Dear All,

Greetings!

Given the many concerns in the media recently about the use of big data, I asked Tony German, co-founder and Strategic Advisor for Development Initiatives, a unique organisation which specialises in improving the use of data to address poverty, for his perspective on the significance of big data for development.

This follows below. First, a couple of notices. Our exciting local news is that our annual conference on Global Inequalities in Manchester is now less than two months away. Register quickly to take advantage of the early bird rates, open until just 4th May!

More immediately, although the USS strike action has been suspended, the future of the USS pension scheme is far from resolved. Together with the British Sociological Association and Social Policy Association, the DSA is sponsoring a day’s symposium on pensions on pensions and the USS dispute, on Thursday, 3 May. See link on the DSA website to sign up.

And now over to Tony...

Best wishes as ever

Sarah White, DSA President

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Data and Development

The media has been full of concern about Facebook, and issues around privacy, personal data. How an online identity can be used, not only to sell us products we didn’t know we needed - but potentially to sway elections. The idea that if you don’t pay for a product, you are the product, casts a shadow over the role of data in everyone’s lives.

But a different and more positive side of the data revolution is underway. And the twin issues of who owns data and what it can be used for - and the fundamental importance of identity - are absolutely central and deserve more academic attention. The idea of a data revolution that could be harnessed to deliver on the SDGs and ensure no one is left behind is a core part of Agenda 2030.

At the first UN World Data Forum, held in Cape Town in January 2017, it was clear that the statistical community was moving fast to embrace new opportunities: joining up data from different sources; making new partnerships, being open to combining informal data with official statistics; using innovative methods of data collection. Governments in the shape of National Statistical Offices and line ministries plus civil society organisations (some with their own datasets and others looking for data) were also busy exploring how the data revolution could help them deliver better on their poverty-related objectives. Academics concerned with data science, mapping technology and innovative uses of data were much in demand. But otherwise, the academic community who could potentially use the outputs of the data revolution - who could provide a stronger evidence base that would help to deliver on SDG 1 and SDG 10 - as well as potentially demonstrating how aid can work - seemed rather thin on the ground. It will be interesting to see whether the academic community is more engaged at the Second World Data Forum in Dubai during October 2018. Or at the fifth Knowledge, Policy and Statistics meeting in Incheon a month later.

The data revolution has sparked welcome attention to the need for disaggregated data - especially to ensure that no one is left behind - a key component of the agenda 2030 commitments agreed by leaders from every country at the UN in September 2015. Nearly 30 years on from Naila Kabeer’s influential paper ‘Monitoring Poverty as if Gender Mattered’, gender identity has moved on from being a matter of checklist to a matter of reflex within the development community. Recently the issues of disability (thanks to CSOs such as ADD and Sightsavers and the efforts of the Washington Group) and age (thanks to HelpAge and the new Titchfield Group) are fast becoming identities that are increasingly taken into account in programme design. LGBT issues are also being prioritised by the more progressive donors. This represents real progress in terms of how the data revolution is helping to deliver on efforts to address multidimensional poverty and exclusion. But there is an underlying principle that - for practical and academic reasons - really needs more attention.
To look at the practicalities first: we all, as individuals, have multiple identities. These may be related to ethnicity, nationality, class or caste, religious persuasion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability status. Or any of the many identities (some transient) which help to distinguish or define us. These can appear trivial: supporting a particular sports team or type of music. But at particular points in people’s lives, these identities and identifications can be enormously important to the individual - as well as shaping how the individual is perceived by the outside world. From a statistician’s point of view, to count all of these identities is fiendishly difficult and often expensive.

From the perspective of organisations or governments trying to address the multidimensional nature of poverty and disadvantage, all of these identities can be potentially crucial influences on how social and economic interventions may work. And there is a real problem of people with limited resources and limited attention, unwittingly setting one identity against another - because they can only afford to gather data on a limited number of disaggregations. CSOs passionately arguing for the interests of their constituency, or bureaucrats having to prioritise can so easily act in a way that seems to elevate, for example age over LGBT status or disability over ethnicity. So the point of principle that needs to be explored and understood is fairly simple - and we should have learned this as we have gradually got to grips with the issue of gender. The fundamental principle is that a person’s identity should never be the cause of their immiseration or exclusion. Can the academic community through its analysis and its teaching help to build on our shared progress on gender, to sensitise people to this broader principle? If we can do this, if we can help people broaden their understanding that a single identity - be it gender or disability or age - should not result in people being disadvantaged, to a broader awareness that identity-based vulnerability or exclusion must always be looked for and guarded against, then we will help to ensure that the data revolution uses identity in a way that can help to deliver an end to poverty and greater equity in every country by 2030.

Tony German - Development Initiatives

DSA News

DSA2018 Global inequalities - Early-bird Registration closes  4th May 27-29 June 2018
University of Manchester

Hurry to register here before the registration rates rise! All delegates, whatever your role in the conference, need to register online via the website. The conference website displays all accepted panels and their included papers; the timetable and events pages show what will be happening when along with the detailed panels timetable grid; and you can use the login link to check your paper and panel details.
DSA Council Nominations

The DSA will hold elections for members of Council during the AGM at DSA2018 in Manchester, in June. We need members to stand for seven vacant positions, including Secretary. Please consider helping the association and the discipline by putting yourself forward or encouraging others to do so. You can find more information here and download the necessary forms here.

SAVE THE DATE

Together with the Social Policy Association (SPA) and the British Sociological Association (BSA) the DSA expressed support for their members involved in the UCU strike action in protest at pension changes. To take this further, the SPA and the BSA’s Work, Employment and Economic Life group are jointly organising a one-day pensions symposium. While this will primarily focus on UK social policy, and therefore is not DSA core business, we recognise the importance of the issue both in terms of employment rights and the future of higher education in the UK, and as such the DSA is joining the SPA and DSA in co-sponsoring the event.

The symposium will take place at City, University of London on Thursday the 3rd of May and will run from 10am until 3pm, with lunch provided.

There will be a nominal charge to cover costs of the day, except for those who have been engaged in recent UCU industrial action, for whom the event will be free.

The event will feature a range of speakers, an opportunity for discussion and a welcome chance for people to come together around such an important issue. The current dispute will be addressed as well as the broader context.

REF2021 panel membership appointments announced

Sub-panel 22: Anthropology & Development Studies
See the make up of the panel on the DSA homepage
See the full announcement at the REF website

DSA Dissertation Prize winners

Congratulations to Bushra Rehman and Henrique Lopes Valenca for jointly winning the DSA dissertation prize award this year. They have been invited and will present their dissertation findings at the DSA2018 conference where there will also be an award ceremony for them. You can read what the judges said of their work and find links to read their dissertations on the DSA dissertation prize webpage.
NEW & Upcoming DSA Workshops with Institutional Members 2018/19

The first workshop of the series was held on 10 April 2018 at the Natural Resources Institute (NRI), University of Greenwich.

The focus was *Meeting the challenges of interdisciplinary research for global development: strengthening sustainable agriculture and food systems.*

Look out for further notices about the forthcoming Workshops later in the year.

DSA Student membership price drop!

The DSA Council have reduced the student membership rate from £20 to £10.

DSA Study Group News

**DSA Rising Powers Study Group**

The Rising Powers study group held a successful one-day workshop at the LSE on Monday 23rd April. You can view the programme via the [SG webpage](#).

**DSA Women and Development Study Group**

*‘Bringing our feminist values to development research, policy and practice’:* Celebrating 25 years of Gender and Development
Friday 11th May 2018, 10.30am-5pm
Northumbria University London, 110 Middlesex St, London, E1 7HT

Register at the link above to participate in the Women and Development Study Group/Gender and Development Journal joint event. See more on the SG webpage [here](#).

**DSA Scotland Study Group**

DSA Scotland/University of Glasgow mini-conference
1st June 2018
University of Glasgow

Mini-conference programme available now - see the [SG webpage](#).

Keynote speaker - Dr Sandra Sequeira (LSE)
DSA Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics Study Group

International Workshop on Poverty, Inequality Dynamics, and Economic Development: Tensions and Trade-offs in Mixed Methods Research
Kings College London, 6 September (from 12 noon) and 7 September 2018

The call for papers has closed but all the details of the event can be seen on the SG webpage or the full announcement here.

DSA Premium Members

Premium membership enables your institution to lend strong support to the DSA's mission to represent the discipline, while also gaining access to the full range of DSA services: conference, website, Heads of Centres meetings, etc. If your institution is interested to join the list below, please email: president(at)devstud.org.uk

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- International Development Institute, King's College London
- Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford
- GDI, University of Manchester
- The Sheffield Institute for International Development (SIID)
- Department of International Development, London School of Economics (LSE)
- Natural Resources Institute (NRI), University of Greenwich
Global Development Institute (GDI)

Three [PhD scholarships](#) are available for the FutureDAMS Research Centre.

Research findings on [new national planning](#) presented at International Studies Association conference.

Development [alumni appointed as first black female high commissioner](#) by Foreign Office.

Public engagement [theatre performance](#) produced in partnership with GDI researchers up for award.

The [New Statesman](#) examines why we lie about aid, after reading Pablo Yanguas’s new [book](#).

Researchers work to tackle [cardiovascular death](#) in Indonesia

Oxford Department for International Development (ODID)

Young Lives have released some new infographics that outline their key findings on child work and children’s experiences of violence in an accessible, visually effective way. [Find them here](#).

Professor Douglas Gollin [presented his research](#) on ‘Heterogeneity, Measurement Error, and Misallocation: Evidence from African Agriculture’ at an event hosted by the World Bank’s Agriculture Policies Community of Practice.
Professor Xiaolan Fu spoke on the potential impact of advances in digital technology on economic diversification and structural transformation in developing countries at an UNCTAD expert meeting. She also gave a presentation to 3,000 businesspeople at the Alibaba inaugural global SME summit in China.

Gina Crivello, Senior Research Officer at Young Lives participated in ‘Theorising young people’s aspirations in a global context: an interdisciplinary conference’ at Brunel University. Gina shared learning from Young Lives, asking where participation in a longitudinal study of childhood poverty affects the aspirations of participating children and families, also forming the basis of her blog, just out.

Young Lives India Country Director Renu Singh joined a panel discussion at this year’s Society for Research on Adolescence meeting, and reflects on this in her blog examining why some children discontinue education. This draws on her chapter, authored with Protap Mukherjee, titled *Push Out, Pull Out, or Opting Out? Reasons cited by adolescents for discontinuing education in four low- and middle-income countries*.

ODID academics were Highly Commended for the impact of their research at the inaugural O2RB Excellence in Impact Awards. Professor Alexander Betts, Dr Naohiko Omata and Dr Olivier Sterck won for their work as part of the Refugee Economies Programme. The Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) won for their impact on poverty measurement methodologies used by the World Bank and the United Nations Development Program.

A group of Oxford students, including two master’s students from ODID, won the 2018 Morpheus Cup for their innovative proposal for 'solar ATMs' in India, as well as advancing to the semi-finals of the Hult Prize. Find out more.

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**Member news**

Laura Hammond has been appointed Challenge Leader for Security, Protracted Conflict, Refugees and Forced Displacement by the Global Challenges Research Fund. This 2 year secondment, which she will share with Dr Neelam Raina of Middlesex University, will seek to maximise the GCRF’s investments in Conflict and Displacement.

The Research and Evidence Facility (REF) of the EU Trust Fund for Africa, of which Laura Hammond is the Team Leader, has some new publications, all available here. These papers come from a collaborative project between the REF and the Rift Valley Institute, which looked at migration into secondary cities in the Greater Horn of Africa:
Speaking engagements

Guy Standing will speak on basic income, rentier capitalism and the plunder of the commons at HowTheLightGetsIn festival (25-28 May), Hay-on-Wye, the world's largest philosophy and music festival.

Guy Standing will talk about basic income at the European Business Summit, Brussels, on 23 May.

Guy Standing spoke on basic income at the International Journalism Festival (11-15 April 2018), in Perugia, Italy.

Guy Standing was interviewed by ANSA, the Italian news agency, on basic income.

Guy Standing was interviewed by Arbets Välden (Sweden) on the precariat.

New from ongoing projects

The ESRC funded research project 'Borderlands, brokers and peacebuilding: War to peace transitions viewed from the margins' led by Jonathan Goodhand has produced a 'literary comic' that is currently exhibiting in Sri Lanka and Nepal in local languages.

Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London

DPU's Haim Yacobi wins The Wellcome Trust Grant in Humanities and Social Science

Haim Yacobi and Mori Ram will be undertaking research on 'politics, medical knowledge and development: from Israel to Ethiopia and Eritrea (and back)'

UK parliament publishes submission from current DPU student

Congratulations to current MSc Urban Economic Development student Freddy Fashridjal who has had a submission published by parliament for an inquiry about Land Value Capture methods.

Co-Learning for Action: Six interns join the DPU/SLURC learning alliance in Sierra Leone

We are delighted to welcome six new interns from Sierra Leone to contribute to the DPU/SLURC learning alliance for transformative action to disrupt urban risk traps in Freetown

DPU summerLab 2018 series announced

We are happy to land in four new exciting destinations and to run once more a workshop in London.

DPU summerLab 2017 pamphlet published and available for download

The DPU summerLab team is glad to announce the launch of the DPU summerLab 2017 series pamphlet.

Former DPU Director Patrick Wakely launches his recently published book at the DPU

Former DPU Director, Prof. Patrick Wakely returned to the DPU to launch his latest book ‘Housing in Developing Cities: Experience and Lessons’ that has recently been published by Routledge.
Understanding urban risk traps in Freetown - MSc ESD teams up with SLURC in new learning alliance

Building upon the work undertaken under the Urban ARK research project and under the leadership of Adriana Allen and Rita Lambert, the practice module of the MSc Programme in Environment and Sustainable Development has teamed up with the Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC) and partners on the ground to set up a new learning alliance.

In the media

The kids demanding homes are made better in their area!

coverage on the BBC of the London-based fieldwork undertaken by our MSc Social Development Practice students

IDS, University of Sussex

IDS alum elected President of Costa Rica

Carlos Alvarado Quesada, a former MA student at IDS wins the presidential election held in Costa Rica.

Opinion

A new digital imperialism and how to respond to it by Tony Roberts

Wilderness for whom? Negotiating the role of livestock in landscapes by Ian Scoones

Child rapes in India that have shocked the world by Lyla Mehta

The mission for global Britain - 7 reflections on where next for 0.7 by Hannah Corbett

Adaptive Management in Myanmar - draft paper on Pyoe Pin for comment by Duncan Green

Sheffield Institute for International Development (SIID)

Hosting of ICT4D North of England - linking researchers from eight universities in the North of England who work on digital tools and international development

Development, Policy and Practice, Open University

OU research addresses shortage of women in UK IT

To address the shortage of women in the UK IT industry, Open University research, funded by the ESRC, compared the UK IT sector with that of India which has a higher proportion of women. Professor Parvati Raghuram, who led the project said, “Addressing the shortage of women in IT requires that the sector not only offers benefits, but outperforms other competing sectors, and projects its gender equality policies effectively through targeted campaigns.” Read more..
New scholarship opportunities for students in LMI countries to study Masters in Online and Distance education
The Open University has been awarded five Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships for students in low & middle income countries looking to study its Masters in Online and Distance Education. Read more...

Technology-enabled language learning for refugees and migrants
Dr Koula Charitonos, Lecturer in International Development at The Open University (OU), shares important insights from a recent roundtable organised by the OU and focused on the role of technology in language education for migrants and refugees. Read more...

Collaborating to support teacher learning in Zambia
A look at the history and impact of the OU's Teacher Education in Sub Saharan Africa (TESSA) in Zambia, by Kris Stutchbury, Senior Lecturer in Teacher Education and Academic Director of TESSA. Read more...

Creating a stronger and fairer society
A recent panel discussion organised by Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP), and chaired by Professor Helen Yanacopolus, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, saw lively debate focused on how to bridge global divides around inequality and injustice to create a better and more inclusive future for everyone. Read more...

Hear from alumni who have studied OU’s MSc in Development Management
We have started a series of blogs from alumni who studied the MSc in Development Management, delivered by Development, Policy and Practice (DPP) at the OU. The backgrounds, experiences and plans of our students are fascinating, and these stories are a must-read for anyone interested in studying the MSc or understanding the skills, knowledge and passion our students bring to the area of development. Read more...

Exploring teenage pregnancy and motherhood in Nigeria through PhD study
Ayomide Oluseye is a PhD student with The Open University currently undertaking qualitative study into teenage pregnancy and motherhood in Nigeria. In this blog, Ayomide explains more about her research, shares what inspired her to focus on this for her PhD, and what she hopes to achieve. Read more...

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University of Chester

New Lecturer for International Development Studies Programme at University of Chester

We are delighted to welcome Dr Namrata Bhattacharya-Mis as a new Lecturer in Human Geography and International Development Studies. Namrata, originally from India, joins us from the University of the West of England where she was involved with work on different research projects concerned with disaster management in the built environment. Previously, her PhD at the University of Wolverhampton investigated the vulnerability of value of business properties in the UK to flood risk. Namrata also has experience of working for different governmental and non-governmental organisations in both developing and developed world contexts. Her recent publications include:


Undergraduate programme
For more information on our undergraduate programme, please see our website.

Courses

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Bringing together key strengths in water politics, climate change, agricultural water management and water allocation, this course will provide participants with an exceptional chance to acquire an understanding of this key global issue. The course introduces and explores different interpretations of water security in an international and developing economy context. Participants will acquire a wide variety of tools and analytical frameworks from a variety of disciplines and an extended understanding of this key national and global issue. They will leave the course with an ability to critically assess and address current water security issues and policies and to gain an appreciation of the relations between water security and development, health, climate, food, and national security.

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To find out more about this year’s short courses, please explore our webpage, where you can find further details in addition to our online application form. We also run other short courses. Sign up to our mailing list here. We are here to help you find a learning experience that meets your needs - Get in touch to discuss how we can help with you or your organisation’s professional development. Email: devco.train(at)uea.ac.uk

**Conferences**

**7th PhD Conference on International Development**

8 - 9 November 2018, Institute of Development Research and Development Policy (IEE)
Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB), Germany - Call for Abstracts
Deadline: 31 May 2018

**International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)**

CBA12: Local experience driving climate action
Lilongwe, Malawi from 11-14 June 2018

Locally-driven action that addresses climate challenges is ever more crucial. The well-established CBA community of practice works on sharing innovation, getting climate finance behind what works and preparing robust narratives to take ‘lived experience’ from evidence to influence. The overarching aim is to achieve inclusive, meaningful community engagement in decision making, in ways that enable opportunities for gender-transformative outcomes.
The CBA12 event is being organised by IIED in partnership with the Climate Justice Resilience Fund, the Global Resilience Partnership, the International Development Research Centre, Irish Aid and Practical Action. For all the information on the programme, please visit our website.

**British Academy’s closing conference**

Sustainable Development Programme: “More Than Economic Growth: Overcoming the Challenges of Promoting Sustainable Development”  
Wednesday 23 May, 9.30am-5pm  
British Academy, 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH  

The Sustainable Development Programme supports 16 interdisciplinary research projects that focus on addressing the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and informing the UK Government’s Aid strategy. The closing conference will bring together leading academics, policymakers and practitioners from the UK and overseas, to discuss some of the most interesting and policy-relevant findings to have emerged from the research projects, and to consider the SDG agenda more broadly.

To attend, please confirm your attendance, along with any dietary requirements, by emailing s.weber(at)bham.ac.uk

**Events**

**Global Development Institute (GDI)**  
GDI’s lecture series and seminars are open to all. Forthcoming events focus on Zimbabwean, Ghanaian and Kenyan politics.

**Sheffield Institute for International Development (SIID)**

9th SIID Annual PGR Conference, ‘Development’ in an Uncertain World, 8-9 May 2018  
Power the Powerless - 9 May  
Migration, Belonging and Identity: Women Making Films across the Black Atlantic - 10 May  
From evidence to action: the role of universities in delivering the UN Global Goals - 16 May
Development, Policy and Practice, Open University

Who Are We? Art, Migration And The Production Of Democracy
22-27 May (Tuesday-Sunday), 12:00-16:00, TATE MODERN, Tate Exchange, Blavatnik Building, London SE1 9TG
The Open University will be joining Counterpoint Arts, Loughborough University and Stance Podcast for a week of experimental production in partnership with the University of York Migration Network & others at Tate Exchange. Examine connected questions around housing, dis/placement and place-making; labour and inequality; and citizenship and the production of social democracy. Read more...

Early-Career Researcher Masterclass on the Critical Understanding of Personal Finance within Global Financial Markets
23 May (Wednesday), 09:45-17:00,
The Open University in London, 1-11 Hawley Crescent, Camden Town, London, NW1 8NP
This free event is open to PhD students and Early-Career Researchers whose work relates to the topics of finance, economic stability, poverty, distribution, and development. We are offering 15 bursaries of £40 on a first-come-first-served basis to contribute towards travel expenses for doctoral students. Speakers include: Professor Sharon Collard (University of Bristol and Financial Inclusion Commission), Professor Gary Dymski (University of Leeds) and Jonquil Lowe (The Open University). Find out more and register...

Oxford Department for International Development (ODID)

Oxford Development Studies Annual Lecture 2018: Advancing Human Development
Professor Frances Stewart, Oxford Department of International Development
15 May 2018, 5:15pm
Seminar Room 3, ODID, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TB
For details and to register here.

LIDC

The seminar will present the results of a meta-analysis examining the overall impact of women’s empowerment projects evaluated as part of Oxfam GB’s Effectiveness Reviews, May 23 2018
**Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London**

Socio-spatial processes in Mexico City. Academic views and citizen perceptions
24 May 2018 | 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
DPU 101, 34 Tavistock Square, WC1H 9EZ

**IDS, University of Sussex**

Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation for Learning
Monday 4 June 2018 - Friday 8 June 2018 9:00-17:00
Institute of Development Studies

Participatory Video Processes: building inclusive engagement and community-led change
Monday 18 June 2018 - Friday 22 June 2018 10:00-17:00
Institute of Development Studies

Social Protection: policies, programmes and evidence
Monday 25 June 2018 - Thursday 28 June 2018 9:00-17:30
Institute of Development Studies

Transforming Nutrition: Ideas, Policies and Outcomes
Monday 16 July 2018 - Friday 20 July 2018 09:00-17:00
Institute of Development Studies

Building effective public and civil society partnerships for teaching and research
Monday 10 September 2018 - Friday 14 September 2018

**Campaign for Social Science**

Launch of the report ‘Positive Prospects: Careers for social science graduates and why number and data skills matter’
Friday, 8 June 2018 from 11:00 to 13:00 (BST)
Followed by a networking lunch
33 Finsbury Square, London

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Dr Ashley Lenihan, CfSS Senior Policy Advisor, will provide an overview of the report and its findings. Sharon Witherspoon, CfSS Head of Policy, will lead an expert panel to discuss the report’s significance, which will include Rachel Neaman, CEO of the Corsham Institute, among others to be announced shortly.

See the [website](http://www.devstud.org.uk) for all the details and to register your attendance, which is FREE to all.
Global Development Institute (GDI)

New journal articles:

A new book has been published on Digital Technologies for Agricultural and Rural Development in the Global South. Edited by R Duncombe, Director of Teaching and Learning

Agarwal, B, Can group farms outperform family farms?: Empirical Insights from India' World Development. Open Access.


Lavers, Tom. Responding to land-based conflict in Ethiopia: The land rights of ethnic minorities under federalism. Open access


Mitlin, D, Satterthwaite, D & Colenbrander, S, 'Finance for community-led local, city and national development' Environment and Urbanization


Oxford Department of International Development (ODID)


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Inclusive Peace and Security
IDS Bulletin 49.1A (2018)

Decentralisation, Devolution, and Dynamics of Violence in Africa

Indirect Rule in Armed Conflict: Theoretical Insights from Eastern DRC

The Relationship between Perceptions of Inequality and Political Participation: The Case of the Western Balkans

Youth Engagement in the Realm of Local Governance: Opportunities for Peace?

What Are the Implications of Ageing and Demographic Change in Rwanda?
IDS Policy Briefing 150 (2018)

Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London

DPU News Issue 63

An analysis of well-being in urban Nigeria
By Andrea Rigon

DPU summerLab 2017 Series

Gentrification in (re)construction: Talca’s neighbourhoods post 2010 earthquake
By Camillo Boano with Jorge Inzulza Contardo and Camila Wirsching

DPU Working Paper - No. 194

Planning in a complex, changing and uncertain urban reality: the emergence of a resilience planning paradigm in the city of Barcelona
By Maria Evangelina Filippi

Mapping that changes lives
Digital Media - Video

Freetown through a citizens’ media lens - neighbourhood planning using participatory photography

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Wiley

Public Administration and Development invites submissions for their Special Issue: ‘Policy Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries’. Guest Editors Paul Collins, Alex Jingwei He & Darryl S.L. Jarvis welcome submissions exploring the processes and mechanisms of policy entrepreneurship in the development context, linking theory and practice. Find out more.

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Speculative Harvests- new title in the Agrarian Change & Peasant Studies series
Jennifer Clapp and S. Ryan Isakson

The authors highlight the importance of confronting the financialization of food and agriculture, identify the challenges of conventional approaches to reform and consider innovative alternatives. Speculative Harvests is essential for those who not only seek a better understanding of the problems but are also in search of effective interventions.

Participatory Development Practice
Anthony Kelly and Peter Westoby

‘This work represents an important contribution in the ongoing effort to provide critical analysis, perspective and input on participatory development practice. The authors show that much can be learned and linked when a combination of love, dialogue and action are nurtured and applied systematically and with careful attention in communities’

Paul Lachapelle, Associate Professor Community Development, Montana State University, President, International Association for Community Development 2016-2019
Journals call for papers

*Enterprise Development & Microfinance*

**Special issue**

‘Advancing rural entrepreneurship through technical, business, and financial services’

We invite researchers and practitioners to share their insights and to document positive and negative experiences that stimulate reflection and learning among those concerned with service design and implementation and their outcomes and impact. Please send a 300-400 word abstract of your planned contributions to the editor Jason Donovan (CIMMYT) j.donovan(at)cgiar.org by May 11, 2018.

**Waterlines**

Special issue - Deadline for abstracts 15th May 2018

‘Strengthening markets for WASH goods and services’

This themed edition of Waterlines focuses on approaches which enhance access to more resilient and sustainable WASH services through strengthening market systems. We invite papers addressing the broad subject of WASH markets, whether in a development or humanitarian context, and especially in the interface between the two. Download call for papers [here](#).

**Food Chain**

The content of Food Chain covers all aspects of promoting food chains, from on-farm processing to storage, transportation, food processing businesses, hygiene and quality assurance, marketing, finance and the business environment. It covers the market linkages between agricultural production and farm inputs, including both hard inputs and knowledge systems, and farm outputs and associated value chains. If you would be interested in submitting a proposal further information can be found on the [journal homepage](#).

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Any queries please email hirai.tadashi(at)gmail.com.
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Academic survey on engagement with parliament

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