

DSA2022 Global South Members' Meeting – 5th July 2022 – Zoom chat

Shreyas Srivatsa: Hello everyone, I am Shreyas from India. Happy to be here for the first time.

Ugochukwu Anona: Greeting Everyone, I'm Ugochukwu from Nigeria. Happy to be here.

Zahra Mughis: Hi, everyone. I am Zahra from Pakistan. Happy to be here.

Marium Faruki: hi

Akinpelu Oyekunle: Hello everyone,

Janice Lazarus: Hi, this is Janice from India. PhD student at Birkbeck, University of London.

Marium Faruki: hi I am Marium from Lahore School of Economics Pakistan

Jakleen Al-Dalal'a: Hi, I am Jakleen Al-Dalal'a from Jordan. PhD student at the University of Sheffield - School of Architecture

Peter Rogers: Hi everyone! I am Peter Rogers from University of Dar es Salaam-Tanzania

Mulima Nyambe: Greetings from Zambia! Mulima Nyambe-Mubanga, Research Fellow at the Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR)

Shreyas Srivatsa: Hello again, I am a faculty and head of studies of Masters of Planning at Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design & Technology. I am also part of a place-based research organisation called Living Labs Network & Forum.

Tobi Oshodi: Hello everyone, I'm Tobi - a lecturer in political science at Lagos State University, Nigeria.

Akinpelu Oyekunle: I am Akinpelu Oyekunle, a Postdoctoral Fellow from the Department of Philosophy, University of South Africa, Pretoria and a visiting Landhaus Fellow with RCC, Munich

Malonga Hazemba: Greetings to all. I am Malonga Hazemba from the Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research in Lusaka, Zambia.

Jessica Roccard: Hi Jessica Roccard from Costa Rica

Saadatu Umaru Baba: Hello, I am Saadatu Baba, a lecturer in geography from Kaduna State University, Nigeria

Joy Lin 乔伊林: Hello everyone, I am Joy Lin from China, a recent graduate from MA Gender and Development program in IDS. Happy to be here for the first time.

Zahra Mughis: Hello everyone, again. I am Zahra from Pakistan. M Phil Development Studies student and research assistant at the Lahore School of Economics.

Arnab Chakraborty: Hello, I am Arnab working as a Research Associate at Institute of Rural Management Anand, in India.

Dr Palash Kamruzzaman: Here is what I was proposing:

Isabela Coelho: Hello, everyone. I'm Isabela Coelho, a Brazilian master student in international development from the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in South Korea. I am happy to integrate this study group

Dr Palash Kamruzzaman: 1. the global inequality (as a consequence of power relationships in the aid sector) among the development experts (such as among the international and what I call National Development Experts (NDEs)).

Pratichi Majumdar: Hello. I am Pratichi Majumdar, from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. I am currently a post-doctoral research associate with the GendV Project based at the University of Cambridge. Will be happy to participate and help out with the study group.

Dr Rakiya Mamman-Simpson: I am Rakiya Mamman Lecturer in politics and international development National Open University of Nigeria.

Dr Palash Kamruzzaman: 2. the existing inequalities in the knowledge production process (within international development scholarship). thanks for the opportunity.

Janus Levi Castillo: Good day! I am Janus Levi Castillo and I am currently taking up Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies at University of the Philippines Manila.

Dr Josephine Malonza, University of Rwanda: Hi, I am Josephine Malonza from Kenya, but working in Rwanda. A Lecturer, early career researcher and founding dean of School of Architecture in Rwanda.

Dr Josephine Malonza, University of Rwanda: My first time in DSA and first time on such a gS forum, so thanks a lot for putting this together.

Shreyas: One of the aspects of development studies in gS and for this group would be to capture the plurality and differential experiences in settlements and geographies in the larger world. My research has been to maintain place-based research infrastructure and network in Hyderabad-Karnataka region. Especially the lived and embodied knowledge systems. Maintaining such infrastructures and developing pedagogy takes up a lot of resources and time. Is there a study group that is being imagined as part of DSA? Also I think this would align with S2S collaboration mentioned on the slide.

PS: I dont have a microphone or camera. Sorry I ll have to stick to chat

Dr Palash Kamruzzaman: Hi @Chester, of course you can call me by my first name.

1. Understanding the Role of National Development Experts in Development Ethnography – the link is: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.12200>

2. Understanding the motivations and roles of National Development Experts in Ghana: 'We do all the donkey work and they take the glory', Third World Quarterly, 42(6): 1157-1175, the link is: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01436597.2021.1877127>

3. Why national development experts are not included in development policymaking and practice: The case of Ghana (Open access), the link is:
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/dpr.12656>

4. 'Epistemic Injustice' in Aid Sector and Agenda for Researching National Development Experts, - Open Access, the link is: <https://social-epistemology.com/2021/06/28/epistemic-injustice-in-aid-sector-and-agenda-for-researching-national-development-experts-palash-kamruzzaman/>

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Keitumetse Mabole: Hi, everyone.. This is Keitumetse Mabole. PhD student from Maynooth University in Ireland. Areas of research: indigenous knowledge, marginalisation, lifelong learning and Community development...

Dr Josephine Malonza, University of Rwanda: Some journals have taken a lead on rejecting journals that don't recognise the contribution of gS researchers. e.g.

Dr Josephine Malonza, University of Rwanda: <https://mg.co.za/health/2022-06-13-the-lancet-journal-rejects-papers-that-dont-acknowledge-african-researchers/>

Shabana Fayyaz: Dr Shabana Fayyaz from Islamabad here. Would like to contribute when slot is there

shreyas: For the sake of convenience we could use the term Global South. For me it means plurality of ways of living, producing knowledge, and frictions that cannot be generalised.

Jakleen Al-Dalal'a: great comment @Janice. I would like to reflect on your comment too, it is important to understand what responsibilities are claimed by engaging with Southern Theorising?

Zahra Mughis: Understanding Global South as an umbrella term that encompasses all the diversity and contextualised differences in the developing world seems simplistic but that simplicity is functional. The concept is as multidimensional as interdisciplinary the term development is. I guess ...

Dr Josephine Malonza, University of Rwanda: I have liked the concern on NAMES. How and what we call things goes a long way in how we conceive and relate with them.

Simbarashe Gukurume: Very important ideas here and I think we also need to approach both the global south and north as entangled categories and not just as a geographical but also as analytical categories to think critically about historical, present and future processes that shape transformation

Dr Josephine Malonza, University of Rwanda: For instance, recently in Kigali during CHOGM, We realised that the UN-Habitat phrase "leave no one behind" is problematic and we proposed changing this to "move ahead with everyone", which the ED picked up on immediately.

Shailaja Fennell: great points in the chat-lots to think about

Zahra Mughis: @ Josephine , and the linguistic roots of these names matter too. Something called X in English may be called Y in another language and X and Y may seem to different things to even a person who speaks both languages.

Dr Josephine Malonza, University of Rwanda: when gN study our architecture, they call out predominant material MUD (in place of ADOBE)... Which has made our people slow to accept locally available materials.

Wilbard Kombe: Dear colleagues,

Wilbard Kombe: Thank you so much for the productive and enlightening discussion. I have another meeting. All the best

Ayesha: why do we have to segregate GS from GN...this divide itself induces injustice and disparities...classifying one against the other? isnt it time to end this GS n GN narrative and work as a whole

Zahra Mughis: The divide is deep-rooted and not just semantic. A step forward, however, is a shift in the way how North and South interact, collaborate, and commit to development.

shreyas: On S2S slide: I would also like to add not only gS-based scholars but when it comes to Southern practices it becomes important for scholarship held by communities and their experiences. Recognising non-textual modes of publishing as scholarship which will create a space for the voices from these communities to find their way into universities and programs related to development studies. Allowing for shifting the epistemology.

Zahra Mughis: a very important point @shreyas

Dr Rakiya Mamman-Simpson: Shabana Excellent points

...it will be interesting to hear your thoughts on de-radicalization. I also serve as Chair of Development Studies at National Open University. There is a strong desire to introduce a course on deradicalization, which is a major development issue in West Africa. We are struggling to create a curriculum, and your expertise and mentoring will be extremely beneficial.

Did you mentioned Swansea ? I graduated from Swansea University and now work as an Honorary Lecturer in International Development there. This summer, I'll be in Swansea.

Chester Arcilla: Proposal sounds great. Im hoping to be part of it as a development studies scholar from the Philippines working on the political economy of urbanization, gentrification and housing.

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Shailaja Fennell: thank you, Winfred

Dr Palash Kamruzzaman: It was wonderful to be part of this discussion, and thank you so very much indeed for your thoughts and critical insights. Unfortunately, I will have to leave now...but would be delighted to keep in touch (palash.kamruzzaman@southwales.ac.uk).

shreyas: Comment for Felix: I'll be keen on sharing our experiences from Hyderabad-Karnataka region. Some of the approaches and methods also might be of interest to folks here in this group

Awudu Angyu Daniel: This meeting is very strategic in changing the narratives of research in global South

shreyas: Academia-community collaborations supported by DSA would be great.

Dr Nomazulu Sibanda: how does one join the whatsapp group?

Shailaja Fennell: cannot hear Ayesha

Amal Chammas: I cannot find the gS study group on the website, so for me the objectives of this group are not clear, I think this is where we need to start

Peter Taylor: I like the idea of a monthly seminar as an activity, once the group is moving forward, since it can help this group acquire a sense of community and connection - and help to build up momentum towards a transformational agenda

shreyas: Are there regional study groups already?

Peter Taylor: On the DSA website, I noticed that the Study Group is still listed as the "Africa Study Group", so there is need to update the website, and for that to incorporate a new framing for the Study Group we are now discussing

Getachew Bekele: I am sorry I joined late and I am not really clear about what is being discussed. I don't want to interrupt you asking questions. Maybe next time. Thank you and I have to leave.

Chester Arcilla: I'd be happy to part of the revitalization group/committee. I'm from the Philippines.

shreyas: I would like to volunteer my time. Maybe the conversation can continue to get some more clarity

Akinpelu Oyekunle: yes, setting up a committee will be a good way to go about it

Jakleen Al-Dalal'a: I'd like to volunteer as well

M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury: I am also ready to volunteer.

Dr Rakiya Mamman-Simpson: I am happy to volunteer

Shailaja Fennell: gender, geography and age are all important features

Dr Rakiya Mamman-Simpson: Regional sensitivity key..

Isabela Coelho: I am from South America, but I am not an expert in the field

Awudu Angyu Daniel: Members should be those with vast experience in the workings of DSA

Amal Chammas: what would you consider the Middle East?

Chester Arcilla: the Southeast Asian region?

shreyas: Sorry I got disconnected due to power cut.

Amal Chammas: there is already a group South Asia and development

shreyas: I volunteer for South Asia

M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury: Jahangir, Bangladesh, South Asia

Shailaja Fennell: the south asia and development group has not been very active

Chester Arcilla: I can volunteer for Southeast Asia.

Shailaja Fennell: that too needs revitalisation

M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury: Jahangir Alam Chowdhury

shreyas: For South Asia: Shreyas Srivatsa, India, South Asia

Chester Arcilla: If you need someone from Southeast Asia, Im Chester Arcilla from the University of the Philippines

Shailaja Fennell: we need to think about gender representation in each region as well

shreyas: I dont have a mic and camera. feel free to pronounce my name as you can

Isabela Coelho: I would like to volunteer for South America as well, I am Isabela Coelho from Brazil

Ayesha: thanks everyone. wld leave now. i hope that the points raised would be taken into consideration and committee includes some really competent members.

Jakleen Al-Dalal'a: I am from the Middle East (Jordan) and would like to volunteer (Jakleen Al-Dalal'a)

Shailaja Fennell: Isabela has volunteered, and Rakiya had already volunteered

Shailaja Fennell: thank you, Jakleen

Simran Asad: I would like to sign up for volunteer as well for South Asia. Simran Asad from Pakistan!

Shailaja Fennell: Simran is volunteering from Pakistan

Shalini Sen: I'm sorry I have joined late. could you please tell me something about what we are volunteering for ? I'm so sorry

Shailaja Fennell: Chester Arcilla

Akinpelu Oyekunle: Am a Nigerian scholar based in South Africa

Anne Marie Kagwesage: Anne Marie from Rwanda

Akinpelu Oyekunle: Can I volunteer?

Indrajit Roy: always good to have an odd number to resolve impasse etc :-)

Shailaja Fennell: good point, Indrajit

shreyas: will the interim committee be meeting again anytime soon? Sorry if i missed that info

shreyas: Shreyas Srivatsa: shreyas@thelivinglabs.net

Shalini Sen: If there is a place available I can volunteer from South Asia since there 4 members there. I am from India. Please let me know.

Dr Plangsat Dayil: I can volunteer from Nigeria too if there is such opportunity

shreyas: I ll be happy to meet more often

Shabana Fayyaz: A great Ice-breaker to begin with in today's session... looking forward to learn and share from this initiative.

Peter Taylor: My apologies that I will need to depart for another meeting, but this has been a very lively and engaging conversation, thank you to all participants. I think it is worth noting that those kindly volunteering just now will help this community move forward an active agenda, and we certainly hope that many others will also participate in activities in a range of different ways. Thank you again to all.

Nzino Munongo victorine ghislaine: Is it late to join the comitee?

Shailaja Fennell: thank you, all. Good to see how the conversation has developed since the last GS meeting at the previous annual conference

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Indrajit Roy: Thanks everyone for your time and lovely to "see" you and hear from you.

Jakleen Al-Dalal'a: Thank you everyone

Shailaja Fennell: thank you, Tuesday, Peter, Indrajit and Felix

Chester Arcilla: Thank you all.

shreyas: Thank you Tuesday, Indrajit, peter, felix and everyone.

shreyas: Cheers