

# Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty

**New Values, Voices  
and Alliances for  
Increased Resilience**



## Programme

**University of York**



**19-22 September 2011**

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**Dinners:** For those participants NOT on any of the Whole Event Fees, and who have paid for dinner, you will be issued with a ticket for dinner which must be handed to one of the stewards. Anyone without a Whole Event Conference pass or a dinner ticket will not be served – the venue stipulates this as part of their terms and conditions.

**Special dietary requests:** These meals will be provided in The Galleria Restaurant if you have notified us of any specific dietary requirements (vegetarian is supplied as standard).

**Accommodation: Check-in time:** 14:00 hours. Keys and swipecards for bedrooms may be collected from the appropriate College Reception. **Check out time:** 09:30 hours and the keys/swipecards must be returned to the appropriate College Reception.

## Your Connections

**Internet Access:** Wireless Internet Access login codes will be given to all those who have paid for the Full Conference Fee when they check into their accommodation for use with personal laptops, smart phones and PDAs. A limited number of netbooks will be available in room PT103 on the first floor of the Exhibition Centre to allow brief checking of emails. Please note: these machines are NOT to be used at length to rewrite presentations. The room will be supervised at all times and people will be asked to end their session if there are others waiting.

**Buses/transport to and from City Centre/York Railway Station:** These run regularly between the City Centre and the Campus. The nearest bus stop to the Exhibition Centre and Central Hall is called Library. Please see the map in the middle of this programme for the route into the Campus. The most frequent service from the City Centre to the University Campus is the Unibus number 44 or FirstYork number 4. The latest buses to and from the City Centre (Merchantgate, near the Minster) to the University are at 11.15pm. The last bus from York Railway station to the Campus is at 11.55pm. Allow at least 20 minutes for the journey and 5 minutes to walk from the campus to the bus stop.

**The Thorn Tree:** To put you in touch with each other during the event. Please see p13 for more details.

## Our Requirements

**Badges** must be worn at all times to indicate that you are a participant in this event. If you do not have a badge either for the whole event or for the relevant day, you will not be granted access to sessions or catering areas. Please return your badges to the Registration Desks on departure.

# Presidents' Welcome



## Lawrence Haddad President of DSA

Colleagues, the field of international development policy is young. Established in its present form in the late 1940s, it has evolved out of colonial policy and in response to public policy in the West. It has played a role in the Cold War and embraced new ideas about poverty, globalisation and human rights. But the combined assault of the global financial crisis, the food and fuel price crisis and the increasingly rapid burn of climate change has been a stress test for our current model of international development, the like of which we have never seen. Not only is this combination of crises having a profound impact on development outcomes, it is also bringing into question our core ideas about what development is and how it happens.

Of course, much has been written on this of late. The Sarkozy Commission on Measuring Societal Progress uses the question of whether we are measuring the right thing to critically evaluate whether the frameworks for development policy are correct. Tim Jackson revives earlier arguments by Galbraith and Mishan which question our notion of prosperity and its relation to the kind of economic growth we have become hooked on. Paul Collier argues that economics has got it wrong when it comes to intergenerational decisions about the environment. Dani Rodrik thinks that the limits of economic globalization have been reached for now and that democracy and national self-determination must be put first in future.



## Jean-Luc Maurer President of EADI

From the moment the neo-liberal globalisation tsunami started to submerge the world, the international development community of academics and practitioners has regularly questioned itself about the necessity of rethinking development, its conceptual basis, its philosophical principles, its political legitimacy, its unrealistic objectives and its disappointing outcomes. But never has it been more urgently needed than today, in an age of growing scarcity, uncertainty and inequality, where the development paradigm has clearly exceeded the ecological and social limits of its sustainability and the world capitalist system is sinking deeper into a mad financial drift threatening to bring it to the verge of collapse. More than ever, we need to promote new values, to listen to new voices and to forge new alliances in order to define and promote a truly sustainable development paradigm.

Raising and debating these issues constitutes precisely the ambitious objective of the 13th EADI General Conference. Organised for the first time in the United Kingdom, which has the largest development community in Europe, and in partnership with DSA, the biggest European national development association, it will bring together several hundred development specialists from all over Europe, from Africa, Asia, Australasia, Latin America and North America. Thus it should allow a fruitful dialogue between quite different insular and continental European intellectual traditions, as well as between diverging development viewpoints and visions coming from the emerging Global South, which are increasingly and understandably challenging the old industrialised world in its certitudes.

# Crisis - What Crisis?



## The Coming Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty

The old debate between Malthusians and cornucopians must now take in new evidence on a global scale: Will humanity have to prepare for an age of scarcity, with grim repercussions for equality (both intra- and inter-generational) and liberty? Or can we rely on the unlimited creativity of the human race facing unforeseen challenges? Stakes are high to navigate a course that avoids future resource crunches and environmental disasters without compromising the aim of alleviating poverty and promoting global equality. A combined thrust is required by governments, business, academia and civil society on research and development of new technologies to replace or save fossil fuels. Enhanced research in economics and the other social sciences will be required on how developed and developing societies will cope with the challenges of the coming age of scarcity and uncertainty.

The future may prove completely different from the past centuries of Western industrialisation, with Asia and other under-developing regions falling behind at the beginning and now catching up again, even if at different speeds. It is a challenge to predict how the fault lines between a rising East and a stagnating or declining West will develop in a world of finite resources. Will the new challenges evoke a climate of international cooperation, or lead to resource conflicts and military confrontations? The simultaneous impasse of global negotiations on climate policy and on trade policy augurs badly for cooperative solutions in this age of global power shifts.



## Resilience and Convergence – Implications for and of Development Thinking

At the end of this relatively benign period in terms of growth, aid, stability and public spending, these challenges will give 'development' a new meaning. It can no longer be taken for granted that developing countries will follow the development paths of the industrialised countries. The rich countries themselves will have to develop and change towards serious sustainability and resilience. Poorer countries may be more resilient in some respects than highly organised developed countries, and there will be ample scope for learning in both directions. Will there be convergence? What different development models and strategies will arise from our discussions? Will the outcome be something completely new that could become attractive for both developing and developed countries?



## Progress, 'Good Society' and Game Changers

The DSA-EADI 2011 joint conference seeks to be a convening space for these global debates and to fundamentally revisit and rethink the development paradigm(s) in all their dimensions in this era of plurality, uncertainty and change. The event represents a chance to take a sober look at the pros and cons of the various development models and to ask questions about 'progress' and what constitutes a 'good society'. Looking ahead, there are some major 'game changers' beyond the immediate crisis. For example:

- In governance and politics – the decline of US and Western global influence; the rise of China and the BRICs, new donors and policy actors, such as philanthropic foundations and serious investors in search of ethical impact.
- In demographics – population growth, differentiated demographic transitions, evolving age structures and changing labour markets.
- In the environment- climate change leading to greater volatility in the weather and agricultural production; natural disasters; water scarcity; resource conflicts.
- In technology – the spread of existing technologies such as biotechnology and the development of new(er) technologies: industrial biofuels, ICTs and nanotechnology.
- In finance – enter a productive dialogue with finance agents to design financing models and mechanisms to lift more people out of poverty with dignity and move towards an exit strategy for the current aid/recipient narrative.



## Hard Questions and Different Actors

What exactly are the real changes? What are the policy instruments required for these changes? Who will determine the change? This Conference aims to generate ideas on new narratives and universals for this changing world and needs to ask some hard questions:

- Whether 'development' should be more about 'global development' or 'one-world' and how is this consistent with a focus on the poorest and 'the bottom billion'?
- How can we work with uncertainty as the norm rather than stability, in a complex world of global connectivity, common interests and inter-related crises?
- Should thinking go beyond the material to be more about relationships, behaviour and the non-material?
- How do we move away from the development bubble and engage with different actors to get beyond disciplinary and professional silos to a '360 degree' collaboration?

In different ways Paul Krugman, Robert Skidelsky and Nassim Taleb eviscerate an economics that puts beauty before truth and has the audacity to assume it can assign probabilities (and hence prices) to all risks. Severino and Ray argue for a completely new model of development cooperation to deal with the realization that we are imperfectly providing global public goods such as climate mitigation, trade regulation, financial flow controls, narcotics control, arms trade regulation and global crisis insurance —and that the consequences of these imperfections are growing. Out of all this, resilience, wellbeing and equity have come back onto the agenda.

The consensus is growing, then, that we need to be able to find ways of living with uncertainty and incertitude, of understanding and pursuing development in dynamic and unstable environments, and of balancing national self-interest with the wellbeing of the planet. We are also slowly realising that these new ways of working and knowing will involve talking to actors outside the "development" frame to bring together different types of knowledge and expertise in ways that inspire and mobilise public opinion to pressure leaders throughout society to facilitate good change.

That is why I am proud that DSA and EADI members have come together to shape this important joint conference around the agenda: Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty: New Values, Voice and Alliances for Increased Resilience.

We have a big task ahead of us at the Conference: rethinking is difficult. It requires us to challenge our own core assumptions and to build alliances with those who want the same kinds of change as us. It is technical and political. It is personal and collective. Rethinking is not about each of us simply re-surfacing our own pet ideas it is about co-constructing new ideas and new norms. Together, I know we can do it. I look forward to seeing you in York.

Our hope is that this joint EADI-DSA conference will be a landmark in development thinking. The preparation committee has worked hard to elaborate the most attractive conference programme. It is a packed schedule. After the Dudley Seers Lecture, which will be delivered on the first night by Mario Giampietro, Catalan Institute of Research and Advanced Studies, the next three days of the conference will offer a daily plenary session with leading academics and practitioners as keynote speakers and seven parallel sessions for numerous working groups and panels. However, there will also be ample time for intense networking and discussion on the beautiful and quiet campus of York University. We expect not only to listen to provocative voices, to read innovative papers and to participate in challenging debates. More ambitiously, we hope that the fruitful brainstorming taking place will result in a renewed fighting spirit from the international development community to challenge established dogmas and lobbies with the aim of contributing to the reinvention of a sustainable development paradigm for the world.

We wish all the participants a warm welcome and hope that they will enjoy the conference and their stay in York. We encourage them to take the best advantage of this unique opportunity to hear new voices, to debate new values and to forge new alliances for rethinking development. Another world is not only necessary but it is possible. There is a way to get out of the present deadlock, as proposed by Edgar Morin, the leading French sociologist, in his last seminal book addressing the future of mankind, entitled *La Voie*. Development studies has a duty to play a key role in paving the way for this new adventure.





# Programme Overview

## 13th EADI General Conference DSA Annual Conference

**Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty. New Values, Voices and Alliances for Increased Resilience.**

Monday 19th  
September

### DUDLEY SEERS LECTURE

14:00	Registration of participants opens
14:30	EADI ExCo Meeting
15:30	Meeting of WG conveners
17:00	Dudley Seers lecture by Mario Giampietro, Catalan Institute of Research and Advanced Studies Chair: Sir Richard Jolly, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
19:00	Drinks reception and welcome by the RT Hon Lord Mayor of York, Councillor David Horton
20:30	Dinner
21:30	IKM Project hosted event, Galleria Bar

Tuesday 20th  
September

### NEW VALUES - EXHIBITION DAY

09:00	Opening Plenary: New Values: Rethinking Progress and How to Measure It Chair: Lawrence Haddad, DSA President, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
10:45	Coffee
11:15	Parallel sessions I
13:00	Lunch / EADI Directors' meeting / DSA AGM 1
14:30	Parallel sessions II
16:30	Tea
17:00	Parallel Sessions III
19:00	Drinks reception, supported by Taylor and Francis/Routledge
20:00	Dinner
21:00	European Journal of Development Research hosted event, Galleria Bar

Wednesday 21st  
September

### NEW INSTITUTIONS - EXHIBITION DAY

09:00	Plenary: New Institutions: Rethinking Governance Systems Chair: Jean-Luc Maurer, EADI President, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
10:45	Coffee
11:15	Parallel sessions IV
13:00	Lunch (DSA AGM) / EADI Elections
14:30	Parallel sessions V
16:30	Tea
17:00	EADI General Assembly (for registered members only)
19:00	Drinks reception
20:00	Dinner
21:00	Galleria Bar Open

Thursday 22nd  
September

### NEW IDEAS

09:00	Parallel sessions VI
10:45	Coffee
11:15	Closing Plenary: New Ideas: Where are the Voices? What Alliances will be Necessary and Viable? Chair: Incoming Presidents of EADI and DSA
13:00	Meeting of the newly elected EADI ExCo Meeting of the newly elected DSA Council
14:30	Parallel sessions VII
16:30	Tea break /Departure

# Time Travel on Campus

The breakout rooms are in various buildings on campus, so you will need to allow enough time to get there if you wish to attend. Below is an indication of the times you should allow in order to reach your session on time from the Exhibition Centre. These times were measured without the distraction of interesting conversation and chance meetings of old friends and colleagues on the way – so please adjust accordingly!

## Within Exhibition Centre

- P/L001 • P/X001 • P/L005
- P/L002 • P/T007 • P/L006

## Central Hall – 2 minutes over the bridge

## Music – 5 minutes

- Jack Lyons Concert Hall

## Vanbrugh – 5 minutes

- V/045 • V/120 • V/123

## Berrick Saul - 5 minutes

- BS/005

## James College – 5 minutes • G/N/020

## Langwith – 8 minutes

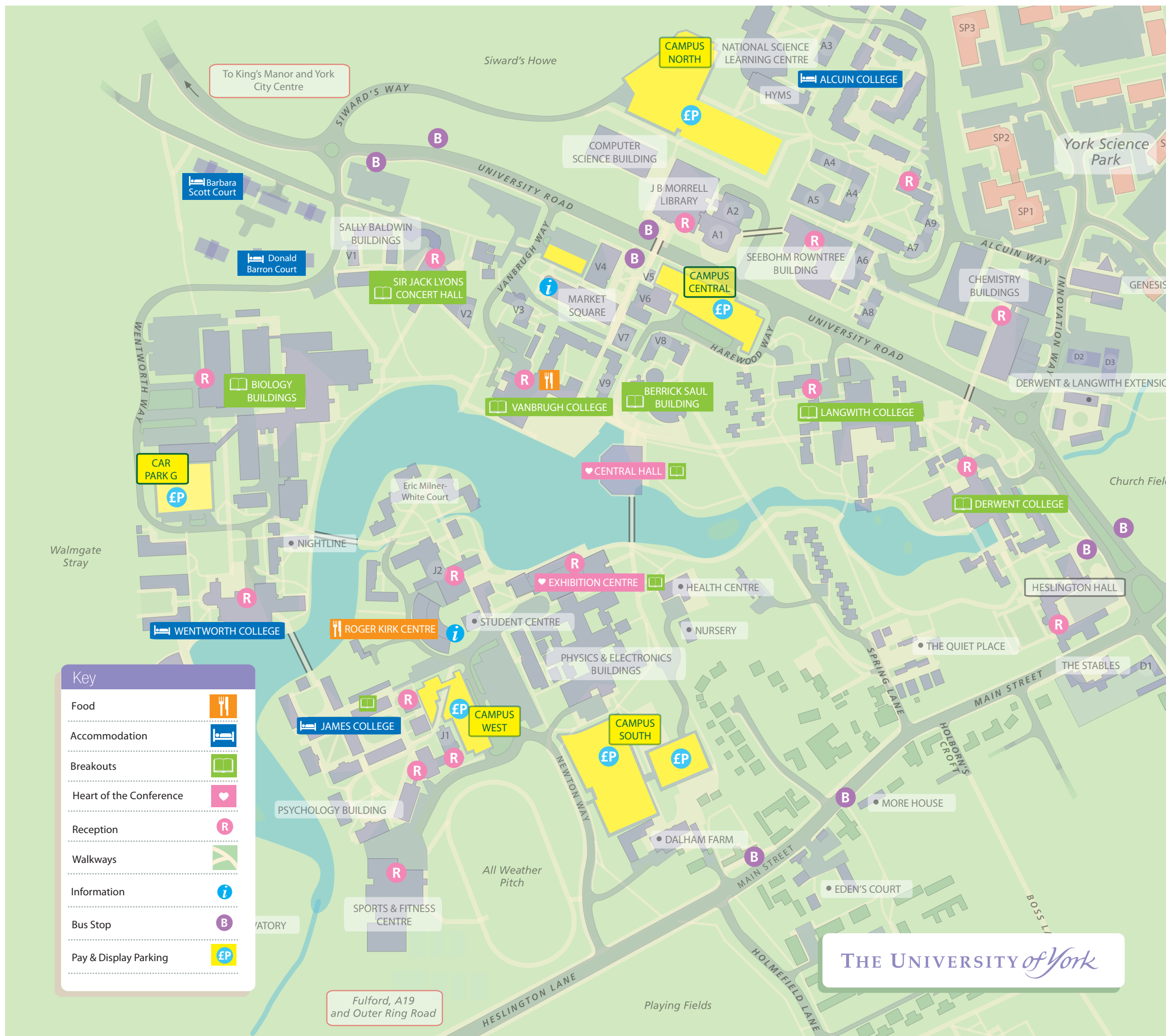
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- L/N/028 • L/036 • L/N/002
- L/003 • L/047

## Biology – 10 minutes

- B/B/002 • B/B/006 • B/B/018

## Derwent – 10 minutes

- D/056 • D/104



# List of Panels and Working Groups

Additional Dimensions in Development Research Ethics

As Well As the Subject: Additional Dimensions in Development Research Ethics

Are Sub-Saharan African Societies Still Resilient?

Capitalism in Europe and in Asia: Convergence or Differentiation?

Civic Driven Change: Bringing Politics Back In

Civil Society at a Crossroads

Comparative Advantages for East Asian Donors and Actors in the Field of Human Security and Development

Critical Perspectives on Working with Men and Masculinities to Promote Empowerment for Girls and Women

Designing New Development Strategies for LDCs in 2011-2020

Development Ends and Management Means: Can They Be in Harmony?

Development Needs Citizens – Rethinking Development Education as a Tool for Social Justice

Development Studies in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty

Disability and Poverty: A Critical Review of the Literature

Disasters, Climate Change and Development: What Do We Need to Do Differently?

Domestic Revenue Collection in Developing Countries: New Findings, New Reform Initiatives?

Elites, Production and Poverty: A Comparative Study

Emerging Economies in the Context of Global Challenges and International Cooperation

Environment and Development, Climate Change, Technology and Agriculture

Environmentally Induced Vulnerabilities, Livelihood/Human Security and Climate Justice

European Development Report on Natural Resource Management for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

European Development Cooperation to 2020 - EDC2020 Programme Consortium Panel

Fight against HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa: The Role of Local Communities

Foreign Investment and Developing Countries: Inflows, Outflows and Development Strategies

Free Trade Agreements (FTA) Versus Constitutional Rights: Case Studies

From Idealism to Academic Evidence: Development Education Growing Up

From Plural Modernities to Global Assemblages: Exploring Difference in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty

From Realism to Constructivism and Backwards: Can Emerging Powers Challenge the Normative Emphasis of Europe's Development Policy?

Growing Up in an Age of Uncertainty

How are Digital Technologies Transforming Development?

How Do Wider Development Interventions Influence Communities' Adaptive Capacity?

If We Measure Poverty Differently, What Should We Do Differently?

Improving Access and Demand for Knowledge in a New Era of Development: Shared Values and New Alliances

Innovating for Development – New Approaches to Research on Complex Global and Local Problems

Institutionalisation of Local Practices of Resilience

International Development Studies and Inter-University Cooperation: Towards a Canada-Europe Alliance

Modernising European Development Policy in a Changing World: What Can Research Offer?

New Actors and Alliances in Development: Celebrities, Corporations and International Volunteers

New Alliances in Higher Education: Europe & Africa

Participatory Knowledge Building for Development: Including Voices, Changing Values

Politics of Inclusive Development: Towards Effective States and Just Societies

Promoting Partnerships, Building and Adding Value to International Development Practice Through Translation and Traducure

Reconfiguring the Fast Growing City: Exploring the Interaction Between Urban Governance Mega Projects and Settlement Dynamics in Cases from India and South Africa

Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty

Rethinking European Development Policy: Aid Effectiveness, Policy Coherence, Normative Approaches

Rethinking Global Development with Climate Uncertainty: What is New?

Rethinking Governance for Development in Africa

Sciences and Arts for Sustainability - How to Rethink Development through the Lens of Aesthetic Formation and Action

State-Building and Aid Policy Round Table

The Beijing – Seoul – Tokyo Consensus in Southeast Asia: Rethinking Varieties of State Capitalism and Development Trajectories in Malaysia, Vietnam and Lao PDR

The Changing World of Publishing on Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty: From the Editors' Desks

The New Geography of Global Poverty

The Politics of Inclusive Development: Towards Effective and Just Societies

The Scramble for Natural Resources and Impact Upon Local Livelihoods in the Great Lakes Region of Africa

Tomorrow, the Business of Business will be ...?

Unpacking the Policy Gridlocks in Africa's Development

Wellbeing in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty





# EADI Working Group Sessions

Aid Policy and Performance: Complementarity and Harmonisation: New Actors and Policies in European Development Cooperation
Development Aid of the Non-DAC Donors: Complementarity and Harmonisation: New Actors and Policies in Development Cooperation (Sub-group of Aid Policy and Performance)
Approaches and Best Practice in Policies for the Management of Climate Change
Conflicts, Security and Development: Scarcities, Security and Conflicts
Cooperation in Training: New Versions of Human Resource Development (HRD) with the New Development Partners?
Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development: Cooperation Beyond UNFCCC: Exploring Innovative
Euro-Mediterranean Development: Euro-Mediterranean Development Cooperation after Lisbon: A New Opportunity?
Europe and Asia: Capitalism in Europe and in Asia: Convergence or Differentiation?
Europe and Latin America: Rethinking Development in Latin America: New Values, Voices and Alliances in a Transforming World
Europe and Transitions in (Southern) Africa: Global Effects on Southern Africa in the 21st Century: Challenges and Perspectives for Regional Cooperation and Development
Evaluation of Development
Finance for Development: Financing for Climate Change and Finance for Development: Challenges and Opportunities for a Common Agenda
Gender and Development: The Role of Gender in Shaping New Values, Enabling Voices and Creating Alliances for Increased Resilience
Governance: Rethinking Global Governance in a Changing World
Industrialisation Strategies: The Role of China in Africa in an Age of Scarcity
Information Management
International Migration: The Role of Remittances for Livelihood Security in Marginal Regions and Return Migration and its Impact on Regions of Origin
Multi-Dimensional Poverty: The MDGs and Beyond 2015
Transformations in the World System – Comparative Studies of Development: Complexities of Global and Regional Development and Modernisation
Transnational Corporations and Development: Rethinking the Role of Multinational Corporations in Development
Urban Governance: New Development Narratives: Urban Governance Perspectives
<b>Panels integrated in EADI Working Groups</b>
The challenge of South-South and Triangular Cooperation
How to Align Interests of Southern and Western Donors to the Benefit of Low Income Developing Countries?
Rethinking Urban and Rural Livelihoods Research
<b>New Working Groups</b>
The Challenge of Evaluation: From Results to Impact
Wellbeing, Psycho-social and Development Dynamics

# List of Exhibitors

- Development Studies Association
  - European Association of Development Training Institutes
  - European Think Tanks Group
  - Eurospan
  - Heller School for Social Policy and Management
  - IKM Project and Installation
  - Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
  - Institute of Social Studies, The Hague
  - International Development Department, University of Birmingham
  - International Development Research Centre, Canada
  - INTRAC/Young Lives
- Overseas Development Institute
  - Oxfam
  - Oxford University Press
  - Palgrave MacMillan
  - Panos Relay Programme
  - Practical Action Publishing
  - SAGE Publishing
  - Shared Interest
  - Taylor & Francis/Routledge
  - Wiley-Blackwell
  - ZED Books

# Staying Connected with Ideas that make a Difference

## Join our social network

Share your news and views of the conference via the wonderful world of social media. Tweet using [#rethinkingdev](#), follow us at [@rethinkingdev](#), [@devcomms](#) and [@EADI](#) on Twitter or become our friends on Facebook. Look out at the conference itself for details of how and where to share presentations, photos, videos and more.

## Join our blogs

Guest posts from conference speakers and participants will examine new models that can change the world. From small suggestions to big objectives join us on our blogs - Ideas4development and Heads Up For Development - to consider what impact these will have for better or for worse.

We also have a partnership with the Guardian Newspaper's Global Development section and will be blogging daily on their [Poverty Matters](#) blog.

[ideas4develop.blogspot.com](#)  
[headsupfordevelopment.tumblr.com](#)

Please send blog postings (max 600 words) to Louise Stoddard at: [conference@devstud.org.uk](mailto:conference@devstud.org.uk)



# Awards at the Conference

**There are three awards to be presented at the Conference and we are very grateful to Palgrave Macmillan and Wiley-Blackwell for the EJDR and JID awards.**

## EADI / DSA Junior Academic Award

As part of both Associations' aim to nurture the next generation of development studies thinkers, both EADI and DSA are offering a joint prize for excellence in development research for those whose papers have been accepted and who qualify as a junior researcher.

The prize, worth €1,000, will be awarded for a paper submitted to any session of the EADI/DSA Conference, written by a postgraduate student from an EADI member country or attending a programme at an institution that is a member of either Associations.

## European Journal of Development Research Best Paper Prize 2011

The EJDR Best Paper Prize 2011 of £500 will be awarded to the best paper published in 2010 in the European Journal of Development Research. A selection committee (consisting of Jose Cuesta, World Bank; Helge Hveem, University of Oslo; Anthony D'Costa, Copenhagen Business School) has drawn up a shortlist:

- Accounting for the Gaps in Labour Standard Compliance: The Role of Reputation-Conscious Buyers in the Cambodian Garment Industry, Chikako Oka, EJDR 22: 59-78
- The Concept, Causes and Consequences of Failed States: A Critical Review of the Literature and Agenda for Research with Specific Reference to Sub-Saharan Africa, Jonathan Di John, EJDR 22: 10-30
- Indian Generics Producers, Access to Essential Medicines and Local Production in Africa: An Argument with Reference to Tanzania, Sudip Chaudhuri, Maureen Mackintosh and Phares G M Mujinja, EJDR 22: 451-468

The winner will be announced at the EJDR reception in The Galleria Bar on the evening of 20th September.

## Journal of International Development Prize

The Journal of International Development (JID) is offering a £500 prize for the best paper at the joint DSA and EADI Conference at York in 2011 and the opportunity of being put forward for publishing (subject to journal peer review processes) in either the Journal of International Development or the European Journal of Development Research (EJDR).

### Papers have been judged according to the following criteria:

- Relevance of the topic to the Conference theme
- Significance of the topic for international development
- Evidence of interdisciplinarity, either in how the research is conceptualised and/or in the use of research methods
- Rigour of research approach and use of evidence
- Originality of conceptualisation of the research topic and/or how it has been researched.

## Travel Bursaries

Thanks to the UK Department for International Development and the International Development Research Centre, Canada, we have been able to offer 32 Travel Bursary Awards to presenters travelling from developing countries. These awards are important as they enrich our discussions and make the research far more relevant.

# The Thorn Tree



## An invitation to make the most of your networking opportunities!

In this day and age of electronic communication, Skype, conference calls, mobile telephony and email, some might argue that there is no need to meet face to face. But I would say that this is quite wrong – face to face meeting brings much more to a relationship, certainly in its early stages – and where better than to start at a truly international event such as this.

There may be people whose names you see on the Participants List, whom you have never met but you would very much like to; you do not know what they look like; you have neither email nor mobile phone numbers for them, so how can we put you in touch?

During my travels through the African Continent, longer ago than I care to remember (and well before mobile phones and the internet), I came across a marvellous facility in the heart of Nairobi – the Thorn Tree Café – where travellers would post notes to those whom they knew were either wending their way North, South, West or East through what seemed uncharted territory. It let them know of their plans, next stages of travel and so on, so that they could meet up at some stage – most often in a distant and different country. It made the Continent somehow feel smaller and more accessible. We would leave people in Cameroun and say – “we’ll leave a note at the Thorn Tree” – we all knew where and what we meant. It worked – I met up with fellow travellers in Malawi, Zambia, Botswana and in South Africa as a result of this tree. We are still in touch over 25 years later.

So – the DSA and EADI joint Conference this year has its own Thorn Tree and we invite you to place a note to the person you are seeking to meet up with and we will do what we can to bring you together. You will need to leave your mobile number or email address on the card, so that we can contact you as soon as we get your request.

We would also encourage each one of you to browse the Thorn Tree on a regular basis throughout the Conference to see if there is a notice for you! If there is, please feel free to take it and make contact.

This represents a unique opportunity for so many development studies people and others interested in development issues across Europe, and way beyond its borders, to connect. The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step, and that single step could be you walking up to the Thorn Tree at this conference!

As part of our ongoing evaluation of the facilities we provide at this event, I personally would very much appreciate it if those of you who do go on to forge partnerships, let me know by emailing [frances@devstud.org.uk](mailto:frances@devstud.org.uk) and telling me what those next steps were.

I look forward to hearing your stories!

Best wishes

Frances Hill  
Executive Director  
Development Studies Association,





## Student volunteers at the conference

We have a wonderful team of student volunteers who are helping us to manage the conference and deal with any queries you might have. They will be wearing Lime Green hooded tops with the "Conference Heads" on the back. Please do approach them if there is anything you need to know. If they don't immediately know, they will know someone who does.

## European Association of Development Training Institutes



EADI is the leading professional network for development and regional studies in Europe. Our membership includes a wide range of development research and training organisations, think tanks, national bodies and researchers throughout Europe.

### EADI pursues the following objectives:

- to promote quality in research and education in development studies.
- to promote contacts among affiliated members, inter alia, by disseminating information on research in progress or on studies and experiments in training and on new training schemes.
- to establish or facilitate exchanges, working relations and useful cooperation between the affiliates, the regional associations, institutions of research and/or training and individual researchers in African, Asian and Latin American countries.
- to cooperate with governments, development agencies, and international organisations in development training and research activities.
- to communicate and disseminate research and training results on development to government and private development agencies, international organisations, policy-makers and the mass media.

## Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland (DSA)



The DSA was founded in 1978 and currently has a membership of between 50 and 70 development organisations in the UK and Ireland plus an additional 800 - 1000 individual and student members. Its vision is accelerated global poverty reduction and its mission is to support this vision by connecting and promoting development research and teaching to increase its impact.

The DSA is the largest and most coherent national platform for development studies in the world and has a key role to play in maintaining communication, policy outreach and research uptake through its membership and convening power, which is starting to spread significantly at an international level. It also has a responsibility to the global development community to facilitate access to world-leading research on development and enhance its usefulness.

The DSA's value added is that it is an independent body, neutral in terms of agenda and research interests, and provides a collective representation for the sector. It has a highly diverse membership of individuals and institutions whose expertise is harnessed to provide insight, advice and practical input, across the membership and for the sector as a whole.

### The DSA's three objectives are:

1. To mobilise the UK and Ireland's collective capacity and knowledge on development to accelerate development.
2. The nurturing of the next generation of development professionals.
3. To invest in the infrastructure necessary for world-leading development studies.

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