

DSA Bulletin

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Connecting and promoting the development research community

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Dear Colleagues,

Organisation for our joint DSA/EADI Conference continues apace and we are pleased to announce that registration for the DevExpo is now open. The Exhibition Hall at the University of York is a fabulous space overlooking the campus lake with 900 square metres of space. We will be running a parallel series of events for exhibitors such as book launches, tips on how to get published, and are open to suggestions from those who wish to book a stand at the DevExpo. It will be held over two days – Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st September. We have made the options as flexible as possible and please visit

Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to help us manage and run our Conference. If you are a student and would like to volunteer we can offer you access to 75 per cent of the Conference, a free hoodie, all meals (apart from breakfast) and other Conference events.

In return we would need you from Sunday 18th September 12 noon until Thursday 22nd September. We cannot pay travel or

accommodation but can offer accommodation with shared facilities and breakfast for £20 a night on campus. [Details of costs and what these costs include.](#)

This represents a unique opportunity ago for students who are unable to afford the full fee to attend the largest Development Studies conference since the two associations began over 30 years, as you will be able to participate in most of the sessions, attend all the networking events and get to meet people from all over Europe who do not normally attend a DSA Conference. [More details and the volunteer form.](#)

I would also like to draw your attention to another opportunity for students that the DSA is sponsoring in conjunction with the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – the Research Students Workshop, to be held between 1st – 3rd June 2011 at the Chancellors Conference Centre, University of Manchester. Spaces are limited and so we would urge you to sign up soon. The cost of £50 to attend for three days and you will need to find your own accommodation. A list of reasonably priced Bed and Breakfasts will be available shortly. Please visit [More information and to download the registration form.](#)

Just to remind you that registration for our joint Conference in September is now open with many of you having signed up already.

We look forward to seeing you all in September!

Very best wishes,

Frances Hill,
Executive Director, DSA

News from the DSA

DSA/EADI Student Volunteers needed!



**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

Student Volunteers needed!
(and in return you'll get free admission to the Conference)

Would you like to volunteer and participate in what is promising to be the largest Development Studies Conference in Europe since both Associations were established over 30 years ago? With around 1000 participants, 500 papers, DevExpo and headline speakers from the Development Studies community, it will be an event to remember!

We are looking for between 30 - 40 volunteers to help us support the coordination and management over the four days of the Conference and to help organise the day before. Many of our previous volunteers have gone on to forge links with senior academics that really helped their careers and studies, as it represents a great opportunity to be a part of the Conference Team and the networking opportunities that this offers.

[Complete your details to volunteer!](#)

- Registration is now open. [Register Online!](#)
- Draft Programme
- [Download the conference leaflet.](#)
- Subscribe to the [Conference E-Newsletter](#) which will keep you informed

Journal of International Development



Volume 23, Issue 3, April 2011

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Special Issue: The Institutions of Development and the Development of Institutions

["Don't mourn; organize" institutions and organizations in the politics and economics of growth and poverty-reduction](#)

Adrian Leftwich and Kunal Sen

[State-business relations and pro-poor growth in South Africa](#)

Jeremy Seekings and Nicoli Nattrass

[Access to public infrastructure, institutional thickness and pro-poor growth in Rural Peru](#)

Javier A. Escobal and Carmen Ponce

[The politics of land reforms in Malawi: The case of the Community Based Rural Land Development Programme](#)

Blessings Chinsinga

[Measuring state-business relations within developing countries: An application to Indian states](#)

Massimiliano Cali, Siddhartha Mitra and Purnima Purohit

[How interest groups lobby to influence budget outcomes in Zambia](#)

Samuel M. Bwalya, Ezekiel Phiri and Kelvin Mpembamoto

[Legislative democracy, economic growth and multi-dimensional poverty in sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Jean C. Saha

Sign Up for E-alerts

Study Groups

DSA Scotland Study Group

Mini Conference

Friday 20th May 2011

Department of Economics, University of Dundee

The next meeting of the DSA Scotland Study Group will be hosted by the Department of Economics in the University of Dundee on Friday 20th May 2011. Dr Sushil Mohan has kindly agreed to be the Convenor for this Mini Conference. Visit the [events page on facebook](#) or visit the [DSA Scotland Study Group Page](#).

DSA Information, Technology and Development Study Group

"Understanding Development Through Actor-Network Theory"

A one-day international workshop

30th June 2011, 09.30-18.00

Room H102, Connaught House, London School of Economics

We are organising this workshop to bring together new work applying actor-network theory in international development

research. Our aim is to explore the extent to which ANT can improve our understanding of development.

Details of the workshop timetable, papers, presentation abstracts and campus location are available. [Visit the Study Group page.](#)
[Register!](#) Some travel support may be available to study group members.

Research Students' Study Group **Postgraduate Research Students' Workshop 2011**

1-3 June 2011
Chancellor's Conference Centre, University of Manchester

Visit the [events page on facebook](#) or visit the Research Students' [Study Group page](#).

Events



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

Information for Change 2011: [Register Online](#)

11th May 2011
Venue: Nigeria International Book Fair, University of Lagos

This full-day workshop, held in conjunction with the 2011 Nigeria International Book Fair, will examine many of the same issues that the Book Fair is focusing on this year. What is the current "digital landscape" in West Africa and beyond? How will shifts in technology affect the work of publishers and booksellers? What does the future hold in store for the beloved printed book?

Making markets work for small-scale farmers? **A series of 'provocation' seminars**

IIED, Hivos and collaborating institutions are organising a travelling series of 'provocation' seminars to challenge conventional wisdom on how to include smallholders in markets and bring fresh perspectives to the discussion on what works and why.

You can follow proceedings of the first three seminars via the recorded webcast. [Broadcast and further information.](#)

The next seminar is due to be held in London on 25th May. Please check the above website for full details.

5th International Conference on Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change

This conference was held 24-31 March in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Highlights from the conference can be seen in a series of daily video logs: [CBA5](#). There will also be blogs posted on [Due South](#) (IIED's eminent blog on sustainable development)

1st Africa College International Conference on Food Security, Health and Impact Knowledge Brokering

22nd - 24th June 2011
Devonshire Hall, University of Leeds, UK

The goal of this conference is to demonstrate and share lessons on how to translate research results into impact on food security and human health in sub-Saharan Africa. It has two objectives:

- To determine how the results of basic science and inter-disciplinary research lead to impact on food security and human health.
- To explore how partnerships between research and development organisations deliver innovation and impact.

[More details](#) or from africacollege@leeds.ac.uk.

Publications

Africa Book Centre SALE!

30% to 70% off usual retail price and there are hundreds of titles on offer. [Visit the SALE website.](#)

Orders can be placed online at www.africabookcentre.com or if you prefer by email to mailto:africabookcentre@btconnect.com or mailto:orders@africabookcentre.com or by fax to +44 (0)1273 500 650



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

[Building Trust in Diverse Teams: A concise facilitation handbook](#)

Oxfam GB for The Emergency Capacity Building Project
Mark McCallum, April 2011

A handbook containing an explanation of the values, behaviours and characteristics that will help managers and team members recognize trust in action and the development of trust between team members; an explanation of why trust matters in teamwork; and a set of tools to help team managers and team members to build and measure trust in a team.

New issue of Gender & Development: Migration

[Remittances and transnational families in Italy and The Philippines: breaking the global care chain](#)

Charito Basa, Wendy Harcourt, and Angela Zarro

[Climate change and migration: a case study from rural Bangladesh](#)

Katha Kartiki

[Gendering remittances in Albania: a human and social development perspective](#)

Julie Vullnetari and Russell King

[Feminised financial flows: how gender affects remittances in Honduran-US transnational families](#)

Allison J. Petrozziello

[The impact of remittances on gender roles and opportunities for children in recipient families: research from the International Organization for Migration](#)

Sylvia Lopez-Ekra, Christine Aghazarm, Henriette Kotter, and Blandine Mollard

[Constructing 'modern gendered civilised' women and men: gender-mainstreaming in refugee camps](#)

Katarzyna Grabska

[Protecting migrant domestic workers in the UK](#)

Krisnah Poinasamy

[Who cares? HIV-related sickness, urban-rural linkages, and the gendered role of care in return migration in South Africa](#)

Lorena Nunez Carrasco, Jo Vearey, Scott Drimie

[The influence of male migration on female resources, independence, and development in Gambian villages](#)

Bjorn Gunnarsson

Papers and reports

[Hidden Voices: Including Ethnic Minority Women in Policy Making](#)

Oxfam GB Policy & Practice Brief, April 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.](#)

Recent posts:



[India's missing girls: gendercide and a few glimmers of optimism](#)

[Cash Transfers: what does the evidence say?](#)

[Bank and Fund slot: mission creep, food prices, capital controls and fragile states; Libya = an Obama doctrine?; Congressional climate nonsense; building citizenship in East Africa: links I liked](#)

[Why the Economist is wrong on India and hunger: guest post from Swati Narayan](#)

[Africans and food security: what do opinion polls tells us?](#)

The University of Manchester
Brooks World
Poverty Institute

Working Papers

[Growth, inequality, and poverty reduction in developing countries: recent global evidence](#)

Augustin Kwasi Fosu

[Reconceiving social exclusion](#)

Andrew M. Fischer

[What explains cross-country growth in South Asia? Female education and the growth effect of international openness](#)

Arusha Cooray and Sushanta Mallick

Briefing

[Did self-help save Egypt?](#)

Solava Ibrahim



Books and Reports

[Bundles of energy: the case for renewable biomass energy](#)

[Interrogating urban poverty lines: The case of Zambia](#)

[Rural migration in Bolivia: the impact of climate change, economic crisis and state policy](#)

[Shared value, shared responsibility](#)

Briefings & Opinions

[Bearings for the biomass boom](#)

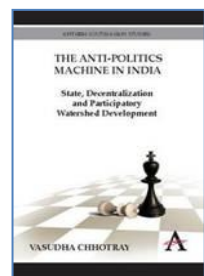
[Fundraising flights: a levy on international air travel for adaptation](#)

[Mainstreaming environment and climate change: Agriculture](#)

[Money matters: cash transfers for adaptation](#)

Anthem Press

The Anti-Politics Machine in India



Dr Vasudha Chhotray has published '[The Anti-Politics Machine in India](#)', Anthem Press. The book uses James Ferguson's memorable metaphor of development as an 'anti-politics machine' that serves to entrench state power

and depoliticize development by treating various issues apolitically. Dr Chhotray considers this problem in the context of India, a country where post-independence development planners have adopted a scientific stance and claimed to distance themselves from mass politics, yet the groundswell of democratic political mobilization has been considerable in recent decades.



DEV Working Paper series

[Applying the ecosystem services concept to poverty alleviation: the need to disaggregate human wellbeing](#)

Tim Daw, Katrina Brown, Sérgio Rosendo and Robert Pomeroy



Policy Brief: Governance for development in Africa: building on what works, David Booth

Africa Power and Politics: Policy Brief 1, April 2011

Millions of dollars have been spent on programmes to make private enterprise work in Africa as it does in the US, elections work as in Sweden, audit authorities as in Germany and civil society campaigns as in the Netherlands – with results that have been mixed at best.

In APPP's first policy brief, director David Booth argues that currently, 'good governance' and most associated donor programmes are ideological, not evidence-based, and that it is 'the aid business that has to change to meet the needs of development, not the other way round.'

The policy brief is [free to download](#)

Development Stories

[Improved economic conditions in Malawi: Progress from a low base](#)

Malawi's story has been one of progress in economic

conditions since 2004. The country has experienced significant poverty reduction and a notable drop in inequality and now ranks among the top 20 performers on several Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

[Progress on health in Rwanda: Leadership, performance and health insurance](#)

Rwanda, a very low-income country, has made significant progress in increasing the quality and quantity of health services and in improving health status, through an effective national but decentralised public health programme.

[South Africa's social security system: Expanding coverage of grants and limiting increases in inequality](#)

Whilst being one of the richest countries in Africa, South Africa is also one of the most unequal. Provision of social grants has limited the growth of inequality and poverty among the poor in South Africa. Between 1996 and 2010, coverage of social grants increased from just over 2 million beneficiaries to almost 14 million.

[Somaliland's progress on governance: A case of blending the old and the new](#)

Since 1991, Somaliland has achieved the type of progress in governance to which the rest of Somalia can only aspire. By drawing on elements of a centuries old kin-based system, Somaliland has developed its own structures and systems of government. The lesson: Absence of easily recognisable formal state institutions should not be equated with an absence of institutions altogether.

[Rural water supply in Uganda: Major strides in sector coordination and performance](#)

Since 1990, Uganda has made notable progress in increasing access to improved drinking water sources in rural areas and has taken major strides in improving its national and local rural water service delivery systems.

[Pipes and people: Progress in water supply in Burkina Faso's cities](#)

Since 2000, improved production and distribution in Burkina Faso have extended water supply to nearly 2 million people in the four principal urban centres in the country. In the capital, Ouagadougou, the number with access to the network more than doubled in six years.

[Social protection in Brazil: Impacts on poverty, inequality and growth](#)

Brazil has invested heavily significantly in social protection,

and the country now has one of the best developed systems for tackling inequality among middle income countries.

[Benin's progress in education: Expanding access and narrowing the gender gap](#)

Having had one of the world's lowest primary school enrolment rates and enormous gender disparities in 1990, today almost all Beninese boys and girls can access school.

Call for Papers and Research

Critical Conversations in Culture and Development Museums, Heritage and International Development

Location: Tropenmuseum, Amsterdam

Date: 22-23 September 2011

[Call for Papers](#)

Courses

School of International Development (DEV), University of East Anglia

[MSc Impact Evaluation for International Development](#) will offer familiarisation with, and skills in, the basics of modern evidence-based policy and Impact Evaluation. This includes the contexts and practices of evaluation, research design and data production for evaluation, and basic and more advanced methods of quantitative and qualitative analysis.

[MSc Water Security and International Development](#) will critically reflect on the practical and theoretical facets of 'water security', with a view to develop a better foundation to achieve developmental and environmental objectives. This new course will be particularly important as the hydrological cycle is intimately connected to critical global policy concerns - from climate change, food trade, food security and energy security, to the international cooperation that affects human, community, regional and state security.

To find out more about these and other courses available in DEV, visit www.uea.ac.uk/dev/courses

EADI Presents: Masterclasses 2011

EADI Masterclasses are a training format which equips development practitioners and researchers with skills to meet the challenges in their profession. View the list of available [Masterclasses](#). EADI organizes four courses before the end of July:

- [EU Fund Raising](#)
- [The Use of Social Media and Web2.0 in Corporate Communications](#)
- [Leading into the Unknown: A Program for Senior Managers and Leaders](#)
- [Message - Audience - Tools: Planning an Effective Research Communications Strategy](#)

DSA members are eligible for discount!

Sheffield Hallam University 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 [Gill Pomfret](#)

Funding News

Rewarding Innovative Ideas in Global Health



Grand Challenges Explorations fosters innovation in global health research. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$100 million to encourage scientists worldwide to expand the pipeline of ideas to fight our greatest health challenges.

Launched in 2008, Grand Challenge Explorations grants have already been awarded to 405 researchers from 34 countries. [Apply here.](#)

Jobs and Opportunities

Two Academic Vacancies at ISS in Social Policy and Youth Studies, at Assistant Professor level

The International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague, a University Institute of Erasmus University

Rotterdam (EUR) and a leading academic centre for development studies, has two academic vacancies for the position of Assistant Professor (i.e. Lecturer/Senior Lecturer), one in the field of Social Policy and the other is in the field of Youth Studies, both based in the Staff Group Rural Development, Environment and Population Studies. The Staff Group focuses on poverty, socio-economic security and population studies, child and youth studies, agricultural and rural development, sustainable development and environment in the Global South. Both posts will be offered for an initial three year appointment, to commence as soon as possible, with the possibility of extension (and tenure), depending on the financial and staffing situation. In

accordance with salary ranges applied at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and indicated in the Collective Labour

Agreement (CAO NU) of the Dutch universities, and depending on the candidate's experience, the salary will range from € 3195 to € 4970 gross per month (CAO NU scale 11/12) under full-time contract. In addition, ISS pays an 8% holiday allowance and an end-of-year payment which is for 2010: 8.3 %.

[Assistant Professor: Social Policy](#)
[Assistant Professor: Youth Studies](#)

Save the Children

[Call for Interest to Academic Institutions](#)

Application deadline: 13 June 2011

Call of Interest to academic institutions to partner with the Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) to develop an Advanced Diploma in Child Protection in Emergencies.

Research News

REF News

We have now completed the process of appointing panel members through the nominations received. An updated membership of the expert panels for 2011, where the criteria for the assessment will be set, has now been [published](#).

Appointment of a Strategic Advisory Team for the ESRC/DFID Joint Scheme on International Development (Poverty Alleviation)

The team will work with the Scheme funders to secure and enhance the impact of research funded under the Scheme on policy and practice. [More information.](#)

For Students

Post Docs: Biofuel Value Chains

The post-docs will be embedded in a joint biofuels research platform and their responsibilities will include:

- review of existing tools for evaluating the sustainability of biofuels

- developing a model to assess options along the biofuels chain which incorporates evaluation tools based on spatial multi-perspective criteria
- coordinating the work of the UT biofuels platform
- assisting the team in responding to funding opportunities
- collaborating in writing high impact papers for multi-disciplinary papers
- present research findings at international conferences

View full information on these positions on our [opportunities page](#).

Highly Discounted Journal Subscriptions for Members

Wiley-Blackwell have a number of development related journals at a substantially reduced subscription rate for DSA members.

[Discounted Journals from Wiley-Blackwell](#)

[Discounted Journals from Elsevier](#)

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**

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 **9,000 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 |

