

DSA Bulletin

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Welcome to the July 2011 Edition of the DSA Bulletin...



Dear Colleagues,

Things are moving apace in the arrangements for the Conference at York in September. We extended the Early Bird deadline from 15th July and **it now runs out this Friday (August 5th)**

If you have not yet registered and plan attending for the full event, I urge you to take advantage of these Early Bird fees as they represent very good value for all meals and three nights' accommodation..

There is a [List of panel and working group sessions](#) available on the website. Whilst the actual schedule is not yet finalised, this will give you all a good idea as to the substance of the event. We have over 70 panels with a very broad ranges of themes.

We will have the finalised schedule available in a couple of weeks so if you are waiting to hear and only wish to book a day, these are not subject to Early Bird discounts.

We also have a deadline for those wishing to book accommodation on campus – this is 22nd August. After that, participants will have to book their own accommodation in York.

Very best wishes,

Frances Hill,
Executive Director, DSA

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DSA/EADI 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

The programme is composed of plenary session, panels organised by EADI and DSA members, and working group sessions by EADI working groups.

- [Download the conference leaflet.](#)
- **Early Bird deadline for registrations Friday 5th August!**
- [Register to attend](#)
- Subscribe to the [Conference E-Newsletter](#) which will keep you informed

Council Elections

Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland Council Elections 2011

Call for Nominations

The 2011 DSA Council elections will be held under the terms of the DSA Constitution as amended at the 2006 AGM. The call for nominations can be downloaded [here](#)

DSA Constitution

Recommended Amendments to the Constitution and Electoral Procedures – DSA Council July 2011

At its meeting on 22nd June 2011 the DSA Council put in train a process for the preparation of recommended amendments to the DSA Constitution at the AGM in September 2011.

The [DSA Constitution](#) (as amended and approved at the AGM in November 2006) establishes procedures for its amendment.

Study Group News

Understanding Development through Actor-Network Theory

"Understanding Development through Actor-Network Theory" was a workshop of the DSA Information, Technology and Development study group held on 30 June 2011 at the LSE. Attended by 45 international delegates from the UK, mainland Europe, South/North America, Africa and Asia, this workshop brought together new work applying actor-network theory in international development research. Our aim was to explore the extent to which ANT can improve our understanding of development.

Presentations from the workshop can be found [here](#)

A fuller version of this report including a short overview of each paper can be found at the [DSA Information, Technology and Development study group page](#)

Please join us in the [virtual space](#) for researchers interested in using actor-network theory in development research.

DSA Scotland Study Group (Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland)

Announcement and Call for Papers – Mini Conference
Friday 14th October 2011

Centre for Sustainable International Development ([CSID](#))
University of Aberdeen

The next meeting of the DSA Scotland Study Group will be hosted by the Centre for Sustainable International Development (CSID) in the University of Aberdeen on Friday 14th October 2011. Dr Hilary Homans has invited DSA Scotland to hold this meeting in Aberdeen, will be acting as the main convenor of the meeting, and we are now calling for offers of papers and presentations.

[More information](#)

NGO Study Group

We invite all interested researchers to join us for a brief meeting on Thursday 22nd September (at the EADI/DSA conference) to discuss the format of the group, membership, and a work-plan for the coming year. Keep a look out for posters giving the time and venue. Otherwise, please email either Rachel or Susannah and we will keep you informed of plans for the group. rhayman@intrac.org (S.Pickering-Saqa@uel.ac.uk)

Journal of International Development



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[Financial Inclusion and Development](#)
Mandira Sarma and Jesim Pais

[NGO-led Microfinance: Potentials and Challenges in Conflict Areas](#)

Neavis Morais and Mokbul Morshed Ahmad

[Follow the Leader: How Dutch Development NGOs Allocate Their Resources – the Contradictory Influence of Donor Dependency](#)

Bart Loman, Ioana Pop and Ruerd Ruben

[Fighting Inflation in Developing Countries: Does Democracy Help? An Empirical Investigation](#)

Abdoul Ganiou Mijiyawa

[Technology Adoption in Cambodia: Measuring Factors Impacting Adoption Rates](#)

Jayson W. Richardson

[Does 'DAC-Ability' Really Matter? The emergence of non-DAC Donors: Introduction to Policy Arena](#)

Soyeun Kim and Simon Lightfoot

[More Actors, More Money, More Ideas for International Development Co-operation](#)

Felix Zimmermann and Kimberly Smith

[Why Can't We All Just Get Along? The Practical Limits to International Development Cooperation](#)

Laurence Chandy and Homi Kharas

[Aid 'With Chinese Characteristics': Chinese Foreign Aid and Development Finance Meet the OECD-DAC Aid Regime](#)

Deborah Bräutigam

Book Review

[Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis, Shabd S. Acharya And Benjamin Davis \(Editors\). Food insecurity, vulnerability and human rights failure](#)

Damian Maye

Events

Upcoming Conferences

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

Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual Conference

Location: London, RGS-IBG
Date: August 30th –September 2nd 2011
The theme is “Geographical Imagination”
[More information](#)

HDCA Conference Innovation, Development & Human Capabilities

Date: September 5-9th 2011
Location: The Netherlands
[More information.](#)

4th Economic Development International Conference

Bordeaux University, the GREThA (Research Unit 5113), the CNRS, and ESOPE Network jointly organize the conference which will be held at Bordeaux on 13th, 14th and 15th June 2012.

This 3-days conference aims at contributing to the ongoing debates on the topic:

Inequalities and Development: New Questions, New Measurements

[More information](#)

Publications



[The Politics of Seed in Africa's Green Revolution](#)
Edited by Ian Scoones and John Thompson
IDS Bulletin 42.4

[Does Better Local Governance Improve District Growth Performance in Indonesia](#)

Neil McCulloch and Edmund Malesky
IDS Working Paper 369

[Digging in, Spreading out and Growing up: Introducing CLTS in Africa](#)

Kamal Kar and Kirsty Milward
IDS Practice Paper 8

[Analysing Success in the Fight against Malnutrition in Peru](#)
[Andrés Mejía Acosta](#)

IDS Working Paper 367

[State Incapacity by Design: Understanding the Bihar Story](#)
[Santhosh Mathew and Mick Moore](#)

IDS Working Paper 366

[The Last Golden Land? Chinese Private Companies Go to Africa](#)

Jing Gu
IDS Working Paper 365

IDS Multimedia



[Big Question for Development, IDS Podcast July 2011](#)

Has the international aid community failed people affected by conflict and violence? Dr Patricia Justino and Ana-Maria Ibañez from the MICROCON programme talk to IDS.



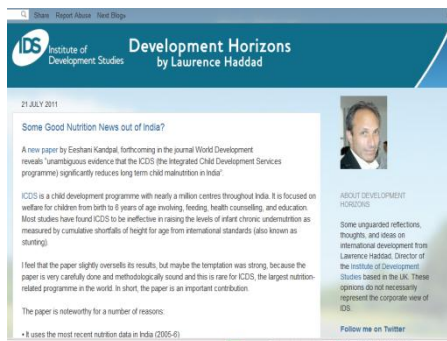
[Revolutions in Development, Reflecting Forwards from the Work of Robert Chambers.](#)

A podcast featuring an interview with Robert Chambers

IDS Blogs

[IDS Director blog - Development Horizons](#)

The IDS Director, Lawrence Haddad shares his 'unguarded reflections, thoughts, and ideas on international development'.



[Research team blog - Globalisation and Development](#)

Written by Neil McCulloch, leader of the Globalisation Team at IDS, it also includes contributions from other globalisation experts. The Globalisation and Development blog features

comment and opinion on the core themes of business; climate change and trade; and investment and growth.

The University of Manchester
**Brooks World
Poverty Institute**

Working Papers:

[Poverty transitions among older households in Brazil and South Africa \(Armando Barrientos and Julia Mase\)](#)

[Assessing wellbeing and deprivation in later life: A multidimensional counting approach \(Armando Barrientos and Casilda Lasso de la Vega\)](#)

[Mind the gaps: a political economy of the multiple dimensions of China's rural-urban divide \(Xiaobing Wang, Jenifer Piesse and Nick Weaver\)](#)

['Labour chains': analysing the role of labour contractors in global production networks \(Stephanie Barrientos\)](#)

[Estimating the depth of microfinance programme outreach: empirical findings from rural Pakistan \(Asad K. Ghalib\)](#)

Policy Briefing:

[Equity and growth in India \(Natalie C. Gupta\)](#)



Books and Reports

[China's post-reform urbanization: retrospect, policies and trends](#)

Briefings & Opinions

[Carbon righteousness: how to lever pro-poor benefits from REDD+](#)

[Development online: making the most of social media](#)

[Making communication count: a Strategic Communications Framework](#)

Multimedia

What place is there for gender studies in agricultural research? A film produced by IIED with Marie Monimart (International Fellow) and Michel Pimbert of the Food and Agriculture Team discuss whether agricultural research takes into account gender relations when analysing access and control over land and other natural resources. In French with English sub-titles. [View](#).

[Further details and recordings](#) of all past events in the series

Call for Papers and Research

Disability-Inclusive MDGs and Aid Effectiveness

Date: 12 – 14 March 2012

Location: UN Conference Centre, Bangkok

A call for papers is now open for new or recent work (published or unpublished) on disability-inclusive MDGs or

disability and aid effectiveness for presentation at this conference, organised jointly by Leonard Cheshire Disability and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Bringing together disabled people's organisations, non-governmental organisations, UN agencies, development practitioners and academics, the conference will offer a unique opportunity to develop innovative ways to bring disability into the international development mainstream.

[More information](#)

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.

[Find out more](#) about these and other courses available.

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



Humanitarian Innovation Fund: 2nd Call for proposals

We are pleased to announce the second call for

proposals for the [Humanitarian Innovation Fund \(HIF\)](#) is now open.

The Humanitarian Innovation Fund supports organisations and individuals to identify, nurture and share innovative solutions to the challenges facing operational agencies in the delivery of effective humanitarian aid.

Jobs and Opportunities

Chief Economist – DFID

Closing Date: August 1st 2011

The UK Department for International Development is seeking to appoint a Chief Economist to replace Professor Alan Winters, who is returning to his academic position at the University of Sussex.

The role of the Chief Economist in DFID is strategic (closely involved in strategic direction of the organisation) and advisory (overseeing advice and analysis on all economic issues), with significant roles in developing policy, setting the research agenda, overseeing research, quality assuring programme proposals, and leading thinking about DFID's future. The Chief Economist is a member of the Development Policy Committee and the Research Committee, and chairs the management steering committee for the International Growth Centre. [More information.](#)

Professor / Reader in Population and Health

London School of Hygiene &
Tropical Medicine - Faculty of
Epidemiology & Population Health

Closing Date: September 30th



The Department of Population Studies is seeking a Professor / Reader with an established reputation and research interests in the determinants and dynamics of population health.

Applications should be made on-line via our [website](#).
[More information.](#)

Teaching Fellow in International Development

Department of Social & Policy Sciences, University of Bath
(fixed-term for 2 years)
Closing Date: Monday 22 August 2011

Interview Date: Week beginning 5 September 2011
Informal enquiries about the post can be made to the Head of the International Development Group, [Dr Sarah White](#)
[More information.](#)

Research News

ESRC/DFID Joint Scheme for Research on International Development (Poverty Alleviation) Phase 2 - Third call for applications

The Department for International Development (DFID) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) are pleased to announce a third call for applications under Phase 2 of their strategic partnership to provide a joint funding scheme for development research.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide a more robust conceptual and empirical basis for development, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The second phase of funding retains the overall 'poverty alleviation' theme from the first phase, and applications under this broad heading will still be welcome. However, ESRC and DFID have identified three thematic areas for this call where work will be of particular interest. These areas are:

- Resource Scarcity, Growth and Poverty Reduction;
- Information and Communication Technology and Development
- Measuring Development

Full applications are invited between £100,000 to £500,000 (100% FEC). The scheme is open to applicants from both UK and non-UK Institutions. The deadline for applications is 16:00(GMT) on the 27 September 2011.

Full details of the call and all documentation can be accessed from the [ESRC Society Today website](#)
Any questions should be directed to [DFID](#)

For Students

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](#)

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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

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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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| • Six months | £150 |
| • One year | £250 |

