. This exciting programme is seeking to fund high quality and cutting-edge research that will improve our understanding of ecosystems in terms of the services they provide for poverty reduction and inclusive growth processes. The first call for proposals has a deadline of **16:00 on March 3, 2010**. [Read more](#) on DFID's R4D website.

### 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/](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2009/09_38/). The consultation ran until 16th December 2009. The DSA has prepared 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](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref) . Queries should be sent to [ref@hefce.ac.uk](mailto: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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup> October (please visit <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/97> for more details).

### African Economic Outlook online platform

[www.AfricanEconomicOutlook.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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

#### Eligibility:

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