

# **EADI / DSA Conference, 19 – 22 September 2011, York**

## **1. Topic of the conference**

The DSA-EADI joint organising committee of the conference has worked on a final title for the General Conference, taking into account the propositions by both Executive Committee members and working group conveners present at the Executive Committee meeting on 16 April 2010 in Ljubljana and the contributions from the DSA Board. The current title which was agreed on 10 May is **“Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty: New Values, Voices and Alliances for Increased Resilience”**.

## **2. Venue**

University of York. This is a beautiful campus surrounding a lake, with the exhibition space and main plenary hall at the lake's edge. This will provide the heart of the Conference with several breakout sessions, exhibitions, publisher displays and poster sessions. Accommodation will be in the various colleges – also on campus – standards range from shared facilities to ensuite rooms of a high standard to suit all budgets. Nearest airports are Leeds/Bradford (approximately 1.25 hours with a change of train) and Manchester (direct train from Manchester airport to York City – approximately 2 hours).

## **3. Structure of conference**

The structure of the conference is described in Appendix 1. It is a 4 days event. 3 slots for parallel sessions of working groups are planned, and there is space for extra sessions if needed.

## **4. Indicators for success / Evaluation criteria**

In order to make the conference a place where knowledge is created, the organising team has defined some indicators for success, which are described in the attachment. Working groups play a central role to attract good papers, and also in offering a space for rigorous debate and reflection.

What was also discussed at the Executive Committee meeting was that additional emphasis should be given to papers of young researchers.

## **5. Cooperation EADI Working groups / DSA Study Groups**

EADI Working groups and DSA study groups are invited to cooperate where possible. A list of DSA study groups is available here:

<http://www.devstud.org.uk/studygroups/0/>

## **6. Call for papers**

The call for papers will be published end of June. On 8 June, the organising committee will meet to finish the call for papers and to set the topics of the plenary sessions. In the meantime, all EADI working groups are asked to provide a text for their specific call for papers. As at previous conferences, the call should relate to the overall topic of the conference. Papers will be submitted to each of the working group call. Papers which do not suit any working group, will be rejected, or if several papers match a similar topic, an ad-hoc working group will be set up.

## **7. Timeline for the conference**

Due to the fact that the discussion on the title of the conference took a bit longer than expected, the deadline for the calls for papers of the working groups will be postponed to 31 May. The timeline for the publication of the call is in the attachment.

## **8. Paper management / conftool / selection process**

The enclosed timetable outlines the steps to be taken. Our aim is to finish the paper review process by the end of June 2011, so there is ample time to organise the sessions and the printed conference programme. For the paper presenters from the South, this schedule will give more time for the visa application procedures. The submission of the papers will be again managed with the paper management software "Conftool". Instructions how to use it and what steps will follow each other will be given by the Secretariat.

## **9. Panels/Parallel sessions by working groups**

The call for papers will be combined with a call for panels. EADI working groups and DSA study groups and member institutes/partners are invited to submit proposals for a panel/parallel session. There are 2 slots for 10 parallel sessions each available.

## **10. Publications of working groups**

Working groups are strongly encouraged to publish books (in the EADI Book Series with Amsterdam University Press) and papers in refereed journals such as the EJDR. The number of conference papers published in refereed journals was defined as an indicator of success.

## **11. Conference reporting**

As in previous conferences, an online conference reporting system (weblog) will be established. Working group conveners are invited to contribute to it.

## **12. Visibility of WG's in programme**

The titles of papers presented in the working group sessions will be printed in the conference programme to make the working group sessions and their contents visible.

## **13. Funding for Southern paper presenters**

In order to promote participation of researchers from global-South, funds have been included in the budget to sponsor conference participants. The total sum of the funds available for that purpose will be communicated during the preparation of the conference.

## **14. New ad-hoc WG's**

The foundation of ad hoc wg's on the occasion of the conference is encouraged. If working group conveners see a scope for a new working group

during the paper management process, the Secretariat will help to find conveners to form ad hoc working groups.

### **15. Budget and Conference fees**

The overall conference budget includes a reasonably priced, special conference package including meals and accommodation. More information will be posted on the General Conference website.

## Annex 1: Timeline EADI-DSA Conference 2011 (paper and session management)

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<b>Date/Deadline</b>	<b>Task</b>
<b>March 2010</b>	Conference committee meeting
<b>15-16 April 2010</b>	EADI Executive Committee meeting, Ljubljana
<b>31 May 2010</b>	Deadline for wg session descriptions for final call for papers of working groups
<b>31 May 2010</b>	Deadline for expressions of interest for semi-plenaries/parallel sessions/panels and other meetings by working groups and ad-hoc Working Groups/study groups
<b>8 June 2010 Conference Committee meeting</b>	Final decision on themes of all plenary sessions
<b>15 June 2010</b>	Launch of call for paper/call for panels
<b>15 June – 28 Nov 2010</b>	Call for Papers/Panels (Call for Panels might end earlier)
<b>1 December 2010 – 31 January 2011</b>	Selection of abstracts
<b>January 2011</b>	Call for poster sessions/infostands
<b>1- 10 February 2011</b>	Notification of authors of abstracts
<b>April 2011</b>	ExCo meeting
<b>30 April 2011</b>	Deadline for papers
<b>April/May 2011</b>	Screening of papers
<b>30 June 2011</b>	Notification of authors
<b>15 July</b>	Early Bird rate ends
<b>19-22 September 2011</b>	EADI/DSA General Conference

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## **ANNEX 2: THEME (CURRENT DRAFT)**

### **Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty: New Values, Voices and Alliances for Increased Resilience**

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#### **A 'new normal'?**

Looking forward, 'development' faces a very different world and the end of a relatively benign period in terms of growth, aid, stability and public spending at least. In this 'new normal' there is a search for a new development narrative, new 'universals' for human development and human wellbeing, and new ways of doing 'development' that are equitable and pro-poor and responsive to a changing and uncertain context.

This is not just a question of the global economic crisis and its aftermath. There are big 'game changers' in terms of climate change, demography shifts and technology. At the same time opportunities are already emerging for major rethinking: of global governance; of social policy to protect/insure the poor; of a low-carbon future; and of new economic policy. Further, there is considerable ferment on the understandings of 'development', 'progress', 'poverty' and 'wellbeing,' as illustrated by various initiatives, such as the OECD Measuring the Progress of Societies Project and the Sarkozy Commission.

The DSA-EADI 2011 joint conference seeks to be one convening space among many others for these global debates and to fundamentally revisit and rethink the development paradigm(s) in all its dimensions in an era of plurality, uncertainty and change.

#### **An opportunity for rethinking international development?**

Looking ahead, there are some major 'game changers' beyond the immediate crisis. For example,

- in governance and politics - the decline of US and Western global influence; the rise of China and the BRICs, new donors and policy actors, such as foundations;
- in demographics - population growth, differentiated demographic transitions, evolving age structures and changing labour markets;
- in the environment - climate change leading to greater volatility in the weather and agriculture production; water scarcity; resource conflicts;
- in technology - the spread of existing technologies such as biotechnology and the development of new(er) technologies, such industrial biofuel, ICTs and nanotechnology;

The economic crisis itself has also led to more significant and fundamental questions being asked. For example,

- in global governance: The G8 to G20 shift means more representation and power for large developing nations, but changes in the IMF and World Bank will be crucial for wider changes in governance;
- in building a green(er) economy: There is an opportunity to shift to lower carbon development, but political pressure may mitigate this;
- in new economic policies: There is likely to be a greater tendency for developing countries to explore new development models; approaches from non-Western sources are more likely to be taken up than Western prescriptions.

In sum, although the Washington consensus has been declared dead (again), it is, as yet, unclear, what the real change is. If it opens up discussion of a wider range of policy instruments for development, then this has potentially huge implications.

### **In search of a new development narrative?**

Not surprisingly, there have been numerous calls for a new development narrative/paradigm from developing countries, international civil society organisations and development agencies.

The DSA-EADI 2011 joint conference aims to generate ideas on new narratives and new universals for a changing world. The conference is a chance to take a (semi-)sober look at the pros and cons of the various development models. It is also a chance to ask questions about 'progress' and what constitutes a 'good society'. Debates might include redefining growth or rethinking redistribution. Discussion might focus on how to put the environment at the centre of development in a low carbon future.

The conference might also ask whether development beyond 'developing countries' shouldn't be about 'global development' or 'one-world'? How is this consistent with a focus on the poorest and 'the bottom billion'? Or how can we work with uncertainty as the norm rather than stability in a complex world of global connectivity, common interests and inter-related crises? Should thinking go beyond the material to be more about relationships, behaviour and the non-material? Further, how do we break the development 'bubble' and get the 'development' actors talking to other actors, beyond simple disciplinary or professional silos.

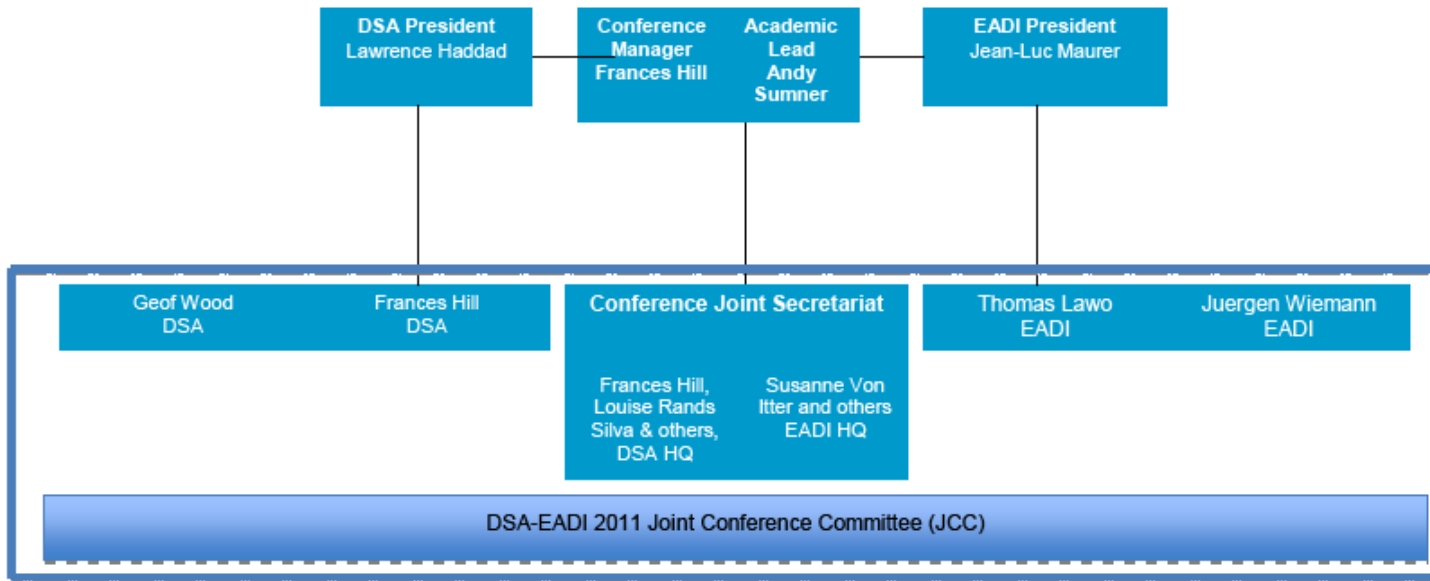
The DSA-EADI 2010 conference seeks to address these kinds of questions and thus maximise the opportunity of working together and the moment in history post-crisis to revisit and rethink 'development', to generate new ideas, new narratives and new thinking whenever possible globally co-constructed with partners in global-South and to look back to past development concepts and experiences that have led to another impasse. The conference seeks to break such an impasse with inter-cultural, inter-generational and inter-disciplinary forces in order to go forward by rethinking what are new universals in terms of ideas, and narratives that will allow humanity to reach some kind of adaptive and sustainable pathway or pathways.

It is at the level of plenary, parallel and working group sessions that we will deal with the different economic, social, political, cultural and ecological aspects covered by this large, all-encompassing theme.

*Andrew Sumner for the DSA/EADI conference committee.*

*These ideas will be further discussed during the coming months, and a final call for papers will be published in summer 2010. Comments are very welcome, please send them to [gc2011@eadi.org](mailto:gc2011@eadi.org).*

### Annex 3: Organisational Structure



DSA-EADI 2011 Conference  
Management Organogram

#### ANNEX 4: CONFERENCE INDICATORS (DRAFT)

	Details	Indicators
Vision of Success	<p>Generation of new ideas on 'new universals' and 'new narratives' (a)</p> <p>Influence in terms of agenda setting UK/EC public and policy maker opinion (b)</p> <p>A lively debate at the conference, before and on-line (c)</p>	<p>Number of conference papers;</p> <p>Number of conference refereed journals;</p> <p>Number of policy briefs;</p> <p>Number of edited books;</p> <p>Web stats on usage of web 2.0;</p> <p>Number of panels convened;</p> <p>Percentage of participants from non-research organizations;</p> <p>Percentage of participants from non-European organizations;</p> <p>Percentage of participants from non-OECD.</p>
Pre-conditions for success	<p>Working groups central to event (c)</p> <p>Strong old and new media presence (b + c)</p> <p>Attract attention of US and BRICS (b + c)</p> <p>Conference reported in media (b + c)</p> <p>Involve 800 -1000 participants (a + b + c)</p> <p>Conference should be viewed as a campaign by organizers and participants (a and b)</p> <p>A two paper policy brief should be distributed to policy makers (b)</p> <p>Satellite events related to the conference to warm up the discussion should be organized (a + b + c)</p> <p>Research is informed by primary fieldwork (a)</p> <p>Creative convening in non-traditional formats as well as traditional formats (lectures, seminar presentations (c)</p>	<p>Number of delegates;</p> <p>Number of delegates unable to be admitted due to capacity;</p> <p>Number of panels;</p> <p>Number of briefs;</p> <p>Number of downloads of papers;</p> <p>Number of satellite panels/events (at GDN, DSA2010, etc.);</p> <p>Percentage of papers based on new empirical data;</p> <p>Percentage of sessions in 'non-traditional' format.</p>
Interventions to support pre-conditions	<p>Significant % of the budget (10%?) should go into communication (b)</p> <p>Develop stronger links with journalists and opinion formers/leader writers via a network or 'club' of 2011 Associates – individuals who wish to have a formal but non employee relationship who can contribute to an assessment of excellence, originality, credibility and impact (a + b)</p>	<p>% of total funds attracted in additional funding to core budget;</p> <p>Number of 2011 associates.</p>

## Annex 5: Draft programme

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September		Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September EXHIBITION DAY		Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September EXHIBITION DAY		Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	
	<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> EADI General Conference</b> York 19 – 22 September 2011</p> <p><b>Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty:</b> New Values, Voices and Alliances for Increased Resilience</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> University of York</p> <p>(Draft Programme 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009)</p>	09:00	<p><b>Opening Plenary:</b> Title to be confirmed</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Speakers:</p>	09:00	<p><b>Plenary:</b> Title to be confirmed</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Speakers: *</p>	09:00	<p><b>Parallel sessions III/ Closing session (tbd)</b></p>
		10.45	Coffee break	10.45	Coffee break	10.45	Coffee break
		11:15	<p><b>Parallel sessions I</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Title to be confirmed</p> <p><b>B:</b> Title to be confirmed</p> <p><b>C:</b> Title to be confirmed</p> <p><b>D:</b> Title to be confirmed</p> <p><b>E:</b> Title to be confirmed</p> <p><b>F:</b> Title to be confirmed</p>	11:15	<p><b>Parallel sessions II</b></p>	11:15	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Speakers: *</p>
		13:00	Lunch / EADI Directors' meeting / EADI Elections	13:00	Lunch (DSA AGM?)	13:00	Lunch / Meeting of the newly elected EADI ExCo
14:00	Registration of participants	14:30	<b>Session 1 of EADI Working Groups</b>	14:30	<b>Session 2 of EADI Working Groups</b>	14:30	<b>Session 3 of EADI Working Groups</b>
14:30	<b>ExCo Meeting (30 participants)</b>						
15:30	Meeting of WG conveners (30/35 pp)						
17:00	<b>Dudley Seers lecture:</b> Title to be confirmed						
	Chair:	16:30	Coffee-break	16:30	Coffee-Break	16:30	Coffee break /Departure
	Speakers:						

## Annex 5: Draft programme

18.30	Reception Dinner
20.00	
17:00	<b>EADI General Assembly</b> (for registered members only)
19.00	<b>Reception (possibly somewhere in York with an open dinner afterwards)</b> <b>Something with the Minster?</b>
17:00	<b>Scope for Extra sessions (overflow)</b>
18.30	<b>Drinks reception</b>
20.00	<b>Dinner</b>
19:00	<i>Dinner in York for EADI/DSA organisation team and guests</i>

Dates and times to be adapted according needs