

# DSA Bulletin

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Connecting and promoting the development research community

Dear Colleagues,

## Welcome to June's edition of the DSA Bulletin



It is hard to believe the pundits who say that we are now coming out of the financial gloom we have been experiencing for the past couple of years. I have a nasty suspicion that for the majority of us, in fact, this is only just the beginning of the negative trickle down. The news here for the average person on the street is of cuts, tax hikes

and 'pain' for us all – not exactly the rhetoric of a period championing its way out of financial recession. Where's the evidence that we are coming out of this recession when the reality appears to be so very different?

In this climate, we are also being asked to demonstrate 'value for money' in all that we do. As researchers and teachers of development studies we are no exception. In fact, it is probably fair to say that we need to work even harder than some to demonstrate our value for money. What we do in development is remote from the UK and the effects of our research – even when measurable – are not apparent in the short term and may well take decades to take effect. Unless it has obvious tangible benefits and results, such as a vaccine against a certain disease, a technology that can advance human capabilities or the discovery of rodents that can sniff out TB sufferers, research could be seen as an area for cuts. But this is very short sighted – as many of these highly tangible impacts have taken decades to refine before they surface into public view.

What we do need to ensure however, is that we are able to demonstrate the relevance of our research - we in the development studies sector, more than most, have a moral responsibility to ensure it works and that the knowledge being generated lifts people out of poverty and saves lives. I therefore welcome the UK's Higher Education Funding Council's (HEFCE) approach to include Impact as one of its assessment criteria for the forthcoming Research Excellence Framework (REF) and would encourage a global consensus on the value of research impact. In fact I am surprised it's taken so long.

the research did not have impact, merely that they had not reported the impact aspect specifically – which is what will be needed. This was an extremely time consuming part of the exercise.

My advice, therefore, for research organisations wishing to participate under the REF, would be to start thinking immediately about reorienting the way they report their research internally to incorporate impact as it will save an enormous amount of time in couple of years' time.

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 2010

### Conference Update

Our 2010 Conference agenda is building well. We have [13](#)

[themed panels](#) and are delighted to confirm two plenary speakers:

**Professor [Bina Agarwal](#)**

*Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University, India*

**Professor Renato Maluf**

*Professor of Development Theories in the Graduate Programme of Social Sciences in Development, Agriculture and Society, Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro and President of the National Council of Food and Nutrition Security, Brazil.*

## Members News

### Welcome to New Members!

We are delighted to welcome the following as new members to the DSA:

*Institutional:*

- [Harewelle International](#), England
- [The Irish-African Partnership for Research Capacity Building](#), Dublin City University, Ireland
- [The University of Glamorgan](#), Faculty of Advanced Technology, Wales
- [Carla International](#), England
- [Centre for Development Studies](#), Zimbabwe – who have a special welcome as our first Associate Overseas Institutional Member – which was set up recently by the DSA.

*Individual and Concessionary Members:*

- Mark Langan, UK
- Jane Plastow, UK
- Mark Williams, USA
- Paddy Coulter, UK
- Hetty Cislowski, Australia
- R. Jerome Anderson, USA
- Natalie Row, Barbados
- Akiko Ueda, Japan
- Annie Howie, UK
- Ajith Kaliyath, UK

We would also like to say a big thank you for the very many students who signed up for the one year free trial. Please note that only those students studying at a UK based institution are eligible for this offer, so we apologise to those of you who have signed up for the free trial based overseas.

We are not able to administer the level of demand for this free membership, but you are welcome to sign-up for the monthly bulletin.

### Members in the Media

Have you had any recent interesting exposure in the media?. [Email us](#) your stories to feature in the monthly DSA Bulletin.

- [The best ways to deliver overseas aid are often not easy to measure](#)  
David Cameron's plans risk diverting help away from where it's really needed  
Lawrence Haddad, Guardian, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

## Follow the DSA Online!

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The **DSA is on twitter, facebook and LinkedIn**. Find us on **twitter** under the name [Devcomms](#) and 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.

## Journal of International Development Journal of the Development Studies Association

### Latest Issue Contents

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### Volume 22, Issue 5, July 2010

[The design of decentralised demand-driven programmes and equity: Learning from implementation in Malawi councils](#)

*Arild Schou, Maxton Tsoka  
Hristos Doucouliagos, Martin Paldam*

[A possible role of stigma and fears in HIV infection](#)



Adebowale Will Akande

[Economic inequality in Nepal: Patterns and changes during the late 1990s and early 2000s](#)

Udaya R. Wagle

[Participation and sector selection in Nicaragua](#)

Dario Pozzoli, Marco Ranzani

[Public-public partnerships in Urban water provision: The case of Dar es Salaam](#)

Brian Dill

## Policy Arenas

[Do information and communication technologies \(ICTs\) contribute to development?](#)

Richard Heeks

[A review of evidence on mobile use by micro and small enterprises in developing countries](#)

Jonathan Donner, Marcela X. Escobari

[Empowerment through ICT education, access and use: A gender analysis of Muslim youth in India](#)

Farida Khan, Rehana Ghadially

[ICT4WHAT? - Using the choice framework to operationalise the capability approach to development](#)

Dorothea Kleine

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

## New on the Website!

### Link Resources

Visit our new [links and resources](#) page including information on organisations, blogs in development.

### Latest News Items

Visit our [homepage](#) for the latest news items in the development community. Add our site as one of your favourites!

- [UK Government Coalition Statement](#)
- [Ending World Poverty Bog](#)
- [HEFCE to Impose Targets](#)

Visit our complete [news archive](#).

## Calls for Papers and Research

### Neo-liberal reforms, local elites, and accountability in public service provision in the MENA region

[Call for Papers](#)

This workshop is part of the Twelfth Mediterranean Research Meeting which will take place near Florence (Italy) on 6-9 April 2011.

**Deadline for paper proposals:** 15 July 2010.

**Co-directors:** Sylvia I. Bergh and Ulas Bayraktar, International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, The Netherlands (part of Erasmus University Rotterdam), and University of Mersin, Turkey, respectively.

**Contact:** [bergh@iss.nl](mailto:bergh@iss.nl)

More information on the [application and selection process](#)  
General information [about the conference](#)

## NEW MEDIA | ALTERNATIVE POLITICS

### Communication technologies and political change in the Middle East and Africa

[Call for Papers](#)

Conference: 14-16 October 2010, Cambridge

Convenors: Anne Alexander, Sharath Srinivasan, Oliver Lewis (University of Cambridge)

## Anti-Democracy Agenda Symposium 2010 [Call for Papers](#)

Conference: 8-10 November 2010, University of Zurich

The [Anti-Democracy Agenda](#) is the premier resource on the net for the study of anti-democratic thought and practice. This international symposium invites theoretical and/or empirical papers on developmental aspects of anti-democratic thought and practice. Papers may be theoretical and/or empirical in nature.

Contact: Erich Kofmel, [e.kofmel@sussexcentre.org](mailto:e.kofmel@sussexcentre.org)

## Reproductive morbidity and poverty Workshop Call for papers

Workshop: 6 November 2010  
London School of Economics

Papers are invited which address one or more of these questions:

- What are the pathways through which poverty affects reproductive morbidity outcomes?
- How does reproductive morbidity impact on poverty?

Theoretical, substantive, methodological contributions and case studies are welcomed. Early career researchers and PhD researchers are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration as papers or posters.

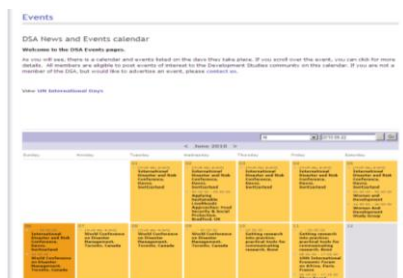
### Submit a paper

We invite you to submit a structured abstract containing the title, aims, data & methods, results, conclusions and this should be not more than 2 pages. Please send your submission to [Health.Reproseminar@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Health.Reproseminar@lse.ac.uk) by **31<sup>st</sup> July**.

Register at [Health.Reproseminar@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Health.Reproseminar@lse.ac.uk)

## Events

Visit our [events calendar](#) for latest event information.



## Publications



### New Publications from IDS

#### [Reflecting Collectively on Capacities for Change](#)

Edited by *Katy Oswald* and *Peter Clarke*  
IDS Bulletin Vol 41 No 3

#### [Rice Biofortification: Lessons for Global Science and Development](#)

*Sally Brooks*

#### [Epidemics: Science, Governance and Social Justice](#)

Edited By *Sarah Dry* and *Melissa Leach*

#### [Security Systems in Francophone Africa](#)

Niagalé Bagayoko  
IDS Research Report 64

#### [Paris in Bogotá: Applying the Aid Effectiveness Agenda in Colombia](#)

*Rosemary McGee* and *Irma García Heredia*  
IDS Working Paper 342

#### [Taxation and State Building: Towards a Governance Focused Tax Reform Agenda](#)

*Wilson Pritchard*  
IDS Working Paper 341

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

*Mary Ann Brocklesby*, *Mary Hoblely* 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

### New IDS Podcast

Listen to [The Big Question for Development, Programme 11: June 2010](#) (6 minutes and 15 seconds). In its new programme the UK's coalition government declares that 'business is the driver of economic growth and innovation, and that we need to take urgent action to boost enterprise, support green growth and build a new and more responsible economic model.' But how can we mobilise businesses in a way that also leads to poverty reduction?

### New Publications from Oxfam

All resources are available to download free from the links below. View a [full list of Oxfam publications](#)

## Evaluations

We have recently added a collection of Oxfam Programme Evaluation Reports to the website, browse the full collection [here](#).

### [Evaluation of Oxfam GB's Climate Change Campaign](#)

Oxfam GB March 10

### [Evaluation Synthesis: Strategic evaluation of Oxfam GB's education programme](#)

Oxfam GB December 2009

### [Evaluation Synthesis: Outcomes and lessons learned from Oxfam GB's livelihoods programme evaluations 2006-2008](#)

Oxfam GB May 09

### [Climate Finance Post-Copenhagen: The \\$100bn questions Global Economic Crisis](#)

Oxfam International May 10

### [The Global Economic Crisis and Developing Countries](#)

Oxfam International May 10

## UK Poverty Programme

### [Something for Nothing: Changing negative attitudes to people living in poverty](#)

Oxfam GB May 10

## Health

### [Giving Developing Countries the Best Shot: An overview of vaccine access and R&D](#)

Joint Agency May 10

## Debt and Aid

### [21<sup>st</sup> Century Aid: Recognising success and tackling failure](#)

Oxfam International May 10

## Private Sector

### [Briefing for Business: Think Big. Go Small. Adapting business models to incorporate smallholders into supply chains](#)

Oxfam International May 10

## New Publications from Overseas Development Institute



### *ODI Background Notes*

### [Purchasing power parity measures: advantages and limitations](#)

### [Making the case for sanitation and hygiene: opening doors in health](#)

### *HPG Policy Briefs*

### [Challenging choices: protection and livelihoods in conflict](#)

### *Report*

### [Millennium Development Goals Report Card: Learning from progress](#)

### *ODI Opinions 145*

### [Reforming trade preferences for Least Developed Countries](#)

### *Viewpoints*

### [Social Protection in Africa: Where next?](#)

### *Briefing Papers*

### [Economic growth and the MDGs](#)

### [Gender-sensitive social protection and the MDGs](#)

### [Outcome Mapping Community Newsletter 2010 No. 1](#)

### [The MDGs and gender](#)

### [Development proofing the European External Action Service](#)

### *Books and Chapters*

### [The G-20 framework for strong, sustainable and balanced growth: What role for low-income, small and vulnerable countries?](#)

### [Conceptual and practical issues for gender and social protection: Lessons from Lesotho](#)

### *Blog Posts*

### [City of Dreams? Harsh realities for Juba's new urban poor](#)

### [The G-20 growth framework: what role for low-income, small and vulnerable countries?](#)

### [The Millennium Development Goals: moving forward collectively to 2015](#)

### [City of Dreams? The harsh reality of daily life for the new urban poor in Juba](#)

### [Growth, equity and the MDGs: supporting redistributive and inclusive growth](#)

### [Pushing ahead with aid transparency - a great step forward](#)

## Courses

### Master's Programmes at University of Leeds

University of Leeds offers the following Master's programmes (part-time options available):

- [MA in East Asian Regional Development](#)
- [MA in Chinese and Business](#)
- [MA in Chinese Business and the Asia-Pacific](#)
- [MA in Chinese Studies](#)
- [MA in Japanese Studies](#)
- [MA in Japanese Business](#)
- [MA in Asia-Pacific Studies](#)
- [MA in South East Asian Studies](#)
- [MA in Mongolian Studies](#)
- [MA in East Asian Studies](#) (integrated with PhD)

More information is available [here](#)

To apply online, please contact: E-mail:  
[smlcpg@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:smlcpg@leeds.ac.uk)

### MA in Children, Youth and International Development

This innovative interdisciplinary programme, based in the Centre for Human Geography at Brunel University, is the

first in the UK to cater specifically for those working, or interested in working, in the field of children, youth and international development.

This course is designed to equip students with the conceptual understanding and breadth of empirical knowledge required to critically evaluate policy and practice. It also provides training in the skills necessary to design and undertake research relating to children, youth and development.

It is available full time or part time and comprises both core modules and a selection of options. Students may opt to undertake a placement during the second term; recent students have undertaken internships with major international NGOs as well as smaller child or youth-focused organisations. Further details, are available from the Brunel [website](#). For further information, email [nicola.ansell@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.ansell@brunel.ac.uk).

### MSc Global Health and Development MSc International Child Health

Our Masters programmes examine the complex political, economic and social forces that shape health worldwide. Taught by researchers and teachers from a range of disciplines at one of the world's leading

universities, our degrees will equip you with the skills and knowledge to become a better global health practitioner wherever you work.

### Other opportunities

European MSc in International Health (Erasmus Mundus Scholarship)

Short, Taster and TropED courses

Find out more about our [programmes](#)

## Jobs and Opportunities

### Council for British Research in the Levant

**Vacancy:** Research Director

**Location:** Syria

**Salary:** £24,023 with free accommodation provided in Damascus.

**Closing Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July, interviews in London 12<sup>th</sup> July

The CBRL conducts research in the subject areas supported

by the British Academy. The successful candidate will have completed a PhD in a relevant subject and will be seeking to develop an active research interest in Syria. Their duties will include research (50%) and developing the CBRL's activities in Syria (50%). The Director will be based in Damascus where CBRL intends to establish a research institute.

The post is tenable for three years, subject to successful completion of an initial six-month probationary period. For further details on the post of Research Director (Syria), please click [here](#):

### Traidcraft

**Vacancy:** Trade Policy Adviser

**Location:** London

**Salary:** £28,250-£31,500 1<sup>st</sup> July, interviews in London 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Closing Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Interested?** Further details including a full job description and application details can be found on our [website](#).

### Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich

**Vacancy:** Head of Department

**Location:** University's Medway Campus in Chatham, Kent, UK

**Closing Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> July

The mission of the [Natural Resources Institute](#) is to provide distinctive, high quality and relevant research, consultancy, teaching and training to support sustainable development,

economic growth and poverty reduction, with a focus on work in developing countries. We are recruiting a **Head of Department** for each of our three Departments

- Enterprise, Trade and Food Management
- Agriculture, Health and Environment
- Livelihoods and Institutions.

These challenging leadership positions involve taking managerial responsibility for a department while also personally undertaking a workload of internationally-recognised research/consultancy activities.

[Apply here.](#)

**Vacancy:** 2 x Economists

**Location:** University's Medway Campus in Chatham, Kent, UK

**Closing Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> July

We are also recruiting two **Economists** to join a highly experienced and respected team undertaking research and consultancy on natural resources and value chains in the developing world.

[Apply here](#)

**Contact:** Heather McAvoy-Marshall, Email: [H.M.Mcavoy-Marshall@gre.ac.uk](mailto:H.M.Mcavoy-Marshall@gre.ac.uk)

## For Students

### Student project or work experience Complexity and development

The UKCDS secretariat is offering a student or new graduate an opportunity to work with them on a new topic.

We would like to find out more about complexity theory in order to inform research funders about its value as a tool to develop thinking around issues in international development. The successful applicant will research the literature to define complexity theory and explore ways that it is being or could be used to frame and tackle the complex problems that developing countries face. The work will identify key researchers in this area who can contribute their views via a workshop at the end of 2010.

To apply visit the [student section](#) of the DSA website.

### 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

### DFID Systematic Reviews Round II Alert

Please see attached flyer for an alert regarding Round II of the UK Department for International Development's systematic review pilot that aims to strengthen the international development community's capacity for evidence-based decision making.

The call for proposals will be launched in early August. More details about the programme are available [here](#)

## Funding News

### Applications Welcome for [desiguALdades.net](http://desiguALdades.net) Scholarships

*desiguALdades.net* is pleased to award doctoral and postdoctoral scholarships: (1) postdoctoral scholarships with a duration from 6 to 24 months (2) short-term scholarships for [advanced](#) doctoral students [for research stays](#) with a duration of six months

The application deadline is **August 1, 2010**. Please [apply online](#) at and additionally send all required documents as one single PDF-file to [contacto@desiguALdades.net](mailto:contacto@desiguALdades.net)

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- Each entry to contain contact details and a web-link where appropriate.
- Send entries through to [web@devstud.org.uk](mailto:web@devstud.org.uk)

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### **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

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