

Rama Dieng

Biography

Dr Rama Salla Dieng is a Lecturer in Africa and International Development at the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh. Before the University of Edinburgh, she worked for five years in Policy Research at the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and before that she worked at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Mauritius. She also taught at the Department of Development Studies, SOAS. Rama's research focuses on agrarian change, feminist political economy of development, labour care and social reproduction, politics of development in Africa (Senegal and Mauritius), and social movement. Rama serves on the board of the African Studies Association UK.

Rama holds an MSc and a PhD in Development Studies from SOAS, University of London and a Double Masters in International Cooperation & Development and Risks Management in Developing Countries, from Science Po Bordeaux- IEP, France. She also holds a *Maîtrise* in Political Science, Université Montesquieu, Bordeaux, France.

Rama is currently finalising a monograph and is the co-editor of a Special Issue [on Agrarian Change, Food Security, Sustainable Development in Senegal and Zimbabwe](#). She is also the editor of [Féminismes Africains: Une histoire Décoloniale](#) (Présence Africaine, Paris, 2021), the co-editor of a collective book on [Feminist Parenting, Perspectives from Africa and Beyond](#) (Demeter Press 2020), and a Lead editor of a forthcoming anthology on Feminisms in Africa (2021), and the author of a novel ([La Dernière Lettre](#), Présence Africaine Paris 2008).

Statement

I was a member of the DSA Council from 2019 to 2021; my role was related to Decolonising Development. I also founded the DSA [Decolonising Development study Group](#), for which I organised a well-attended [launch event](#) in September 2020. I requested a sabbatical leave in 2021 after being awarded a research grant (before leaving I made sure to recruit the team who would take over from me). Having returned from parental leave since April 2022, I would like to re-join the DSA Council to contribute this time not on the Decolonising Development agenda, but to take over from the two outgoing colleagues on the following aspects of the work of the council: i) outreach and networking especially in relation to ECRs career development and opportunities, ii) Dissertation and iii) Communications. I would also like to create and develop a new study group which will focus on feminist political economy and feminist political ecology perspectives on Development .