



development studies  
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# **DSA AGM 2023**

29 June 2023

# Agenda



- Welcome
- Approval of minutes from AGM 2022
- Annual Trustee's Report
- President's Report including Comms Report
- PGT and PGR prizes
- Nominations and elections
- Any Other Business



# Welcome and thanks.....

- Winfred Nyokabi, Rohan Jackson and the NomadIT team for their work in organizing and running DSA2023
- Our conference volunteers
- Alex Arnall, the conference convenor, and colleagues
- Our conference sponsors: *Journal of Development Studies*, *Oxford Development Studies* & *Journal of International Development*...and publishing partners OUP and Routledge
- Our Treasurer, Shailaja Fennell, Secretary, Uma Kambhampati & Communications Officer, Rowena Harding
- Outgoing DSA Council members: Ben Radley, Rachel Slater



Apologies from Council members

Approval of minutes from AGM 2022  
(Online - UCL)

# Budget



## Development Studies Association

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		1,063	-	1,063	2,693
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Promotion of development research		127,980	-	127,980	110,830
Investment income	2	451	-	451	371
Other income		(468)	-	(468)	(468)
<b>Total</b>		<u>129,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,026</u>	<u>113,426</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Promotion of development research		<u>127,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,301</u>	<u>127,643</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		1,725	-	1,725	(14,217)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>132,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,415</u>	<u>146,632</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>134,140</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>134,140</u></u>	<u><u>132,415</u></u>

# Treasurer's proposals



The AGM accepts the accounts as presented.

Seconded?

Show of hands in favour, against, abstention?



# President's Report I: Progress & plans against objectives

Objective	2022-23 Progress	2023-24 Plans (additional to continued 2022-23 activities)
<i>1. Advance connections to deepen understanding of development</i>	DSA2023 Study groups (P&Pol ec) DSA-OUP book series Webinars: NGOs REF2021 debrief	DSA2024 Webinars Study Groups
<i>2. Raise profile of the UK DS community and provide a platform for its collective voice</i>	Comms DSA blog on race review Journal update: JDS	Comms: continued roll-out of new strategy Advocacy and engagement where relevant Webinars

# Communications report



- **New communications officer** with extensive development and communications experience

## **Relationships:**

Re-engaging with institutional members, outreach with new partners to amplify our activities

## **Engagement:**

New LinkedIn account (819 followers), increased twitter engagement & followers (6k+), increased newsletter subscribers.

## **Content:**

Webinar on collaboration with NGOs, dedicated jobs, podcasts and events webpages, spotlighting decolonisation & voices of the global South.







# President's Report II: Progress & plans against objectives

Objective	2022-23 Progress	2023-24 Plans (additional to continued 2022-23 activities)
<i>3. Build the institutional strength of the DSA</i>	New institutional members (Camb, OU) Re-energized study groups	Encourage new institutional members New SGs? Dev econ?
<i>4. Nurture the future of DS thro' support to students, ECRs and HE teachers</i>	Dissertation prize PhD prize	Decolonising network and resources Review of ECR support strategy
<i>5. Promote greater EDI within the DS community</i>	gS: South-South mentoring; participation at DSA2022 EDI audit underway	GS: GS publishing Decolonising: shared teaching, resources EDI audit completed, actions proposed



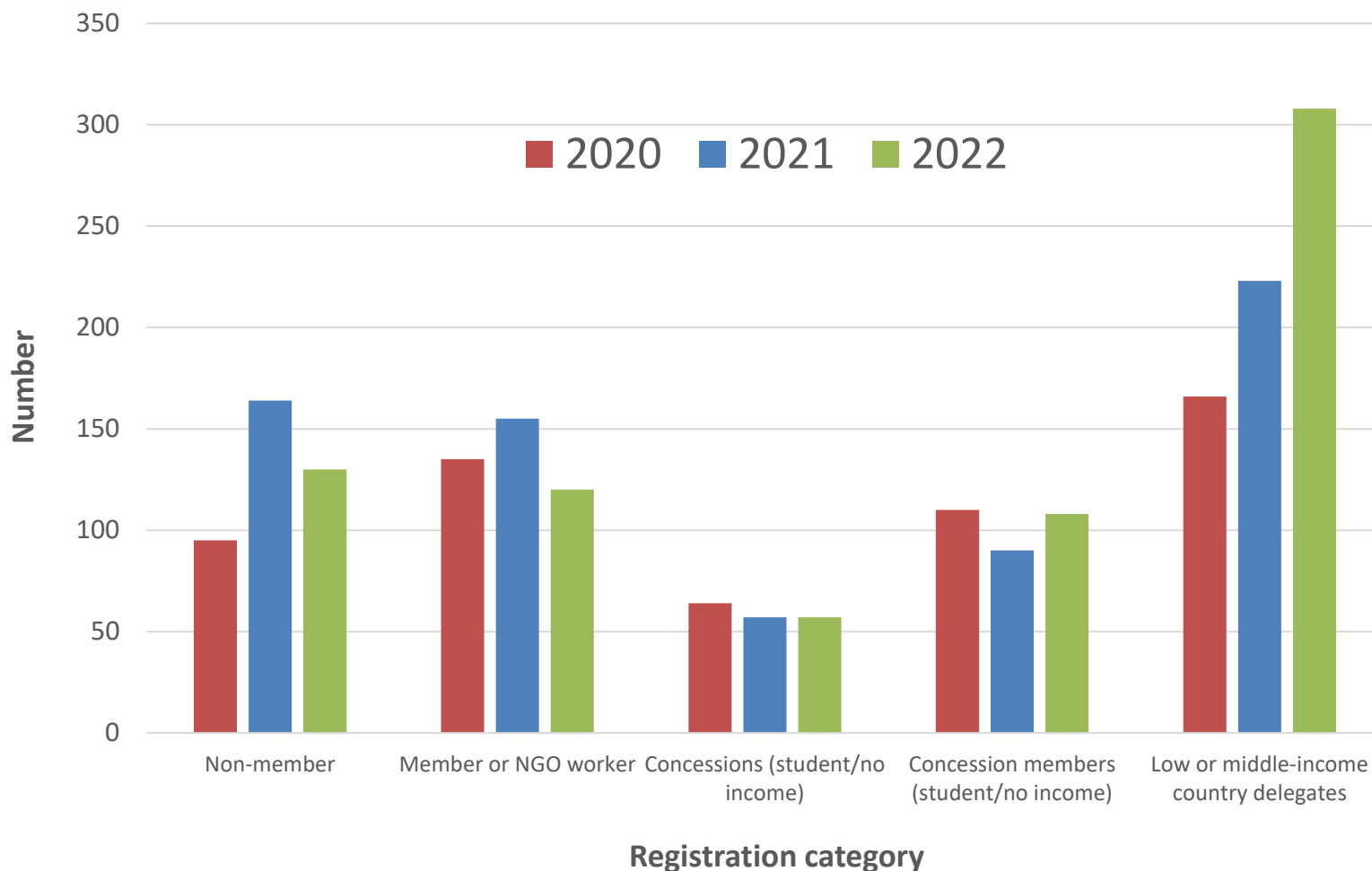
# Institutional membership

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Institution (small)	10	11	10	6	5
Institution (large)	11	9	8	9	8
Premium institution Level 1 (turnover <£2.5m)	7	6	6	7	8
Premium institution Level 2 (turnover £2.5m-10m)	5	5	5	6	6
Premium institution Level 3 (turnover >£10m)	2	2	2	2	2
Institution (publishing companies)	2	2	3	3	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>



# Online conference attendance

Totals - DSA2020: 570 DSA2021: 711 DSA2022: 723





# DSA2023

## Registrations

- 265 online
- 466 face-to-face

**Total: 731**

A new DSA record!



# PGT & PGR Prizes 2023

- **DSA Masters Dissertation Prize**

Winner: *Lisa Eitinger (LSE)* Ignorance for relevance? A critical assessment of the World Bank's higher education policy.

Highly commended

- *Sidonie East (IDS, Sussex)*: Is Transparency Enough? An Examination of the Effect of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) on Accountability, Corruption and Trust in Zambia.
- *Misbah Haqani (IGHD, Queen Margaret University)*: In Health and in Pandemic: Covid-19 Securitization and Militarization in Indian Administered Kashmir. A Critical Discourse Analysis

## **DSA PhD Thesis Prize**

- Winner: *Owen Frazer (IDD, University of Birmingham)* The Theory and Practice of Mediation as Framing: Breaking Impasses in the El Salvador Peace Negotiations.
- Highly commended: *Kaveri Medappa (University of Sussex)* Chasing Targets, Making Life : An ethnographic study of platform-based cab drivers and food delivery workers in Bengaluru, India.



# Council representation: proposed amendment

## **Current provision**

Three officers

Twelve reps, including two gS members

Two elected student members

Three co-opted members.

## **Proposed approach**

As above except gS and students to be proposed by relevant constituencies (gS study group, student membership)

gS reps: eligible for 2 x three-year terms

Student reps eligible to serve one three-year term



# Nominations & elections

- For the six Council elected positions, we have six nominations
- For the role of President, we have one nomination
- For the role of Secretary, we have one nomination
- For the student representative positions we have two nominations from the student body



# Candidates

## **Council positions**

1. Eyob Balcha Gebremariam
2. Shailaja Fennell
3. Jonathan Fisher
4. Emma Mawdsley
5. Toussef Mir
6. Peter Taylor

For Secretary: Jonathan Fisher

For President: Uma Kambhampati

For Student Reps: Zachariah Owutumayor and Sheila Ronoh





# **Any Other Business**



# And looking forward .....

- **DSA 2024**  
**Social justice and development in a polarising world**

**SOAS, University of London**

– 26-28 June 2024 (tbc).