

## Report for the DSA Scotland Study Group meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The programme for the day, as circulated in advance, was as follows:



### **Development Studies Association (DSA) Scotland Meeting**

**Friday, 10 January 2020 (10.00 am - 5.00 pm)**

University of Strathclyde  
Business School, Cathedral Wing (Rooms CW406a and CW 404b)  
Enter from 199 Cathedral Street, Glasgow G4 0QU or  
Sir William Duncan Building, 130 Rottenrow G4 0GE

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The meeting will open at 10.00 am with coffee/tea and biscuits prior to the start of the first session at 10.30 am.

The programme will be as follows (although may be subject to change):

- 10.00 – 10.30 am – Arriving, networking and tea/coffee
- 10.30 am – 12.30 pm – Promoting Economic Development through Sustainable Energy
- 12.30 – 1.30 pm – Lunch and networking
- 1.30 – 3.00 pm – Presentations by established researchers
- 3.15 – 5.00 pm – Presentations by Doctoral Research Students

The first session – on *Promoting Economic Development through Sustainable Energy* – is being organised by Aran Eales who works within the 'Energy for Development' research group within the Electronic and Electrical Engineering Department in the University of Strathclyde. The session will explore links between electricity provision, poverty reduction and economic development, and cover topics including sustainable business models, energy policy and social impact drawing on field experience of deploying solar PV in Malawi. Fuller details will be available before the meeting.

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1. Dr Nigel Dower, Honorary Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Aberdeen – *Contemporary issues in Development Ethics*
2. Dr Graeme Young, Research Fellow, Centre of Sustainable, Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods, University of Glasgow – *Researching Informality: State Power and the Dangers of Depoliticizing Development Discourse*
3. Dr Michael Tribe, Honorary Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde and Business School Associate, University of Glasgow – *Economic Neoliberalism and International Development*

The third session will consist of presentations, followed by discussions, by current doctoral research students – and at the time of writing we are anticipating that it will include the following:

1. Sane Pashane Zuka, University of Edinburgh – *When Possession of Minerals Becomes a Mis (Fortune): Coal Mining and Assemblages of Community Celebrations and Protests in Malawi*
2. Ayse Yaylali, University of Strathclyde – *Republic of Sudan Education System Reform: The causal effect on the welfare of women and children*
3. Abraham Ajayi, University of Strathclyde – *The Nigerian economy, oil and gas rents, the quality of institutions and diversification*
4. Adhiraj Singh Rathore, University of Glasgow – *Measuring the impact of the European Banking Authority's (EBA's) capital exercise on the technical efficiency of the banks*
5. Kingsley Emeana, University of the West of Scotland – *The Effect of global value chains participation on returns of smallholder coffee farmers in Ethiopia*

We have five presentations confirmed for a third session scheduled for 105 minutes – I did not wish to exclude any of the offers. The precise organisation of this third session can be discussed in the early part of the day's meeting.

In principle each presenter will have a total of about 20 minutes for presentation and discussion. I am sorry that this is rather on the short side – but the opportunity to 'air' the research will hopefully lead to follow-up questions and communications later after the meeting.

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The Development Studies Association's website can be found at [www.devstud.org.uk](http://www.devstud.org.uk) and the DSA Scotland page can be found within the Study Groups section.

We are grateful for the financial support of the Development Studies Association and for the cooperation of the Strathclyde University Economics Department.

## Report of the Meeting

The first session, devoted to a long presentation and discussion around the work of the 'Energy for Development' research group within the Electronic and Electrical Engineering Department in the University of Strathclyde, was innovative.

'Development Studies' is often thought of as being most closely associated with the Social Sciences, but the presentation by Aran Eales and Will Colley demonstrated perfectly the significance of engineering issues in the context of local development and poverty reduction associated with electricity generation and distribution in a poor developing country (Malawi). Participants found the session eye opening, and a copy of the long presentation will be available for downloading.

The second session had three presentations.

Nigel Dower and Michael Tribe, two established DSA members, gave presentations (for Nigel his long preoccupation with Development Ethics, and for Michael his current edited book project on 'Economic Neoliberalism and International Development') and responded to comments and questions.

Graeme Young, who recently joined the research staff of the Centre of Sustainable, Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods at the University of Glasgow, gave a presentation and responded to questions relating to his primary research on informal sector development, particularly in Uganda and South Africa.

Again, the presentations will be available for downloading.

In the third session there were four presentations.

Sane Zuka, from the University of Edinburgh, focused on issues surrounding the development and use of coal (both locally mined and imported) in Malawi – neatly complementing the presentation by Aran Eales and Will Colley earlier in the day.

Kingsley Emeana, from the University of the West of Scotland, gave a presentation relating to the development of Ethiopian coffee production, processing and marketing.

Temitope (Abraham) Ajayi, from the University of Strathclyde, provided a comprehensive view of the relationship between oil and gas sector rents and the development of the Nigerian economy.

Finally, Ayse Yaylali, also from the University of Strathclyde, presented results from her detailed study of the gender dimension of Sudanese educational development. These were four robust, and very welcome, presentations by students from developing countries.

These four presentations will also be available for downloading.

In the event the only intending presenter not to participate was Adhiraj Singh Rathore, University of Glasgow whose topic (*Measuring the impact of the European Banking Authority's (EBA's) capital exercise on the technical efficiency of the banks*) perhaps did not fit in well with this DSA meeting, which probably explains his absence.



Graeme Young contemplates a former thriving market area in Kampala, Uganda which has been demolished.



Michael Tribe (left) and John Struthers (right) first became acquainted when lecturing together in the Economics Department at Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone for about 3 months in early 1981.

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**List of Participants**

*Speakers etc*

Aran Eales – University of Strathclyde  
Will Colley – University of Strathclyde

Nigel Dower – University of Aberdeen  
Graeme Young – University of Glasgow  
Michael Tribe – Universities of Strathclyde and Glasgow

Sane Pashane Zuka – University of Edinburgh  
Ayse Yaylali – University of Strathclyde  
Abraham Ajayi – University of Strathclyde  
Kingsley Emeana – University of the West of Scotland

*Organisation*

Michael Tribe – Universities of Strathclyde and Glasgow  
Talha Khokhar – University of Glasgow

*Other Participants*

Nikos Danias – University of Strathclyde  
Shazmeen Maroof – University of Strathclyde  
Muhammad Imran Khan – University of Strathclyde

Paul Hare – Heriot Watt University

Colin Kirkpatrick – University of Manchester

John Struthers – University of the West of Scotland  
Dina Nziku – University of the West of Scotland  
Sabah Diaf – University of the West of Scotland

Eileen Cook – Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

Lewis Ryder-Jones – Scotland's International Development Alliance

Rama Dieng – University of Edinburgh – withdrawn  
Adhiraj Singh Rathore – University of Glasgow – withdrawn

Mozammel Huq sent his apologies for absence – due to working in Bangladesh at this time.