

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to April's edition of the DSA Bulletin. It has been an interesting month for me, having been caught at Stansted on 15th April listening to the apocalyptic message that a volcanic ashcloud had grounded my flight to Slovenia and then in the last week being one of three women attending a conference on Domestic Resource Mobilisation in sub-Saharan Africa primarily discussing the role of tax and how to strengthen and deepen the tax base in most SSA countries. Both encroach on our lives in very different ways and underscore the value of looking at situations far more holistically. Development Studies does this quite well, but I am still surprised at the fractures I come across when dipping into the different worlds of research, policy and practice that I have the privilege to do so.

On the physical side, I have made mention in previous bulletins of our need to engage more with earth scientists. Two events in the last four months have highlighted this need – Haiti and the Icelandic volcano. We now need to add meteorologists to the list. I am reminded of Chaos Theory – or as some would have it now, the 'Theory of Dynamic Systems', where two slightly different sets of initial conditions can lead to quite different developments. Icelandic volcanoes have been erupting for millions of years with little consequence outside Iceland. However, in this case the eruption under a glacier causing large amounts of steam to shoot into the air, combined with a certain wind direction resulted in a completely different – and very expensive outcome for many countries – not just in Europe. Thousands of tonnes of food have rotted in Kenya and other countries awaiting export, their demise the result of knowledge held by meteorologists, vulcanologists and flight engineers. We will all suffer – the price of the replacement food will be higher for us in developed countries and the farmers will have lost out big time in the country of production. Is anyone working on a Chaos Theory approach to Development?

To come down from the clouds, possibly with quite a bump. I have just returned from a fascinating conference at Wilton Park on the role of Domestic Resource Mobilisation in sub-Saharan Africa. The spread of participants was unlike an event I have been to before – there were many people actively involved in the collection of taxes and hard core fiscal policy people. There were also only 3 women. Whilst the policy forum was dominated by men, when it came to discussions on the building up of a tax base, it became very clear that women have a vital role to play, but that very little research has been done on this and there was a real disconnect in the literature. More needs to be done at this interface – the role of women in fostering a notion of the collective good within the family, ensuring the government are held to their fiscal contract to provide services in exchange for these taxes, the intergenerational impact women's influence will have in the longer term establishment of an effective mobilisation of domestic resources etc. Other examples - such as the creation of domestic stock exchanges can enable women to invest if they are forbidden to own land. I could go on. Does a Women and Finance Research Programme exist? If not, it should.

Different experiences but the same 'take aways' provoked through brushes with 'The Development Fringe'. Such variety is what makes where I sit so very interesting!

Best wishes,

Frances
Frances Hill, Executive Director

NEWS FROM THE DSA

Conference dates 2010 – Call for Standalone Papers now out
Conference 2011 – University of York, 19 – 22nd September 2011, teaming up with EADI's General Conference

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Conference 2010 : Development Paths: Values, Ethics and Morality – Call for PAPERS – Please note changes in dates for submission

The Call for Standalone Paper Abstracts is now open.

Papers submitted under the standalone category that appear to fit within an open Themed Panel will be forwarded to the relevant panel convenor for consideration.

The panels open to standalone papers, selected for this year's Conference are as follows:

- Poverty reduction as development morality---theory & practice (Open)
- Old values, new practice? The politics of happiness and wellbeing in daily lives and development policy and practice (Limited space for standalone papers)
- Morality and the Media (Open)

More details on the panels can be found on the website at www.devstud.org.uk/events/conference/

INDIVIDUAL AND JOINTLY AUTHORED PAPERS

Written by individuals or more than one person, relevant to one of the panels selected or standalone. We emphasise that they do not need to fit within one of the above three open panels.

- If you are submitting a paper under one of the panels, you will need to submit your abstract to Panel Convenors by their stated deadline.

- If you wish to have a standalone paper considered, please send an abstract in by **Friday 28th May 2010 in the requested format**
- Authors will be notified no later than **1st July 2010**
- **Final Deadline for full papers Friday 17th September 2010**
- **Deadline for presentations 22nd October 2010 (especially important for those awardees attending the Presentation Skills Masterclass)**

A small number of bursaries for nationals of developing countries studying in the UK and Ireland will be available for those wishing to present their work at the Conference.

Please visit <http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/conference/> for the full guidelines and Call for Panel Concepts as well as links to Bursary and Prize award information/criteria.

Conference 2011

The DSA is delighted to be hosting EADI's 13th General Conference in the UK in 2011. This combination will provide 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 19th and 22nd 2011** at the University of York. The Call for contributions will be out in the Summer of this year. We are encouraging DSA Study Groups to participate and possibly work with EADI Working Groups to converge around a topic or link up with complementary groups for a truly cross-disciplinary discussion over the four day period.

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.

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

Currently there is no facility to actually upload documents so you will still need to send those through to 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.

ICT Policy in Developing Countries workshop: 25 March IS

Information, Technology and Development Group: Workshop Report

The DSA's "Information, Technology and Development" study group held a one-day workshop on 25 March 2010 on "ICT Policy in Developing Countries", hosted by the University of Manchester's Centre for Development Informatics.

We had eight presentations in total. One provided an overview of key ICT policy issues. Three analysed the main achievements and challenges faced by national ICT policies; in Nepal, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. Two used analytical frameworks to understand the implementation of ICT policy in Pakistan and China. Two analysed the ICT policy-making process, in Uganda, and for regional policy across Africa.

A summary statement from the workshop - Delivering Coherent ICT Policies in Developing Countries - has been created, looking at ICT policy coherence with the main challenges of development; with the "ICT4D value chain"; with development policy; and at the delivery of coherent policy. This summary plus abstracts, PowerPoint presentations and photos from the workshop can be found at: <http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/research/cdi/newsandevents/>

The study group's web pages have also been updated to include links to this and previous ITD group events: http://www.devstud.org.uk/studygroups/information_technology_and_development-34.html

Women And Development Study Group: Meeting Saturday 5th June, University of York

Agenda now finalised. Very interesting and diverse programme of papers. Please visit http://www.devstud.org.uk/studygroups/women_and_development-43.html

The 2010 meeting will be held at the University of York, Heslington, York on **Saturday 5th June 2010 (please note revised date)**, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting is open to all members, and graduates, activists and academics are most welcome.

Anyone wishing to stay after the meeting is welcome to do so. 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.

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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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Md. Abul Basher

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Book Reviews

Raj Rhapsodies: Tourism, Heritage and the Seduction of History by Carol E. Henderson, Maxine Weisgrau (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007, 280 pp., ISBN 978-0754670674). (p 530-531)

Development Success. Statecraft in the South, edited by A. Bebbington and W. McCourt (Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007). (p 532-533)

'*Agri-food commodity chains and globalising networks*' by Stringer, C. Le Heron, R. (eds). (p 534-535)

China Urbanizes: Consequences, Strategies, and Policies by Shahid Yusuf, Tony Saich (Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2008). (p 536-537)

Making Poor Nations Rich: Entrepreneurship and the Process of Economic Development by B. Powell (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008, pp. 480, ISBN-10: 0804757321). (p 538-539)

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

Submissions invited for Trócaire Development Review 2010:

Trócaire produces the annual Development Review, the only annual Irish peer-reviewed journal dedicated to policy analysis and research findings on development issues. The journal is multi-disciplinary, containing articles on economic, social and political themes related to poverty in the developing world. Submissions should focus on pertinent issues in the field of development studies and international relations, with particular reference to the impact of Irish policy and NGO action in the developing world. The journal has two areas of focus. One is a thematic focus that changes year to year and this year looks at how to strengthen food security in order to halve global hunger by 2015? The second is a standing focus that looks at Ireland's role in international development. For further details on the call for papers please visit:

<http://www.trocaire.org/resources/call-for-papers> or contact Tara Bedi at tbedi@trocaire.ie. Closing date: 31 May, 2010.

EVENTS – Conferences, Seminars, Meetings

Also visit our Events Calendar for many more events at

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

Migration and the Right to Health. A two day conference to be held on May 26th & 27th at Chancellors Hall, Senate House, University of London. Co-convenors: Jasmine Gideon (Birkbeck College) and Felicity Thomas (Institute of Education).

For more information and link to registration:

<http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/128>

No Return to Realpolitik: Oxfam host foreign policy debate

'British foreign policy that protects civilians from armed conflict is good for them - and good for Britain'

Whatever the outcome of the general election, Britain's foreign policy over the next five years faces momentous challenges. This major debate could hardly be more topical, asking some of the toughest questions that, under any Government, the UK will face. Should Britain help distant countries find peace? Can we do it effectively, and do we benefit? Or, in a dangerous world, should we shed the illusion of shared interests and revert to an honest realpolitik based on national interest?

Introduction by **Barbara Stocking**, Chief Executive, Oxfam GB
Chaired by **Jeremy Bowen**, BBC Middle East Editor

Speakers to propose the motion:

Mary Riddell, Daily Telegraph columnist

Edward Davey MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Foreign Secretary

Speakers to oppose the motion:

Peter Osborne, Daily Mail Political columnist

David Chandler, Professor of International Relations, University of Westminster

The debate will be held in London's major new arts and conference centre, Kings Place, only a few meters from King's Cross station. The time will be 7.00pm to 8.30pm on Monday 17 May. Advance tickets are only £9.50 available from Kings Place at:

<http://www.kingsplace.co.uk/spoken-word/words-on-monday/no-return-to-realpolitik>

'Place Based Learning' for Sustainability and Global Citizenship

London South Bank University 11th June 2010

<http://www.devstud.org.uk/events/calendar/126>

Higher Education and the Sustainability Challenge

- Tuesday June 22nd 2010, Central London, 09:15 - 16:00

(Please view agenda by clicking this link:

<http://insidegovernment.msgfocus.com/c/1sDiROdYLsCZhsQYL>)

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing the world and higher education is uniquely placed to play a leading role in sustainable development and help the UK meet its targets. With many institutions already reducing their own carbon footprint through energy efficiency and better environmental management.

The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) will require institutions to have carbon-management plans in place after 2011. To add further pressure on universities, the government has said that from 2011, some of the funding that institutions will receive will be linked to how well they are reducing their carbon emissions.

This forum will examine innovative solutions and delegates will have the chance to discuss sustainability and responsibility in higher education.

PUBLICATIONS

From the Institute of Development Studies

Negotiating Empowerment

Edited by Andrea Cornwall and Jenny Edwards

IDS Bulletin Vol 41 No 2

<http://www.ntd.co.uk/idsbookshop/details.asp?id=1147>

Value Chains, Donor Interventions and Poverty Reduction: A Review of Donor Practice

John Humphrey and Lizbeth Navas-Alemán

IDS Research Report 63

<http://www.ntd.co.uk/idsbookshop/details.asp?id=1160>

The Inductance Tax - What Tobin Really Meant

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Citizenship and Social Movements Perspectives from the Global South

Edited by Lisa Thompson and Chris Tapscott

<http://www.ntd.co.uk/idsbookshop/details.asp?id=1146>

Transforming Children's Lives Through Innovation in Quality Education: Implications for Policy and Practice

Katy Oswald and Kathleen Moriarty

IDS Practice Paper 4

<http://www.ntd.co.uk/idsbookshop/details.asp?id=1145>

Thinking Big, Going Global: the Challenge of BRAC's Global Expansion

Naomi Hossain and Anasuya Sengupta

IDS Working Papers 339

<http://www.ntd.co.uk/idsbookshop/details.asp?id=1144>

New IDS Podcast

The Big Question for Development, IDS Podcast April 2010

As the IMF prepares to publish their consultation report the IDS podcast asks Stephany Griffith-Jones for her opinion on financial transaction taxes and Neil McCulloch about his alternative 'Panic Tax'.

<http://www.ids.ac.uk/go/news/the-big-question-for-development-ids-podcast-april-2010>

The **STEPS Centre** is pleased to announce the publication of *Avian Influenza: Science, Policy and Politics*, part of the new 'Pathways to Sustainability' series.

The book lays out the lessons from the international avian influenza response and suggests a way forward based on 'One World, One Health' principles. The book is based on an analysis of the politics of policy process, both at the international level, and in four countries in South East Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam.

You can order a copy from the publishers at a 20% discount from Earthscan Books or through Amazon.

http://www.earthscan.co.uk/Portals/0/pdfs/Avian_Influenza_UK.pdf
<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Avian-Influenza-Pathways-Sustainability-Scoones/dp/1849710961/>

New Publications from IIED, www.iied.org

Books

Hidden forestry revealed: Characteristics, constraints and opportunities for small and medium forest enterprises in Ghana

To view: <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=13552IIED>

Investment contracts and sustainable development: How to make contracts for fairer and more sustainable natural resource investments

To view: <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=17507IIED>

Scenario Planning with African Pastoralists: A 'How To' Guide

To view: <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=10023IIED>

Briefings & Opinions

High-density housing that works for all

To view: <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=17079IIED>

Journals

Pastoralism

To view: <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=X00038>

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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

Papers and reports

Global Economic Crisis

An Invisible Crisis? Women's poverty and social exclusion in the European Union at a time of recession

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2010032517145501>

Oxfam GB

Publication date – Mar 10

Humanitarian

Delivering Money: Cash transfer mechanisms in emergencies

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2010041215543677>

Oxfam International

Publication date – Mar 10

Haiti: A Once-in-a-Century Chance for Change: Beyond reconstruction: re-envisioning Haiti with equity, fairness, and opportunity

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2010032913372063>

Oxfam International

Publication date – Mar 10

Private Sector

Oxfam International Briefing for Business: Better Jobs in Better Supply Chains

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2010032210035421>

Oxfam International

Publication date – Mar 10

Global Economic Crisis website

Visit www.oxfam.org.uk/economiccrisis for Oxfam's research and advocacy on the global economic crisis. Includes an overview and key facts; the latest research and policy papers; and new blogs and related links.

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:

[Book Review: how citizen action leads to national change](#)

[Kenyan farmers raise money for British theatre](#)

[Whatever happened to Robin Hood? Update on the Financial Transaction Tax](#)

[Do the MDGs influence national development policies?](#)

[Final Thoughts on Vietnam and the American War](#)

Brooks World Poverty Institute

The European Journal of International Development are looking for people to review the following books. If you are interested in doing a review, please contact Marina Della Giusta on m.dellaGiusta@henley.reading.ac.uk:

- Learning for Development- Hazel Johnson and Gordon Wilson
- Science and Technology for Development – James Smith
- Thinking about Development- Bjorn Hettne
- Mega-Cities: The Politics of Urban Exclusion and Violence in the Global South- Kees Koonings and Dirk Kruijt Eds
- Progress Driven Entrepreneurs: Private Equity Finance and Regulatory Issues- Zuhayr Mikidashi
- Innovation Policies and International Trade Rules: The Textiles and Clothing Industry in Developing Countries- K. Lal and P.A. Mohnen Eds
- Protection by Persuasion: International Cooperation in the Refugee Regime- A. Betts
- Building Prosperity: Housing and Economic Development- Anna Kajamulo Tibaijuka
- Counter-terrorism, Aid and Civil Society- Jude Howell and Jeremy Lind
- Economic Reforms in China and India: Emerging Issues and Challenges- B.S. Reddy
- After 2015: International Development at a Crossroads- Andy Sumner and Meera Tiwari
- Health for Some: The Political Economy of Global Health Governance- S.J.MacLean, S.A.Brown and P.Fourie Eds
- Tournament Approaches to Policy Reform: Making Development Assistance More Effective- C.F.Zinnes
- Feeding India: The Spatial Parameters of Food Grain Policy- F. Landy

Distance Learning For Development

The Distance Learning for Development (DL4D) website www.dl4d.ac.uk provides information on over 140 high-quality postgraduate courses on international development from the University of London.

Our courses involve up to 240 hours of study and are delivered using a range of media, including online learning, CD-Roms, and print-based materials. They are stand-alone courses, but can also be used towards acquiring higher-level qualifications. The DL4D project is coordinated by the London International Development Centre (LIDC) - a collaborative project facilitating interdisciplinary research and training to address international development issues.

COURSES

New One-Week Programme on Governance and Leadership in Africa at SOAS, University of London

The School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London) is launching a new one-week programme **Governance and Leadership in Africa** which will run at the main SOAS campus in Bloomsbury in central London from **13 – 17 September 2010**. The programme will provide an excellent opportunity for managers from government departments and NGOs based in Africa or working on Africa-related issues to focus on and discuss topical issues affecting the African continent.

Sessions will draw from the unrivalled expertise at SOAS as well as renowned academics from other institutions, providing two sessions each morning followed by a practical, interactive workshop each afternoon. Topics will include the following:

- Contemporary challenges of governance and leadership
- Law and governance
- Corruption and anti-corruption strategies
- Conflict resolution and the role of government
- Africa's relations with China and India
- Civil society and governance
- Gender issues

The course will be convened by Dr Emilia Onyema from SOAS and administered by the Research and Enterprise Office which incorporates the Centre of African Studies.

For further details of the programme, fees and information on how to enrol on the programme please visit www.soas.ac.uk/gla or email louiseroberts@soas.ac.uk or call +44 207 898 4837.

NEW One-Day Training Courses in International Development,

Centre of African Studies, the University of Edinburgh
The Centre of African Studies is offering the following one-day courses in 2010 for professionals and volunteers working in international development who are looking to maintain and enhance their knowledge:

Religion and Development in Developing Countries: 7 May

Aid Effectiveness and Development: 20 May

Biofuels and Technology for Development: 22 April and 14 May

For full details, prices and booking, see:

<http://www.cas.ed.ac.uk/cpd> or contact Rachel Hayman (rachel.hayman@ed.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: www.ids.ac.uk/go/teaching/postgraduate-programmes/ma-science-society-and-development or contact the Programme Administrator Lisa Ross

Tel: +44 (0)1273 915854 E-mail: teaching@ids.ac.uk

The Institute for the Study of the Americas is offering a new postgraduate degree for students wishing to specialise in development issues relating to Latin America: an **MSc in Latin American Studies (Development)**. The degree provides a historical review of Latin American development and introduces students to the theories and concepts that inform contemporary debates and development policy. Optional courses are available in economics, human rights, politics and sociology.

The new degree complements the Institute's popular degree on Globalisation and Latin American Development. Further details are available at: www.americas.sas.ac.uk/postgraduate_study.htm. Apply by March to be eligible for funding (see www.sas.ac.uk/funding.html).

Courses from INTRAC

Advocacy and Policy Influencing

19-23rd July 2010 and 7-11 February 2011

£1250 fully residential (4 nights accommodation and all meals),
£999 non-residential (including lunch, refreshments and materials)
Oxford, UK

http://www.intrac.org/events.php?training_calendar=1

Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation

27 September–1 October 2010

£1250 fully residential (4 nights accommodation and all meals),
£999 non-residential (including lunch, refreshments and materials)
Oxford, UK

<http://www.intrac.org/events.php?action=event&id=90>

Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation

18-22 October 2010 and 14-18 March 2011

£1250 fully residential (4 nights accommodation and all meals),
£999 non-residential (including lunch, refreshments and materials)
Oxford, UK

<http://www.intrac.org/events.php?action=event&id=91>

Introduction to Partner Capacity Building

10-14 May 2010

£1250 fully residential (4 nights accommodation and all meals),
£999 non-residential (including lunch, refreshments and materials)
Oxford, UK

<http://www.intrac.org/events.php?action=event&id=98>

Impact Assessment 26-28 May 2010

Repeated 6-8 October 2010 and 23-25 March 2011

With increased pressure on delivery and accountability, the need has never been greater for development and civil society organisations to assess the longer-term impact of their work. This three-day course explores the challenge of measuring impact and attribution and provides very practical tools and methods.

Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

International Summer School in Forced Migration 5–23 July 2010

Applications are invited for this year's International Summer School in Forced Migration, to be held at Wadham College, Oxford. The Summer School, now in its 21st year, offers an intensive, interdisciplinary and participative approach to the study of forced migration. It aims to enable people working with refugees and other forced migrants to examine critically the forces and institutions that dominate the world of the displaced. Beginning with reflection on the diverse ways of conceptualising forced migration, the course considers political, legal and wellbeing issues associated with contemporary displacement. Individual course modules also tackle a range of other topics, including globalisation and forced migration, and negotiating strategies in humanitarian situations.

The participants

Typically comprising more than 40 nationalities, participants include host government officials, intergovernmental and non-governmental agency **practitioners** involved with assistance and policymaking for forced migrants, and **researchers** specialising in the study of forced migration. The course, which is residential, is held in Oxford. Teaching is conducted in English.

The teaching

Lecturers and tutors include research staff, academics and professionals from the Refugee Studies Centre and other world-class institutions, drawn from a number of disciplines and practices including law, anthropology, politics, and international relations.

Sponsorship

A number of bursaries are offered on a competitive basis to applicants from less-developed countries.

Fees

£3,025.

Applications

By post, fax or online. For further information and an application form, please visit our website

http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/teaching_summer.html or contact

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Jobs and Opportunities (for more details visit

<http://www.devstud.org.uk/about/employment/>)

Opportunities from the University of Manchester:

- Lectureship in Physical Geography (Quaternary Science)
- Lectureship in Physical Geography (Geographical Information Science)
- Reader/Senior Lecturer in Development Economics/Finance
- Chair in Urban and Environmental Planning
- Lectureship in Geography (one year fixed term)

Details

at: <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/jobs/academic/vacancy/index.htm?ref=172211>

Deadline for applications: 14th May 2010

Global South Scholar-In-Residence Programme - Call for applications

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva is launching a new programme: the **Global South Scholar-In-Residence Programme**.

This programme aims at developing an intellectual exchange between academics from Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Graduate Institute's faculty. Three candidates per semester will be selected to spend one semester at the Institute in order to take advantage of the programme to update their teaching curricula, participate in teaching courses, further their research projects and contribute to enriching the intellectual life of the Institute. Priority will be given to university teachers - with a preference for women and junior academics - who will seek to apply the benefits of their stay at the Institute upon returning to their own institution.

Academics will benefit from the following advantages:

- The Institute will cover the **costs of travel and visas** for participants as well **accommodation costs**;
- It will offer a **monthly stipend** to compensate for the loss of income in the institution of origin and to cover subsistence costs in Geneva;
- Participants will be provided with a **work space**, and **access to the Institute's library** and **IT facilities**.

For more information, I invite you to visit the relevant page on our website: <http://graduateinstitute.ch/in-residence>

The UK Department for International Development (DFID) is piloting an exciting systematic review project that aims to strengthen evidence-informed decision making. DFID has developed a set of systematic review questions based on policy and practice priorities and is now calling for proposals from interested reviewers to conduct a systematic review. For more information, visit [Call for Submissions for Systematic Reviews](#)

PhD programme in Quantitative Social Science and Social Statistics, Centre for Census & Survey Research (CCSR) and Social Statistics Discipline Area (University of Manchester)

Fully-funded studentships commencing September 2010
CCSR is a multidisciplinary research centre in the School of Social Sciences. Part of Manchester's top-rated Sociology submission in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, CCSR is world renowned for cutting edge research under the broad banner of Quantitative Social Science.

Social Statistics is the newest discipline area within the School of Social Sciences and one of very few such groupings in the UK. The discipline is committed to high quality research, and collaboration with other disciplines within the university, to improve the methodological rigour and range of quantitative enquiries in social science. We welcome applications in a wide range of topics, including:

- Census & Survey Research
- Work & Employment

- Longitudinal Data Analysis
- Multilevel Modelling
- Confidentiality & Privacy
- Social Network Analysis
- Health Inequalities

Fully-funded studentships commencing September 2010. Five studentships are available; from the Economic & Social Research Council These prestigious awards include fees and an annual stipend of up to £16,290 and an additional allowance for research expenses.

For more information please visit www.ccsr.ac.uk/phd

Deadline for applications 19th March 2010

Other useful Jobsite links for development

Bond's jobs page : www.bond.org.uk/jobs.php

CharityJOB:

<http://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/International%20Development>

FOR STUDENTS

Discount subscription for journals. Wiley-Blackwell have a number of development related journals at a substantially reduced subscription rate for DSA members. Please visit <http://www.devstud.org.uk/publications/adverts/journals-2-0.html> for more information on the specific journals these discounts apply to.

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 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 . 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).

Organisations looking seeking partnerships

Ethiopia: Ambo University, College of Business and Economics.

Contact Bacha Kebede, dkbkdb@yahoo.com

Ghana: Education Channel Television "Satellite broadcasting for distance education". Contact Laud Mark-Mills laud@echannel-tv.co.cc

Ghana: University of Cape Coast, Hospitality and Tourism Management Department. Contact George Adu-Frimpong kaftour@yahoo.co.uk

Nigeria: Adeniran Ounsanya College of Education, Department of Economics and Mathematics. Contact Wakeel Ope

wakeelope@yahoo.co.uk

Kenya: Advanced Life Skills Learning Centre. Contact Mergery

Simon majwawira@yahoo.com

Sudan: Institute for the Development of Civil Society (IDCS).

Contact Dr Nada Wannan nada.wannan@gmail.com

This information has been taken from an item of news from the Africa Unit. They have a section in their newsletter on 'Searching for a Partner'. More information on partnership potential with Africa can be found at

<http://www.ukafricapartnerships.org/Search+for+a+Partner/browse-africa>

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.

FUNDING NEWS

The Council for British Research in the Levant

is seeking to appoint a
BRITISH INSTITUTE SCHOLAR
to be based in Amman, Jordan

The CBRL conducts research in the subject areas supported by the British Academy in the countries of the Levant. It is expected that the successful candidate will recently have completed a Master's or equivalent degree in a relevant discipline in the humanities or social sciences and will be seeking to develop active research interests in the region. The Scholarship includes language training,

research and assisting the British Institute in Amman with its projects and activities.

The scholarship is tenable for one year, with a start date of 1 October 2010 until 30 September 2011.

The British Institute Scholar will receive free accommodation, a subsistence allowance and a return flight from the UK to Amman, as well as other benefits.

Full particulars can be downloaded [here](#):

To apply for this post download an application form [here](#):

The closing date for completed applications and references is **20th May 2010**. It is anticipated that interviews will be held on **22nd June** in London.

BBVA Frontiers of Knowledge awards are now open for nominations. The categories are:

- Basic Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Maths)
- Biomedicine
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Ecology and Conservation Biology
- Economics, Finance and Management
- Contemporary Music
- Climate Change
- Development Cooperation

The award for each category is 400,000 Euros prize money, a diploma and a commemorative artwork. For more information on criteria, eligibility etc please visit www.fbbva.es/awards.

Deadline for nominations is 23.00hrs GMT 20th June 2010

- 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 – re-typing and re-editing entries is delaying the output of the Bulletin

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

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

Eligibility:

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

Rates for non-members:

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