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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first edition of the DSA Bulletin for 2011. We have a challenging year ahead, certainly here in the UK, with the stringent public sector cuts now beginning to impact everyone's reality. International Development, although ring-fenced, still needs to demonstrate its value and relevance – even more so when domestic related budgets are being cut.

Development research is further challenged by the impending withdrawal of UK Government support for the social sciences and humanities. The impact of research was something on many agendas even before the cuts, but it now takes on a greater significance as the demands are to demonstrate value for money. HEFCE has introduced it as one of the indicators for the Research Excellence Framework in 2014 and DFID have been working on it for some time now.

As a world leader for research, and specifically, development research, the UK needs to adapt its role in order to maintain this quality. In terms of international development, this will involve greater engagement with partner institutions overseas and ensuring that young researchers are given the opportunities to thrive.

The DSA seeks to do this through the two main pillars of its work, which are:

1. Mobilising collective capacity and knowledge on development to accelerate development
2. Nurturing the next generation of development professionals

Activities under these pillars take the form of the Annual Conference, for which the deadline for abstracts has been extended to February 15th (but not for full papers – still April 30th), and our Research Students' Workshop, to be held at the University of Manchester between 1st – 3rd June.

Frances Hill,
Executive Director, DSA

News from the DSA

DSA/EADI Conference 2011 – Paper Abstract Extension



**EADI/DSA Conference 2011 :
Rethinking Development in an
Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty:
New Values, Voices and
Alliances for Increased
Resilience**

19-22 September 2011, University of York

Deadline Submission of Paper Abstracts

Extended: **15th February 2011**

The conference will begin with the *Dudley Seers Lecture* by an eminent development thinker. Each of the three conference days will have a focus or a theme

We are delighted to be hosting this exciting Conference and more information can be found at the [conference website](#) which will give details on the process of submitting a panel.

Subscribe to the [Conference E-Newsletter](#) which will keep you informed.

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[Empowering the 'socially excluded' in rural local governments: An exploratory study from a State in India](#)

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Previous Special Issue:

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Mike Tribe

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Geof Wood

Events



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

DSA-IGS Workshop

'A Perfect Storm: what happens to women in the context of the perverse incentives of development aid funding'

Date: February 5th 2011

Location: Queen Elizabeth House, Mansfield Road, Oxford

[View details](#)

Reflections and Projections: Mapping the past and charting the future of development education

The Centre for Global Education will hold its [sixth annual development education conference](#) on the 24 and 25 February 2011 at the Malone Lodge Hotel in Belfast.

New Publications

Publications from Oxfam



[Sign up here to receive all the latest news on Oxfam publications](#)

Humanitarian:

[From Relief to Recovery: Supporting good governance in post-earthquake Haiti](#)

Oxfam Briefing Paper, January 2011

[Haiti Progress Report 2010](#)

Oxfam Report, January 2010

Poverty in the UK:

[Whose Economy? Winners and losers in the new Scottish economy](#)

Oxfam Discussion Paper, January 2011

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:

[The food price crisis and the World Bank's blind spots](#)

[Delivery, but where's the cash? Update on the Global Fund](#)

[World food prices hit record high, so why no riots?](#)

[How fertiliser subsidies have transformed Malawi](#)

[Freedom from fear: Protecting people from one of the world's most brutal rebel groups](#)

Publications from ODI



Journals:

- [Development Policy Review, Theme Issue: Aid, Institutions and Governance - What Have We Learned](#)
- [Development Policy Review vol. 29, iss. 1](#)
- [Disasters, vol. 35, iss. 1](#)

Briefing papers:

- [Support to political parties: a missing piece of the governance puzzle](#)
- [Responding to external economic shocks: why state capacity and political incentives matter](#)
- [Planning and budgeting in Southern Sudan: starting from scratch](#)
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- [Social protection programming: the need for a gender lens](#)
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- [Multilateral resource allocation: best practice approaches](#)
- [Gender and social protection in Indonesia: Raskin, the food subsidy programme](#)
- [A gender lens for Viet Nam's flagship poverty reduction programme](#)
- [Direct access to the Adaptation Fund: realising the potential of National Implementing Entities](#)

Background notes:

- [Towards a characterisation of adaptive capacity: a framework for analysing adaptive capacity at the local level](#)
- [Financing European development cooperation: the Financial Perspectives 2014-2020](#)
- [Commodifying carbon to reduce deforestation: lessons from New Zealand](#)
- [Cash transfers and gendered risks and vulnerabilities: lessons from Latin America](#)
- [A normative framework for climate finance](#)
- [Evolving global climate finance architecture](#)
- [Adaptation finance](#)
- [Mitigation finance](#)
- [REDD-plus finance](#)
- [Climate finance regional briefing: Latin America](#)

Working Papers:

- [Spatial poverty traps: an overview](#)
- [Isolation and poverty: the relationship between spatially differentiated access to goods and services and poverty](#)
- [Migration, remote rural areas and chronic poverty in India](#)
- [Spatial poverty traps and ethnic conflict traps: lessons from Northern Ghana's 'Blood Yams'](#)
- [Patterns of poverty in remote rural areas: a case study of a forest-based region in Southern Orissa in India](#)
- [Spatial inequality and urban poverty traps](#)
- [Spatial disadvantages or spatial poverty traps: household evidence from rural Kenya](#)
- [Policy responses to the spatial dimensions of poverty](#)
- [Rethinking social protection using a gender lens](#)

Manuals / toolkits

- [How to design and implement gender-sensitive social protection programmes](#)

Development Progress Stories

- [Indonesia's progress on governance: State cohesion and strategic institutional reform](#)
- [Progress in economic conditions in Mauritius: Success against the odds](#)
- [Progress in health in Eritrea: Cost-effective inter-sectoral interventions and a long-term perspective](#)
- [Progress in providing employment for the poor: The national public works programme in India](#)
- [Rebuilding basic education in Cambodia: Establishing a more effective development partnership](#)
- [Sustainable natural resource management in Namibia: Successful community-based wildlife conservation](#)
- [Unsung progress in rural sanitation: Building the foundations in Lao PDR](#)

Publications from Brookes Poverty Institute

Working Papers:

[The irrelevance of national strategies? Rural poverty creation and reduction in states and regions of India](#)
Anirudh Krishna and Abusaleh Shariff

[Inequality, income and poverty: comparative global evidence](#)
Augustin Kwasi Fosu

[Economic governance of MFIs: inside the black box](#)
Thankom Arun and Samuel Annim

[Beyond the BICs: identifying the 'emerging middle powers' and understanding their role in global poverty reduction](#)
James Scott, Matthias vom Hau and David Hulme

[Decentralisation, democracy and allocation of poverty alleviation programmes in rural India](#)
Takahiro Sato and Katsushi S. Imai

Publications from the School of International Development, University of East Anglia

Working Papers:

[External validity in experimental methods:](#)

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Other Resources

[European Report on Development](#)
The ERD 2010, "Social protection for inclusive development", was officially launched on 07 December 2010 at the European Development Days, in Brussels.

[The Migration of Power and North-South Inequalities: the case of Italy and Libya](#)
By Emanuela Paoletti
(Palgrave Macmillan, November 2010)

[Contests and Contexts: The Irish Language and Ireland's Socio-Economic Development](#)
John Walsh
(Peter Lang, 2011)

[Poverty and Disability](#)
Leonard Cheshire Disability
(Leonard Cheshire International)

Call for Papers and Research

DSA Women and Development Study Group
Saturday 4th June 2011



If any would one is thinking of giving a paper please contact any of the convenors [here](#).

The 2011 meeting will be held at the University of York, Heslington, York, in Vanbrugh College (Room V/120) on Saturday 4th June 2011, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting is open to all members and graduates, activists and academics are most welcome.

DPhil Forum: *Some for All?* Pathways and Politics in Water and Sanitation since New Delhi, 1990 Liquid Dynamics II:

STEPS Centre Water and Sanitation Symposium

Papers and other forms of participation are invited for the DPhil Forum as part of the ESRC STEPS Centre conference on 22-23 March, at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University.

Deadline: 14th February. Keynote and plenary speakers [More information](#).

Understanding Development through Actor-Network Theory

Actor-network theory has emerged over the past twenty years as a major conceptual force in social science. To date, though, it has hardly been applied within development studies. We are therefore organising a workshop and journal special issue to bring together new work applying actor-network theory in international development research.

Prospective authors should submit an abstract of 200-400 words outlining their proposed paper to: ant4dev@gmail.com by 10 January 2011.

Draft papers are due in May, the workshop will be held in London on 30 June 2011, and papers will be finalised by September. For further details [here](#)

Development Ends and Management Means: Can They Be In Harmony?

Convenors: Hazel Johnson and Willy McCourt
[Call for papers](#)

Unpacking Foreign Aid Effectiveness: Examining Donor Dynamics

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Location: London School of Economics and Political Science
[Call for papers](#)

This one-day workshop invites papers that access the topic of international aid effectiveness by examining the political, organisational and institutional dynamics within and among donor agencies to both unpack the contemporary logic of aid effectiveness and inform its future. The aim of the workshop

is to explore the relationship between donor-related processes and structures, aid quality and development

impact in a way that presents a richer understanding of donor dynamics than offered by international rankings of donor performance (Easterly and Pfutze, 2008, Birdsall and Kharas, 2010, Knack et al., 2010). For this reason, fine-grained comparative empirical studies of donor structures, processes and practices are especially welcome.

Courses

University of East Anglia: School of International Development, UK:

MSc Water Security and International Development

MSc Impact Evaluation for International Development

BSc Hons International Development with Environment and Society with Overseas Experience (L2FR)

Sheffield Hallam University, UK:

MA Tourism for International Development

This course is suitable for those who are interested in how tourism is used as a development tool around the world, including in less economically developed countries. It offers a wide range of exciting opportunities to develop your professional expertise in the design and management of sustainable tourism for international development. Modules include Development Studies and Tourism, Tourism and Globalisation, Tourism Policy and Planning, and Sustainable Tourism. This course will provide employability skills through, for example, links to key development organisations and potential dissertation research opportunities and joint teaching events in collaboration with other European universities focusing on tourism in less economically developed countries.

[Further information](#)

Contact details: [Gill Pomfret](#)

Jobs and Opportunities

International Fellowship for Early to Mid-Career Urban Scholars from the Global South

Urban Studies Foundation

Applications are invited for an International Fellowship for urban scholars funded by the Urban Studies Foundation. The Fellowship enables an established early career urban scholar currently working in a university or other research

institution within the global south (defined in the World Development Indicators as low income, lower middle-income

and higher middle-income economies) to have a sabbatical period at a university in the global north to write up research findings in the form of publishable articles or a book. Funding is available for a period ranging between 9-12 months.

[More information](#)

Chief Operating Officer

Development Initiatives

Reporting to DI's founders and the Board of DIPR, the Chief Operating Officer will lead the internal management of the organisation. They will be expected to enable faster, better work-flow within the teams and across the two elements.

[More information](#)

Joint call for collaborative projects under the Sustainable Crop Production Research for International Development (SCPRID) Initiative

In a unique and important move to harness science to improve food security for millions of people in the developing world, research funders from the UK and USA, and government departments in the UK and India have announced a new £20M/\$32M joint research initiative. There is a [call for projects](#) under this new initiative. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2011.

University Lecturership in the Political Economy and Human Development of India in association with Wolfson College

Research on contemporary India is thriving within Oxford University and this is just one of many academic posts across the social sciences at Oxford engaged in this field. The School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies seeks applications for a full-time University Lecturership in the Political Economy and Human Development of India. The Lecturership is tenable from 1 September 2011 or as soon as possible thereafter and will be held in conjunction with a Fellowship at Wolfson College, University of Oxford.

[More information](#)

For Students

Research Students Workshop

The DSA is delighted to announce that it will be holding its Research Students' Workshop at the University of

Manchester Chancellors Conference Centre, in collaboration with IDPM, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June 2011. More details of how to apply will be available next month. This is an ideal

opportunity for research students of development related

subjects to come together, make contacts and share their experiences and we look forward to welcoming many of you.

Places will be limited, so you will need to apply quickly once the registration is open. You will also need to be members of the DSA to attend.

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.

Tell us about it....!

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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

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Eligibility:

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- Individual members can publicise non-commercial publications in the bulletin free of charge, request assistance in their research or work

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