

DSA Bulletin

May 2010



Connecting and promoting the development research community

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to May's edition of the DSA Bulletin

We are delighted to present this month's new look DSA Bulletin. Traffic to the DSA website has also increased by 70 per cent over the past six weeks with the events calendar and course guide being the most popular pages. Many thanks to Rhiannon for all her hard work on the new look of the Bulletin and invigorating the website.

So, if you are an institutional member, I do urge you to keep your Course Guides up-to-date (the most recently updated display on the homepage automatically), and if you are not an institutional member with courses to advertise, why not think about becoming one? To find out more, visit our [membership pages](#).

Since the last month's Bulletin, much has changed here in the UK - we have a new government. As yet we are unsure what the longer term implications for the development sector might be. International Development and Health are the two departments that the new government are ringfencing and we are thankful for that. But the cuts have already started and it is clear that, whilst the funding levels may remain the same, the landscape is already changing. It is very early days yet and we hope to be able to provide some answers for members at our [Heads of Centres Meeting](#) on 13th July, kindly hosted by the UK Collaborative on Development Science.

The [Coalition Statement on International Development](#) states that the UK has a 'moral responsibility to help the poorest people in the world', and 'we will honour our aid commitments'. This is good news and the notion of a moral responsibility driving the international development agenda is particularly welcome on all fronts. This moral responsibility coincides marvellously with our **Annual Conference theme** this year - '**Values, Ethics and Morality**'. It is taking place at Church House, Westminster on Friday 5th November. We already have eleven themed panels committed, and hope to hold other open sessions for individual papers.

The [list of panels](#) are now available - some of them are still open for papers to be submitted. We are also open to receiving requests for bursaries to attend the Conference from developing country PhD students studying here at a UK or Irish institution

the UK development calendar that enables people from all areas of the sector to network furiously – there is no other event quite like it in the UK. It is independent of a specific institutional agenda and seeks to add to the collective knowledge around the theme. We welcome all views, approaches and ideas. It is truly a melting pot and even the one day Conference attracts people from all over the world. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Registration is now open](#), and we are grateful to DFID for their continued support of this event.

Very best wishes,

*Frances Hill,
Executive Director, DSA*

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News from the DSA

Read Frances Hill's [Blog](#) on Ideas for Development and add your comments!

Recent Posts

- Serendipity alone is not an option - we need Consilience
- China - One Eye on Development?

Conference 2011

The DSA is delighted to be hosting EADI's 13th general conference in 2011:

[DSA-EADI General Conference](#)

Location: University of York

Date: 19-22 September 2011

Theme: "Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty: New Values, Voices and Alliances for Increased Resilience".



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 Call for contributions will be out at the end of June. 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!



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](#) with 'for Twitter' in the subject line.

Study Groups

Study Group convenors can [amend their pages](#) directly via their **My DSA Space** when logging in as a member.

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

Women and Development Study Group Meeting

Location: University of York

Date and Time: Saturday 5th June, 10.30am

The [agenda](#) is finalised with a very interesting and diverse programme of papers. The meeting is open to all members, and graduates, activists and academics are most welcome.

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Iram A. Khan

[Social outsourcing as a development tool: The impact of outsourcing IT services to women's social enterprises in Kerala](#)

Richard Heeks, Shoba Arun

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Esther Gerlach, Richard Franceys

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Parashar Kulkarni

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Roberto Machado

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LATEST SPECIAL ISSUE

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Special Issue: [Agricultural Innovation and Food Security in Africa: Tracing Connections and Missing Links](#)

CALL FOR POLICY ARENAS

- Policy Arenas are 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).

Calls for Papers and Research

[Conflict, Intervention and the Politics of Knowledge](#)

Conference Hosted by the *Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI)*

University of Manchester
25th-26th November 2010

The Conflict, Intervention and the Politics of Knowledge conference will explore the production and circulation of knowledge in these inter-related areas. Papers are invited that address a broad array of topics relating to conflict and the production of knowledge.

Events



[EADI Workshop - Getting Research into Practice: Practical Tools for Communicating Research](#)

June 2010

Discounts for DSA Members

[10th International Economic Forum on Africa](#)

June 2010

French Ministry of Economy, Industry and Employment

Panel I The African Economic Outlook in 2010

Panel II Fiscal Policy and Development: What's at Stake for African Economies?

[Inequality and Millennium Development Goals](#)

Annual Erskine Childers Lecture

Sir Richard Jolly

June 2010

[Higher Education and the Sustainability Challenge](#)

June 2010

This forum will examine innovative carbon reduction solutions for HE, giving delegates the chance to discuss achieving sustainability and deliver efficiency in higher education

[Systematic Mixed Methods Research Workshop](#)

June 2010

The aim of the workshop is to introduce and survey about five different methods of mixed-methods research. The workshop is suitable for postgraduate and doctoral researchers in particular, and it is also useful for those involved in research as a profession.

[Religion shaping development: inspirational, inhibiting, institutionalised?](#)

July 2010

The first two days of this conference will bring together findings from the Religions and Development Research

Programme and other research. On 23rd July we will explore some of their implications with practitioners and development agencies.

Visit our [Events Calendar](#)

Publications



New Publications from IDS



[Reflecting Collectively on Capacities for Change](#)

Edited by Katy Oswald and Peter Clarke
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[Women's Stories from Palestine and Brazil](#)

Two films Directed by *Kat Mansoor and Paulina Tervo*

[Raising Voice: Securing a Livelihood: The Role of Diverse Voices in Developing Secure Livelihoods in Pastoralist Areas in Ethiopia](#)

Mary Ann Brocklesby, Mary Hobley and Patta Scott-Villiers
IDS Working Paper 340

[Donor Schizophrenia and Aid Effectiveness: The Role of Global Funds](#)

Paul Isenman and Alexander Shakow
IDS Practice Paper 5

[Dynamic Sustainabilities: Technology, Environment, Social Justice](#)

Melissa Leach, Ian Scoones and Andy Stirling

[Avian Influenza: Science, Policy and Politics](#)

Edited by *Ian Scoones*

New IDS Podcast

[The IDS Big Question for Development](#) – May 2010

Following the UK elections this May politicians and civil servants will be considering new directions across government policy. But to what extent will any new policies be informed by solid research evidence? In this programme we speak to: Nick Perkins (IDS Head of Communication and co-author of the IDS Working Paper 'Making Science of Influencing: Assessing the Impact of Development Research' on how you can measure influence). Margaret Catley-Carlson (Chair of the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust at CGIAR and former Assistant

Secretary General in the United Nations on what researchers can do to get their research into new policy directions?)

New Publications from IPPG



A suite of new research papers addressing state business relations in Africa and India. More about this [research project](#).

All IPPG publications are available to [download free](#) or contact ippg@manchester.ac.uk

State Business Relations in Africa

[Are State Business Relations important to Economic Growth? Evidence from Mauritius](#)

Sawkut Rojid, Boopen Seetanah and Ramessur Shalini
March 2010

[State-Business Relations and Economic Performance in Ghana](#)

Charles Ackah, Ernest Aryeetey, Joseph Ayee and Ezekiel Clotey
March 2010

[State, Business and Growth in Post-Apartheid South Africa](#)

Nicoli Natrass and Jeremy Seekings
January 2010

[How non-state actors lobby to influence budget outcomes in Zambia](#)

Samuel M. Bwalya, Ezekiel Phiri and Kelvin Mpembamoto
October 2009

State Business Relations in India

[Industrialising West Bengal? : The case of institutional stickiness](#)

Deepita Chakravarty and Indranil Bose
November 2009

[State-Business Relations and Manufacturing Productivity Growth in India](#)

Vinish Kathuria, Rajesh Raj S N and Kunal Sen
November 2009

[State Business Relations and Performance of Manufacturing Sector in Andhra Pradesh - A Case Study](#)

G Aivelu, K Srinivasulu and M Gopinath Reddy
November 2009

[The institutional determinants of informalisation and its effects on growth and poverty in India](#)

Dibyendu Maiti and Sugata Marjit

November 2009

[Do Effective State Business Relations Matter for Economic Growth? Evidence from Indian States](#)

Massimiliano Cali and Kunal Sen

November 2009

[State-Business Relations in Indian states: Paper towards constructing an effective SBR index for Indian states](#)

Massimiliano Cali, Siddhartha Mitra and Purnima Purohit

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Public Administration and Development

Special Issue: The Future of Development Management

Edited by *Nilima Gulrajani and*

Willy McCourt

Volume 30, Issue 2, 2010

[View special issues contents](#)

The field of development management is now a vast one that links the study of management to the study of international development. But what has it really achieved? What are its current limitations? And what are its prospects moving forward? This 60th Anniversary Issue of Public Administration and Development presents cutting edge theoretical and empirical research exploring these questions from diverse vantage points. Development management is shown to be a mature and vibrant field that can advance more ethical and effectual social change.

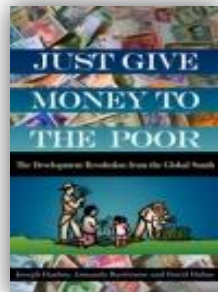


Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the Global South

Kumarian Press

Edited by *Joseph Hanlon, Armando Barrientos, David Hulme*

Directly challenging an aid industry that thrives on complexity and mystification, with highly paid consultants designing ever more complicated projects, [Just Give Money to the Poor](#) offers the elegant southern alternative – bypass governments and NGOs and let the poor decide how to use their money.



Courses



[International Summer School in Food Security and Climate Change](#)

26-30 June, 2010, Kathmandu, Nepal

The International Summer School in Food Security and Climate Change “FSCC” is an intensive course taught in English and designed for university students, researchers and members of governmental and non-governmental organizations that wish to have in-depth learning in the food security and climate change.

[NEW PG Certificate in Africa and International Development \(e-learning\)](#)

The Centre of African Studies, the University of Edinburgh, is particularly pleased to announce the new Postgraduate Certificate in Africa and International Development. The Certificate comprises three courses over one year, taught using a range of innovative and interactive teaching methods.

There are several partial scholarships attached to the e-learning certificate.

[Understanding the Challenges of Global Poverty and Development](#)

June 2010

The 21st **Global Development Course** will be running in central London from 7th to 19th June. The course is held in the evenings and at week-ends, so that anyone who might have a full time job is able to attend. In the last 7 years we have had over 500 participants at these courses, including personnel from all the major development agencies, from OXFAM to Save the Children, from ActionAid to WaterAid, as well as staff of the Department for International Development and the House of Commons Select Committee on International Development.

Jobs and Opportunities

[Fellowship of Reconciliation](#)

Vacancy: Director, Central Oxford

Location: Central Oxford

Closing date: 4th June

You will work with the Trustees and a small staff team to develop, co-ordinate and implement the work of the Fellowship. From a 95 year heritage of Christian opposition to war and service for peace, we work on a broad front of education, campaigning, public witness and support for active, spiritually-based nonviolence.

Trade Policy Adviser

Closing date: 2nd June

The Policy Unit is responsible for Traidcraft's policy analysis, lobbying, advocacy and campaigning. We have a strong record of work on EC trade policy, and influencing the behaviour of big companies, as well as leading thinking within the UK and international fair trade movement.

This post works currently on EU trade negotiations with ACP countries and with India. You will lead a 3 year programme with other European NGOs on policies to enable developing countries to process and get more benefit from their raw materials. You will also develop and deliver at least one additional trade policy focus for Traidcraft.

For Students



Discounted Journal Subscriptions for Members

Wiley-Blackwell have a number of development related journals at a substantially reduced subscription rate for DSA members. Please visit the [publications page](#) for more information on the specific journals these discounts apply to.

Research News

Research Excellence Framework - Consultation Outcomes 2010

The four UK higher education (HE) funding bodies have now announced the outcomes of the recent consultation on the Research Excellence Framework (REF) – the new system for assessing research in UK higher education institutions (HEIs).

Engaging the young decisions makers of tomorrow in the development decisions of today

A new guide '[Youth Participation in Development. A Guide for Development Agencies and Policy Makers](#)' has recently been published by the [DFID Civil Society Organisations Youth Working Group](#) (DFID-CSO Youth Working Group: a network of charities and other civil society organisations working together to promote the role of young people in international development, as beneficiaries and as agents of change and transformation). The new guide seeks to contribute to the goal of engaging the young decisions makers of tomorrow in the development decisions of today.

Funding News

Young researchers working on African agricultural policy to get help through a DFID-funded Early Career Fellowship Programme

The [Future Agricultures Consortium \(FAC\)](#) aims to encourage critical debate and policy dialogue on the future of agriculture in Africa. It was founded in 2005 as a partnership between leading research-based organisations in Africa and the UK, with work focusing on Ethiopia, Kenya and Malawi, as well as Burkina Faso, Ghana, Tanzania, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The FAC has recently announced the launch of a new grant programme to support talented young researchers working on African agricultural policy: FAC's [Early Career Fellowship Programme \(ECFP\)](#). This 3-year capacity building programme receives financial support from DFID.

INSPIRE Exploratory Grants 2010

INSPIRE recognises that many UK Higher Education institutions (HEIs) and Central & South Asian HEIs may have a limited awareness of their counterparts.

In order to assist institutions to develop new links INSPIRE is now offering a number of grants of up to £2,000 to support strategic partnership discussions between UK institutions and potential partner institution located in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. Visits involving Afghanistan can apply for grants of up to £3,000.

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The ECFP is available to early career professionals working in Africa and the UK. Both full-time and part-time appointments are available and all fellowships will include a senior FAC researcher affiliated with a FAC partner institution.

Tell us about it....!

Contribute to the *DSA Bulletin* and share your news with the development community.

To ensure your entry gets published, please follow the guidelines below:

- Copy Deadline - **20th of each month**
- Entries to be approximately 100 words in 9pt Arial font as a **Word Document only**
- Each entry to contain contact details and a web-link where appropriate.
- Send entries through to web@devstud.org.uk

Not a member of the DSA but would like to **advertise in the Bulletin?**

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

Eligibility:

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

Rates for non-members:

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

